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Education

- **Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Michigan, 2021-present (ABD)**
Concentration in Political Theory
Minor in American Politics
Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies
- **Master's of Arts in Government, University of Virginia, 2019**
Concentration in Political Theory
Minor in American Politics
Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies
- **Bachelor's of Arts with Highest Honors, University of Michigan, 2016**
Major in Organizational Studies
Minor in Religion
Virginia Voss Award for Best Undergraduate Thesis, College of Literature, Science and the Arts, 2016

Publications

- **"Trans Apparitions in the Afterlives of Slavery: Migration as Theft in the White Imperial Imagination."** *Theory & Event*, (forthcoming, October 2026).
- **Book Review, *Eros and Empire: The Transnational Struggle for Sexual Freedom in the United States* by Alexander Stoffel.** *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 2025.

Dissertation and Theses

- **Ph.D. Dissertation [ABD] (University of Michigan)**
"That We Live is Protest: A Conceptual History of Black Transgender Resistance"
Committee: Elizabeth Wingrove [Chair], Murad Idris [Chair], Melynda Price, David Temin
- **Master's Thesis 2019 (University of Virginia)**
"Against Natality: Political Action and the Biopolitics of Medicalized Childbirth"
Committee: Lawrie Balfour (Advisor), Jennifer Rubenstein

Conference Papers

- **Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies 2026 (University of Michigan)**
Paper: Imagining Resistance as “Passing Through Realness”
- **Southern Political Science Association 2025 (New Orleans)**
Paper: “The Marys Go to Court: A Trans Reading of Pauli Murray's *Protest Against the Legal Status of the Negro*”
- **Association for Political Theory 2025 (Loyola University)**
Paper: “Experiments in Realness: the Harlem Ball as a Site of Legal Protest and Resistant Critique”
- **University of Michigan Political Theory Workshop 2025 (University of Michigan)**
Paper: “The Politics of Self-Making in the Harlem Ballroom 1920-1934”
- **Association for Political Theory 2024 (Virginia Tech)**
Paper: “Pauli Murray’s Satyagraha ‘On the Spot’: Blackness, Transness, and the Refashioning of a Traveling Concept in the Jim and Jane Crow South”
- **The Second International Trans Studies Conference 2024 (Northwestern University)**
Paper: “Incomprehensible Insistence: Thinking Black Gender and the Limits of Protest through Pauli Murray’s Archive”
- **University of Michigan Political Theory Workshop 2024 (University of Michigan)**
Paper: “Satyagraha on the Spot: Reimagining the Transit of a Traveling Concept in the Jim and Jane Crow South”
- **University of Michigan Political Theory Workshop 2022 (University of Michigan)**
Paper: “Pauli Murray and ‘The Boy’: Reading Jane Crow through the Petersburg Bus Protest”
- **Far Right and Antifascism Conference 2019 (University of Virginia)**
Paper: “Walter Benjamin Meets Queer Antifascism: How Archiving Failure Disrupts Fascist Time”
- **Thinking Otherwise with Critical Theory 2019 (University of Virginia)**
Paper: “Still Happenings and Queer Collections: Theorizing a Political Ethics with Walter Benjamin and Sara Ahmed”
- **Program in Race, Immigration and Citizenship Graduate Conference 2018 (Johns Hopkins University)**
Paper: “Becoming Intersectional in Between-ness: Assemblages of Terror and Displacement in Charlottesville”

Fellowships and Grants

- University of Michigan Institute for the Humanities, William and Sally Searle Graduate Fellow 2026-2027
- University of Michigan, Rackham Merit Fellowship 2025-2026
- University of Michigan, Rackham Merit Fellowship 2024-2025
- University of Bologna, Academy of Global Humanities and Critical Theory Fellowship 2018
- University of Michigan, Honors Summer Fellowship 2015
- University of Michigan, Undergraduate Research Fellow 2014, 2015
- University of Michigan, Undergraduate Research Scholar 2013, 2014

Awards and Scholarships

- Harvard Radcliffe Institute, Schlesinger Library Dissertation Grant 2023
- Rackham Graduate School Research and Travel Grants 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- University of Virginia, John Allan Love Scholarship for Achievement and Promise 2018
- Phi Beta Kappa
- University of Michigan, Virginia Voss Memorial Award for Excellence in Academic Writing 2016
- University of Michigan, Julia Conger Alumnae Scholarship for Academic Achievement 2014, 2015, 2016
- Virginia Voss Memorial Award for Excellence in Academic Writing 2016
- University of Michigan, Honors Fellows Travel Grant for Archival Research 2015
- University of Michigan, Organizational Studies Honors Thesis Award 2015
- University of Michigan, LSA International Internship Scholarship 2013
- University of Michigan, Organizational Studies Internship Award 2013

Teaching and Pedagogical Training

- **U-M Graduate Teacher Certificate, University of Michigan 2022-2024**
Preparing Future Faculty Summer Seminar
Introduction to Antiracist Pedagogy
- **Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan 2024**
Feminist Political Theory
Writing Instructor and Grader
Guest Lecture: "Sylvia Federici's Theory of the Commons"

- **Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan 2023**
Ancient to Modern Political Theory
Sections 002, 003, 004
- **Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan 2023**
Introduction to Political Theory
Sections 002, 003, 004
- **Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan 2022**
Modern to Recent Political Theory
Sections 002, 003, 004
Guest Lecture: "Race, Gender and Activism in Pauli Murray's Political Thought"
- **Instructor, University of Michigan Bridge Program 2016**
Intro to Academic Writing
Seminar
- **Program Advisor, Undergraduate Honors Summer Fellowship 2016**
- **Teaching Assistant, University of Michigan 2015**
Organizational Theory

Research and Editorial Positions

- **Assistant Editor 2018-2020**
Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy
- **Legal Researcher 2021**
Mogill and Lemanski, PLLC
- **Research and Editorial Assistant 2016-2017**
The Poisoned City: Flint's Water and the American Urban Tragedy (Metropolitan Books)

Organizing and Service

- Co-Organizer, Michigan Political Theory Workshop 2024-2025
- Founder, Health Fund for Trans Futures 2021
- Campaign Research Initiative, Southerners on New Ground 2020-2021
- Organizer, University of Virginia, *An Age of Extremism? An Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference* 2019
- Organizer, University of Virginia, *Thinking Otherwise with Critical Theory Graduate Conference*, 2019

Academic Memberships

- American Political Science Association
- Association for Political Theory
- Black Queer Studies Interdisciplinary Working Group, University of Michigan
- Community of Queer Political Scientists (CQPS), University of Michigan
- Society of Fellows, University of Virginia
- Trans Studies Interdisciplinary Working Group, University of Michigan