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# Chronology of Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Louisiana State University, December 1996

Major Fields: Political Theory (Contemporary and Ancient Greek), American Politics

Dissertation: *An-Archy and Justice: An Introduction to Emmanuel Levinas’s Political Thought*.

Supervisor: Cecil L. Eubanks

Nominated for the American Political Science Association’s Leo Strauss Award for the Best Dissertation in Political Philosophy and Finalist for the L.S.U. Graduate School Dissertation Award

M. A. Political Science, Louisiana State University, August 1992

Thesis: Absurdity in the Writings of Albert Camus and Eugene Ionesco

B. A. Political Science and Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee,

December 1987

# Chronology of Employment

July 2017 to Present Director of Online Graduate Programs in Human Rights Practice and Professor of Gender & Women’s Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.

Affiliated Faculty: Religious Studies, Institute for LGBT Studies, and Graduate Interdisciplinary Program in Social, Cultural and Critical Theory

Member of the Executive Committee for the Classics Program

Jan. 2013 to Present: Associate Professor, Gender and Women’s Studies, Honors

Interdisciplinary Faculty, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.

Affiliated Faculty: Religious Studies, Institute for LGBT Studies

Member of the Religion, Secularism, and Political Belonging Initiative

Member of the Executive Committee for the Classics Program

Aug. 2008 to Dec. 2012: Associate Professor, Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ.

Oct. 2007 to June 2011: Founding Director, MA Program in Social Justice and Human Rights, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ.

Aug. 2002 to Aug. 2008: Assistant Professor, Department of ` and Behavioral Sciences, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ.

Aug. 1997 to May 2002: Assistant Professor, Department of History and Political Science, Bethany College, Bethany, WV. (Awarded Tenure and Promotion May 2002).

May 1996 to Aug. 1997: Visiting Professor, School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.

# Selected Honors and Awards

## Research Awards

2015 Mary Bernard Aguirre Professorship, Gender & Women’s Studies, University of Arizona.

2012 Lincoln Scholar, Lincoln Center for Applied Ethics, Arizona State

University.

2008 Patricia Gurin Scholarship-Activist Award from the Intergroup Relations Center, Arizona State University.

## Selected Teaching Awards

2015 Lower-Division Teaching Award, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, University of Arizona.

2000-2001 Nominated for the U.S. Professor of the Year, 2000 and 2001, Sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Nominated by Dean of Faculty, Bethany College

## Academic and Community Service Awards

2008-2009 Faculty Achievement Award for Service, New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University.

2006-2007 Faculty Achievement Award for Service, ASU’s West Campus.

2006 Andreas Ekholm Award for Commitment to Human Rights, Amnesty International Arizona, Statewide Award.

## Diversity Awards

2011 Campus Environment Team’s Diversity Award, Director of Masters Program in Social Justice and Human Rights.

2008 Campus Environment Team’s Diversity Award, Co-Supervisor of Amnesty International Chapter.

# Publications / Creative Activity

*Note: Italicized co-authors were students*

## Scholarly Books and Monographs

2018 *Joyful Human Rights*. Forthcoming with the University of Pennsylvania Press.

2014 *Binational Human Rights: The U.S.-Mexico Experience*. Co-Editor with Carol Mueller, The University of Pennsylvania Press (978-0-8122-4628-5).

2011 *Human Rights Law and the Marginalized Other*. Cambridge University Press,

(978-1-107-01007-9).

2010 *Human Rights in Our Time: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. Co-Editor with Todd Landman and Rhona Smith. Norwegian Centre for Human Rights and the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. (Originally Published in Chinese as *Wo Men Shi Dai De Ren Quan - Duo Xue Ke De Shi Ye*) Beijing: China Legal Publishing House, 2010.

2003 *An-archy and Justice: An Introduction to Emmanuel Levinas's Political Thought*. Lexington Books (0-7391-0703-8).

## Chapters in Scholarly Books and Monographs

2018 “Critical Ethnography and Human Rights Research” Under Review for *Research Methods in Human Rights*, edited by Rhona Smith and Lee McConnell, Routledge. With *Lindsey Feldman*

2017 “The Human Right to Dignity and Commodification of Prisoners: Considering Worldwide Challenges to Prison Privatization.” In *Privatization, Vulnerability, and Social Responsibility*, edited by Martha Fineman, Ulrika Andersson and Titti Mattsson. Ashgate Press. With Leonard Hammer.

2017 “Reproductive Justice and Resistance at the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands” Forthcoming in *Reproductive Justice for Radicals: Human Rights, Activism & Theory* by Feminist Press, edited by Erika Derkas, et al. with Anna Ochoa O’Leary.

2017 “Levinas’ Divine Comedy and Archbishop Romero’s Joyful Laughter” Forthcoming in *Ethics on the Brink: Running the Risk of Comedy in the Philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas*, ed. by Brian Bergen-Aurand. Duquesne University Press.

2014 “Accounting for Death: Infant Mortality, the MDGs, and Women’s (Dis)Empowerment” in *Counting on Marilyn Waring*: *New Advances in Feminist Economics*, Edited by Margunn Bjørnholt and Ailsa McKay Demeter Press. With Monica J. Casper.

2014 “Sexual Violence against Migrant Women and Children in Arizona” In *Binational Human Rights: The U.S.-Mexico Experience*. Co-Editor with Carol Mueller, The University of Pennsylvania Press. With Michelle Téllez.

2014 “Introduction” In *Binational Human Rights: The U.S.-Mexico Experience*. Co-Editor with Carol Mueller. The University of Pennsylvania Press. With Carol Mueller.

2014 “Binational Human Rights Violations, Structural Violence, and Pessimism” In *Binational Human Rights: The U.S.-Mexico Experience*. The University of Pennsylvania Press.

2012 “Making the Teaching of Social Justice Matter” in *Real Social Science*. Cambridge University Press, edited by Bent Flyvbjerg, Todd Landman, and Sanford Schram. 2012.

2010 “Introduction” in *Human Rights in Our Time: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. Co-Editor with Todd Landman and Rhona Smith. Norwegian Centre for Human Rights and the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. Originally Published in Chinese, Beijing: China Legal Publishing House. 2010. With Todd Landman and Rhona Smith.

2010 “Innovative Transnational Remedies for the Women of Ciudad Juárez.” In *Terrorizing Women: A Cartography of Feminicide in the Américas* edited by Cynthia Bejerano and Rosa-Linda Fregoso. Duke University Press, 2010. With *Rebecca Coplan*. Translated as “Recursos innovadores transnacionales para las mujeres de Ciudad Juárez” in Feminicidio en América Latina, Rosa-Linda Fregoso Coordinadora, Centro de Investigaciones Interdisciplinarias en Cicencias y Humanides, 2011.

## Refereed Journal Articles

2017 “Immigration Enforcement, the Racialization of Legal Status, and Perceptions of the Police: Latinos in Chicago, Los Angeles, Houston, and Phoenix in Comparative Perspective” Forthcoming in DuBois Review. With Cecilia Menjívar, *Daniel Alvord*, and *Elizabeth Salerno Valdez.*

2015 “Moments of Negation, Duration, and Human Rights Law without Judges” *Teoria e Critica della Regolazione Sociale* 2: 79-96.

2015 “Privatization of Prisons in Israel and Beyond: A Per Se Violation of the Human Right to Dignity” *Santa Clara Journal of International Law* 13 (2): 487-515. With Leonard Hammer.

2015 “Violence and Vulnerability of Migrants in Drop Houses in Arizona: The Predictable Outcome of a Chain Reaction of Violence.” *Violence Against Women* 21 (5): 551-570. With Michelle Téllez and Cecilia Menjívar.

2012 “Culpability, Social Triage, and Structural Violence in the Aftermath of Katrina” *Perspectives on Politics* 10: 675-686. With Monica J. Casper.

2008 “Enrique Dussel and the Individualized Saturated Other.” *Listening: Journal of Religion and Culture*, 43: 26-37.

2007 “Liability of Secondary Actors under the Alien Tort Statute: Aiding and Abetting and Acquiescence to Torture in the Context of the Femicides of Ciudad Juárez.” *Yale Human Rights & Development Law Journal* 10: 88-140.

2006 “Remedies for the Women of Ciudad Juárez through the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.” *The Journal of International Human Rights* 4 (3), (Spring): 492-517.

2006 “Concrete Abstractions and the Rights of Man.” *Subject Matters* 3(1): 113-20.

2005 “Beliefs in Conspiracy Theories among African Americans: A Comparison of Elites and Masses.” *Social Science Quarterly* 86 (3), (September): 582-98. With Sharon K. Parsons.

2003 “The Determinants of Satisfaction and Turnover among Nursing Assistants: The Results of a Statewide Survey.” *Journal of Gerontological Nursing* 29 (3): 51-8. With Sharon K. Parsons, *Katherine Penn*, and *Melanie Furlough*.

2000 “Zionism, Place, and the Other: Toward a Levinasian International Relations.” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 7 (1), (Spring): 21-25.

1999 “The Third: Levinas's Theoretical Move from An-archical Ethics to the Realm of Justice and Politics.” *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 25 (6): 85-106.

## International Research Reports

2012 “CSO Strategy to Promote Child Rights in the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights.” The African Children’s Charter Project funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA).

2007 Final Report on the Legal Capacity Building Programme (LCBP), The Gambia, Under the Auspices of the Department for International Development (DFID).” (United Kingdom) and the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa.

2004 “Knowledge, Attitudes, and Preventative Behaviors about HIV/AIDS among Upper-Basic and Senior Secondary Students in The Gambia: A Multivariate Analysis.” Manuscript submitted to the National AIDS Secretariat of The Gambia, West Africa. With Alan Chiem and Hamat Sowe, Summer 2004. Results Presented by Alan Chiem at the Global Health Council Meeting, “Youth and Health: Generation on the Edge” Washington, DC, June 2004.

2003 “Pan-African Workshop on Procedures of the African Regional Human Rights System: Assessment Report.” Prepared for the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa, Banjul, The Gambia, West Africa. June 2003.

2003 “The Assessment of an Economic Management Training Program in China.” Submitted to Zheijang Normal University, Jinhua, Zheijang Province, People’s Republic of China. With Lu Fuying, Spring 2003.

## Non-Refereed Publications

2012 Book Review of *Liberalism without Perfection* by Jonathan Quong. *Perspectives on Politics* 10 (4): 1063-64.

2011 "Bad Boys, Bad Boys, Whatcha Gonna Do?" *The Feminist Wire*, June 6, 2011. With Monica J. Casper <http://thefeministwire.com/2011/06/bad-boys-bad-boys-whatcha-gonna-do/>

2010 “The U.S. Asylum System as a State of Exception” Letters to a Detainee: Immigration Detention in Arizona Compiled by Laura Belous and Melissa Mundt. Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project. 2010

2009 “Human Rights Law on Trial in the DRC” *Human Rights and Human Welfare*

Roundtable.

# Work in Progress

*Human Rights Voices.* Under Contract with Routledge, Lead Editor with Sheila B. Keetharuth, Rhona Smith, Semere Kesete, Devorah Wainer, Kaitlin Murphy, and Asya El-Meehy.

Participatory Training Workshops for Destigmatization and Empowerment of People Affected by Leprosy in Niger, Nigeria, and Mozambique, Co-Director of a Large Research Team from 5 Countries.

**Awarded Grants and Contracts**

2015 Participatory Action Research Consultant and Co-Director, “Using the UN

Principles and Guidelines in Local Participatory Campaigns to increase

Dignity, Empowerment, and Inclusion among Individuals Who Have

Personally Faced the Challenges of Leprosy: A Comparison of Three African

Countries” The International Association for Integration, Dignity, and

Economic Advancement for the Leprosy Research Initiative ($60,000, my

share = $15,000)

2015 “WebKiva: Connecting the World for Human Rights,” Project Director.

Proposal Funded by the Confluencenter for Creative Inquiry, University of

Arizona, March 2014. With Leonard Hammer, Zeynep Korkman, Liz

Oglesby, Nina Rabin, Susan Stryker, Ken McAllister, Salih Can Aciksoz,

Katilin Murphy, and Victor Braitberg ($14,000 and staff support, 56% share).

2009 “Stories From The Other Side: An Interdisciplinary Experience With Culture,

Social Justice And Human Rights In Ghana” Funded by the Fulbright-Hays

Seminars Abroad Program, September 2009, with Duku Anokye and Charles

St. Clair ($72,340, 33% share).

# Service / Outreach

## Local / State Outreach

2014 Presenter, “Structural Violence and Immigration,” Unidas Girls Leadership Program, Tucson, October.

2014 Presenter, “Sexual Violence against Migrant Women” Women’s Studies Advisory Council, Tucson, AZ, May.

2014 Presenter, Human Trafficking Symposium: We Can All Be Modern-Day Abolitionists, University of Arizona Medical School.

2014 “LGBTQ Rights in Cameroon” Co-Leader with Honors Student Agnes Ewongwo after the showing of *Born This Way*, as part of the Human Rights Watch Film Festival, March.

2013 “Insecure Communities in Maricopa County: Latino Perceptions of Police Involvement in Immigration Enforcement” Presented at the Town Hall, “Community Mistrust of the Police and the effects of Law Enforcement involvement in Immigration,” Phoenix, AZ, December. with Cecilia Menjívar.

2013 to 2014 Academic Consultant, “Human Rights Watch Film Festival” with The Loft Theatre, Arizona Humanities Council.

2011 “Violence against Migrant Women” No More Deaths, Phoenix Monthly Meeting, March.

2011 Moderator. “Combating Human Trafficking: How Coordinating International, Federal, and State Law Can Prevent and Punish Exploitation While Protecting Victims”, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University. March.

2011 “Violence, Vulnerability, and Immigration,” Guest Lecture at Phoenix Seminary, April.

2011 Organizer, “No Human Way to Kill: Critical Conversations on the Death Penalty” Arizona State University.

2003-2011 Coordinator, Annual Light of Hope Human Rights Events – Eight events that included dozens of speakers, film showings, musical performances, town-halls, roundtables, and activism, ASU.

2010 Academic Consultant, “Letters to a Detainee: Immigration Detention in Arizona” Arizona Humanities Council. Coordinated by Laura Belous and Melissa Mundt.

## National / International Outreach

2014 to Present Lost Boys Center For Leadership Development, Board President, Executive Director Kuol Awan, Phoenix, AZ.

2009 to Present Light of Hope Institute (Human Rights NGO) Board Member, Executive Director C.T. Wright, Scottsdale, AZ.

2015 Organizing Committee Member and Co-Chair of Panel Committees for *Black Life Matters Conference*, January.

2015 Co-Chair, International Conference, “Open Embodiments: Locating Somatechnics in Tucson.”

2014 Humanities Advisor, *Flying with the Eagle & The Condor; On The Frontlines With Our Earth's Guardians*, Documentary Film Project by Nicole Karsin, Grant Submitted to California Humanities, November 2014.

2012 to 2013 Child Rights Consultancy to develop a Civil Society Organization strategy to promote child rights at the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, African Children’s Charter Project funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA).

2010 Organizing Committee, “New Approaches to Trauma: Bridging Theory and Practice,” Arizona State University.

## Departmental Committees

**U of A**

2013 to Present Assessment Director, GWS

2015 to 2016 Chair, Annual Performance Review Committee for GWS

2015 Ad Hoc Committee for P&T Criteria, GWS

2013 to 2014 Academic Program Review Committee for GWS

2013 to 2014 GWS Graduate Committee

**ASU**

2011 to 2012 Social and Behavioral Sciences Division Vision Committee

2011 to 2012 Social and Behavioral Sciences Division Personnel Committee

## College Committees

**U of A**

2015 to Present Coordinator, development of three degree programs in human rights (online MA, online Graduate Certificate, and BA), College of Social & Behavioral Sciences.

2015 to Present SBS Advisory Committee for Global and Transnational Studies

2013 to 2015 Honors College Curriculum Committee

2013 to 2015 Learning Outcomes Sub-Committee (Chair), Honors College

2013 to 2015 Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee, Social and Behavioral Sciences

**ASU**

2008 to 2011 Director, MA in Social Justice and Human Rights (SJHR)

Raised close to $300,000 from private donors to support the MA Program in Social Justice and Human Rights, 2008-2012.

2008 to 2011 Served on the following SJHR Committees: Fundraising Committee (Co Chair), Executive Committee (Chair), Community Outreach, Admissions (Ex Officio)

## University Committees

**U of A**

2015 to Present Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force

2014 to Present Member, Executive Committee, Classics Department

2014 to 2016 Senator in the UA Faculty Senate

2014 to 2016 Member, Shared Governance Review Committee

2014 to 2015 Search Committees for two positions in Classics (New Testament and Hellenism)

2013 to 2015 UA-Vitae University-wide Faculty Implementation Team

2014 Organized and Hosted Campus Event for Transgender and Sex Workers’ Rights Advocate Monica Jones.

2014 Condom Olympics, University of Arizona, organized with my GWS 150, Sex, Health, and AIDS class, received campus, local, and national publicity.

2013 Film Showing of *We Women Warriors*, University of Arizona, organized by my HNRS 204, Ethnicities and Conflicts class. April.

**ASU**

2009 to 2012 Program Committee, Undergraduate Certificate in Human Rights, Arizona State University.

2010 to 2012 Black History Month Committee, Arizona State University

2011 Program Committee, Undergraduate Degree in Peace Studies, Arizona State University.

2010 to 2011 Consultant on Annual Border Justice Events

## Other Committees (Professional Service)

### Service to Professional Associations

2010 – 2013 Secretary and member of the Governance Committee, Association for Political Theory.

2008 - 2012 Board of Directors North American Levinas Society

2008 Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the North American Levinas Society.

2007 Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory.

### Chair and/or Discussant

2015 Chair, “Theorizing Resistance” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, April.

2015 Moderator, “Global Blackness” Black Life Matters, Tucson, AZ, January.

2014 Discussant, “Responsibilities to Others” Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Madison, WI, October.

2014 Chair, Discussant, and Panel Organizer, “Re-Thinking Democracy and Inclusion,” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, April.

2013 Chair, “Material Bodies, Material Worlds” Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Nashville, Tennessee.

2012 Chair, “Exclusion” at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Columbia, SC, October.

2012 Chair and Discussant, “Immigration and Security Policies in Comparative

Perspective” at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association. San Diego, CA, April.

### Manuscript Reviewer

Books: Rowman & Littlefield, Polity Press, Lexington Books, University of Toronto Press, Routledge Press, Edinburgh University Press

Articles: *American Journal of Political Science, Feminist Formations, Human Rights Review, International Journal of Conflict Engagement and Resolution, Journal of Human Rights, Journal of Research on Women and Gender, Perspectives on Politics, Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Political Power and Social Theory, Political Psychology, Polity,PS: Political Science & Politics, Research on Aging, Review of International Studies, Social Science Quarterly, Social Sciences without Frontiers, Social Semiotics,*

*Sociological Spectrum, Windsor Yearbook of Access to Justice, Women and Criminal Justice*

Arizona Media Interviews

*Horizonte* (Phx. Public TV Show Aimed at Latino Audiences - Two 12-Minute Segments 2004 and 2006), *Tucson Citizen, La Voz, Univision, Telemundo, Arizona Republic, Prensa Hispana. West Express, @West, East Valley Tribune, Arizona Informant, Glendale Star, Daily Wildcat, Arizona Daily Star, Zocalo, KXCI, KJZZ, Arizona Public Media (89.1),* Diversity website for UA for my work on Global Human Rights Direct and the Lost Boys Center for Leadership Development (September 2016).

National Media Interviews

*Chronicle of Higher Education, Christian Science Monitor, Huffington Post (Voces* Edition), *Frontera NorteSur, New Statesman*

International Media Interviews

*La Razon* (Spanish National Paper, Interview appeared as “El envío de soldados no será suficiente” December 8, 2014), *Zhejiang ri bao* (Yonkang China), *Daily Observer* (The Gambia), *The Point* (The Gambia), University of Bergen, Norway Student Paper, Radio Station from Mexico City, 2010