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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.

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: The End of Capital & the Beginning of a Journey." *Review of Radical Political Economics* 56(4)

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

Fieldwork for future publications

"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.

Media Appearances

Prada Frames: Being Home Podcast, "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*
- *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*
- *Review of Radical Political Economics*
- *Science & Society*
- *Springer Nature*
- *Sociological Forum*
- *University of Bristol Press*
- *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
- GECO 5035: Political Economy of Gender
- LECO 2052: Feminist Political Economy
- LECO 3010: Introduction to Econometrics

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/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

University of Manitoba Department of Economics
Date TBD. Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
Seminar—*The Contradictions of Pro-Environmental Household Production*

Prada [Frames]: Being Home 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
Ph.D. Admissions Committee, Fall 2023-present.

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, 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/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.

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

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