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curriculum vitae

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APPOINTMENTS

2019-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, Mount Holyoke College
2016-2019 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Politics, Mount Holyoke College

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 2016
M.A. Political Science, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 2010
B.A. Political Economy, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington, 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2021 *True Blues: The Contentious Transformation of the Democratic Party* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2021 “Bringing Contention In: A Critical Perspective on Political Parties as Institutions,” with Jessica Hejny, *Studies in Political Economy* 102 (2): 161-181
2021 “Retreating from Redistribution? Trends in Democratic Party Fidelity to Economic Equality, 1984-2020,” with Amelia Malpas, *The Forum* 19(2): 283-316
2019 “The Politics Insurgents Make: Reconstructive Reformers in US and UK Postwar Party Development,” *Polity* 51 (3): 559-596
2019 “The Path to Polarization: McGovern-Fraser, Counter-Reformers, and Rise of the Advocacy Party,” *Studies in American Political Development* 33 (1): 87-109
2016 “Searching for a New Politics: The New Politics Movement and the Struggle to Democratize the Democratic Party, 1968-1978,” *New Political Science* 38 (2): 1-19

Editor-Reviewed Articles, Essays, and Book Reviews

2021 “Book Review: Whatever Happened to Party Government?” *Party Politics* May 24
2020 “Book Review: Ideas of Power: The Politics of American Party Ideology Development,” *Political Science Quarterly* 135 (4)
2018 “Is Now the Time to Break with the Democrats? A Response to J. Phillip Thompson,” *New Labor Forum* 27 (1)
2017 “Organized for Democracy? Left Challenges Inside the Democratic Party,” in *Socialist Register 2018: Rethinking Democracy*, eds, Leo Panitch and Greg Albo (London: Merlin Press, 2017)
2015 “The View from the Top: Robert Caro’s Portraiture of Lyndon Johnson,” *New Political Science* 37 (1)
2011 “Review Essay: Antonio Gramsci and the Gramscian Moment,” *Socialist Studies* 7 (1/2)

Public Scholarship

2021 “Biden’s Democrats want to roll back the Reagan era. Are the party and the country ready?” with Amelia Malpas, *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, March 19
2020 “Democrats Must Work to Rebuild the Party, at State and Local Levels,” *Albany Times Union*, December 15
2020 “Wisconsin Petri Dish: Voting amid the Covid Crisis,” *WGBH News*, April 13

- 2020 “Sanders is out. Does that mean that ‘the party decides’ after all?” *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, April 10
- 2019 “Can Bill Weld unseat Trump? Let’s look at the history of challenges to incumbent presidents,” *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, April 29
- 2018 “Twilight of the Superdelegates,” *Jacobin Magazine*, September 13
- 2017 “The Democratic Party’s latest reform commission just met. It’s likely to slash the power of superdelegates,” *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, December 12
- 2017 “Donna Brazile Reveals the Obvious,” *Jacobin Magazine*, October 15
- 2016 “Searching for New Politics,” *Jacobin Magazine* 20 June
- 2015 “Bernie and the Search for New Politics,” *Jacobin Magazine*, June 24

Media

Time, New Republic, GQ, Boston Globe, Christian Science Monitor, Daily Hampshire Gazette, WGBY

Works in Progress

- 2025 *Making Waves: How Party Insurgents Change American Politics* (monographic book project)
- 2023 *Placing Parties in American Political Development* (coedited book project)
- 2022 “Contentious Institutions and Party Orders in American Politics,” with Jessica Hejny (working paper)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2018-20	Research Assistance Grant, Mount Holyoke College Dean of Faculty
2017-21	Faculty Research Grant, Mount Holyoke College Dean of Faculty
2017	Moody Research Grant, Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library
2015	Dissertation Grant, Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library, Harvard Radcliff Institute
2009-16	International Student Scholarship, York University
2009-11	York Graduate Scholarship, York University

SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Paper Presenter

- 2021 “Contentious Institutions and Party Orders in American Politics,” Annual Conference of the Social Science History Association, November 11-14 (**accepted**)
- 2021 “Contentious Institutions and Party Orders in American Politics,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 30-October 3
- 2021 “Retreating from Redistribution? Trends in Democratic Party Fidelity to Economic Equality, 1984-2020,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 14-18
- 2020 “Contentious Institutions and Party Orders: Rethinking American Party Scholarship,” Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, May 30-June 5
- 2019 “Rethinking the Party: Theory and History in Recent American Party Scholarship,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-September 1
- 2019 “The Prospects for Democratic Socialism in the Democratic Party,” Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, June 2-7
- 2018 “1968: Its Legacy for American Politics,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5-9
- 2017 “Party Structure and the Legitimacy of Reform: Rethinking McGovern-Fraser,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31-September 3
- 2017 “Organized for Democracy? Left Challenges Inside the Democratic Party,” Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, May 27-June 2
- 2017 “Rethinking Party Reform in the Year of Insurgents,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 6-9

- 2016 “The Other Right to Work: Full Employment and Postwar Liberalism,” Conference for Policy History, June 1-4
- 2016 “The Right to a Job: The Crisis of Postwar Liberalism and the Struggle for Full Employment in the 1970s,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7-10
- 2015 “Between Capital and Labor: The ‘New Class’ Hypothesis and the Transformation of Postwar American Liberalism,” Annual Congress for the Social Sciences and Humanities, May 30-June 5
- 2015 “Interests and Institutions: The Construction of Political Projects in American History,” Annual Meeting of the Western Social Science Association, April 8-11
- 2014 “In the Name of Participatory Democracy: The New Left and the Democratic Party, 1968-1972,” Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 6-9
- 2014 “Rage Against the Political Machine: The Politics and Pitfall of Democratizing the Democratic Party After 1968,” Annual Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, May 24-30

Panel Chair and Paper Discussant

- 2017 “Realignments and Subnational Parties in 20th Century America,” Politics and History Section, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 6-9

Roundtable Discussant

- 2018 “Rethinking Wilson’s *Amateur Democrat*,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2
- 2018 “The Democrats and 1968: A Reassessment, Fifty Years Later,” Policy History Conference, May 16-19

Workshop Participant

- 2022 “Advocates and Authoritarians: Party Development and Surrogate Management in American Politics,” Social Science Research Council/Institute for Data, Democracy, and Politics Book Workshop, Washington, DC, March 21-22 (*invited*)
- 2021 “Institutional Development and Surrogate Management: Explaining the Asymmetrical Polarization of American Party Politics,” paper presented to the Social Science Research Council/Institute for Data, Democracy, and Politics Workshop, “The Conservative Dilemma: Digital Surrogate Organizations and the Future of Liberal Democracy,” Online, May 3-4
- 2021 “Contentious Institutions and Party Orders: Placing US Political Parties in Space and Time,” Political Institutions Workshop, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, March 26
- 2020 “Bringing Contentiousness Back In: A Critical Perspective on Political Parties as Institutions,” Exploring a Critical Institutionalism Workshop, York University, Toronto, July 22
- 2017 “The Challenge of Intraparty Democracy: Regime Crisis, Movement Insurgencies, and the Patterns of Party Development in the US and UK,” Toronto Political Development Workshop, University of Toronto, October 15-16

PUBLIC SERVICE

- 2020 Lecturer, “Four Scenarios for the 2020 Election,” Mount Holyoke College, October 27
- 2020 Panelist, “Teach-In on the Censes,” Mount Holyoke College, March 10
- 2020 Moderator and Panelist, “Teach-In on Impeachment,” Mount Holyoke College, January 31
- 2019 Moderator “What’s Next for Brexit? A Conversation,” Mount Holyoke College, April 12
- 2019 Chair, “A World Unraveling? A Conversation in Politics,” Mount Holyoke College, February 26
- 2018 Panelist, League of Women Voters/College Democrats, “Gerrymandering in American Politics,” Smith College, February 12
- 2018 Panelist, Five College Model UN, “Trump: One Year Later,” Mount Holyoke College, February 5

- 2017 Panelist, Springfield League of Women Voters, “Exploring the Electoral College,” Springfield Town Hall, February 12
- 2016 Panelist, “What Comes After the 2016 Election?” Mount Holyoke College, November 8
- 2016 Panelist, “What’s at Stake in the 2016 Election?” Mount Holyoke College, October 25
- 2014 Panelist, “Critical Institutionalism: Political Science in Search of a Method,” York University, March 2
- 2013 Chair, “The State Debate Today: Unresolved Problems, Avenues for Innovation,” York University, November 12

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

- 2019, 21 Judge, Lawson-Loewenberg-Van Cleve Prize for Public Service, Mount Holyoke College
- 2017-18 Undergraduate Adviser, Politics Department, Mount Holyoke College
- 2017, 19, 21 Judge, Libby Rosenfeld Himelstein Prize for Best Senior Politics Paper, Mount Holyoke College
- 2013-15 Chair, Graduate Political Science Student Association, York University
- 2013-15 Department Councilor, Political Science Department, York University
- 2014 Organizer and Moderator, Graduate Student Professional Development Workshop, Department of Political Science, York University
- 2013-14 Councilor, York University Graduate Student Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Reviewer *Studies in American Political Development, Polity*

TEACHING

Mount Holyoke College

- 2016-present *American Politics, Constitutional Law, Parties and Movements in American Politics, US Elections, American Political Development, The Politics of Disruption, The 1%, Why Is There No Socialism in the United States?*

York University

- 2015 Course Director: *Race and Inequality in the Postwar City*
- 2010-16 Teaching Assistant: *Canadian Political Economy, Perspectives on Politics: Classics in Western Political Thought, The Future of Work*

The Evergreen State College

- 2008 Teaching Assistant: *Principles of Economics*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Political Science Association (Politics and History Section)
- Midwest Political Science Association (Politics and History Section)
- Social Science Historical Association (Politics Section)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- American Politics
- American Political Development
- Political Parties and Elections
- Social Movements and Interest Groups