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Education

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Ph.D., Government Department 2017- expected 2023
M.A., Government Department 2020
Political Thought (primary), Comparative Politics (minor)
Dissertation: *Dreaming Power: The Body, The Kitchen, The City as Utopian Topoi in the Political Thinking of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz*
Committee: Jill Frank (chair), Patchen Markell, Begüm Adalet, Diane Rubenstein, Jorge Téllez

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

M.A., Division of Social Sciences 2016
Thesis: *We All Ate Ayotzinapa: The Power and Risks of Identification as a Form of Political Action*
Advisor: Patchen Markell

Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas (CIDE), Mexico City

B.A., Political Science 2014
Thesis: Common Responsibility in Hannah Arendt and Iris Young:
The Case of Drug Consumption in Contexts of Narco-Atrocity
Advisor: Claudio López-Guerra

Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Student Exchange Program 2012-2013

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Fellowships

The Luigi Einaudi Graduate Dissertation Fellowship 2020-2021
Cornell Institute for European Studies
Sage Fellowship 2017-2018
College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University
CONACYT Fellowship 2015-16
Mexican National Council for Science and Technology
MA in Social Sciences Tuition Scholarship 2015-16
Division of Social Sciences, University of Chicago

Awards

Translation Network Award 2019-2020
Cornell University, Society for the Humanities

Grants

Reading Group 'Frantz Fanon: Alienation and Freedom' 2022-2023
Cornell President's Fund for the Humanities 2021-2022
Graduate School Research Travel Grant 2022

Reading Group ‘Utopian Dreams and Political Imaginaries’ 2019-2020
Institute of Comparative Modernities, Cornell University
 Student Organization ‘Latinamerican Feminisms’ 2019-2020
Cornell University

Publications

Academic book reviews

‘What’s the Use? On the Uses of Use’ by Sara Ahmed July 2020
Contemporary Political Theory

Works in Progress

‘A Decreative I: Sor Juana and the I of Decreation’
 ‘Aristotle in the Kitchen’
 ‘Satan’s Echo’
 ‘What Feminist Futurity Does (Not) Look Like’

Public writing

English

‘Indigenous Activists Occupy Mexico City: Interview Marisela Mejía’ April 2021
The Wire, Progressive International
 –Also available in French, Portuguese, and German
 ‘This Is About More Than Abortion Rights in Poland’, November 2020
Jacobin Magazine
 co-authored with Tithi Bhattacharya and Varsha Gandikota-Nellutla

Spanish

‘Gorostiza, Sor Juana y las comparaciones que edifican a nuestra lengua’,
Nexos online Forthcoming
 ‘¿Futuro? ¿Qué es eso?’, *Nexos* July 2022
 ‘Princesas Disney, lesbianas y aborto: nuevas fronteras y viejos horizontes’, *Nexos online* June 2022
 ‘Ningún monumento se postra sobre Babi Yar’, *Nexos online* March 2022
 ‘Por una valentía sin heroísmo’, *Nexos online* November 2021
 ‘Entrevista a Marisela Mejía’, *CTXT* June 2021
 ‘Hagamos que Amazon Pague’, *Animal Político* November 2020
 co-authored with Carlos Brown Solà
 ‘Recuperar el poder político para imaginarlo’, *El País Digital* October 2020
 ‘Resistir la tentación marcial’, *Utopías Posibles* April 2020
 ‘Desobligadas’ *Fondo María blog* June 2019
 ‘Marabunta, falange y caracoles: sobre el movimiento MeTooEscritoresMexicanos’, *Nexos* April 2019
 ‘Terrorismo en el hogar: prefacio al feminicidio’, *Nexos online* June 2017
 ‘Solitarios o solidarios: sobre la unidad social’, *Nexos online* February 2017
 ‘La risa como forma de resistencia’, *Sopitas* February 2017
 ‘Víctimas del Holocausto: entre vivos recordar’, *Nexos online* January 2017
 ‘La relación que deja Obama en Sudamérica’, *Sopitas* January 2017
 ‘Sobre Todos Somos Ayotzinapa’, *Nexos online* September 2016
 ‘El tango como teoría política’, *Nexos online* May 2015
 ‘Después de la legalización’, *Nexos online* January 2015
 ‘Mi abuelo’ *Istor International History Journal* No. 58 Fall 2014

Invited Talks and Lectures	‘Were there feminists in the past? The case of Sor Juana’ <i>The University of Maryland’s Honors Lecture Series:</i> ‘ <i>Finding Feminist Freedom</i> ’	September 2022
	‘The Political Thought of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz’ Lecture for ‘Political Thought in the Global South: The Case of Latin America’ <i>Political Science, Haverford College</i>	February 2022
	‘Transnational capitalism and the necropolitics of Ni Una Menos’ Lecture for ‘Reproductive Justice Beyond Rights’ <i>Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago</i>	May 2021
	‘Sor Juana’s Political Sonnets’ Lecture for ‘Literature and the Baroque’ <i>Department of Literature, UNAM</i>	November 2020
	‘MeToo: Crossing the Boundaries of the Personal and the Political’ Lecture for ‘General Theory of the State’ <i>Law School, UNAM</i>	November 2020
	‘The Gendered Metaphor of America in Sor Juana and Locke’ Lecture for ‘Political Theories of Colonialism’ <i>Department of Government, Cornell University</i>	November 2018

Workshops and Conference Participation	Papers presented at conferences	
	‘Counter-planning from the Seventeenth Century Mexican Kitchen’ <i>Society of Latin American Studies: Infrastructures and Coloniality, Bath UK</i>	March 2022
	‘Counter-planning from the Seventeenth Century Mexican Kitchen’ <i>Western Political Science Association, Portland OR</i>	March 2022
	‘Between pain and playfulness: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz and the agonic tension in politics’ <i>Western Political Science Association, Portland OR</i>	March 2022
	‘A Decreative I: Sor Juana and the I of Decreation’ <i>American Political Science Association, Seattle</i>	October 2021
	‘The Feminine I and Monarchical Power in Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz’s <i>Primero Sueño</i> ’ <i>Renaissance Society of America, Online</i>	April 2021
	‘Waiting for Justice: Fear, Care, and Courage in MLK Jr.’ <i>American Political Science Association, Boston</i>	August 2018
	‘Frantz Fanon and the Decolonization of (Mother) Earth’ <i>Nature: Narrative, Authorship, Textual Ecosystems, Department of Comparative Literature, Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago</i>	November 2017

	Panel	
	<i>Discussant</i>	
	‘Gender/Race/Work: Thinking Racial Capitalism and Social Reproduction Theory Together’ <i>Western Political Science Association, Portland OR</i>	March 2022
	‘(Re)turning to Myth: An Unlikely Concept in Modern Democracy’ <i>American Political Science Association, Virtual Meeting</i>	Sept 2020
	‘Law and Feminist Action’ <i>Law and Reproductive Health Politics in an Unjust World: Perspectives from Across the Americas, Princeton University</i>	April 2018

Teaching Experience	Instructor	
	Introduction to Political Thought Through Literature <i>Plan B Foundation Prison Education Program, Mexico City</i>	Fall 2020

SPAN 3020 Spanish Language Across the Curriculum
Topic: Comparative Politics of Latin America Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant

GOVT 3726 Revolution (Jason Frank and Paul Friedland) Spring 2022
GOVT 3293 Comparative Politics of Latin America (Kenneth Roberts) Spring 2020
GOVT 3152 Prisons, Politics, Policy (Jamila Michener) Fall 2019
GOVT 1615 Introduction to Political Theory (Patchen Markell) Spring 2019
GOVT 3715 Political Theories of Colonialism (Begüm Adalet) Fall 2018

High School Teacher

“Politics and Film” 2014
Mexican Israelite High School, CIM-ORT, Mexico City

Non-formal education

Tour Guide, Judaism and Jewish Immigration in Mexico 2011-2013
Historical Synagogue of Justo Sierra
Educator, Literacy Campaign 2011-2013
Hidalgo, Mexico
Tour Guide 2010-2012
Museum of Memory and Tolerance, Mexico City
Youth counselor and educator 2007-2009
Macabi Tzair, Mexico City

**Research
Experience**

Research Assistant

Cornell University, Jill Frank 2019
Yale University, Thania Sanchez 2015
National Council for the Arts and Culture, Enrique Florescano Mayet 2014-15
CIDE, Claudio López-Guerra 2014-15
CIDE, Andreas Schedler 2012-14

Pollster and Pointer

CIDE, Protest Survey Project 2011-13
Mexican Team

**Editorial and
Translation
Experience**

Editorial

Utopías Posibles 2020
Editorial Board
Fondo de Cultura Económica Publishing Group, Mexico City
Copy-editor 2014
CIDE, as research assistant of Andreas Schedler
Copy-editor 2012
Contrapunto, bi-monthly student run magazine, CIDE, Mexico City
Editor-in-chief 2013

Translation

Translation to English of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, *Primero Sueño* 2019
Translation Network Award, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University

Volunteer translator *Midwest Workers Association* 2015-16
 I translated into Spanish medical, legal, and historical documents for latinx members of the association and newly arrived immigrants who did not speak English. I also did simultaneous translations during meetings.
 Translation from Spanish to English of the National Survey on Organized Violence (ENVO) 2013

**Logistics,
 Administrative
 and Other
 Experience**

Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies
 Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program 2022-Present
Student Administrative Assistant
 Special projects as assigned include supervision of undergraduate student workers as related to spreadsheets for grant proposal, assisting with and editing annual reports; compiling and editing program donor reports for submission; compilation of individual donor sponsored project reports, focusing on the importance of the project to the program; interviewing, compiling and editing internship summary reports, focusing on the specific work and its impact on the internship.

Justice Collective
 Advisor 2022-Present
 Berlin-based project building international and internationalist networks to end societies' increasing reliance on policing, punishment, and prisons and build communities that choose justice over jails; care over carcerality.

Progressive International — Secretariat
 Observatory 2020-2021
2021 Ecuadorian General Elections
 Co-coordinator and delegate
2020 Bolivian General Elections
 Co-coordinator and delegate
 I was in charge of the logistics for travel, lodging, schedule, and the choice of polling sites to be observed. I wrote and redacted the observation report that was handed to the local authorities with the observations from the delegation. I was also part of the team that engaged in communication with local authorities and different social and political groups.

Movement 2020-2021
 Feminist Internationalism
 Anti-Carceralism and Care
 I began the work and continued to enforce activities to apply feminist and anti-punitive principles in the organization, especially within the practices of the secretariat itself.

Within the University
 Cornell University
Anti-Racism Reforms Committee 2020
 Department of Government
 The committee was divided in four subcommittees: admissions, hiring, training, and curriculum. There were both committee-wide and subcommittee meetings and work. I was the graduate student representative in the curriculum subcommittee.

Anti-Racism Reading Group 2019-2021
 Department of Government
 Co-coordinator
 We curate material and discussion questions for Winter and Summer break sessions in conjunction with the anti-racism reform process of the department

Graduate tutor
CienciAmerica Fulbright Colombia 2019
I advised different scholars from Colombia on how to reach US audiences with their work as well as how to make best use of resources available to them internationally.

Organizer

Colectiva Justicia Sexual 2016-2019
Co-founder
We organized events for women* experimenting with different practical forms of bringing to life the motto “the personal is political”. Among the events we organized there were thematic circles of consciousness, movie debates, naked drawing, and stencil workshops.

Midwest Workers Association 2015-2016
Canvasser, educator, and translator in the Chicago area

Democracia Primero 2013-2014
Co-founder
We created material that we distributed in public schools in Mexico City with the help of their administrations to easily explain the Mexican electoral and democratic systems

Professional Service

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association
WPSA Political Theory Virtual Community
WPSA Feminist Political Theory Virtual Community
Association for Political Theory
Renaissance Society of America
Hespérides

Cornell Political Theory Workshop

Discussant
Aziz Rana October 2022
Charisse Burden-Stelly April 2022
Lisa Guenther October 2020
Simten Cosar October 2019
Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson April 2019
Timothy Vasko November 2017

Ethics and Public Life Series

Outreach 2018-2019

Languages and Programs

Languages

Spanish (native); English (fluent); Hebrew (advanced); Portuguese (reading proficiency); French (basic); Ancient Greek (basic)

Programs

Microsoft Office Suite, Scrivener, Zotero, Notion