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Appointments

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, Mount Holyoke College 2024-Present

Education

- Ph.D.** Northeastern University, Political Science 2024
Dissertation: “The Great Divide: Lost Cause Syndrome and American National Identity.”
Committee: Dr. Amilcar Antonio Barreto (Chair), Dr. Natalie Bormann, Dr. Risa Kitagawa, Dr. Julia Flanders
Fellowship with NULab for Texts, Maps, and Networks 2022- 2023
Graduate Certificate in Digital Humanities 2023
- MA** Northeastern University, Political Science 2019
Concentration: American Government and Politics
Thesis: “Arendt and American Politics: A Contemporary Examination.”
Supervised by Dr. Natalie Bormann
- BA/BS** University of New Haven, General Psychology and Criminal Justice 2015
(double major). Graduated Magna Cum Laude

Publications

Books

- 2026 (Forthcoming). *The Great Divide—The Lost Cause and the Shifting Priorities of the American Right*. In Press with Palgrave Macmillan.
2024. (co-authored with Amilcar Antonio Barreto). *Bait and Switch: The American Alt-Right’s Manufactured Martyrdom*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Works in Progress

- “Lost Rights: Grievance Politics, the Lost Cause, and the Re-Racialization of the LGBTQ+ Community.” R+R.
- “National Identity and LGBTQ+ Americans in the Trump Era.” Working paper.
- “Moral Panics, Transgender Americans, and Trumpian Politics.” Working paper with Saturn Barnes.

Conference and Symposia Participation

Paper Presentations

2026. “National Identity and LGBTQ+ Americans in the Trump Era” at American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, September 3-6.
2026. “Moral Panics, Trumpism, and the LGBTQ+ Community” at Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 23-26.

2025. “The Legacy of the Lost Cause in American Politics” at Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Conference, New York, May 22-24.
2025. “The Ascendant Pink Menace: Grievance Politics, the Lost Cause, and the Re-Racialization of the LGBTQ+ Community” at AALAC Symposium, Amherst College, May 9.
2023. “Status Threats and the Perception of Victimhood on the Contemporary American Right” at Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Conference, San Francisco, April 6-8.
2022. “The Imagined Fragile Community: The Alt-Right and Politics of Victimhood” at Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Conference, San Antonio, January 12-15. (with Dr. Amilcar Antonio Barreto).
2021. “Reparations and Education: A Comparative Discourse on Reckoning in Germany and the US” at Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Conference, New York, May 6-8. (with Jennifer Ostojki).

Poster Presentations

2025. “LGBTQ+ Politics, Citizenship, and the Lost Cause” at American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference, Vancouver, September 11-14.

Roundtable Participation

2026. Addressing Political Division in the Classroom: Tools for Civil Discourse; Fostering Student Engagement at Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 23.

Honors, Awards & Grants

2026. Mount Holyoke College

- Faculty Research Grant Award, 2025-2026 Winter Cycle. Awarded for attendance at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Spring 2026. Value: \$2,233.48.

2019-2024. Northeastern University

- Graduate Scholarship & Assistantship, Department of Political Science.

2022. Northeastern University

- NULab Travel Grant. Awarded for attendance at the Western Political Science Association conference, Spring 2023. Value: \$1,000.

Teaching Experience

Mount Holyoke College

2024-Present. Instructor: *American Politics, Civil Liberties, Constitutional Law, Nationalism and Democratic Erosion, American LGBTQ+ Politics*

2026-2027. Co-Instructor: Political Rhetoric Lab (With Elizabeth Markovits)

2026-2027. Senior Honors Theses: Second Reader.

- Olivia Toomey, “The Stories We Tell: An Analysis of Narrative Storytelling Form and Content.” 2026.
- Clara Tupitza, “Inventing the Nation, Managing Indigeneity: Nationalism in Mexico and Argentina.” 2026.
- Saturn Barnes, title forthcoming. 2027.

2026. Lynk Internship Mentor.

Bentley University

2023-2024. Instructor: *Context and Perspectives: Globalization*

Northeastern University

2021-2023. Instructor: *American Politics, Comparative Politics*

2019-2021. Teaching Assistant: *Modern Political Thought, Research Methods in Political Science, Globalization and International Affairs, U.S. Civil Liberties, Holocaust and Comparative Genocide*

Internal Talks and Presentations

2022. POLS 1155 Comparative Politics (taught by Dr. Colin Brown); Guest Lecturer on American National Identity

2021. POLS 2282 Holocaust and Comparative Genocide (taught by Dr. Natalie Bormann); Guest Lecturer on Comparative Reparations discourse (with Jennifer Ostojski)

2020. POLS 4505 US Civil Liberties (taught by Dr. Michael Tolley); Guest Lecturer on US Civil Liberties and LGBTQIA+ rights

Service and Leadership

2022-2023. Assistant Director, Digital Integration Teaching Initiative at Northeastern University.

2020-2022. President, Political Science Graduate Association (Politea) at Northeastern University.

Other Professional Experience

Northeastern University

2021. Research Assistant to Dean Uta Poiger.

2021. Research Assistant to Dr. Amilcar Antonio Barreto.

Skills & Affiliations

Data Analysis and Computer Skills: Rstudio, NVivo, ARCGIS, QGIS, XML, Tableau

Affiliations: American Political Science Association, Association for the Study of Nationalities, Southern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association