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### **Education**

- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley. Political Science. 2006.  
Thesis Title: *Future Framers: Feminism, Hope and Utopia*  
Committee: Shannon Stimson, Mark Bevir, Wendy Brown, Kathryn Abrams
- M.A. University of California, Berkeley. Political Science. 1996.  
Thesis Title: *Arendt's Hypothetical: On Eichmann in Jerusalem*  
Reviewers: Shannon Stimson, Michael Rogin, Paul Thomas
- B.A. Mount Holyoke College. Politics. 1994. Magna Cum Laude.  
Thesis Title: *Preferential Treatment and Justice*. High Honors.  
Director: Stephen Ellenburg

### **Teaching and Research Areas**

Political Theory (Ancient, Modern and Contemporary; Western and Comparative); Virtue Ethics; Feminist Theory; Media and Politics; Constitutional Law and Legal theory.

### **Grants and Awards**

Scholarship & Creativity Grant for the Advancement of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Montana State University, FY 2010. "Humility as a Critical Political Virtue." \$8,776

Humanities Montana. "A Cross-Cultural Conversation: Aristotle, Confucius and Virtue Ethics." \$4,000

Instructional Innovation Grant, Montana State University. "Political and Ethical Socialization and Academic Values: An Exploratory Study of Montana State University Students." \$1,723

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, "Traditions into Dialogue: Confucianism and Contemporary Virtue Ethics." July 7 – August 15, 2008. Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. \$4,200

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, University of California at Berkeley, 1998.

Phi Beta Kappa, Mount Holyoke College, 1994.

Mary Lyons Scholar, Mount Holyoke College, 1994.

### **Publications**

#### **Edited Volumes:**

*Histories of Postmodernism*, Mark Bevir, Jill Hargis and Sara Rushing, eds. (New York: Routledge, 2007).

## **Book Chapters:**

Introduction, *Histories of Postmodernism*, Mark Bevir, Jill Hargis and Sara Rushing, eds. (New York: Routledge, 2007).

“Longing for a ‘Certain Kind of Future’: Drucilla Cornell, Sexual Difference and the Imaginary Domain,” in *Histories of Postmodernism*, Mark Bevir, Jill Hargis and Sara Rushing, eds. (New York: Routledge, 2007).

“Sovereignty and Suffering: Towards an Ethics of Grief in a Post-9/11 World,” with David S. Gutterman, in *Judith Butler’s Precarious Politics: Critical Encounters*, Terrell Carver and Samuel A. Chambers eds. (New York: Routledge, 2008).

## **Articles:**

“Preparing for Politics: Judith Butler’s Ethical Dispositions.” Forthcoming at *Contemporary Political Theory*.

“Conflict and Community: Butler’s *Precarious Life* and Land Use Public Hearings,” with Eric Austin, *Administrative Theory and Praxis*, Vol. 30 No. 2, June 2008, p. 47.

## **Book Reviews and Review Essays:**

Review of Joyce Baugh’s *Supreme Court Justices in the Post-Bork Era*, in Vol. 13 No. 7 (July 2003) of *The Law & Politics Book Review*, an electronic publication of the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.

Review Essay on Duncan Kennedy’s *A Critique of Adjudication*, in *Critical Sense*, vol. VI no. II, Spring 1998.

## **Conference Participation**

*The (Virtue?) Ethical Turn: Judith Butler’s Generosity*. Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, August 28 – 31, 2008.

*Generosity, Humility and Patience: Judith Butler’s Ethical Theory*. Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, California, March 20 – 23, 2008.

Co-organizer, 2007. Panel entitled “Histories of Postmodernism,” for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 2007.

Co-organizer, 2003 – 2004. Conference entitled “Historicizing Postmodernism,” funded by the Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, the U.C. Berkeley Department of Political Science, and the Berkeley Center for British Studies, Berkeley, California, September 11 – 12, 2004.

*Postmodernism as Legend and Legacy: First the tools and then the toolbox*. Paper prepared for presentation at conference entitled “Historicizing Postmodernism,” University of California at Berkeley, September 11 – 12, 2004.

*Progenitors of Postmodernism: Traditions and Trajectories.* Paper prepared for delivery on the panel *Current Approaches to Postmodern Political Thought* at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 2003.

*Rights, Identities, and the Political Potentials of Poststructuralism.* Paper prepared for delivery on the panel *Epistemic Considerations of Rights, Identities and the State* at the Annual Conference of the Law and Society Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 30 – June 1, 2002.

Discussant for papers presented on the panel *The Production of Law and Legal Discourse: Theoretical Considerations*, at the Annual Conference of the Law and Society Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 30 – June 1, 2002.

*Postmodern Possibilities: Refiguring the Wrong of Sexual Harassment for Politicized Sexual Identities.* Paper presented for delivery on the panel *Gender, Sexuality and Freedom* at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 25 – 28, 2002.

*Political Judgment and Legal Judgment: Courting Persuasion.* Paper prepared for delivery on the panel *Reassessing Legal Theories* at the Annual Conference of the Western Political Science Association, San Jose, California, March 24-26, 2000.

## **Teaching Experience**

### Assistant Professor

Montana State University, Bozeman

*Contemporary Political Theory*, Spring 2009

*Classical Political Thought*, Fall 2008

*Constitutional Law*, Fall 2008

*Modern Political Thought*, Spring 2008

*Media and Politics*, Spring 2008

### Adjunct Professor

Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon

*Great Political Thinkers*, Fall 2006

*American Politics*, Fall 2005, Spring 2006

Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana

*The American National Government*, Fall 2003, Spring 2004

*Comparative Democratic Theory*, Spring 2004

## **Professional Activities**

Workshop Organizer, “A Cross-Cultural Conversation: Aristotle, Confucius and Virtue Ethics.” A three day workshop bringing philosophers from around the United States to Bozeman, Montana, to exchange papers-in-progress and discuss the pedagogy of comparative philosophy and political theory.

Organizer, “Ethics: East & West.” A series of talks by philosophers followed by a community discussion. June 19, 2009, Bozeman Public Library.

Workshop Organizer, with Paul LaChapelle, “Ethics in the Workplace.” A presentation made to the professional and elected officials of Gallatin County, April 25, 2008.

Chair, 2000 – 2002, *Law and the Humanities* Working Group. An interdisciplinary faculty and student forum funded by the Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities.

Editor, 1995-1998, *Critical Sense*. A journal of political and cultural theory published twice annually by graduate students at Berkeley. <http://criticalsense.berkeley.edu>

### **Academic References**

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Professor Mark Bevir, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley (510-642-4693)  
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Professor Wendy Brown, Department of Political Science and Women's Studies, UC Berkeley  
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Professor David Gutterman, Department of Politics, Willamette University (503-370-6060)  
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