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Education

Portland State University

PhD, Urban Studies. August 2017.

Dissertation: *Trade-offs: The Production of Sustainability in Households*

University of Illinois at Chicago

MA, Economics. May 2010.

Graduate Campus Certificate in the Teaching of Economics. 2008.

Graduate Concentrator, Department of Gender and Women's Studies. 2009-2010.

Reed College

BA, Economics. May 2007.

Thesis: *Wage Differentials by Language Group in Quebec*

Academic Appointments

The New School for Social Research, New York NY

Assistant Professor of Economics. July 2023 – Present.

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg TX

Assistant Professor of Political Science. September 2020 – June 2023.

St. John's University, Queens NY

Assistant Professor of Economics and Finance. August 2017 – August 2020.

Publications

Books

2023. *The Production of Everyday Life in Eco-Conscious Households: Compromise, Conflict, Complicity*. Bristol University Press.

2026. *Household Production and the Reproduction of Capitalist Society: Marxist Feminism Beyond Women*. Verso Books (under contract).

Edited Volumes

2025. *Essays for a Materialist Feminism: The Collected Writings of Lise Vogel*, editor. Pluto Press (under contract).

Refereed Journal Articles

2022. "The Artisan Economy and *The New Spirit of Capitalism*," with Chris O'Kane. *Critical Sociology* 48(1): 37-53

2022. "Overaccumulation, Crisis, and the Contradictions of Household Waste Sorting," *Capital & Class* 46(1): 115-131

2021. "'Unproductive Workers and State Repression,'" *Review of Radical Political Economics* 53(4): 53(4): 623-630

2021. "The Welfare State and the Bourgeois Family-Household." *Science & Society* 85(2): 199-206

2021. "Solid waste management practices and their meanings in ecologically conscious households," *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* 4(4): 1515-1532
2019. "'Social Reproduction Theory', Social Reproduction, and Household Production," *Science & Society* 83(4): 451-468.
2018. "Unwaged Work and the Production of Sustainability in Eco-Conscious Households," *Review of Radical Political Economics* 50(4): 675-682.
2018. "Property Values and Tax Rates near Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage," with George Tolley. *Energy Policy* 123: 433-442.
2017. "Autonomy and Creativity in the Artisan Economy and *The New Spirit of Capitalism*," with Chris O'Kane. *Review of Radical Political Economics* 49(4): 582-590.
2017. "Hegemonic Stories in Environmental Advocacy Testimonials," *Energy Research & Social Science* 31: 233-239.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

2024. "Social Reproduction" in *Marx: Key Concepts* edited by Riccardo Bellofiore and Tommaso Redolfi Riva, Edward Elgar Publishing.
2023. "Unproductive workers, 'life-making,' and state repression," in Rob Hunter, Rafael Khachaturian, & Eva Nanopoulos, eds. *Capitalist States and Marxist State Theory: Enduring Debates, New Perspectives*. Palgrave Macmillan
2022. "Marxian economics and the Critique of Political Economy," with Chris O'Kane, in *Adorno and Marx: Negative Dialectics and the Critique of Political Economy* edited by Werner Bonefeld and Chris O'Kane, Bloomsbury Academic Press.

Invited Submissions

2024. David Gordon Memorial Lecture Response: Comments on David McNally's "Marx on Colonization and Bonded Labor." *Review of Radical Political Economics* 56(4): 469-475.

Book Reviews

2019. Birth Strike: The Hidden Fight over Women's Work by Jenny Brown & Full Surrogacy Now: Feminism against the Family by Sophie Lewis, *Review of Political Economy* 31(3): 474-478.

Academic Blog Posts

2021. Recycling crisis: Economy in the refuse of production. *Progress in Political Economy*, August 24, 2021. Available: <https://www.ppesydney.net/recycling-crisis-economy-in-the-refuse-of-production/>
2019. The Welfare State and the Bourgeois Family-household. *Legal Form*, September 29, 2019. Available: <https://legalform.blog/2019/09/29/the-welfare-state-and-the-bourgeois-family-household-kirstin-munro/>

Works in Progress

Essays for a Materialist Feminism: Collected Writings of Lise Vogel

Editing an expanded 30th anniversary edition of Lise Vogel's book *Woman Questions*. Under contract with Pluto Press with expected publication Summer/Fall 2025.

Household Production and the Reproduction of Capitalist Society: Marxist Feminism Beyond Women

This book makes the case that Marxist Feminist understandings of the dynamics of household production in capitalist society must go beyond notions of "women" and "housewives" to adequately grasp the contradictions between human needs and the imperatives of accumulation. I argue that an emphasis on women and wives has impeded advancements in our understanding of household production by basing Marxist Feminist theory on a biological fiction and a household structure that is largely a fantasy for the working class. Under contract with Verso Books with expected publication Spring 2026.

Media Appearances

Prada Frames: Being Home Podcast, Episode 13 "Being Infrastructures," April 17, 2024.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/prada-frames-being-home/id1741596523>

野一色 遥花 (Haruka Noishiki), "「失業中も楽しもう」米Z世代、変わる職業観 グローバルウオッチ ('Let's have fun while unemployed': American Generation Z's changing view of work)" 日本経済新聞 (Nikkei), April 10, 2024.

<https://www.nikkei.com/article/DGXZQOGN022PT0S4A400C2000000/>

Charissa Cheong, "There's one big unexpected culture shock Americans can't stop talking about when they move to Europe." *Business Insider*, January 15, 2024. <https://www.businessinsider.com/americans-europe-culture-shock-laundry-dryer-difference-explained-2023-12>

WNYC Notes from America with Kai Wright, "Is Capitalism Working for You?": October 2, 2023

<https://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/anxiety/episodes/capitalism-working-you>

Scholarly Editorial Work

Review of Radical Political Economics

Editorial Board Member. October 2019-Present

Global Political Economy

Editorial Advisory Board Member. October 2021-Present

Critical Theory and the Critique of Society Book Series

Editorial Board Member. July 2021- Present

Science & Society

Associate Editor. July 2020-July 2021

Editorial Board Member. February 2019-September 2021

Manuscript Review Collective Member. February 2019-September 2021

Reviewer/Referee (ongoing)

- *Bloomsbury Academic Publishing*
- *Bristol University Press*
- *Capital & Class*
- *Consumption & Society*
- *Critical Sociology*
- *Emancipations*
- *The Energy Journal*
- *Energy Research and Social Science*
- *Energy Policy*
- *Environment & Planning A: Economy and Space*
- *Environment & Planning F: Philosophy, Theory, Models, Methods and Practice*
- *Feminist Economics*
- *Forum for Social Economics*
- *Global Political Economy*
- *Historical Materialism*
- *Human Geography*
- *International Journal of Social Economics*
- *New Political Economy*
- *New Proposals: Journal of Marxism and Interdisciplinary Inquiry*
- *Pluto Press*
- *Review of Radical Political Economics*
- *Routledge Books*
- *Science & Society*
- *Springer Nature*
- *Sociological Forum*
- *World Development*

Teaching

Courses taught

Assistant Professor

The New School for Social Research and Eugene Lang College: Fall 2023-Present

- GECO 6281: Advanced Econometrics I (Fall 2023, Fall 2024)
- GECO 5035: Political Economy of Gender (Spring 2024, Spring 2025)
- LECO 2052: Feminist Political Economy (Fall 2023)
- LECO 3010: Introduction to Econometrics (Spring 2024, Spring 2025)
- LECO 3101: History of Economic Thought (Fall 2024)

Assistant Professor

University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley: Fall 2020-Summer 2023

- POLS 2305: U.S. Federal Government & Politics
- POLS 2350: Introduction to Political Economy
- POLS 2470: Introduction to Political Science Research Methods
- POLS 3355: U.S. Public Policy
- POLS 4356: U.S. Environmental Policy
- POLS 4370: Senior Research Seminar [Women in the Global Factory]
- POLS 6270: Research Methods and Applied Statistics (graduate course)
- POLS 6333: Public Policy Analysis (graduate course)

Assistant Professor

St. John's University: Fall 2017- August 2020

- ECO 1301: Principles of Economics I – Macro
- ECO 1302: Principles of Economics II – Micro
- ECO 1326: Economic History of the Western Community
- ECO 4345: Introduction to Econometrics
- ECO 3348: Environmental Economics

Part-Time Faculty

The New School Graduate Program in International Affairs: Spring 2020

- NINT 6297: Feminist Economics (graduate course)

Instructor

University of Illinois at Chicago: Summer 2008

- ECON120: Principles of Microeconomics

Teaching Assistant

University of Illinois at Chicago

- ECON130: Principles of Economics for Business, Fall 2007
- ECON120: Principles of Microeconomics, Spring 2008
- GWS102: Gender in Global Perspective, Fall 2010

Graduate Research Supervision

The New School for Social Research

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member

Barbara Schuster, Economics. "Gender and Power in Markets and Marriages." Defended 2023.

The New School Graduate Program in International Affairs

M.A. Portfolio Supervisor

Shay Bialik. 2020. M.A. Portfolio on social reproduction and women in the Israeli Kibbutz system and Cuba (Awarded International Affairs Outstanding Portfolio Prize.)

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Department of Political Science

M.A. Thesis Committee Chair

Kanyanat Lertkhonsan. 2022. MA Thesis: "'Good Food' and Food Sovereignty in the South Texas Borderlands: A Qualitative Investigation of Alternative Retail Food Outlet Managers and Owners."

Undergraduate Research Supervisor

Mariana Medina Mendez. 2023. "The Period Project: Survey of Menstruators and Period Poverty on Campus." (IRB-approved research presented at Engaged Scholar Symposium, UTRGV)

Allisoun Brenner. 2022. "A Worker's Inquiry Study of Commercial Shrimpers in the Lower Laguna Madre Region." (IRB-approved research presented at the Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky)

External Examiner/External Committee Member

Ioana Cerasella Chis. 2024. Ph.D. Thesis: "The Politics of Disablement and Precarious Work in the UK: Prefiguring a Non-Productivist Future." Department of Political Science and International Studies, School of Government, University of Birmingham.

Kenyon Cavender. 2024. Area Paper: "The Fordist Revolution: Social Reproduction, Commodity Chains, and the Global Division of Labor." Department of Sociology, SUNY Binghamton

Invited Academic Lectures

Symposium: Critical Perspectives on Care: Reproductive Theory in a Global Context.

April 2025. Villanova University, Philadelphia PA

Household Production and the Essence of Separation that Appears in Commodities

Social Reproduction Lab, Transnational Research Network on Social Reproduction Theory

January 2025.

What is Social Reproduction Theory a Theory Of? Questions and Paths Forward.

Radical Philosophy Association Conference

October 2024. Salt Lake City, Utah

Book Panelist—Patrick Murray and Jeanne Schuler's *Philosophical and Political Consequences of the Critique of Political Economy*

Prada [Frames]: Being Home Milan Design Week Symposium

April 2024. Milan, Italy.

Being Home: Infrastructures

The Climate of Critical Theory: Economies and Ecologies Today

March 2024. Rochester, New York.

Lost Insights of the Domestic Labour Debates for a Critical Theory of Capitalist Social Reproduction.

Union for Radical Political Economics @ ASSA, David Gordon Memorial Lecture

January 2024. San Antonio, Texas

Invited discussant for David McNally, "Marx on Colonization: The End of Capital & the Beginning of a Journey."

British Sociological Association Theory Study Group

September 2023. Online.

Q&A on The Production of Everyday Life in Eco-Conscious Households

University of California Marxist Institute for Research Summer Seminar

August 2023. University of California Natural Reserve Center.

Invited Guest Faculty—*The Usefulness of Bourgeois Economic Science to Marxist Study*

University of Toronto Jackman Humanities Institute

April 2023. Online.

Global Marxism Working Group Roundtable on Capitalism and Climate

Woodbrooke Quaker Center Eva Koch Scholar Lecture

January 2023. Online.

Direct Action and Angelic Troublemakers in the Religious Society of Friends

Critical Political Economy Research Network Monthly Workshop

November 2021. Online.

Developments in Social Reproduction Theory

Edinburgh Napier University

September 2020. Edinburgh, Scotland

Unwaged Work and Social Reproduction Q&A

City University of New York: John Jay College

March 2020. New York, NY (Postponed due to COVID-19)

Household Recycling Sorting and the Reproduction of Capitalist Society

Science & Society Annual Editorial Board Meeting Keynote Address

December 2019. New York, NY

Marxist Feminism Today: Building on 50 Years of Radical Inquiry, with Lise Vogel.

University of Brighton Centre for Applied Philosophy, Politics, and Ethics

May 2019. Brighton, UK

'Social Reproduction Theory', Social Reproduction, and Household Production

New York University Department of Liberal Studies

April 2019. New York, NY

Understanding Labor in the Gig Economy using Economic History

Stony Brook University Center for the Study of Inequalities, Social Justice, and Policy

March 2019. Stony Brook, NY

Overaccumulation, Crisis, and the Contradictions of Household Waste Sorting

Academic Conference Presentations

Critical Emancipations

May 2023. Leuven, Belgium.

Critical Theory and Higher Education Under Attack in the United States (with Chris O’Kane)

Reopening the Bin: Waste, Economy, Culture, and Society

June 2021. Online.

Solid Waste Management Practices and their Social Meanings in Highly Ecologically-Conscious Households

Eastern Economic Association –Union for Radical Political Economics

February 2021. Online

The Welfare State and State Violence

State Violence Research Network Conference

April 2020. Manchester, UK

Social Reproduction Theory and State Repression

Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting

March 2020. Philadelphia, PA

Overaccumulation, Crisis, and the Contradictions of Household Waste Sorting

Eastern Economic Association –Union for Radical Political Economics

February 2020. Boston, MA

The Welfare State and State Violence

Political Ecology of the Far Right Conference

November 2019. Lund, Sweden

The Eco-Fascists Next Door? Sexist White Supremacist Environmentalists in Portlandia

Eastern Economic Association –Union for Radical Political Economics

February 2019. New York, NY

The Sharing Economy as Simple Commodity Production: Insights from Economic History

Union for Radical Political Economics—New York Chapter Meeting

February 2019. New York, NY

Understanding Labor in the Gig Economy using Weber’s Taxonomy of the Domestic System

American Economic Association—Union for Radical Political Economics

January 2019. Atlanta, GA

Overaccumulation, Crisis, and the Contradictions of Household Waste Sorting

Southern Economic Association—Union for Radical Political Economics

October 2018. Washington, DC

Work Transfer and Household Recycling Sorting

Union for Radical Political Economics 50th Anniversary Conference

September 2018. Amherst, MA

Teaching Radical Political Economics Today, Roundtable participant

POLLEN 18: Political Ecology, the Green Economy, and Alternative Sustainabilities

June 2018. Oslo, Norway

The Other side of the Other side of the Paycheck: Waste Disposal Practices in highly Ecologically-Conscious Households

International Social Theory Consortium Conference

May 2018. Chicago, IL

The Artisan Economy and the New Spirit of Capitalism

Allied Social Sciences Association –Union for Radical Political Economics

January 2018. Philadelphia, PA

Materials, Waged and Unwaged Work in Eco-Conscious Households

Southern Economic Association –Union for Radical Political Economics

November 2017. Tampa, FL

Materials, Waged and Unwaged Work in Eco-Conscious Households

Western Social Science Association – Association for Institutional Thought

April 2017. San Francisco, CA

Autonomy and Creativity in the Artisan Economy and The New Spirit of Capitalism

Eastern Economic Association –Union for Radical Political Economics

February 2017. New York, NY

Autonomy and Creativity in the Artisan Economy and The New Spirit of Capitalism

International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics Conference

January 2017. Chicago, IL

Homo Economicus: Queer Pedagogy for the Pluralistic Introductory Economics Classroom

Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference

May 2016. Vancouver, WA

Distributional Consequences and Policy Implications of Software Occupation Employment in Portland, Oregon

Portland State University Economics Department Workshop

March 2016. Portland, OR

Distributional Consequences and Policy Implications of Software Occupation Employment in Portland, Oregon

North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International

November 2015. Portland, OR

Over-education and Earnings in the Portland Metro Area

Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Settlement 9th Annual National Metropolis Conference

March 2007. Toronto, Canada

Wage Differentials by Language Group in Quebec

Invited Industry Presentations

Energy Trust of Oregon

July 2017. Portland, OR

The Portland Household Study -- Possible Implications for Energy Efficiency Program Provision?

Northwest Power and Conservation Council
May 2016. Portland, OR
Fall 2015 Residential Customer Survey Results

Energy Trust of Oregon
March 2016. Portland, OR
Fall 2015 Residential Customer Survey Results

Northwest Natural Gas Company
December 2015. Portland, OR
Making the Case for Utility-sponsored Social Research

Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee Load Forecasting Workshop
July 2015. Portland, OR
Demographics and Energy Consumption

University and Academic Department Service

The New School
Department of Economics Ph.D. Admissions Committee, AY 2023-2024, 2024-2025
Department of Economics Seminar Series Committee, AY 2024-2025
Lang College Civic Engagement Committee, AY 2024-2025

University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley
UTRGV Ally/LGBTQI-Friendly Faculty, Fall 2020-Summer 2023
Graduate Studies Committee, Fall 2020-Fall 2022
Search & Screen Committees, Spring 2021 & Fall 2021

St. John’s University
Sadie Collective (Organization for Black Women Economics Majors) faculty sponsor, Fall 2019-Spring 2020
Academic Center for Equity and Inclusion Personal and Professional Development Committee Member, 2019-2020.
Writing Across Communities Faculty Development Group Participant, Spring 2019-Spring 2020
Writing Across Communities Faculty Collaborator, Spring 2019
Learning Resources and Technology Committee Member, Fall 2018-Spring 2020
Spectrum/LGBTQI-Friendly Faculty, Spring 2018-Spring 2020

Other Professional Service and Pro Bono Activities

Columbia University Ecology & Culture Seminar
Associate Member. 2018-2020

Statisticians without Borders, American Statistical Association
Pro Bono Statistician. 2011-Present

Oregon Governor’s Council of Economic Advisers
Councilmember, 2015-2017
Budget Forecast Meeting Participant, 2015

Northwest Power and Conservation Council
Demand Forecast Advisory Committee Member, 2016-2017

Workshop Fellowships

Berggruen Institute Reopening the Coordination Problem Workshop

May 2022. Los Angeles, CA.

Institute for New Economic Thinking Spring Economics Education Workshop

April 2017. Berkeley, CA

Inter-University Program for Latino Research Summer Workshop

July 2009. South Bend, IN

Summer Institute for the History of Economic Thought

June 2009. Richmond, VA

Awards, Grants, and Recognition

The New Institute, Hamburg Germany. Metamorphosis of Values Beyond Capitalism Program Fellow (chair: Kohei Saito), 2025

Eva Koch Scholar, Woodbrooke Quaker Center, 2022

Peter J. Tobin College of Business Best Teaching Award, 2020

Tobin United Nations PRME Research Award for "Social Reproduction Theory', Social Reproduction, and Household Production," 2019

Catholic Relief Services Global Research Grant 2019

Catholic Relief Services Global Conference Grant 2018

Portland State University Institute for Sustainable Solutions Development Grant 2017

Portland State University Marie Brown Graduate Student Travel Award 2017

Portland State University Institute for Sustainable Solutions Student Fellow 2016-2017

Portland State University Marie Brown Graduate Student Travel Award 2015

University of Illinois at Chicago, Full Tuition Remission Fall 2007- Fall 2010

Reed College Initiative Grant in Undergraduate Research 2005

Reed College Simpson Fund Grant for Undergraduate Research 2005