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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 (1996-7) Scholastic Philosophy and Politics Departments.

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2009-present Associate Professor, University of Delaware, Department of Political Science and International Relations.  
2003-2009 Assistant Professor, University of Delaware, Department of Political Science and International Relations  
2003-present Associated Faculty, University of Delaware, Legal Studies Department  
2004-present Associated Faculty, University of Delaware, Women's Studies Department

## BOOK

*The Autonomous Animal: Self-Governance and the Making of Modern Subjectivity.* (under contract) University of Minnesota Press.

## PUBLICATIONS:

Keating, Catherine, Claire Rasmussen, and Pooja Rishi (forthcoming 2010) "The Rationality of Empowerment: Microcredit, Primitive Accumulation, and the Gendered Economy." *Signs: a Journal of Women and Culture*.

Rasmussen, Claire (forthcoming 2010) "Gay and Lesbian Political Identity" in *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Rasmussen, Claire and Michael Brown (2009) "Animal Husbandry: Geography, Political Theory and Bestiality" *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*.

Rasmussen, Claire (forthcoming 2008) "Theoretical Perspectives" *Women in the World vol. 2* Marian Palley and Joyce Gelb, ed.

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*. November 2005.

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

Entries in the *Encyclopedia of the Culture Wars*. "Pornography," "Same-sex marriage," "Marxism," "Abortion," "Birth Control," "Sex Education," and "Michel Foucault." (M.E. Shape 2008).

## IN PROGRESS

*Marriage and the Modern State* (book manuscript). Manuscript to be completed in May 2010.

"From Friendship to Imperious Mistresses: Mill, Rousseau and the Gendering of Modern Marriage." (Revise and Resubmit at *Polity*.)

## BOOK REVIEWS:

*Regulating Autonomy: Sex, Reproduction and Family*. Sclater et al., editors. *Law and Politics Book Review*. August 2009.

*Bios. Biopolitics and Philosophy*. Roberto Esposito. *Choice* August 2009.

*Racial Union: Law, Intimacy and the White State in Alabama*. Julie Novkov. *Law and Politics Book Review*. August 2008.

*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. Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press. *Politics & Gender*. 2 1(2): 361-4.

*Feminism Confronts Homo Economicus* (2005). Martha Fineman and Terence Dougherty, eds. Ithaca: Cornell Univ. Press. *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 Summer Research Grant, Summer 2007.  
University of Delaware General University Research (GUR) Grant, Summer 2005 (\$6,000).

## **CONFERENCES and PRESENTATIONS:**

### *Papers:*

"Saving Women at Home and Abroad" presented at the International Studies Association: Northeast Chapter Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD, October 2009.

"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" to be 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” to be presented 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 “Political Theory and Geography” panel 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 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: 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, Vancouver, BC: 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, 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.

Department of Women's Studies, University of Delaware

- Feminist Philosophy

Awards & Recognition:

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

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES and DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES**

*University of Delaware*

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

Women's Studies Associated Faculty (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*  
*Social and Cultural Geography*  
*Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*

## **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