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## Areas of Research

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| AOS | Social and Political Philosophy, Continental Philosophy, Philosophy of Technology |
| AOC | Ethics, Existentialism  |

## Employment

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| 2022-pres. | Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Future of Work<br>Department of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Boston & The Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies (IEET) |
| 2021-2022  | Teaching Scholar Fellow<br>Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago  |

## Education

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| 2022 | Ph.D., Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago (with distinction)<br>Dissertation: <i>The Political Economy of Capitalism in the Digital Age, Economic Democracy, and the Case for the Digital Commons</i><br>Committee: David Ingram (co-director), David Schweickart (co-director), Joy Gordon |
| 2018 | M.A., Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago  |
| 2016 | B.A., Philosophy and B.A., Political Science, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>   |

## Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

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| <i>forthcoming</i> | “Post-Work as Post-Capitalist: Economic Democracy for a Post-Work Future.” In <i>Debating a Post-Work Future: Perspectives from Philosophy and the Social Sciences</i> , eds., Denise Celentano, Michael Cholbi, Jean-Philippe Deranty, and Kory Schaff. New York: Routledge. (forthcoming). |
| <i>forthcoming</i> | “Digital Participatory Democracy: A Normative Framework for the Democratic Governance of the Digital Commons.” <i>Journal of Social Philosophy</i> (forthcoming).  |
| 2020               | “Owning the Future of Work.” In <i>The Routledge Handbook of Transformative Global Studies</i> , ed., S. A. Hamed Hosseini, James Goodman, Sara C. Motta, Barry K. Gills, pp. 387-399. New York: Routledge, 2020.  |
| 2020               | “Technocapitalism, the Intangible Economy, and Economic Centralization.” <i>Perspectives on Global Development and Technology</i> 19, no. 1-2 (2020): 32-44.   |
| 2017               | “Automation, Artificial Intelligence, and the God/Useless Divide.” <i>Perspectives on Global Development and Technology</i> 16, no. 6 (2017): 700-716.   |

## Book Reviews

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| 2021 | “Examining the Sacrificial Economy of Digital Capitalism.” <i>Radical Philosophy Review</i> 24, no. 2 (2021): 277-281. |
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## Selected Works in Progress

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[Paper on digital democratically-owned alternatives and the digital commons] (under review)

## Invited Presentations

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- 2022 “Economic Democracy and the Future of Work.” *Applied Ethics Center and The Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies, Future of Work Series*, University of Massachusetts Boston, September 20.
- 2022 “A Normative Framework for the Democratic Governance of the Digital Commons.” *Loyola Rule of Law Institute Research Workshop Series*, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, February 21.

## Refereed Presentations

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- 2022 “The Future of Work(ers): Automation and Workplace Democracy.” *The 39<sup>th</sup> International Social Philosophy Conference*, North American Society for Social Philosophy, (virtual conference), July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 2021 “Towards a Unified Political Economy of Capitalism in the Digital Age.” *Technology and Socialization: Many Regimes of Capital in the Postdigital Age*, Faculty of Artes Liberales, University of Warsaw (Poland) in collaboration with the Center for Philosophical Technologies at Arizona State University (Online due to COVID), October 21-22.
- 2021 “Prefigurative Politics for a Viable Socialism.” *38<sup>th</sup> Annual International Social Philosophy Conference*, North American Society for Social Philosophy, (Online due to COVID-19), July 15-17.
- 2021 “Imagining the Digital Commons: An Expansion of Economic Democracy.” *25<sup>th</sup> Annual Brave New World Conference*, Manchester Center for Political Theory, Manchester, UK (Online due to COVID-19), July 7-8.
- 2021 “Academic Worker Organizing Strategies: Mutual Aid and Networks of Counterpower.” *American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting*, Activism and Philosophy Panel, (Online due to COVID-19), February 24-27.
- 2018 “Surveillance Capitalism, Autonomy, and Democratic Technology.” *Radical Philosophy Association Bi-Annual Conference*, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA, November 8-10.
- 2017 “Blockchain Democracy: Dissent through Decentralization.” *Loyola University Chicago Philosophy Graduate Conference*, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 6-7.
- 2017 “Automation, Artificial Intelligence, and the God/Useless Divide.” *Global Social Movements: Left and Right*, Global Studies Association, The University of California, Berkeley, Clark Kerr Campus, Berkeley, CA, June 14-16.

## Teaching Experience

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### Instructor

*University of Massachusetts, Boston*

PHIL 108 Moral and Social Problems (Fall '22)

*Loyola University Chicago*

PHIL 182 Social and Political Philosophy (x4) (Fall '20, Spring '20, Fall '19, Fall '18)

PHIL 350 Directed Reading: Prefigurative Politics and Political Resistance (Fall '21)

### Teaching Scholar Fellow

*Loyola University Chicago*

2021-22 Teaching Effectiveness Seminar (Fall '21 – Spring '22)

*Mentor for graduate student instructors of record; co-facilitator, organizer, and instructor for year long, university-wide teaching effectiveness seminar for graduate student instructors focusing on inclusive pedagogy, effective course design, and universal design for learning (UDL)*

### Student Advising

*Loyola University Chicago*

2021 Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervisor for Megan Walsh, "The Shadow Feminist and Madwoman in the Negative Aesthetic: The Spirit of Queer Pessimism for Radical Hope in the Rupture of Violent Resistance in the Feminist Imaginary" (with Jesús Luzardo)

### Teaching Assistant

*Loyola University Chicago*

PHIL 181 Ethics (Spring '19)

PHIL 284 Healthcare Ethics (Spring '18)

PHIL 182 Social and Political Philosophy (Fall '17, Spring '17)

PHIL 130 Philosophy and Persons (Fall '16)

### Pedagogical Certification

2022 Certification in Anti-Racist Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago

2021 Certification in Experiential Learning, Loyola University Chicago

2021 Certification in Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago

### Pedagogical Coursework

2019-20 Teaching Effectiveness Seminar, Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago

2018 Teaching Effectiveness Seminar, Philosophy Department, Loyola University Chicago

### Additional Pedagogical Training

2022 Participant, "Philosophy as a Way of Life Workshop," University of Notre Dame, August 6-9

2021 Participant, "Specs Grading for Community-Based Learning," *Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship*, Loyola University Chicago

2021 Participant, "Activist Academic Reading Group," *Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship*, Loyola University Chicago

- 2021 Participant, "Seminar on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy," *American Association of Philosophy Teachers*, (Online), August 9-16
- 2018 Participant, "To Improve the Quality of Instruction in Philosophy at All Levels," *American Association of Philosophy Teachers*, Loyola University Chicago, April 7

## Honors and Awards

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- 2021-22 Teaching Scholar Fellowship, Loyola University Chicago  
*Competitive fellowship awarded to six graduate students across the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Social Work, and School of Education for excellence in teaching performance; designed to help continue the awarded fellow's growth as a teacher-scholar.*
- 2021-22 Rule of Law Institute at Loyola University Chicago (LROLI) Fellow (\$3000)  
*Competitive grant awarded to both faculty and graduate student applicants to pursue research at the intersection of the rule of law and social inequities.*
- 2021 Community-Engaged Experiential Learning Scholar, Loyola University Chicago
- 2021 Graduate School Travel Grant, Loyola University Chicago
- 2020 Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Chicago (\$1000)
- 2019 Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Chicago (\$1000)
- 2017 Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Chicago (\$1000)
- 2016 Academic Award for Excellence in Political Science, Butler University  
*Top student in the discipline.*
- 2016 *Phi Beta Kappa* Honor Society
- 2015, '16 Academic Award for Excellence in Philosophy, Butler University  
*Top student in the discipline.*

## Professional Service

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### University & Department Service

- 2022 Creator/Presenter, "Course Design Using Ignatian Pedagogy," instructional video produced for the Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago
- 2022 Evaluator, Undergraduate Research & Engagement Symposium, Loyola University Chicago. April 19-24
- 2022 Co-Organizer, "Teaching Effectiveness Seminar – Job Market Workshop," Loyola University Chicago, April 7
- 2019-22 Board Member & Graduate Student Representative, American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Loyola University Chicago
- 2018-21 Co-Chair, Loyola Graduate Workers' Union
- 2016-22 Founding Member/Organizing Committee Member, Loyola Graduate Workers' Union
- 2017-22 Founding Member, Loyola Worker Coalition
- 2020-21 Co-President, Association of Graduate Students in Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago
- 2018-21 Treasurer, Association of Graduate Students in Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago

- 2020 Invited Panelist, Black Graduate Student Alliance/Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education Open Forum
- 2018 Graduate Mentor, Loyola Undergraduate Philosophy Conference

### Conference Organizing

- 2022 Co-Organizer, Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Loyola University Chicago in conjunction with the New School for Social Research, April 15-16

### Professional Organization Service

- 2022 Session Chair, “Social and Political I,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago

### Additional Research Experience

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- 2020 Research Assistant to Dr. Joy Gordon concerning economic sanctions
- 2020 Research Assistant to Dr. Joy Gordon concerning developing open access African tax justice database in conjunction with The Jesuit Justice and Ecology Network Africa
- 2019 Research Assistant to Dr. Joy Gordon concerning development economics and the global knowledge economy
- 2018 Research Assistant to Dr. David Ingram and Dr. Tom Derdak concerning development ethics and copy editor for their book *The Ethics of Development: An Introduction*
- 2018 Copy editor for Dr. Abraham Singer’s *The Form of the Firm: A Normative Political Theory of the Corporation*
- 2015 Research Assistant to Dr. Siobhan McEvoy-Levy for her book *Peace and Resistance in Youth Cultures: Reading the Politics of Peacebuilding from Harry Potter and The Hunger Games*

### Graduate Coursework

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#### Social and Political Philosophy

- Spring ’19 Reading Marx’s *Capital*, directed reading, David Schweickart
- Spring ’19 Feminist Ethics, Jennifer Parks
- Fall ’18 Ethical Issues in International Relations, Joy Gordon
- Fall ’17 Philosophical Research Tools: Research & Analysis in Social and Political Philosophy, Joy Gordon
- Spring ’17 Philosophy of Law: Liberty, Law, Autonomy, Harm, Heidi Malm
- Spring ’17 Marx: Basic Texts and Contemporary Relevance, David Schweickart
- Fall ’16 Hermeneutics and Critical Theory: Habermas and Honneth, David Ingram
- Fall ’16 Ethics and Society: Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy, David Schweickart

#### Additional Graduate Coursework

- Spring ’18 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy: Reason & Faith in Modern Philosophy, Kristen Irwin
- Spring ’18 Medieval Philosophy, Blake Dutton

Spring '18    Existentialism, David Schweickart  
Fall '18      Philosophy of Mind, Joe Vukov  
Fall '17      Aristotle: Ancient Theories of Friendship, Julie Ward  
Fall '17      Phenomenology of Mind, Hanne Jacobs  
Spring '17    German Idealism, Andrew Cutrofello  
Fall '16      Nietzsche, Jacqueline Scott

## Languages

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Spanish (intermediate reading/partial speaking)

## Membership in Academic Organizations

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American Association for Philosophy Teachers  
American Association of University Professors  
American Philosophical Association  
Global Studies Association  
North American Society for Social Philosophy  
Radical Philosophy Association

## References

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Joy Gordon, Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J. Professor of Social Ethics  
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Joseph Vukov, Director of Graduate Studies, Assistant Professor (teaching reference)  
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