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EDUCATION

PhD. in Political Science, University of Washington, 2003

- Ph.D. Thesis: “Bound to be Free: essays on tying the political subject to the project of autonomy”
- Christine diStefano (chair), Michael W. McCann, Nancy C.M. Hartsock, Michael Brown

M.A. in Political Science, University of Washington, 2000

- Essay of distinction: “Fit to be tied: athletes and our addiction to autonomy”

B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA, 1998

- *Summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi
- Junior Year Abroad: Queen's University of Belfast (1996-97) Scholastic Philosophy and Politics Departments

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2003-present Assistant Professor, University of Delaware, Department of Political Science and International Relations

2003-present Associated Faculty, University of Delaware, Legal Studies Program

2004-present Associated Faculty, University of Delaware, Women's Studies Program

PUBLICATIONS:

Rasmussen, Claire (forthcoming 2008). “Theoretical Perspectives” *Women of the World: Women and Politics in Comparative Perspective*. Marian Palley and Joyce Gelb, eds. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

Rasmussen, Claire (2008). Entries in the *Encyclopedia of the Culture Wars*. “Pornography,” “Same-sex marriage,” “Marxism,” and “Michel Foucault.” New York: M.E. Sharpe.

Rasmussen, Claire (2006). “We're no metrosexuals: identity and place in the struggle over gay marriage.” *Social & Political Geography*.

Rasmussen, Claire, and Brown, Michael (2005). “Reviving a Dead Metaphor: the Body of Politics and Citizenship.” *Citizenship Studies*.

Rasmussen, Claire and Brown, Michael (2002). “Radical Democracy: Amidst Political Theory and Geography.” *Handbook of Citizenship Studies*. E. Isin and B. Turner, eds. London: SAGE Publications, 294-327.

IN PROGRESS

Rasmussen, Claire and Michael Brown. "Animal Husbandry: Geography, Political Theory and Bestiality." Revise and resubmit at *Society & Space*.

The Autonomous Animal: the liberal subject and our addiction to autonomy (book manuscript under review).

Marriage and the Modern State (book manuscript; proposal to be completed May 2008).

"From Friendship to Imperious Mistresses: Mill, Rousseau and the Gendering of Modern Marriage." Under review at *Polity*, Spring 2008.

"The Radical Gender Politics of the Religious Right." For submission to *theory & event*, Spring 2008.

Rasmussen, Claire and Pooja Rishi. "The Rationality of Empowerment: Microcredit as Primitive Accumulation." To be submitted with symposium on the work of Nancy Hartsock, 2008.

BOOK REVIEWS:

Making a Killing: the Political Economy of Animal Rights. Bob Torres. *Choice*. March 2008.

Women as Weapons of War: Iraq, Sex and the Media. Kelly Oliver. *Choice*. January 2008.

Split Decisions (2006). Janet Halley. *Law and Politics Book Review*. February 2007.

Defending Animal Rights (2003). Tom Regan. *Law and Politics Book Review*. December 2005.

Regulating Intimacy (2003). Jean Cohen. *Politics & Gender*. 1(2): 361-4.

Feminism Confronts Homo Economicus (2005). Martha Fineman and Terence Dougherty, eds. *Law and Politics Book Review*. September 2005.

Gay Male Pornography: An Issue of Sex Discrimination (2004). Christopher Kendall. *Law and Politics Book Review*. January 2005.

Rasmussen, Claire (2001). "Reading the L.A. Landscape" (review essay) *electronic book review*. <http://www.altx.com/ebr>.

GRANTS

Women's Studies Faculty Summer Research Grant, Summer 2007 (\$6,000).

University of Delaware General University Research Grant, Summer 2005 (\$6,000).

CONFERENCES and PRESENTATIONS:

Papers:

"Mill in the Bedroom: Old Fashioned Liberal Sexual Morality" presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Boston, MA, April 2008.

“The Radical Performative Gender Politics of the Religious Right” presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA, March 2008.

“Animal Husbandry” (with Michael Brown) presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, April 2007.

“The Rationality of Empowerment: Microcredit and Primitive Accumulation” (with Pooja Rishi) presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV, March 2007.

“Sisters, Friends, and One Imperious Mistress” presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV, March 2007.

“Conjugal Contracts: the Modern State’s Romance with Marriage in Kant and Hegel” presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Meeting. Chicago, IL, March 2006.

“Marriage and the making of public space” presented at the Association of American Geographers. Chicago, IL, April 2006.

“Marital Fraud: Uncovering the Heteronormative Discourse of Real Marriage” presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD, July 2006.

“Conjugal Contracts: the Modern State’s Romance with Marriage in Rousseau and Mill” presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2006.

“The Politics of Marriage Promotion” presented as a part of the Sexuality & Gender Studies Lecture Series. University of Delaware, May 2006.

“The Subject that Binds: Getting Over Our Romance with Autonomy” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2005.

“Sex and the Single Girl: Why the Liberal State is Concerned About Your Marriage” presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, 2005.

“Identity Politics in the Anti-Gay Movement” presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2004.

“Mature Subjects: children and the body politic” presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, Portland, OR, 2004.

“Girl Trouble: Statutory rape law, adolescent psychology, and the making of the proper political subject” presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2004.

“A politics to be written: a defense of aesthetics as political agency” presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, Denver, CO, 2003.

“The body politic as a dead metaphor: geographic contours of a political trope”(with Michael Brown) presented at the Association of American Geographers Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2003.

“Marking our territory: making space for animals in political theory” presented at the Association of American Geographers Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2003.

“Toxic politics? Possibilities for radicalism in an era of governmentality” presented at the Midwestern Modern Languages Association Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, 2002.

“(In)toxic(ated) spaces: America's drug war and the body politic” presented at the Association of American Geographers Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, 2002.

“Man is a political animal: Rethinking rights through our ethical others” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 2002.

Commentator:

“Sex and Sexuality in the American Election” Roundtable Participant. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 2008.

Discussant. “Independence and Dependence in Political Thought.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2008.

Discussant. “Political Theory and Action.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, 2007.

Discussant. “Law and the Human Body.” Law and Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 2006.

Panel co-organizer and chair “Radical Body Politics” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2004.

Panel chair, “Rethinking political spaces” Association of American Geographers Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, 2002.

Panel chair, “Equality, autonomy, and the mythologies of law” Law & Society Association Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 2002.

Lead Discussant, “Reclaiming Radicalism: Theorizing Contemporary Politics” Midwestern Modern Languages Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, 2002.

Participant, Feminist Theory Pre-conference Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA, 2002.

TEACHING

Teaching fields: political theory, cultural studies, feminist theory, socio-legal studies, constitutional law and writing.

Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware

- Introduction to Law
- Currents in Political Theory
- Civil Liberties: Individual Rights

- Contemporary Political Ideologies
- Judicial Process (graduate and undergraduate course)
- Topics in Constitutional Law: Sexuality and Law
- Modern and Postmodern Political Thought (graduate course)
- Normative Issues in Global Governance (graduate course)
- Political Thought II
- Problems in American Government: The Politics of Marriage in the U.S. (Fall 2008)

Women's Studies Program, University of Delaware

- Feminist Philosophy

Awards & Recognition:

- Nominated for Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Delaware, 2004 and 2007.

SERVICE

University of Delaware

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) (2005-present)

Women's Studies Curriculum Committee (2007-present)

Sexuality and Gender Studies Minor Steering Committee (2005-present)

Graduate Admissions Committee (2004-5)

Judicial Affairs Appellate Board Member (2007-present)

College Faculty Senator (2006-present)

Grade Grievance Review Committee (2006-present)

United Way Campaign Solicitor

Manuscript Reviewer

Citizenship Studies

American Journal of Political Science

Contemporary Political Thought

Book Proposal Reviewer

Roxbury Publishing Company

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Association of American Geographers

Association for Political Theory

Law and Society Studies Association

Midwestern Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association