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Education:

Ph.D., December 1997, University of Chicago, Department of Political Science

MA., June 1992, University of Chicago, Department of Political Science

BA., June 1989, Michigan State University, Honors College with High Honors
Dual degree: History and James Madison College

Academic Appointments:

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University, September 2022-present.

Associate Professor, Women's and Gender Studies, Texas A&M University, September 2011-August 2022.

Interim Director, Women's and Gender Studies, Texas A&M University, September 2014-August 2015.

Director of Graduate Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Texas A&M University, September 2013-August 2015.

Assistant Professor. Women's and Gender Studies, Texas A&M University, 2006-August 2011.

Visiting Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 2002-2005.

Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, August 1997-December 2001.

Assistant Professor. Department of Foreign Languages and Linguistics, Division of Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, August 1997-December 2001.

Program Coordinator. Wilder House, The Center for the Study of Politics, History, and Culture at the University of Chicago, June 1992-September 1994.

Affiliations:

Associate, Centre for Parenting Culture Studies, School of Sociology, Social Policy, and Social Research, University of Kent, UK.

Member, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems

Courses Taught:

Texas A&M University:

SOCI 315: Marriage and Family

SOCI 207: Gender in Society

SOCI 205: Introduction to Sociology

WGST 481: Senior Seminar: Women and Anger

WGST 481: Senior Seminar: Race, Gender, and Health

WGST 481: Senior Seminar: Families in Contemporary America

WGST 401: Feminist Theory and Politics

WGST/SOCI 310/689: Motherhood in Society

WGST 200: Introduction to Women's Studies

POLS 306: Identity Politics in America

POLS 206: Introduction to American Government

Publications:

Books

"Against Care" (book manuscript in progress)

Is Breast Best? Taking on the Breastfeeding Experts and the New High Stakes of Motherhood. 2011. New York: New York University Press (paperback 2013).

Harnessing the Holocaust: The Politics of Memory in France. 2004. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Articles

2016. "Framing Mothers: Childcare Research and the Normalization of Maternal Care." *Signs* 41(3): 627-51.

2016. "Health Consumerism and Breastfeeding." Sidebar in *Storied Health and Illness: Communicating Health: Personal, Cultural, and Political Complexities*. Long Grove: Waveland Press.

2013. "The Politics of Dissent." *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy* 34(4).

2010. "Against Breastfeeding (Sometimes)." In Jonathan Metzl and Anna Kirkland (eds.), *Against Health: Is Health the New Morality?* New York: New York University Press. Translated into German, 2014.

2010. "Risky Business." *Hastings Center Report* 40(4): 4-6.

2007. "Is Breast Really Best? Risk and Total Motherhood in the National Breastfeeding Awareness Campaign." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 32(4): 595-36.

2007. "Commentary: Rejoinder to Judy M. Hopkinson." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 32(4): 649-54.

1999. "'Anne Frank is Dead, Long Live Anne Frank:' The Six-Day War and the Holocaust in French Public Discourse." *History and Memory*, 11(1): 104-40.

Other

Op-Eds in the *New York Times*, the *Independent*, the *New York Daily News*, and spiked.com.

Fellowships:

Fellow, Center for Parenting Culture, UK

Visiting Fellow, School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Research, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, February 2013.

Grants:

Texas A&M University, College of Liberal Arts, International Travel Grant, spring 2011.

Texas A&M University, Office of the Vice-President for Research, Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities, Summer 2010.

Texas A&M University, Office of the Vice-President for Research, Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities, Summer 2008.

Texas A&M University, Glasscock Center Investigative Course Grant, Spring 2008.

Texas A&M University. College of Liberal Arts. Faculty Research Enhancement Program, Summer 2007.

Texas A&M University. The Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research. Faculty Fellow, 2006-07.

Texas A&M University. The Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research. Stipendiary Fellowship, 2005-06.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Center for Twenty-First Century Studies. Research Fellow, 2000-01.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Committee on Women's Studies. Grant to create capstone course for new women's studies major, winter 2000.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Graduate School research grant, summer 1999.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Center for International Studies. Grant to conduct research in Washington, DC, spring 1998.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Center for International Studies. Grant to conduct research in Paris, summer 1998.

Andrew Mellon Foundation. Fellowship to write dissertation during 1995-96 academic year.

Georges Lurcy Trust. Fellowship to conduct dissertation research in France during 1994-95 academic year.

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. Fellowship to conduct dissertation research in France during summer 1995.

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), German Academic Exchange Service. Funding to travel to Germany to discuss issues surrounding the Holocaust with German Jews during summer 1994.

Andrew Mellon Foundation. Fellowship to conduct preliminary dissertation research during summer 1993.

Fuerstenberg Foundation. Fellowship to pursue graduate work in Jewish studies, 1991-1995.

University of Chicago, Division of the Social Sciences. Fellowship to pursue graduate work in political science, 1990-1994.

Fulbright Scholarship. (declined), 1989.

Michigan State University Honors College. Fellowship for research and travel to United States National Archives and Library of Congress, Washington, DC, 1988.

Awards:

Texas A&M University, Division of Student Affairs and Office for Diversity, Women's Progress Award, 2020.

Texas A&M University, Core of Cadets, Faculty Recognition, 2019.

Texas A&M University System, Teaching Excellence Award, Spring 2010.

Professional Papers/Conferences:

Invited Talk, "I Care, Therefore I Am'—Descartes' Sister," April 2022, San Diego State University, April 2022.

San Diego State University, College of Arts and Letters, Workshop, *Gender and Care in Higher Education*, April 2022.

Texas A&M University, Health Humanities Laboratory, Roundtable on COVID and the future of health humanities research, presenter, January 2022.

Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, "Troubling Care: Women and Desire," August 2019.

Invited Talk, Rice University, "All Things Are Never Equal: Caring in the Real World," October 2018.

Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, "Revisiting Tolman, Adolescence, and Girls' Desire," August 2018.

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting, "*The Lancet*, Public Health, and Editorial Gatekeeping," October 2016.

Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, "Family Research as a Social Problem," August 2016.

Panel Convener, Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 2016.

Invited Talk, "Collateral Damage: Gender and Sustainability," University of Michigan, School of Public Health, Symposium: *Sustainable Foods of the Past, Present, and Future: Bacon, Breast Milk, and Bugs*, December 2015.

"Ethics, Risk, and Maternal Health," American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting, October 2015.

"Is Breast Best?" (book session), Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2015.

"Framing Mothers: Childcare Research and the Normalization of Maternal Care," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2014.

Vice-Chancellor's Lecture, University of Kent, "The Politics of Care," Canterbury, UK, February 2013.

Plenary Session, "Child Care and Child Development: How Do Mothers Matter?", International Conference on Health, Wellness, and Society, Chicago, March 2012.

"Constructing Normal: Social Science, Childcare Research, and Maternal Attachment," Center for Parenting Culture Studies Symposium: *Monitoring Parents: Science, Evidence, Experts, and the New Parenting Culture*, University of Kent, England, September 2011.

Keynote Address, "Breastfeeding and Beyond: Moral Economies of Childhood Feeding," Symposium, *The Moralization of Childhood Feeding*, London, England, March 2011.

"Is Breast Best?" (book session), International Conference on Health, Wellness and Society, Berkeley, January 2011.

"Managing Risk: Motherhood and the Injunction to Breastfeed," American Sociological Association, August 2008 (paper accepted but not delivered).

"Emerging Perspectives on Humanities Research and Medicine," Melburn G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, TAMU, roundtable participant, February 2008.

“Total Motherhood in a Risk Culture,” Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, TAMU, Faculty Colloquium, October 2007.

“Relative Risk: Science, Total Motherhood, and the Obligation to Breastfeed,” Texas A&M University, Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, TAMU, Symposium, *Troubling Truth: How Do We Keep Knowing?* September 2007.

“Toward a Working Theory of Risk,” University of Chicago, Workshop in Social Theory, May 2007.

“Is Breast Really Best? Science, Risk, and Gender in the Politics of Breastfeeding,” Women’s Studies Lunch Lecture Series, Texas A&M University, November 2005.

“Relative Risk: Breastfeeding, Medical Science, and the Mis-Measure of Mothers,” University of Houston, Conference, *21st Century Motherhood*, October 2005.

“The Culture of Public Health: Breastfeeding in a Risk Society,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2005.

“Breast v. Bottle: Feminism, Motherhood, and ‘Breast is Best,’” Social Science History Association Conference, November 2004.

“The Politics of American Jewish Identity,” University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee International Studies Conference, 2001.

“Touvier, Holocaust Memory, and the Politics of French Jewish Identity,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 1999.

“Crimes Against Humanity and ‘Memory’ of the Holocaust in France,” Social Science History Association Conference, November 1999.

“The Bombing of Rue Copernic and the Holocaust as Metaphor in France,” Social Science History Association Conference, November 1998.

“From Copernic to Lebanon: French Jewish Identity and the Holocaust in France,” Midwest Jewish Studies Association Conference, October 1998.

“Gender and Nationalism in France, Michigan State University,” Council for European Studies Conference, *Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Gender and Nationalism in Europe*, April 1997.

“Feminism in the Middle East: Does it Have a Place?” panel moderator, “The World as Israel

Turns 50, Distinguished Lecture Series," University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, January 1998.

Committees/Service:

Texas A&M University:

- The Path Forward, University Working Group #17: Interdisciplinary Studies (2022)
- The Path Forward, University Working Group # 22: Health Services (2022)
- Office of the Provost, University Post-Tenure Review Policy Committee (2020)
- Office of the Provost, Visioning 2030 Committee (2016-May 2018)
- Undergraduate Academic Appeals Committee (August 2011 – 2014)
- Melbern G. Glasscock Center Humanities Book Prize in Interdisciplinary Scholarship Committee (2011)

- Faculty Senate, Liberal Arts Senator (January 2017-19)
- Faculty Senate, Chair, Subcommittee on Student Mental Health Services (2019)
- Faculty Senate, Executive Committee (May 2018-April 2019)
- Faculty Senate, Academic Affairs Committee (August 2018-present)
- Faculty Senate, Liberal Arts Caucus Chair (September 2017-August 2018)
- Faculty Senate, Personnel and Welfare Committee (September 2017-August 2018)
- Faculty Senate, Workplace Inclusion, and Diversity Subcommittee Chair (September 2017-2018)
- Faculty Senate, Voting Committee (January-May 2017)

- Advisor, America Association of University Women, TAMU student chapter (2021-present)
- She's the First, Adviser, Texas A&M University student organization (2013-2015).

- Department of Sociology, Online Teaching Committee, Chair (2023-present).
- Department of Sociology, Annual Review Committee (2023-present).
- Department of Sociology, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2022).

- Women's and Gender Studies Program, Graduate Travel Committee, Chair (2022), member, 2022-23.
- Women's and Gender Studies Program, Graduate Dissertation Committee, Chair (2022)
- Women's and Gender Studies Program, Graduate Travel Grant Committee (2021-2023).
- Women's and Gender Studies Program Review Committee (2006-2010, 2011-12, 2014-15)
- Women's and Gender Studies Merit Review Committee (2011-12, 2013-14)
- Women's and Gender Studies Twentieth Anniversary Symposium Committee
- Women's and Gender Studies Curriculum Committee (2006-2008)
- Women's and Gender Studies Working Group, Liaison to the Glasscock Center (2005-2006, September 2014-15)

- Honors Thesis, Masters, Doctoral Committees