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## EDUCATION

J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology (2011)  
Program Abroad in France, Levin College of Law, University of Florida (Summer 2010)  
Ph.D., Political Science, University of Kentucky (2010)  
Major: American (Judicial Politics and Public Law); Minor: Methods  
Dissertation: Law & Ideology in the U.S. Courts of Appeals: Review of Federal Agency Decisions  
M.P.A., Public Administration, University of South Carolina (1994)  
B.A., History, Coker College (1991)

## TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

*University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI*  
*Assistant Professor, Political Science (2011–present)*

Taught undergraduate classes in:

- ~ Intro to law
- ~ Administrative law
- ~ Political analysis
- ~ Environment & society
- ~ Judicial process
- ~ American government & politics
- ~ Constitutional law
- ~ Environmental politics & sustainability
- ~ Environmental law & policy

*Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY*  
*Visiting Assistant Professor of Government (2004–2008)*

Taught graduate and undergraduate classes in:

- ~ Judicial process
- ~ Administrative law
- ~ Queer theory & politics
- ~ Academic orientation
- ~ American government
- ~ Public policy
- ~ Minority group politics
- ~ Principles of politics & government

*Columbia College, Columbia, SC*  
*Adjunct Professor and Guest Lecturer (2000–2002)*

Taught public policy and guest-lectured in public sector data evaluation, legislative process, change management, and cultural diversity.

## PUBLICATIONS

“Registering to Vote is Easy, Right? Active Learning and Attitudes about Voter Registration,” with Joseph Gershtenson, Dennis L. Plane, and Josh Scacco. *Journal of Political Science Education* 9: 379–402 (2013).  
“The Marriage Debate and Minority Stress,” with Ellen D. B. Riggle and Sharon Rostosky. *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 35(2): 221-24 (2005).

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

“Queer Sensibilities and Other Fagchild Tools” in *LGBTQ Politics: A Critical Reader*, Marla Brettschneider, Susan Burgess, and Cricket Keating (eds.), NYU Press (forthcoming 2016)

## **REVIEW ESSAYS**

“Queer Theory’s Utility: Review of Christopher Schmidt’s Poetics of Waste,” *Writing from Below* 3(2): (forthcoming fall 2016)

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Ryan C. Black and Ryan J. Owens, *The Solicitor General and the United States Supreme Court: Executive Branch Influence and Judicial Decisions* (2012) in *American Review of Politics* 34 (Fall/Winter): 356–359 (2013).

Josh Sides, *Erotic City: Sexual Revolutions and the Making of Modern San Francisco* (2009) in *H-Net* (Humanities and Social Sciences Online) (fall 2012)

David W. Patton, Stephanie L. Witt, Nicholas P. Lovrich, and Patricia J. Frederickson, *Human Resource Management: The Public Service Perspective* (2002) in *Review of Public Personnel Administration* 25(2): 196-98. (June 2005).

## **PROFESSIONAL MEETING PRESENTATIONS**

*Outspeak Jurisprudence in the U.S.* 2016. International Network for Sexual Ethics and Politics, Differdange, Luxembourg.

*Queer Sensibilities and Other Fagchild Tools.* 2015. American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

*Pragmatic Queerism, First Amendment, and Sexual Citizenship.* 2015. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

*Nearly-Just Societies and Public Sexuality.* 2014. Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

*Judicial Review of Agency Decisions in the U.S. Courts of Appeals: Obsequious Deference, Intense Scrutiny, and Ideological Preference.* 2013. Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA

*Queer Publics and Citizenship.* 2012. Power, Politics & Performance in Women’s Studies and LGBTQ Studies, Oshkosh, WI.

*Legal Theories of Sexual Citizenship.* 2010. IIT Conference on Women and Gender, Chicago, IL.

*U.S. Courts of Appeals’ Reviews of Agency Decisions: Law or Politics?* 2008. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

*Marriage Ban Amendments and GLB Well-Being: The 2006 Election.* 2007. American Political Science Association (APSA), Chicago, IL (with E. Riggle).

*Paradox of Court-Agency Relationships: U.S. Courts of Appeals Review of Agency Decisions, 1982–1996.* 2006. South Eastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA), Athens, GA.

*Judicial Confidence and Court Legitimacy through the Lenses of Sexual Minorities in the U.S.* 2006. Kentucky Political Science Association, Richmond, KY.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

### **Under Review**

“Queer Sensibilities: Notes on Method” (under review at *Politics, Groups, and Identities*)

“Vulnerable White Men and Sexual Citizenship: Charles Ray Sculptures” (under review at *Masculinities*)

“Outspeech Jurisprudence in the U.S.” (under review at *INSEP*)

### **In Development**

Queer Pragmatism and Sexual Citizenship

Poetic Justice for Queerism and Sexual Citizenship: Ashberian Pragmatism

Justice’s Queer Comments, Queered

Using Alternative Dispute Resolution in Gay and Lesbian Communities

Queer Liberty and Equality in U.S. Law and Courts

Francophilia: Queering James Franco

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, IL (2008–11)*

Judicial Extern, Hon. Rebecca Pallmeyer, U.S. District Court, Northern Dist. of Illinois (2010)

Executive Articles Editor, *Chicago-Kent Law Review* (2010–11)

Teaching Assistant (Contracts, Felice Batlan, 2010), (Legislative Process, Carolyn Shapiro, 2011)

Research Assistant, Professor Carolyn Shapiro (2008–09)

Research Associate, LexisNexis (2009–11)

*Palmetto GBA, Columbia, SC, Training Manager (1999–2003)*

Palmetto GBA is a fiscal intermediary and carrier for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Member of business acquisitions team, responsible for labor market analysis, recruiting strategies, training and retention programs, employee performance evaluation, quality assurance, and site selection.

*Office of the Governor, State of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, Director, EXCEL Leadership Institute and Director, Staff Development & Training (1996–1998)*

Developed and directed a year-long leadership program for mid-level managers in cabinet agencies in South Carolina. Managed human resources development in the Governor’s Office.

*Budget and Control Board, State of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. Assistant Director, South Carolina Executive Institute (1993–1996)*

The Executive Institute is a yearlong executive education program for senior-level officials in South Carolina. Contracted and collaborated with public administration faculty to develop curriculum. Developed case-teaching and case-writing workshops for public administrators and academicians.

*Department of Health & Environmental Control, State of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, Research Assistant, Center for Health Promotion (1992–1993)*

Researched and wrote report on effects of cigarette smoking (“Smoking in South Carolina: 1990”).

## **GRANTS**

- ArtsCore (\$1,200), University of Wisconsin Oshkosh through Cargill Foundation (2016-17).  
Funding to incorporate arts into environmental politics and sustainability pedagogy.
- Faculty Development Grant (\$9,000), University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (2015). Funding to examine queer sexual citizenship in the U.S. Courts of Appeals
- Gateway Course Success Initiative Grant (\$5,000), University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, College of Letters & Science (2013–14). Funding for collaboration with Writing Center to develop to improve performance and retention among minority students in political science.
- Faculty Development Grant (\$9,600), University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (2012). Funding to develop two interdisciplinary courses in Environmental Studies.
- Active Learning Grant (\$5,000), Eastern Kentucky University (2006). Funding for student trip to Washington, DC to observe the Supreme Court and conduct research at the Library of Congress.
- Diversity-in-Curriculum Grant (\$2,300), Eastern Kentucky University (2006). Developed queer theory and politics course.
- Active Learning Grant (\$1,500), Eastern Kentucky University (2006). Funding for student travel to present research projects at South East Conference of Public Administration (SECoPA).

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- Inclusive Excellence Council (UWO) (2013–present)
- LGBTQ Council (UWO) (2012–present)
- Pre-Law Advisor (UWO) (2011–present)
- Office of Grants & Faculty Development (UWO), Proposal Panelist (2012–present)
- Campus Sustainability Council (UWO) (2011–2014)
- Political Science Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning Committee (UWO) (2011–2015)
- Political Science Budget and Implementation Committee (UWO) (2015–present)
- Chancellor’s Award for Excellent, Selection Committee (UWO) (2012)
- Academic Practices and Awards Committee, Chair (EKU) (2006–2007)
- Truman Scholarship Committee (EKU) (2004–2008)
- Student–Faculty Relations Committee (EKU) (2004–2008)
- Student Life Awards Selection Committee (EKU) (2007)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE**

### **Reviewer**

- Public Administration Review
- American Review of Politics
- Law & Policy Journal
- Writing from Below

### **Affiliations**

- International Network for Sexual Ethics and Politics (2016)
- American Political Science Association (2005–present)
- APSA Sexuality and Politics Section Executive Board Member (2007–2009)
- Midwest Political Science Association (2005–present)
- Southern Political Science Association (2014–present)
- Western Political Science Association (2013–present)

Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society) (2004–present)  
American Society for Public Administration, S.C. Chapter Board Member (1993–1995)  
Government Finance Officers' Association (1994–1996)  
International Personnel Management Association (1994–1996)  
National Association of Training & Development Directors (1996–2003)

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

TitanMAP (Multicultural Acceleration Program), Mentor (2013–present)  
Kentucky Fairness Alliance, Steering Committee (2004–2008), Co-chair (2007–2008)  
South Carolina Gay & Lesbian Business Guild Board (2001–2003)  
South Carolina Gay & Lesbian Pride Movement Board (1997–1999)  
United Way of the Midlands, Workplace Coordinator and Volunteer (1996–1998)  
Coker College Alumni Association Board (1996–1997)  
MPA Advisory Board, University of South Carolina (1993)  
Pee Dee Coalition against Domestic & Sexual Assault, Volunteer (1989–1990)

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

Public Manager (State of South Carolina)  
Training Director (Langevin Learning Services)  
Facilitator (Development Dimensions International)

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Diversity Leadership Award, College of Letters and Science (UWO) (2015)  
Outstanding Queer Faculty Award (UWO) (2014)  
Willard Smith Distinguished Teaching Award (UWO Political Science) (2012, 2013, 2015, 2016)  
*Order of the Coif* (2011)  
Chicago-Kent Achievement Scholarship (2008–2010)  
Chicago-Kent Alumni Board of Directors Scholarship (2009)  
Vagina Warrior, Eastern Kentucky University (for contributions to feminism in teaching) (2008)  
National Association of Student Activities (NACA) Leadership Award (1991)  
Susanne G. Linville Scholarship (academic) (1988–1991)  
William Chambers Coker Scholarship (academic) (1987–1988)