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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Cornell University, Department of Government, Ithaca, New York, 2005 (**M.A.** 2001)

B.A. State University of New York at Albany, *Magna Cum Laude*, Honors in Political Science, 1993

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Modern and Contemporary Political Thought
Theories of Ideology and History
Critical Theory
Comparative Political Theory

Latin American and Caribbean Political Thought
Theories of Political Economy
Cuban Studies
Postcolonial Theory

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

San Francisco State University

Professor, Department of Political Science, 2020-present
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2014-2020
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2008-2014

Franklin & Marshall College, Department of Government, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2006-2008

The New School, Graduate Program in International Affairs, Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2005-2006

The City College of New York, The Center for Worker Education, Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2005-2006

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Living Ideology in Cuba: Socialism in Principle and Practice. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2015.

Reviewed in *Theorin: Revista de Ciencias Sociales* (2022), *International Politics* (2018), *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy* (2018), *Latin American Perspectives* (2018), *Temas* (2017), *The CLR James Journal* [multi-author symposium with my response] (2017), *Perspectives on Politics* (2017), *Anthropological Forum* (2017), *Revista de Historia IberoAmericana* (2016), and *Choice* (2016).

Globalizing Political Theory. New York: Routledge (forthcoming December 2022). Contributor and editor with Smita Rahman and Shirin Deylami.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

“No Better Way to be Latin American: European Science and Thought, Latin American Theory?” *Postcolonial Studies* 16:4 (December 2014).

“Rogue Specters: Cuba and North Korea at the Limits of U.S. Hegemony.” Co-author Jee Sun E. Lee. *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political* 34:3 (Fall 2009).

“Sales + Economy + Efficiency = Revolution?: Dollarization, Consumer Capitalism and Popular Responses in Special Period Cuba.” *Public Culture* 18:2 (Spring 2006).

Book Chapters and other Articles (Editor and Peer Reviewed)

“Ernesto ‘Che’ Guevara’s Political Economy: Balancing Development and Dis-Alienation,” in Smita Rahman, Katherine A. Gordy and Shirin Deylami (eds.), *Globalizing Political Theory*. New York: Routledge (forthcoming December 2022).

“Situated Political Theory in Latin America,” in Leigh Jenco, Megan Thomas and Murad Idris (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019.

“Strategies of Imperialism and Opposition in Cuba: Reflections on the Purity of Anti-Imperialism,” *Viewpoint Magazine* 6, 2018. <https://www.viewpointmag.com/2018/02/01/strategies-imperialism-opposition-cuba-reflections-purity-anti-imperialism/>

“Strategic Deployments: The Universal/Local Nexus in the Work of José Carlos Mariátegui,” in Daniel Kapust and Helen Kinsala (eds.), *Comparative Political Theory in Time and Place*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.

“Marxian Interpretations of Political Theory: Locating a Tradition,” in Clem Fatovic and Sean Walsh (eds.) *Interpretation in Political Theory*. New York: Routledge, 2016.

“Counter-publics,” *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, Michael T. Gibbons (ed.). Blackwell, 2014.

“Beside the State: Anarchist Strains in Cuban Revolutionary Thought,” in James Martel and Jimmy Casas Klausen (eds.) *How Not to Be Governed: Readings and Interpretations from a Critical Anarchist Left*. New York: Lexington Press, 2011.

Book and Documentary Reviews

Delimitations of Latin American Philosophy: Beyond Redemption by Omar Rivera. *Philosophy and Global Affairs* (forthcoming).

Writing in the New World: The Politics of Natural History in the Early Spanish Empire by Mauro José Caraccioli, *Political Theory* (2021)

“Violence and Freedom: Canonical Interventions and Heretical Readings.” *Fugitive Rousseau: Slavery, Primitivism and Political Freedom*, by Jimmy Casas Klausen and *Machiavelli and the Orders of Violence*, by Yves Winter. *Theory and Event* 22.4 (October 2019)

The Power of Race in Cuba: Racial Ideology and Black Consciousness During the Revolution, by Danielle Pilar Cleland. *Perspectives on Politics* 16:4 (2018)

People and State in Socialist Cuba: Ideas and Practices of Revolution, by Marina Gold. *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Research* 23:3 (2017)

Theorizing Race in the Americas: Douglas, Sarmiento, Du Bois, Vasconcelos, by Juliet Hooker. *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy* 8:2 (Fall 2017).

We Created Chavez: A People’s History of the Bolivarian Revolution by George Ciccariello-Maher. *Contemporary Political Theory* 14 (2015).

Maestra, directed by Catherine Murphy. *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History* 72:1 (January 2015)

The Cuban Revolution as Socialist Human Development by Henry Veltmeyer and Mark Rushton. *Contemporary Sociology* 44:2 (March 2015).

Gender and Democracy in Cuba by Ilja A. Luciak. *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History* 65:3 (January 2009).

Bloqueo: Looking at the U.S. Embargo Against Cuba, directed by Heather Haddon and Rachel Dannefer. *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History* 64:2 (October 2007).

Popular Press and Radio

Radio Interview, "Cuban Socialist Ideology," *Against the Grain*, KPFA Pacifica, 1/11/22. Available at: <https://kpfa.org/episode/against-the-grain-january-11-2022/>

"Dreams and Pragmatism: Cuba Today," *Against the Current* (September/October 2009): 23-24. Also available at <http://www.solidarity-us.org/node/2375>

"Criminalizing Homelessness." *In These Times*. 18 (1994): 6-7.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (since 2010):

- 2021: Discussant, "Populism Left and Right," Western Political Science Association (WPSA), online.
Participant, Author Meets Critics, *Hotels and Highways: The Construction of Modernization Theory in Cold War Turkey* by Begum Adalet, Midwestern Political Science Association (MWPSA), online.
- 2019: "Historical Relativism as Historical Materialism," American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Washington D.C.
"The Political Valence of Utopia: Foreign Intellectuals' Responses to the Cuban Revolution," Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA), Providence, RI.
- 2018: "To Work *for Oneself*: State Employees in Post-Socialist Cuba," Latin American Studies Association Congress (LASA), Barcelona, Spain
"Facts at the Service of the Imaginary," WPSA, San Francisco, CA
- 2017: "Alternative Genealogies of Revolution: Walterio Carbonell and the Remaking of National Culture," CPA Annual Meeting, New York, New York and WPSA, Vancouver BC
Participant, Author Meets Critics, *Theorizing Race in the Americas* by Juliet Hooker, APSA, San Francisco, CA and CPA, New York, New York
Participant, Author Meets Critics, *Mr. Mothercountry* by Keally McBride, WPSA, Vancouver, BC
Discussant, "Marx, Imperialism and Empire," WPSA, Vancouver, BC
- 2016: "Models, Myths and Revolutionary Movements," CPA annual meeting, Storrs, CT.
"The Empirical Imaginary and Indigenous Socialism," WPSA, San Diego, CA
Author respondent, Roundtable: *Living Ideology in Cuba: Socialism in Principle and Practice* by Katherine A. Gordy, Author Meets Critics, WPSA, San Diego, CA
"To Work for Oneself: State Employment in Contemporary Cuba," La Perruque: de Certeau and Contemporary Practices of Resistance, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- 2015: "Empirical Imaginaries in Postcolonial Political Theory," CPA annual meeting, Riviera Maya, Mexico
- 2014: "Neither Local nor Universal: José Carlos Mariátegui and the Task of Theory," CPA, St. Louis, MO
"Marxist Interpretations of Political Theory: Locating a Tradition," WPSA, Seattle, WA
Participant, "Roundtable: *We Created Chávez: A People's History of the Bolivarian Revolution* by George Ciccariello-Maher, Author Meets Critics," WPSA, Seattle, WA

- 2013: “Situated Political Theory: Method in the Political Thought of Mariátegui and Sarmiento,” APSA annual meeting, Chicago, IL
 “A Method of Theorizing in the Work of Sarmiento and Mariátegui,” LASA Congress, Washington DC and WPSA, Hollywood, CA
- 2012: “No Better Way to be Latin American? European Science and Thought, Latin American Theory?” Association for Political Theory (APT) annual conference, Columbia, South Carolina
- 2011: “Between Hegemony and Ideology: Anarchism with a Small “A” in Cuba,” WPSA, San Antonio
 “Beside the State: Anarchist Strains in Cuban Revolutionary Thought,” Cuba Futures: Past and Present, Bildner Center, the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY)
 Discussant, “Critical Practices After Marx,” WPSA, San Antonio
- 2010: “Gramsci and Mariátegui: Breaking Down the Theory and Experience Organizational Divide,” WPSA, San Francisco

INVITED TALKS, SYMPOSIUMS AND WORKSHOPS (since 2010)

- 2019: Participant, “Traveling Ideas: Race, Colonialism and Empire,” University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2018: Workshop participant, “Canonization and Decolonization,” Taskforce on Knowledge and Place in the Humanities, University of Victoria, British Columbia
- 2017: Roundtable participant, “Cuba After Fidel: Reflections on his Legacy Past, Present, and Future,” Stanford University, Stanford
 Respondent, “Drums, Mines, Coils, Voices: Histories of Media and Materiality” (paper by Alejandra Bronfman), Subversive Sounds: Music and Politics of the Global South, UCSC, Santa Cruz, CA
- 2014: Talk: “Situated Theory: Radical Political Thought in Latin America,” University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 2013: Panelist, “Political and Social Developments in Cuba,” Cuba and California: Prospects for Change and Opportunity, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley
 Participant, “Theory’s Landscapes: Movements, Memories and Moments,” A Faculty Development Academy, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2012: Talk: “Living the Principles of Cuban Socialism?” UC Berkeley Working Group, Berkeley, CA
- 2010: Talk: “Comparative Communisms,” Sonoma County Museum, Santa Rosa, CA
 Talk: “Cuba and the World: Does Theory Meet Practice in Cuban Socialism,” DLCL Research Unit working group on Cultural Synchronization and Disjuncture, Stanford University, CA

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Sabbatical Award (leave with pay), Fall 2022/Spring 2023
- RSCA Recovery Award (one course release plus travel funds), SFSU, Spring 2022
- Sabbatical Award (leave with pay), SFSU, Fall 2015/Spring 2016
- Presidential Award for Professional Development (leave with pay), SFSU, Spring 2011

Mellon Foundation Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University, 2000/2001, 1998

Sage Foundation Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University, 1995/1996

Research and Travel Grants, Cornell University, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003

COURSES TAUGHT

San Francisco State University

Undergraduate

PLSI 275, Introduction to Political Theory

PLSI 387 and 387GW, Non-Western/Comparative Political Theory

PLSI 388, Politics and the Popular: Experience, Common Sense, and Tradition

PLSI 389, Latin American Revolutionary Societies

PLSI 392 and 392GW, Latin American Political Thought

PLSI 353, Political Theory: The 20th Century

PLSI 394/LABR 394, Political Theories of Work, Labor and Free Time

PLSI 302, Writing in Political Science

PLSI 372, Critical Political Thought

Graduate

PLSI 780, Graduate Seminar in Political Theory

PLSI 782, Colonialism, Gender and Scientific Racism

PLSI 766, State/Society Relations in the non-Western World

PLSI 781, Practicum in Teaching Political Science

PLSI 786, Great Theorists: Walter Benjamin

PLSI 788, Latin American Political Theory

PLSI 780, Colonialism and Anti-Colonialism

PLSI 701, Graduate Writing in Political Science

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

Department of Political Science, San Francisco State University

Graduate Coordinator, 2016-2022

Women and Politics Search Committee Member, Fall '19

Comparative Politics Search Committee Co-Chair, Fall '18

7th Cycle Review co-author, Spring '18

Community

Conference Panel Organizer/Chair/Division Chair:

Co-Chair, Normative Political Theory Division, American Political Science Association (APSA), 2019.

Organizer, "Foreign Intellectuals and the Cuban Revolution," CPA, Spring '19.

Organizer and Chair, "Critical Reflections on *Theorizing Race in the Americas*," WPSA, CPA and APSA '17.

Organizer, "Theorizing Founding, Freedom and New Orders From Liberatory Praxis," CPA, '16

Chair, "Theme Panel: Political Transformation and Reason-giving in Non-Western Discourses," APSA '13

Organizer, "The Theoretical in Latin American and Caribbean Political Thought," LASA '13

Chair, "Neoliberalism and Biopolitics," WPSA, San Francisco, Spring '10

Book Manuscript Reviewer: Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, University of South Carolina Press.

Article Manuscript Reviewer: *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Theory*; *American Political Science Review* (APSR); *Philosophy and Social Criticism*; *A Contracorriente*; *Cultural Anthropology*; *Contexto Internacional*; *New Political*

Science, Politics, Groups and Identities; PS: Political Science & Politics; Journal of Politics; Third World Quarterly; Ethnos; Journal of Labor and Society; Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict, & World Order

Editorial Board Membership: *Polity*

Professional Membership:

American Political Science Association (APSA), Western Political Science Association (WPSA)
Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA), Latin American Studies Association (LASA)