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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023–present Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Politics and Law,
Rhodes College
Affiliated Faculty: Africana Studies, Gender and Sexuality
Studies

EDUCATION

2023 Ph.D. Political Science, The Graduate Center, The City University of
New York (CUNY)
Dissertation: “Addiction” in U.S. Political Culture
*Winner of the American Political Science Association Caucus
for Critical Political Science Stephen E. Bronner Dissertation
Award

2015 M.A. Political Science, The Graduate Center, CUNY

2010 B.A. Religion and Social Justice, Prescott College

PUBLICATIONS

2026 “What Does Addiction Mean in U.S. Policy Debates? A Case Study
of the ‘Welfare Addict,’” *New Political Science* 48(1): 1–27.

2023 “‘We’ Should Be An Invitation: Hanna Fenichel Pitkin’s *Wittgenstein
and Justice*,” *Polity* 55(3): 448–60 (co-authored with Alyson Cole,
invited).

2018 “Is There ‘Hope for Every Addicted American’? The New U.S. War
on Drugs” *Social Sciences* 7(1): [10.3390/socsci7010003](https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci7010003) (peer
reviewed)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Status

Writing stage *American Addictions: What Addiction Really Means and How We’re
Letting It Undermine Democracy* (book manuscript)

Research stage “Legal ‘Liability’ vs. Public ‘Accountability’: A Comparison of Legal
Reasoning and Public Discourse Regarding *Harrington vs. Purdue
Pharma*” (co-authored with Sari Krieger Rivera)

Research stage *Who Is Responsible for an Addiction Epidemic? Comparing the
Opioid and Tobacco Settlement Cases* (book manuscript)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2026 Faculty Fellow, Institute for Race and Social Transformation, Rhodes College, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- 2025 Third-Year Leave (competitive research sabbatical), Rhodes College Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Rhodes College
- 2024 Stephen E. Bronner Dissertation Award, American Political Science Association (APSA) Caucus for Critical Political Science, for *“Addiction” in U.S. Political Culture*
- 2024 Spotlight Scholar, APSA Section for Interpretive Methodologies and Methods
- 2024 Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Rhodes College Hill Grant for Pedagogical Innovation, Rhodes College
- 2023 Hayward R. Alker Best Student Paper Award, APSA Section for Interpretive Methodologies and Methods, for “The Gendered Meanings and Uses of Collective ‘Addictions’ in U.S. Public Policy,” presented at the 2022 APSA conference
- 2023 Joseph Murphy Best Student Paper Award, Political Science Department, the Graduate Center, CUNY, for “The Gendered Meanings and Uses of Collective ‘Addictions’ in U.S. Public Policy,” presented at the 2022 APSA conference
- 2023–28 “The Norms of Life” International Network of Research (GDRI) National Center for Scientific Research Grant ([CNRS](#) France) with PI Alyson Cole
- 2022–2023 American Studies Dissertation Fellowship, The Graduate Center
- 2022 Accessibility Grant, APSA Committee on the Status of LGBT Individuals in the Profession
- 2022 Pay It Forward Fund, The Graduate Center Political Science Department Alum Committee
- 2021–23 PublicsLab Doctoral Curriculum Enhancement Grant, “Becoming a Public Political Expert,” The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- 2021 Knickerbocker Award for Archival Research in American Studies, The Graduate Center

- 2021 & 2018 Doctoral Student Research Grant, The Graduate Center
- 2019–2022 Social Media Fellowship, Digital Initiatives, The Graduate Center
- 2018 Provost’s Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship, The Graduate Center
- 2018 Open Educational Resources (OER) Seminar Fellowship, Baruch College
- 2017 Student Citizenship Award, Political Science Department, The Graduate Center
- 2016 Best M.A. Thesis Award, Political Science Department, The Graduate Center

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 “America’s Energy Problem: ‘We’re addicted to oil,’” paper accepted to the APSA conference, Boston, MA
- 2025 “‘They’re Addicted to Power’: The Meanings of Addiction in Polarized U.S. Political Discourse,” paper presented at the APSA conference, Vancouver, BC
- 2024 “‘Corporate Criminals’ and other Oxymorons in a Fraying Democracy: The Case of *Harrington vs. Purdue Pharma*,” paper presented at the APSA conference, Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 “Who Is Responsible for an ‘Addiction’ Epidemic? The Concept of ‘Culpability’ in the Opioid and Tobacco Settlement Cases,” paper presented at the APSA conference, Los Angeles, CA (virtually)
- 2022 “‘The Gendered Meanings and Uses of Collective ‘Addictions’ in US Public Policy,” paper presented at the APSA conference, Montréal, QC
- *Received the Hayward R. Alker Best Student Paper Award, Interpretive Methodologies and Methods Section of APSA, and Joseph Murphy Best Student Paper Award, Political Science Department, the Graduate Center, CUNY
- 2019 “‘America is Addicted to Oil’ and other Policy Proclamations: An Ordinary Language Analysis,” paper presented at the Western Political Science Association conference (WPSA), San Diego, CA
- 2019 “Pathologies of Power: An Ordinary Language Analysis of ‘Addiction,’” paper presented at the Terms of Engagement public

workshop of the International Research Network “Forms of Life” at The Graduate Center, New York, NY

- 2018 “Navigating Copyright in Zero Textbook Cost Courses,” panel presentation at the annual CUNY Instructional Technology Conference, New York, NY
- 2016 “‘Hope For Every Addicted American’: The Personal War on Drugs,” paper presented at the WPSA conference, San Diego, CA.
- 2015 “Talking Smack: the Discourses of Drug Addiction, the ‘Opioid Epidemic,’ and U.S. Drug Policy in the 21st Century,” paper presented at the New York State Political Science Association conference, Plattsburgh, NY

TEACHING

- Fall 2026 Sex, Drugs, and Public Policy
The Politics of Poverty
Urban Politics and Policy
- Spring 2026 Gender and Politics
Health Care Policy
Urban Politics and Policy
- Fall 2023–
Spring 2025 Urban Politics and Policy
U.S. Politics
- Spring 2018 Introduction to American Government (Brooklyn College)
- Fall 2017 &
Fall 2018 Introduction to Politics (Brooklyn College)
- Fall 2016–Fall
2018 American Government: Practices and Values (Baruch College)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Rhodes College

- 2026–present Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, Steering Committee
- 2025–present Inclusive Excellence Leadership Team; Microlessons & Webinars Subcommittee
- 2025–present Diversity and Equity Faculty Committee
- 2024–present Chair, LGBTQIA+ Working Group

Politics and Law Department, Rhodes College

- Spring 2025 Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor
- 2025–present Chair, Department Assessment
- Spring 2025 Interim faculty advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, Tau Delta chapter
- 2023–24 Curriculum Committee

Political Science Department, The Graduate Center, CUNY

- 2017–2023 Alum Committee, Founding Co-Chair
- 2018–2020 Student Representative, Search Committee for Faculty Hire in American Politics
- 2017–2020 Student Representative, Executive Committee
- 2016–2017 Student Conference Coordinator, Colloquium Committee
- 2015–2017 Chair, Student Elections Committee
- 2015–2017 Doctoral Student Representative, Graduate Student Association
- 2014–2015 Master’s Student Representative, Graduate Student Association

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

- 2025–present Member, Committee on the Status of LGBT Individuals in the Profession, APSA
- 2025–present Co-Chair, Methods Café at the APSA conference
- 2025 Chair, Stephen E. Bronner Dissertation Award, APSA Caucus for Critical Political Science
- 2024 Committee member, Hayward R. Alker Best Student Paper Award, APSA Section for Interpretive Methodologies and Methods
- 2023–present Associate Editor, *Polity*, The Journal of the Northeastern Political Science Association published by the University of Chicago Press
- 2023–2024 Expert participant, Methods Café at the APSA conference
- 2017–2022 Host, Methods Café at the APSA conference
- 2018–2019 Organizer, “Terms of Engagement” public workshop of the “Vulnerable and Dynamic Forms of Life” International Network of Research,

supported by the National Center for Scientific Research (Le Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France)

- 2016 Host, Methods Café at the Western Political Science Association conference
- 2016 Organizer, “Contemplating Vulnerable Forms of Life” meeting of the “Vulnerable and Dynamic Forms of Life” International Network of Research, supported by the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS, France)
- 2015–2020 Facilitator, Political Science Department Annual Assessment, Brooklyn College, CUNY

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Interpretive Methodologies and Methods Section, APSA

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Caucus, APSA