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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (Fall 2017 – Present)
Washington University in St. Louis
(Parental leave Fall 2018 and Spring 2024; COVID childcare one year extension)

Visiting Instructor in Gender Studies (Fall 2016 - Spring 2017)
Mount Holyoke College

Research Associate (Fall 2016 – Spring 2017)
Five College Women's Studies Research Center, Mount Holyoke College

Visiting Scholar (Fall 2016 – Spring 2017)
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, Northeastern University

EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, The Graduate Center, City University of New York (2017)
Dissertation: *Four Years, Three Months: Migrant Caregivers in Palestine/Israel*
MA, International Affairs, The Fletcher School, Tufts University (2010)
BA, Middle East Studies, Brown University (2005)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Brown, R.H. (2024) *Unsettled Labors: Migrant Care Work in Palestine/Israel*. Duke University Press.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Brown, R.H. (2023) "Migrant Labour, Asylum, and the Politics of Debt under Israeli Settler Colonialism." *Race & Class* 64(4): 27-47.

Brown, R.H., Crandall, E.K. and McMahon, J. (2021). "Cyborgs, Vampires, Giants: Work, Gender, and Silicon Valley's Neoliberal Dreams." *Theory & Event* 24(3): 841-847.

Brown, R.H. (2020). "Thinking with the Intimacy Contract: Social Contract Critique and the Privatization of US Empire." *Political Theory*, 48(6): 692-722.

Brown, R. H. (2019). "Reproducing the National Family: Kinship Claims, Development Discourse and Migrant Caregivers in Palestine/Israel." *Feminist Theory*, 20(3): 247-68.

Brown, R.H. (2016). "Multiple Modes of Care: Internet and the Formation of Migrant Care Networks in Israel." *Global Networks: A Journal of Transnational Affairs*, 16(2): 237-56.

Brown, R.H. (2016). "Re-examining the Transnational Nanny: Migrant Carework Beyond the Chain." *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 18(2): 210-29.

Book Chapters

E. Crandall, **R.H. Brown** and J. McMahon and. (2024). "Get a Democratic Life: Politicizing Post-Work Critiques and Democratic Theory." In *Debating a Post-work Future: Perspectives from Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, eds. Michael Cholbi and Jean-Philippe Deranty. Routledge: Milton Park, UK.

Issar, S., **R.H. Brown** and J. McMahon. (2021). "Rosa Luxemburg and the Primitive Accumulation of Whiteness." In *Creolizing Rosa Luxemburg*, eds. Drucilla Cornell and Jane Anna Gordon. London: Rowman and Littlefield.

Brown, R.H. (2019). "Navigating Transnational Complicities: Expanding Frameworks of Intersectionality in the Deadly Exchange Campaign." In *Gendered Mobilizations and Intersectional Challenges: Contemporary Social Movements in Europe and the United States*, eds. Jill Irvine, Sabine Lang and Celeste Montoya. London: Rowman and Littlefield.

Journal Symposia and Invited Book Reviews

Brown, R.H., Deva Woodly, Jasmine Syedullah, et. al. (2021). "Critical Exchange: The Politics of Care." *Contemporary Political Theory*.

Brown, R.H. (2019). "Thinking Flexibility, Freedom, and Reproductive Labor: A Response to James Chamberlain's *Undoing Work, Rethinking Community*." *Critical Horizons: A Journal of Philosophy and Social Theory*, 20(4): 366-87.

Brown, R.H. (2018). "Sara McKinnon's *Gendered Asylum* and Leah Perry's *The Cultural Politics of Immigration*." *Signs* 43(3): 763-766.

Articles in Progress

Brown, R.H. "Feminist Care Ethics, Financialization, and Debt." To be submitted to *APSR*.

Brown, R.H. "Gender, Humanitarian Aid, and Transnational Debt." To be submitted to *Feminist Studies*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

Teaching Interests

Feminist political theory; gender and labor; race and migration; settler colonial critique; transnational feminist theory; debt; politics of humanitarianism; research methods

Courses Taught and Upcoming Courses:

Washington University in St. Louis

Feminist Political Theory (Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2022)

Gender, Sexuality and Settler Colonialism (Spring 2022)

Confronting Capitalism: Feminism, Work and Solidarity (Fall 2024, Fall 2019, Fall 2020)

Transnational Feminisms (Fall 2017, Fall 2019, Fall 2021)

Queering Citizenship (Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2021)

Feminist and Queer Research Methodologies (Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024)

Mount Holyoke College

Introduction to Gender Studies (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

Brooklyn College, City University of New York

Contemporary Political Thought (Spring 2015)

People, Power & Politics: Gender, Race and Class in American Politics (Spring 2013, Fall 2014)

AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

St. Louis Here & Next Spark Funding (\$20,000, Co-Principal Investigator), Washington University in St. Louis, “From Consultation to Empowerment: A Pop-Up Initiative to Inform Economic Empowerment of Refugee Women and Girls in Bidibidi Settlement in Uganda.”

OVCD Seed Grant (\$49,659, Co-Principal Investigator), Washington University in St. Louis, “Exploring the Role of Social Position and Administrative Barriers in the Multidimensional Economic Integration of Newly Resettled Afghans in St. Louis” (Spring 2023-Summer 2025)

Roland Grimm Travel Award, Center for the Humanities, Washington University in St. Louis (Awarded December 2021, to be used Summer 2023)

First Book Faculty Fellowship, Center for the Humanities, Washington University in St. Louis (Spring 2020)

Nominee (with Co-Author Ethel Tungohan), Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award for the best paper on women and politics, Western Political Science Association (July 2018)

Braham Dissertation Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2016

Enhanced Chancellor’s Fellow, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2011-2016

Ivo Duchacek Award for Best Graduate Student Paper Published in Refereed Journal, Political Science Program, The Graduate Center, CUNY, for “Re-examining the Transnational Nanny: Migrant Carework Beyond the Chain” in *International Feminist Journal of Politics*

Women’s Studies Certificate Program Koonja Mitchell Award for dissertation concerned with issues of social justice, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2014

Doctoral Student Research Grant, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2014

Pre-Dissertation Travel Award, Political Science Program, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2014

Advanced Research Collaborative Fellow, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2013

Mellon Fellow, Mellon Sawyer Seminar Series, “Democratic Citizenship and the Recognition of Cultural Differences,” The Graduate Center, CUNY, 2012 -2013

Thesis, Dissertation and Independent Study Advisement:

WGSS Honors Thesis Advisor, “Disconnected Advocacy: Examining the Relationship Between Local and National Efforts for Abortion Rights” (Spring 2024 – Present)

WGSS Honors Thesis Advisor, “The Ethics of Student Volunteerism: Confronting Sexual Health Volunteer Use at Washington University.” (Spring 2023 – Fall 2023)

Committee Member, WGSS Undergraduate Honors Thesis on Reproductive Services in St. Louis (Spring 2023 – Fall 2023)

Dissertation Committee Member, “Contextualizing ‘Women’s Empowerment’: The Case of Oman.” Kennesaw State University School of Conflict Management. (September 2019 – Spring 2023)

Committee Member, WGSS Undergraduate Honors Thesis on Gendered Labor in the Workplace, Washington University in St. Louis (Spring 2021 – Spring 2022)

Committee Member, Religious Studies Undergraduate Honors Thesis on Zionism and Jewish Summer Camps, Washington University in St. Louis (Fall 2020 – Spring 2021)

Advisor, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Independent Study and Honors Thesis, Washington University in St. Louis, (Spring 2018-Spring 2020)

Committee Member, WGSS Undergraduate Honors Thesis on Hannah Arendt and Reproductive Labor, Washington University in St. Louis (Fall 2019 – Spring 2020)

Committee Member, WGSS Undergraduate Honors Thesis on LGBT youth, Washington University in St. Louis (Spring 2019 – Spring 2020)
Committee Member, WGSS Undergraduate Honors Thesis on trauma-informed responses to sexual violence, Washington University in St. Louis (Spring 2019 – Spring 2020)
Dissertation Committee Member, “‘There’s No Care Here:’ The Conflictual Ethics of Kin and Bureaucratic Care in Botsawana.” Cultural Anthropology and WGSS, Washington University in St. Louis (Fall 2017- March 2018)
Independent Study, "Field Research: Migrant Domestic Workers and Workers' Centers in Houston, Texas" (Fall 2017 - Spring 2018)
Independent Study, "Topics in Transnational Feminisms" (Fall 2017)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Selected Conference Presentations

- 2024** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Author-Meets-Critic Roundtable on *Unsettled Labors: Migrant Care Work in Palestine/Israel* by Rachel Brown
- 2022** National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting. Chair and Discussant, “Raging, Resisting and Rebuilding: The Academic Industrial Complex, ‘Border Imperialism’ and White Supremacy in COVID-Times.” (November 2022)
- Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting. “Care Ethics as Abolition.” (October 2022).
- Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. “Reproducing “Home:” LGBTQ Settlement and Colonial Dispossession in Palestine/Israel.” (March 2022)
- Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. “Politics of Sexuality and Consent.” Chair and Discussant. (March 2022)
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Discussant and Chair, “On Necessary and Essential Labor.” (September 2022)
- 2021** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. “Reproductive Labor as Space Making: The Settler Colonial Home.” (August 2021)
- National Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting. “Horizontal Care and Mutual Aid Among Migrant Caregivers.” (September 2021)
- Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting. “Home-Making and Spatialization in the Settler Colony.” (October 2022).
- 2020** Co-Facilitator, Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting Pre-Conference. “The Politics of Care.” (November 2020)
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. “Rosa Luxemburg and the Primitive Accumulation of Whiteness.” (August 2020)

- 2019** National Women's Studies Association. "Reproductive Labor and Settler Colonial Critique." (November 2019)
- Association for Political Theory. "Introduction: Carework and Settler Colonialism in Palestine." (October 2019)
- Global Carework Summit. Presenter, "Situating Carework within the Settler State." (June 2019)
- Southern Political Science Association. Discussant, "Author meets Critic: *Undoing Work, Rethinking Community* by James A. Chamberlain" (January 2019)
- 2018** National Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting. Chair, "Utopian, Dystopian and Feminist Literature" (November 2018)
- Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting. "The Primitive Accumulation of Whiteness: Catalyzing Racial Capitalism" (Co-author with John A. McMahon and Siddhant Issar)
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. "Thinking with the Intimacy Contract: Migrant Sex Workers on US Military Bases" (August 2018)
- Discussant, "Beyond the Global Turn to the Right: Critical Feminist Perspectives", American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (August 2018)
- Chair, "Migrant Rights and Human Rights", American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (August 2018)
- Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. "Intersectionality and Social Movements: Exploring Trans-National and Local Solidarity through a Discussion of the Migrants' Rights Movement, Palestine Solidarity Work and Anti-Police Brutality Organizing" (Co-authored with Ethel Tungohan)
- Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. "Cyborgs, Vampires, Giants: Work, Gender, and Silicon Valley's Neoliberal Dreams" (Co-authored with John McMahon and Emily Crandall)
- 2017** National Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting. "Migrant Labor in Palestine: Forging Solidarities from Within the Racial State"
- Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. "'She's Like Family': Kinship Claims and the Surveillance of Migrant Caregivers in Palestine"
- Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. "Get a (Democratic) Life: Politicizing Work within Democratic Theory" (Co-authored with John McMahon and Emily Crandall)
- 2016** National Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting. "An Epistemology of Migrant Labor: Domestic Work and Legal Paternalism in Palestine/Israel"

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. "An Epistemology of Migration: Migrant Domestic Work in Palestine/Israel and Beyond"

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. "The Politics of Mutual Aid, Solidarity and Survival: Migrant Domestic Workers in Palestine/Israel"

2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. "The Emotional Politics of Care: Negotiating Migrant Caregivers' Rights in Israel"

Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting. "Building Care, Creating Solidarity: Migrant Caregivers' Activist Networks in Israel"

Eastern Sociological Association Mini-Conference. "'She's Like Family': Migrant Caregivers and Emotional Negotiation of Employer/Employee Relations in Israel"

Invited Lectures, Department Talks, Colloquia and Workshops

2023 Invited Workshop, "The Coloniality of Israel's Reproductive Regime." Stroum Center for Jewish Studies, University of Washington, March 31, 2023.

2022 Panelist, "What Do Abortion Rights Look Like in Other Countries?" The Politics of Reproduction Pop-Up Course Series, Washington University in St. Louis, October 3, 2022.

Discussant, "The (Necro)politics of Ruin in Teresa Margolles' *Pistas de Baile*." Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society, November 18, 2021.

2021 Discussant, "Contested Privilege: Ethnic Russians and the Unmaking of the Soviet Union." Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society, April 16, 2021.

2021 "Rosa Luxemburg and the Primitive Accumulation of Whiteness," Creolizing Rosa Luxemburg, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin, German (online)

2020 Presenter, "Work and Workers." Graduate Seminar on Democratic Socialism. The Graduate Center at the City University of New York (Oct. 2020)

2019 Discussant, "Optimism and Accountability: How We Fail to Learn from Wounds." WGSS Colloquium and Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society, November 1, 2019.

Discussant, "From Domesticity to Dignity: Rereading *Lyng v. Northwest Indian Cemetery Protective Association* (1988). WGSS Colloquium, Washington University in St. Louis, April 24.

Co-Presenter on Interdisciplinarity in WGSS. WGSS Graduate Student Workshop, February 20.

"Situating Carework within the Settler State". Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society. Washington University in St. Louis, February 22.

2018 Panelist, International and Area Studies Town Hall: Transnational Feminist Movements."

Washington University in St. Louis, November 29.

"An Introduction to Queer Politics." LGBTQ Health Selective, Washington University Medical School, September 12.

Discussant, "From Hull-House to *Herland*: Engaged and Extended Care in Jane Addams and Charlotte Perkins Gilman". Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society. Washington University in St. Louis, March 2.

"Migrant Domestic Workers in Palestine: Organizing Amidst Permanent Temporariness and Territorial Expansion." Beloit College, February 15.

"Thinking with the Intimacy Contract: Migrant Labor and U.S. Military Bases." Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Colloquium, Washington University in St. Louis, February 6.

2017 Discussant, "Aliens, Refugees, and Asylum in Ancient and Contemporary Legal Thought". Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society. Washington University in St. Louis, December 8.

"An Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies." LGBTQ Health Selective, Washington University Medical School, September 13.

2016 "Migrant Domestic Workers in Israel/Palestine: Labor Law Inside the Home." Westfield State University, November 28.

"Transnational Solidarity and Migrant Domestic Work in Israel/Palestine." Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, Northeastern University, November 30.

Discussant, "Labor, Resistance, Participation." Failure: Third Annual Graduate Student Workshop. Social and Political Theory Student Association, The Graduate Center, CUNY, April 8.

"Writing Pedagogy in the CUNY Classroom: Writing Across the Curriculum." Political Science Colloquium, The Graduate Center, CUNY, March 31

"Non-Citizen Labor and Political Violence: Migrant Workers in Israel/Palestine," Guest Lecture, Manhattan College, New York, April 2.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Chair, WPSA Best Dissertation Awards Committee (April 2022 – October 2022)

Committee Member, Critical Political Science Bronner Dissertation Award (March 2022 – June 2022)

Program Committee Member, Association for Political Theory (March 2022)

Graduate Student Mentor, National Women's Studies Association (Fall – Spring 2021)

Program Committee Member, Association for Political Theory (Winter 2019)

Committee Member, Dorothy Day Award for Outstanding Labor Research, American Political Science Association Labor Section (Summer 2018- Winter 2019)

Committee Member, Marion D. Irish Award Committee for the Study of Women and Politics, Southern Political Science Association (Spring 2018 - Spring 2019)

Manuscript Reviews: *American Political Science Review*, *Political Theory*, *Journal of Gender Studies*, *Critical Sociology*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Social Politics*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Director, WGSS Graduate Certificate Program, WGSS Department, Washington University in St. Louis (Present)

Co-Chair, Colloquium Committee, WGSS Department, Washington University in St. Louis (2017-2024)

Curriculum Committee, WGSS Department, Washington University in St. Louis (Fall 2017-Spring 2018; Fall 2022-Present)

In-training, Co-Director of Undergraduate Studies in WGSS (Fall 2021 – Spring 2022)

Executive Committee, WGSS Department, Washington University in St. Louis (2017- present)

Graduate Committee, WGSS Department, Washington University in St. Louis (Fall 2019 - Spring 2020)

Committee Member, Decentering the West Lecture Series, WGSS Department, Washington University in St. Louis (Fall 2017 – Spring 2018)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Selection Committee Member, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (Winter 2022, Winter 2023)

Intercultural Competence Committee, School of Arts & Sciences (January 2021)

International Humanities Prize Planning Committee, Center for the Humanities (February - March 2020)

Post-Election Working Group, Student Mental Health Sub-Group (May 2020 – October 2021)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Methods and Methodologies Clinic: Working with Reviewer #2, APSA (Virtual), June 2021

Techniques for Breakout Rooms, The Center for Teaching and Learning, August 2020

Active Learning Beyond Think-Pair-Share, The Center for Teaching and Learning, Washington University in St. Louis, September 2018

Activism, Advocacy, and/vs. Scholarship: The Method Studio Workshop and Crit, APSA Annual Meeting 2018

Feminist Pedagogies in Difficult National Moments, University of Massachusetts, November 2016

Feminist Movements in a Reactionary Era: Faculty Workshops, Five College Women's Studies Research Center, Mount Holyoke College, March 2017

Academic Feminisms Series: Installing Speed Bumps: How to Cultivate Slow Work, Five College Women's Studies Research Center, Mount Holyoke College, 2017-2018

Talking About Teaching: Facilitating Difficult Conversations, Teaching and Learning Center, Mount Holyoke College, November 2016

Talking About Teaching: Increasing Student Participation, Teaching and Learning Center, Mount Holyoke College, October 2016

Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow, Borough of Manhattan Community College, 2015-16

EXTRACURRICULAR SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Co-Host, *Always Already Podcast*, *A Critical Theory Podcast*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Women's Studies Association

International Studies Association

American Political Science Association

Association for Political Theory
Western Political Science Association
The Carework Network, Eastern Sociological Society/UMass Lowell