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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 Department of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Boston & The Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies
2021-2022	Teaching Scholar Fellow Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago

## Education

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2022	Ph.D., Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago (with distinction) Dissertation: <i>The Political Economy of Capitalism in the Digital Age, Economic Democracy, and the Case for the Digital Commons</i> 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).
2022	“Digital Participatory Democracy: A Normative Framework for the Democratic Governance of the Digital Commons.” <i>Journal of Social Philosophy</i> (early view).
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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## Public Philosophy Publications

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- 2022 “American workers feel alienated, helpless and overwhelmed – here’s one way to alleviate their malaise.” *The Conversation*. November 10, 2022.
- 2022 “Did You Get the Memo? Marx, Alienation, and Office Space.” *Blog of the APA*. Teaching and Learning Video Series.

## Invited Presentations

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- 2022 “Economic Democracy and the Future of Work.” *Future of Work Lecture Series*, The Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies and the Applied Ethics Center at 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.
- 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 (virtual conference), 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, (virtual conference), 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 (virtual conference), July 7-8.
- 2021 “Academic Worker Organizing Strategies: Mutual Aid and Networks of Counterpower.” *American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting*, Activism and Philosophy Panel, (virtual conference), 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

### **Additional Pedagogical 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
- 2018 Graduate Mentor, Loyola Undergraduate Philosophy Conference

### **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**

- 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

### **Conference and Workshop Organizing**

2022-23 Co-Organizer, *Future of Work Lecture Series*, Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies and the Applied Ethics Center at the University of Massachusetts Boston  
*Includes 12 talks organized in person and via Zoom for both academic and public participation.*

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

2022 Co-Organizer, “Teaching Effectiveness Seminar – Job Market Workshop,” Loyola University Chicago, April 7

### **Professional Organization Service**

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

### **Editorial Service**

2022 – pres. Associate Editor, *Journal of Ethics and Emerging Technologies*

### **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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