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Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Research

- AOS Social and Political Philosophy (esp. democratic theory, Marxism, prefigurative politics),
Political Economy, Continental Philosophy, Philosophy of Technology
- AOC Ethics, Existentialism, Ancient Greek Philosophy

Education

Loyola University Chicago

- Ph.D., Philosophy expected: March 2022
Dissertation: *The Political Economy of Capitalism in the Digital Age, Economic Democracy, and the Case for the Digital Commons*
Committee: David Ingram (co-advisor), David Schweickart (co-advisor), Joy Gordon

- M.A., Philosophy 2019
Thesis: “Surveillance Capitalism, Autonomy, and Technological Ownership: An Ethical Critique of Today’s Tech Titans”
Committee: David Schweickart (advisor), David Ingram, Joy Gordon

Butler University

- B.A. in Philosophy and B.A. in Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa* 2016
Thesis: “Economic Inequality and Economic Democracy”

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- “Technocapitalism, the Intangible Economy, and Economic Centralization.” 2020
Perspectives on Global Development and Technology 19, no. 1-2 (2020): 32-44.
- “Automation, Artificial Intelligence, and the God/Useless Divide.” 2017
Perspectives on Global Development and Technology 16, no. 6 (2017): 700-716.

Book Chapters

- “Post-Work as Post-Capitalist: The prefigurative potential of cooperative, commons-based associations and institutions for the development of a post-work future.” In *Debating a Post-Work Future*, ed., Denise Celentano, Michael Cholbi, Jean-Philippe Deranty, Kory Schaff, (forthcoming). *accepted, in preparation*
- “Owning the Future of Work.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Transformative Global Studies*, ed., S. A. Hamed Hosseini, James Goodman, Sara C. Motta, Barry K. Gills, pp. 387-399. New York: Routledge, 2020. 2020

Book Reviews

- “Examining the Sacrificial Economy of Digital Capitalism.” 2021
Radical Philosophy Review 24, no. 2 (2021): 277-281.

Selected Works in Progress

[Paper on participatory democracy and the digital commons] (under review)

[Paper on prefiguration, political resistance, and economic democracy] (under review)

“Towards a Unified Political Economy of Capitalism in the Digital Age” (in preparation)

“The Paradox of Automation and the Right to Work: Reconceptualizing the Right to Work as Inclusive of Employee Ownership” (in preparation)

“Resistance as an Act of Joy” (in preparation)

Presentations

“A Normative Framework for the Democratic Governance of the Digital Commons” 2022
Loyola Rule of Law Institute Research Workshop Series, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, February 14.

“Towards a Unified Political Economy of Capitalism in the Digital Age.” 2021
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.

“Prefigurative Politics for a Viable Socialism.” 2021
38th Annual International Social Philosophy Conference,
North American Society for Social Philosophy, (Online due to COVID), July 15-17.

“Imagining the Digital Commons: An Expansion of Economic Democracy.” 2021
25th Annual Brave New World Conference, Manchester Center for Political Theory, Manchester, UK (Online due to COVID), July 7-8.

“Academic Worker Organizing Strategies: Mutual Aid and Networks of Counterpower.” 2021
American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting,
Activism and Philosophy Panel, (Online due to COVID), February 24-27.

“Surveillance Capitalism, Autonomy, and Democratic Technology.” 2018
Radical Philosophy Association Bi-Annual Conference,
University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA, November 8-10.

“Blockchain Democracy: Dissent through Decentralization.” 2017
Loyola University Chicago Philosophy Graduate Conference,
Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 6-7.

“Automation, Artificial Intelligence, and the God/Useless Divide.” 2017
Global Social Movements: Left and Right, Global Studies Association,
The University of California, Berkeley, Clark Kerr Campus, Berkeley, CA, June 14-16.

Teaching Experience

Primary Instructor

Loyola University Chicago

PHIL 350: Directed Reading: Prefigurative Politics and Political Resistance Fall 2021
PHIL 182: Social and Political Philosophy Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021
Undergraduate reading group on *The Left Hand of Darkness* and *The Dispossessed* Fall 2020
by Ursula K. Le Guin

Teaching Scholar Fellow

Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Loyola University Chicago

Teaching Effectiveness Seminar
Mentor for graduate students serving as instructors of record;
Co-facilitator, organizer, and instructor for year long, university-wide
teaching effectiveness seminar

Teaching Assistant

Loyola University Chicago

PHIL 181: Ethics Spring 2019
PHIL 284: Healthcare Ethics Spring 2018
PHIL 182: Social and Political Philosophy Spring 2017, Fall 2017
PHIL 130: Philosophy and Persons Fall 2016

Pedagogical Certification

Certification in Anti-Racist Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago Fall 2021-Spring 2022
(ongoing), *Expected completion May 2022*
Certification in Experiential Learning, Loyola University Chicago Summer 2021
Certification in Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago Fall 2020-Spring 2021

Pedagogical Coursework

Teaching Effectiveness Seminar, Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago 2019-2020
Teaching Effectiveness Seminar, Philosophy Department, 2018
Loyola University Chicago

Additional Pedagogical Training

Participant, “Specs Grading for Community-Based Learning,” Fall 2021
Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship,
Loyola University Chicago
Participant, “Activist Academic Reading Group,” Fall 2021
Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship,
Loyola University Chicago
Participant, “Seminar on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy,” 2021
American Association of Philosophy Teachers, (Online), August 9-16
Participant, “To Improve the Quality of Instruction in Philosophy at All Levels,” 2018
American Association of Philosophy Teachers, Loyola University Chicago, April 7

Courses Prepared to Teach

Social and Political Philosophy	Ethics	Social Justice and Resistance
Philosophy as a Way of Life	Marxism	Decolonial Theory
Philosophy of Technology	Existentialism	Ancient Greek Philosophy

Honors and Awards

Teaching Scholar Fellowship, Loyola University Chicago (\$28,000) <i>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 and academic performance; designed to help continue the awarded fellow's growth as a teacher-scholar.</i>	2021-2022
Rule of Law Institute at Loyola University Chicago (LROLI) Fellow (\$3000) <i>Competitive grant awarded to both faculty and graduate student applicants to pursue research at the intersection of the rule of law and social inequities.</i>	2021-2022
Community-Engaged Experiential Learning Scholar, Loyola University Chicago	2021
Graduate School Travel Grant, Loyola University Chicago	2021
Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Chicago (\$1000 each)	2017, 2019, 2020
Academic Award for Excellence in Philosophy, Butler University <i>Top student in the discipline.</i>	2015, 2016
Academic Award for Excellence in Political Science, Butler University <i>Top student in the discipline.</i>	2016
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society	2016

Professional Service

Co-Organizer, Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Loyola University Chicago	2022
Session Chair, "Social and Political I," American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago	2022
Board Member & Graduate Student Representative, American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Loyola University Chicago	2019-present
Co-Chair, Loyola Graduate Workers' Union	2018-2021
Founding Member/Organizing Committee Member, Loyola Graduate Workers' Union	2016-present
Founding Member, Loyola Worker Coalition	2017-present
Co-President, Association of Graduate Students in Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago	2020-2021
Treasurer, Association of Graduate Students in Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago	2018-2021
Invited Panelist, Black Graduate Student Alliance/Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education Open Forum	November 2020
Graduate Mentor, Loyola Undergraduate Philosophy Conference	2018

Additional Research Experience

Research Assistant to Joy Gordon on economic sanctions	Summer 2020
Research Assistant to Joy Gordon on developing open access African tax justice database in conjunction with The Jesuit Justice and Ecology Network Africa	Spring 2020

Research Assistant to Joy Gordon on development economics and the global knowledge economy	Spring 2019
Research Assistant to David Ingram and Tom Derdak on development ethics and copy editor for their book <i>The Ethics of Development: An Introduction</i>	Spring 2018
Copy editor for Abraham Singer's <i>The Form of the Firm: A Normative Political Theory of the Corporation</i>	Summer 2018

Graduate Coursework

Social and Political Philosophy

Reading Marx's <i>Capital</i> , directed reading, David Schweickart	Spring 2019
Feminist Ethics, Jennifer Parks	Spring 2019
Ethical Issues in International Relations, Joy Gordon	Fall 2018
Philosophical Research Tools: Research & Analysis in Social and Political Philosophy, Joy Gordon	Fall 2017
Philosophy of Law: Liberty, Law, Autonomy, Harm, Heidi Malm	Spring 2017
Marx: Basic Texts and Contemporary Relevance, David Schweickart	Spring 2017
Hermeneutics and Critical Theory: Habermas and Honneth, David Ingram	Fall 2016
Ethics and Society: Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy, David Schweickart	Fall 2016

Additional Graduate Coursework

17 th -18 th Century Philosophy: Reason & Faith in Modern Philosophy, Kristen Irwin	Spring 2018
Medieval Philosophy, Blake Dutton	Spring 2018
Existentialism, David Schweickart	Spring 2018
Philosophy of Mind, Joe Vukov	Fall 2018
Aristotle: Ancient Theories of Friendship, Julie Ward	Fall 2017
Phenomenology of Mind, Hanne Jacobs	Fall 2017
German Idealism, Andrew Cutrofello	Spring 2017
Nietzsche, Jacqueline Scott	Fall 2016

Languages

Spanish (reading/partial speaking)

Membership in Academic Organizations

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

References

David Schweickart, Emeritus Faculty, Professor of Philosophy (research and teaching reference)
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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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