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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

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Assistant Professor of Political Science. September 2020 – Present.

St. John's University

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

Publications

Books

Eco-Conscious Households and Sustainability: Compromise, Conflict and Complicity. Under contract with University of Bristol Press (Anticipated release April 2022).

Refereed Journal Articles

"Overaccumulation, Crisis, and the Contradictions of Household Waste Sorting," *Capital & Class* (forthcoming)

2021. "Unproductive Workers and State Repression," *Review of Radical Political Economics* (forthcoming)

2021. "The Artisan Economy and *The New Spirit of Capitalism*," with Chris O'Kane. *Critical Sociology* (online first: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0896920521991195>)

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* (online first: <https://doi.org/10.1177/2514848620960410>)
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.

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.

Works under Peer Review

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- "Social Reproduction" in *Marx: Key Concepts* edited by Riccardo Bellofiore and Tommaso Redolfi Riva, *Edward Elgar Publishing*.
- "Social Reproduction Theory and the State: A Critique" in *The State Today: Politics, History, Law* edited by Eva Nanopoulos, Rafael Khachaturian, Rob Hunter, & Umut Özsü, *Palgrave Macmillan*.

Works in Progress

Journal Articles and Conference Papers in Progress

- "Changing Space Heating and Cooling Practices and the Meaning of Indoor Comfort in Highly Ecologically-Conscious Households"
- "Responses to Selective Flushing as a Pro-Environmental Household Practice"
- "Understanding Labor in the Gig Economy using Weber's Taxonomy of the Domestic System"

Chapters in Edited Volumes

“Social Reproduction” in *Encyclopedia of Critical Political Science*, edited by Clyde Barrow, *Edward Elgar Publishing*.

Fieldwork for future research

“The Brighton Household Study”

Ethnographic interviews conducted in winter 2020 with 18 self-described highly ecologically-conscious households with young children in Brighton, UK, focusing on routinized day-to-day practices related to cleanliness, comfort temperatures, household waste, and nutrition. Grant-funded and IRB-approved.

Scholarly Editorial Work

Science & Society

Associate Editor. 2020-Present.

Editorial Board Member. 2019-Present

Manuscript Review Collective Member. 2019-Present

Review of Radical Political Economics

Editorial Board Member. October 2019-Present

Reviewer/Referee (ongoing)

The Energy Journal

Energy Research and Social Science

Energy Policy

Environment & Planning A: Economy and Space

Feminist Economics

International Journal of Social Economics

Review of Radical Political Economics

Science & Society

Springer Nature

Sustainability

University of Bristol Press

World Development

Courses Taught

Assistant Professor

University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley: Fall 2020-present

- POLS 2305: U.S. Federal Government & Politics
- POLS 2350: Introduction to Political Economy
- POLS 6270: Research Methods and Applied Statistics

Assistant Professor

St. John's University: Fall 2017-present

- 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

Invited Academic Lectures

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

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

University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley

UTRGV Ally/LGBTQI-Friendly Faculty, Fall 2020-present

Graduate Studies Committee, Fall 2020-present

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, Spring 2019-Spring 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/LGBTQ-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

Energy Impacts Symposium and Workshop

July 2017. Columbus, OH. (declined)

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

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