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Education

In Progress	Ph.D., Political Science, Northwestern University <i>Dissertation:</i> “The Spirit of Caste: Recasting the History of Civil Rights” <i>Committee:</i> Erin F. Delaney; Mary G. Dietz (Chair); Paul A. Gowder; Alvin B. Tillery, Jr. <i>Primary Subfield:</i> Political Theory <i>Secondary Subfield:</i> American Politics <i>Certificate:</i> Critical Theory
	J.D., <i>cum laude</i> , Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law (Completed in Spring 2020, degree conferred with Ph.D.)
2018	M.A., Political Science, Northwestern University
2013	B.A., Politics, <i>high honors</i> , Oberlin College

Research and Teaching Interests

Law: Property Law; Constitutional Law; Contracts; Law and Political Economy; Critical Race Theory

Political Science: Political Theory; American Politics; Racial and Ethnic Politics; Critical Theory

Publications

1. Ferguson, Lucien. “From Love to Care: Arendt’s Amor Mundi in the Ethical Turn.” *Political Theory*, (July 2022). <https://doi.org/10.1177/00905917221097426>.

Research in Progress

1. Ferguson, Lucien. “‘The Spirit of Caste’: Frederick Douglass’ Caste Theory of Racism” (under review).
2. Ferguson, Lucien. “Beyond Property in Man: Slavery, Caste, and the Thirteenth Amendment” (in progress).
3. Ferguson, Lucien. “On Repressive and Non-Repressive Law: Herbert Marcuse’s Legacy for Abolitionist Politics” (forthcoming in *The Marcusean Mind*).
4. Ferguson, Lucien. “W.E.B. Du Bois” (forthcoming in *Encyclopedia of Critical Political Science*).

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

2022-2023	University Fellowship, Northwestern University
2021-2022	Franke Fellow, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University
2020-2021	Teaching Assistantship, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University
2020-2021	Associate Editor, <i>Northwestern Journal of Human Rights</i> , Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University
2019-2020	Law School Scholarship, Northwestern University
2018-2019	Law School Scholarship, Pritzker School of Law
2018-Present	Law and Science Fellow, Pritzker School of Law
2018	Minar Memorial Summer Award, Northwestern University
2018-Present	Graduate Fellow in Legal Studies, Northwestern University
2017-2018	Teaching Assistantship, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University
2016-2017	University Fellowship, Northwestern University
2013	John D. Lewis Memorial Prize for Work in Political Theory, Oberlin College
2009-2013	John F. Oberlin Scholarship, Oberlin College

Employment and Academic Positions

2022	Instructor of Record, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University
2022	Instructor of Record, Department of History, Grinnell College
2021-2022	Franke Fellow, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University
2020-2021	Rule 711 Licensed Lawyer, Community Justice and Civil Rights Clinic, Pritzker School of Law
2020-2021	Teaching Assistant, Department of Legal Studies, Northwestern University, Prof. Nicolette Bruner
2020-2021	Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Prof. Shmulik Nili
2020 (Summer)	Research Assistant, Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University, Prof. Sheila Bedi
2020-2021	Associate Editor, <i>Northwestern Journal of Human Rights</i> , Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University
2019	Rule 711 Licensed Lawyer, Juvenile Justice Clinic, Pritzker School of Law
2017-2018	Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

- 2017 (Summer) Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Prof. S. Sara Monoson
- 2013-2016 Special Education Teacher, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, IL

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

- 2021-2022 What's Wrong with Rights?: Critical Approaches to Civil and Human Rights, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Spring
- Black Abolitionist Thought, Department of History, Grinnell College, Spring
- 2013-2016 Special Education Teacher for 1st-5th grade classrooms, Frank W. Gunsaulus Scholastic Academy, a Pre-K to 8th grade elementary school on Chicago's Southwest Side

Courses Assisted

- 2020-2021 Constitutional Law II, Department of Legal Studies, Northwestern University Prof. Joanna Grisinger, Spring)
- Advanced Research Seminar, Department of Legal Studies, Northwestern University Prof. Nicolette Bruner, Fall & Winter
- 2017-2018 Introduction to Political Theory: International Contemporary Global Issues, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Prof. Shmulik Nili, Spring
- Subjects, Citizens, Revolutionaries: Early Modern Political Thought, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Prof. James Farr, Winter
- Classical Political Theory, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University Prof. S. Sara Monoson, Fall

Legal Experience

- 2020- 2021 Community Justice and Civil Rights Clinic, Pritzker School of Law
Assisted in drafting motions for federal court cases involving constitutional claims against the City of Chicago and State of Illinois. Assisted in drafting an ordinance for a local, Chicago community advocacy group. Hired to provide legal work for civil rights cases and matters (Spring, Summer, & Fall, 2020).
- 2019 Children and Family Justice Center, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Pritzker School of Law
Assisted in drafting a clemency petition for an individual sentenced as a juvenile to life without parole. Assisted in drafting policy memoranda for the Illinois State

Legislature relating to retroactivity and sentencing enhancements for firearms possession.

Invited Talks

2022 “Frederick Douglass and the Spirit of Caste,” Grinnell College, Grinnell, OH

Conference Participation

2022 “Anna Julia Cooper’s Anti-Caste Theory of Human Rights,” *American Political Science Association*, Montreal, CA

“Law, Rights, and Abolition: Contesting the Discursive Critique of Rights,” *14th International Critical Theory Conference of Rome*, John Felice Rome Center of Loyola University, Rome, Italy

“Frederick Douglass Caste Theory of Racism,” *Kaplan Institute for the Humanities*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2021 “Frederick Douglass and the Spirit of Caste,” *Association for Political Theory*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Amherst, MA

“Frederick Douglass and the Spirit of Caste,” *American Political Science Association*, Seattle, WA

“Republicanism, Abstract Domination, and Slavery in the Americas,” *The Venice World Multidisciplinary Conference on Republics and Republicanism*, Venice International University, Venice

“The Politics of Anti-Caste: Rethinking the Political Limits of Equality Before the Law,” *Midwest Political Science Association*, Virtual Conference

“Refashioning Consent after *Schneekloth v. Bustamonte*,” *Global Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Fourth Amendment Consent” *JD-PhD Seminar*, Northwestern’s Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL

Paper Response to Professor Ainsley Lesure, “Another World is Possible: Rereading *Black Skin, White Masks Phenomenologically*,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“The Spirit of Caste: Caste Critique and the Contestation of Racial Subjection in the United States,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

- 2020 “Coerced Consent,” *Midwest Law & Society Retreat*, University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, Madison, WI (rescheduled for November, 2021)
- “The Care Crisis in Contemporary Political Theory,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- “The Concept of Civil Rights in the 19th Century,” *JD-PhD Seminar*, Northwestern’s Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL
- 2019 “From Love to Care: Reorienting to the World with Arendt’s *Amor Mundi*,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2018 “*Amor Mundi*: Contestations at the Heart of Arendt’s Political Theory,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- Paper Response to Boris Litvin, “Biography’s Uncertain, Flickering, and often Weak Light: Arendt on Action, Audience, and Authorship,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2017 “Inquiry or *Poiēsis*?: Politicizing Practice in Dewey and Heidegger,” *Resistance, Radicalisms, and Aesthetics: 2017 Graduate Student Conference*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Services

- 2022 Hurst Prize Committee Member, *Law and Society Association*
- 2021-2022 Co-Founder, Sylvia Wynter & W.E.B. Du Bois Reading Group, Program in Critical Theory, Northwestern
- 2021-Present Project Director, Balkan Society for Theory and Practice, Prishtina, Kosovo
- 2020-2021 Associate Editor, *Northwestern Journal of Human Rights*, Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University
- 2018-Present New Student Mentor, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

Affiliations and Memberships

- 2021-Present Law and Society Association
- 2021-Present Project Director, Balkan Society for Theory and Practice, Prishtina, Kosovo
- 2021-Present Midwest Political Science Association
- 2020-Present American Political Science Association
- 2021-2022 Franke Fellow, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University
- 2018-Present J.D./Ph.D. Seminar, Northwestern University
- 2016-Present Critical Theory Cluster, Northwestern University
- 2016-Present Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop, Northwestern University

Languages

English (native)

Spanish (research, translation, and work proficiency)

French (research, translation, and work proficiency, B2 *Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française*)

Albanian (beginner)

References

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