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Curriculum Vitae

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Lehigh University
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023– Lehigh University
Assistant Professor of Political Science
- 2022– Swarthmore College
- 2023 Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

EDUCATION

- 2021 University of Pennsylvania
Ph.D. in Political Science
- 2021 Temple Beasley School of Law
Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*
Lead Articles Editor, *Temple Law Review*
- 2016 SOAS, University of London
MSc. in International Politics
- 2014 London School of Economics & Political Science
MSc. in Political Theory
- 2013 William Jewell College
B.A. in History of Ideas

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

2023. “The Structural Harms of Providing Mental Health Services Through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act,” *Nebraska Law Review* 102(1): (forthcoming)
2022. “How #FreeBritney Exposes the Need to Disable the Model Rules of Professional Conduct,” *Mitchell Hamline Law Journal of Public Policy & Practice* 43(1): 1–36.
To be reprinted by the *UCLA Disability Law Journal* (2023)

2021. “Class Dismissed: The Dangers of Applying Ascertainability Requirements to Rule 23(b)(2) Class Actions,” *Temple Law Review* 93(2): 395–422.

2016. “Toward a Support-Based Democracy,” *Res Philosophica* 93(4): 971–997.

INVITED SUBMISSIONS

2023 “Disability and Reproductive Citizenship in the Aftermath of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*” (for special issue on “Deconstructing *Dobbs*” in the *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*)

WORKING MANUSCRIPTS

“‘Fantasies of Identification’ in Disability Law: Classification and the Politics of Disability Rights at the Supreme Court”

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Book Manuscript: *Special?: The Political and Legal Development of Disabled Citizenship, 1960-Present*

Book Manuscript: *DIY Citizenship: Acts of Citizenship and the Development of Disability Rights, 1960-the Present*

“‘This is Our Law’: The Section 504 Trainings and Disabled Citizenship” with Karen Tani

EDITED VOLUMES

2018. *Making Laws, Breaking Silence: Case Studies from the Field*, published by the United Nations Sustainable Development Fund, [Link](#).

PUBLIC-FACING WRITINGS

2023 “Making a Fuss About Disability Rights,” *The Regulatory Review*, University of Pennsylvania Program on Regulation, [Link](#).

2021. “3 Disturbing Truths About Money & Mental Health We Can Learn From The #FreeBritney Saga,” *The Financial Diet*, [Link](#).

2016. “The lessons for mental health from the bitter battle for the US presidency,” *LabourList*, [Link](#).

AWARDS AND HONORS

2021 J. Howard Reber Memorial Award for excellence in writing for *Temple Law Review*

2021 The Honorable Dolores K. Sloviter Award for best paper on judicial administration

2021 Student Journal Symposium Prize

2021 Law & Public Policy Program Award

2018 Law & Public Policy Scholar, Temple Beasley School of Law

2016 Politics and International Studies Dissertation Award, SOAS, University of London

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018 Social Security Administration, Disability Research Consortium Research Grant

2016 Benjamin Franklin Fellow, University of Pennsylvania

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

PAPERS PRESENTED

2023 “‘This is Our Law’: The Section 504 Trainings and Disabled Citizenship,” with K. Tani
American Political Science Association Annual Conference

2022 “‘Just Do Something,’ But Not That: The Structural Harms of Providing Mental Health
Services Through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act,”
Western Political Science Association Critical Disability Studies Workshop

2022 “Special?: The Politics of Naïve Integration in American Public Education,”
Western Political Science Association Critical Disability Studies Workshop

2019 “Disabled but not Qualified,”
Oxford Graduate Courts Conference

2017 “Disabled but not Qualified: The Paradoxes of ADA Title I Protections for People with
Psychiatric Disabilities,”
Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference

2017 “Framing Disability in the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda,”
United Nations Equitable Constitutions Conference

2016 “Deliberating Beyond Reasonable Speech Acts,”
SOAS Conference in Comparative Political Thought

2015 “African Feminism(s) and Women’s Rights,”
Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory

DISCUSSANT

2021 Western Political Science Association Critical Disability Studies Workshop

2020 University of Pennsylvania External Political Theory Workshop

2017 Northeastern Political Science Association, “Environmental Politics”

INTERNAL WORKSHOPS

- 2022 “Why APD Scholars Should Care About Disability,”
University of Pennsylvania Graduate Political Theory Workshop
- 2018 “Disabled but not Qualified: The Paradoxes of ADA Title I Protections for People with Psychiatric Disabilities,”
University of Pennsylvania American Politics Workshop, “Disabled but not Qualified,”
- 2017 Divided Citizenship and Disability: Voting Rights and Cognitive Disability in American Political Development,”
University of Pennsylvania American Politics Workshop

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 “Keynote Address: Creating Disabled Citizens through Acts of Citizenship”
Columbia University Inaugural Disability Affinity Graduation

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2024 Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, Lehigh University (Spring)
American Political System, Lehigh University (Spring)
- 2023 Constitutional Law & Politics, Lehigh University (Fall)
Introduction to American Politics, Swarthmore College (Spring)
Civil Rights & the Courts, Swarthmore College (Spring)
- 2022 The Politics of Public Health, Swarthmore College (Fall)
Gender & Politics, Swarthmore College (Fall)
- 2021 Teaching Assistant for American Constitutional Law II
- 2020 Teaching Assistant for American Constitutional Law II
- 2019 Teaching Assistant for Modern Political Thought
- 2018 Teaching Assistant for Contemporary Political Thought and American Political Thought
- 2017 Teaching Assistant for Modern Political Thought

RESEARCH AREAS

American political development; public law & policy; disability; politics of public health; education; citizenship; reproductive justice; intersectional & participatory research methods

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2023– Co-Chair, Critical Disability Studies Virtual Community, WPSA
2024

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2023 Advised two senior comprehensive papers, Swarthmore College

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association; Western Political Science Association; Law & Society Association; Disability History Association; American Society for Legal History

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

2022 Associate Attorney

Wiley Rein, LLP, Washington D.C.

2020 Law Clerk

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Washington D.C.

2020 *Summer Associate*

Relman Colfax PLLC, Washington, D.C.

2020 Law Clerk

Women's Law Project, Philadelphia, PA

2019 Law Clerk

Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, Washington, D.C.

2014 Policy Assistant & Caseworker

UK House of Commons, London, United Kingdom

PRO BONO LEGAL WORK

2022 Represented Human Rights Defense Council in prison censorship suit

Represented Afghan family in asylum matter

2021 Drafted Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of the United States on the question of whether *McGirt v. Oklahoma* should be applied retroactively

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

District of Columbia (Active)