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*CURRENT POSITION*

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2021-present University of Connecticut, Department of Political Science and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Assistant professor.

Faculty Affiliate: El Instituto, Philosophy, Global Affairs.

*PAST APPOINTMENTS*

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2017-2021 Texas Christian University, Department of Political Science, assistant professor.  
2014-2017 Drexel University, Department of Political Science, teaching assistant professor.  
2014-2014 University of Massachusetts Amherst, teaching associate, spring semester.  
2008-2013 University of Massachusetts Amherst, teaching/Research assistant, fall 2008-fall 2013.

*EDUCATION*

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2008-2015 **University of Massachusetts Amherst**, Ph.D. in Political Science.  
**Dissertation:** “Undying Protests: On Collective Action and Practices of Resistance in Ciudad Juárez.”  
**Dissertation Committee:** Angelica Bernal (Chair), Barbara Cruikshank, Millie Thayer, Alicia Schmidt Camacho (Yale University).  
**Awarded:** Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies. Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department.

2017 **New School for Social Research**, The Summer Institute for Critical Social Inquiry.

2014 **University of Bologna**, The Summer School in Global Studies and Critical Theory.

2010 **Cornel University**, The Summer School of Criticism and Theory.

2006-2008 **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**, M.A. in Political Science.

**Awarded:** Graduate Certificate in Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought (ASPECT).

1997-2001      **University of Guanajuato**, B.A. in International Trade, academic excellence.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- **Refereed articles**

“On Hearing the Daughters’ Call: Femicide, Freedom, and Maternal Action in Northern Mexico” Forthcoming in *Philosophy and Global Affairs*, V1.1. (January 2021).

“Mapping the Trail of Violence: The Memorialization of Public Space as a Counter Geography of Violence in Ciudad Juárez,” *Journal of Latin American Geography*, JLAG. 18. 3 (November 2019): 132-157.

“Las Madres de Chihuahua: Maternal Activism, Public Disclosure and the Politics of Visibility,” *New Political Science*, 41:2 (April 2019): 211-223.

“Femicide and the *Funeralization* of the City: On Thing Agency and Protest Politics in Ciudad Juárez,” *Theory and Event*.20.2 (April 2017): 351-380.

“Protest Objects: Gender Violence and the Politics of Memory” *Kültür ve Siyasette Feminist Yaklaşımlar* (Turkish). Issue 28. February, 2016.

- **Book chapters in edited volumes**

“Responsibility without Sovereignty: Inaugurating a Maternal Contract to find the Mexican ‘Disappeared’ through Protest and Social Media,” in *From Sit-ins to #Revolutions*, edited by Victoria Grieve-Williams and Olivia Guntarik. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2020. pp. 261-676.

“Punitive Dispossession: Neoliberalism and the Road to Mass Incarceration,” in *Organized Violence and the Expansion of Capital*, edited by Dawn Paley and Simon Granovsky-Larsen. University of Regina Press. 2019. pp. 237-259.

- **Book reviews and Encyclopedia entries**

“Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and its Legacy by Heather Ann Thompson,” *Interface A Journal for and About Social Movements*, 9.1 (July 2017): 541-545.

“Maternal Activism,” *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies*. Edited by Nancy Naples. Oxford: John Wiley and Sons, Ltd. May; 2016.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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*The Maternal Contract: A Decolonial Approach to Community Justice in the Americas.* [single-authored, book-length critical study: 6 chapters. Tentative date for submission to a University Press: End of Summer of 2021].

*Contra Pedagogías de la Crueldad.* English translation in progress.

*The Prison as Market: Theorizing the Extractivist Carceral State in the Age of Neoliberalism* [single-authored, book-length critical study]. Second Project.

## INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

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- 2021 Maternal Activism and the Ongoing Fight Against Impunity” 2019-2020 Claudia V. Camp Lecture. Organized by the Women and Gender Studies, Texas Christian University. February 11.
- 2020 University of Connecticut. Political Theory Workshop. September 15.
- 2020 Brown University. Political Theory Colloquium. April 2. **Cancelled.**
- 2020 Texas Christian University. Research Colloquium. Department of Political Science. April 17. **Cancelled.**
- 2020 Texas Christian University. Claudia V. Camp Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award Lecture. April 23. **Cancelled.**
- 2020 Languaging round table. Texas Christian University. February 20.
- 2019 Westside Unitarian Universalist Church. Humanists of Fort Worth. “Civil War, U.S. Intervention, and Immigration in Central America.” Fort Worth, TX. March 13.
- 2018 Texas Christian University. ADDRAN College of Liberal Arts Research Spotlight. Fort Worth, TX. March 7.
- 2017 Villanova University. “Las Madres de Chihuahua” Public Talk. Villanova, PA. November 12.
- 2015 Fleisher Art Memorial. “Transforming Violence: Art as a Witness (Transformando la Violencia: El arte como testigo),” Public talk and Art Exhibit. Philadelphia, PA. September 16.
- 2012 Hampshire College. “Protest and Women’s Movements in Ciudad Juárez,” Latin@ and Latin American Studies. Amherst, MA. November 8.

## GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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- 2020 Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. Career Enhancement Fellowship, paid research leave (June-December 2020).
- 2020 Texas Christian University. Summer Research Grant. AddRan College. (\$5,000).
- 2019-2020 Texas Christian University. Claudia V. Camp Research and Creativity Award. Department of Women and Gender Studies. (\$4,000).
- 2018-2019 Texas Christian University. Research and Creative Activities Fund (RCAF) Grant (\$1,900).
- 2018 Texas Christian University. Junior Faculty Summer Research Program (JFSRP)

- (\\$6,000).
- 2017 Latin American Studies Association's Gender and Feminist Studies Section. Elsa Chaney prize for best article by the LASA's Gender and Feminist Studies Section Lima, Peru.
- 2014 University of Bologna, The Summer School in Global Studies and Critical Theory. Fees, travel and accommodation award (\$2,000).
- 2014 University of Massachusetts Amherst. Joyce Berkman Award for Outstanding Graduate Feminist Scholarship. Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies.
- 2014 University of Massachusetts Amherst. Graduate Research Initiative Program (GRIP) Research grant (\$2,500).
- 2013 University of Massachusetts Amherst, Graduate School. Dissertation research grant (\$1,000).
- 2013 University of Massachusetts Amherst. Graduate Research Initiative Program, GRIP. Summer research and writing grant. (\$2,500).
- 2012 Contemporary Political Theory Comprehensive Examination, Distinction.
- 2012 University of Massachusetts Amherst Department of Political Science. Summer pre-dissertation research award. (\$2,500).
- 2012 University of Massachusetts Amherst Center for Latin American, Caribbean & Latino/a Studies. Area studies scholarship (\$500).
- 2012 University of Massachusetts Amherst Department of Political Science. Summer pre-dissertation research award (\$2,500).
- 2011 The UCD Clinton Institute Summer School. Clinton Institute for American Studies. Summer Institute award. University College Dublin. Dublin, Ireland.

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS

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- 2021 "Paulina Ochoa-Espejo's *On Borders* (Author Meets Critics Panel)." Presenter. Midwestern Political Science Association. Annual meeting. April 18.
- 2021 "Reform, Revolution, and Protest: Rethinking the Unthinkable." Paper presented at the 2021 colloquium organized in honor of Barbara Cruikshank. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. April 10.
- 2021 "*Lordship Capitalism and Maternal Transgressions as Anti-Violence Praxis*" in World-Building Transgressions: Pedagogy, Protest and Prefigurative Politics. Panel organized for the Western Political Science Association, Annual meeting. April 1.
- 2021 "I will not think what I won't practice: A Roundtable in honor of Maria Lugones" Panelist. Organized for the Western Political Science Association, Annual meeting. April 2.
- 2019 "Subaltern Maternals: Domestic reason, emancipation and the creation of the maternal contract." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. August 29 September 01.
- 2019 "Responsibility Without Sovereignty: Inaugurating a Maternal contract for the Disappeared in Mexico." Latin American Studies Association, Annual Meeting, Boston, USA. May 24-27.
- 2019 "The Maternal Contract: Countering Violence and Dispossession in Latin America." Traveling Ideas: Race, Colonialism, and Empire in the Americas. Political Theory Workshop held at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

- Amherst, MA. May 4-5.
- 2018 “Responsibility Without Sovereignty: Inaugurating a Maternal Contract for the “Disappeared” in Mexico.” Presented at the Subversive theories of the Political Workshop held at Colorado College. Colorado Springs, CO. October 25-26, 2018.
- 2018 “The Gender of Democracy: Violence, Dispossession in Latin America’s Turn to the Right. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. August 30 September 02.
- 2018 “What is Fear: Theorizing Maternal (in)Action in Latin America.” Latin American Studies Association, Annual Meeting, Barcelona, Spain. May 23-26.
- 2018 “Mapping the Trail of Violence and The Memorialization of Public Space as a Form of Resistance” Modern Colonial Geographies in Latin America Workshop, King College. London, UK, April 5-6.
- 2018 “Unearthing the Disappeared: The Mother of Mexico’s Endless Discovery of Mass Graves.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 30-April 1.
- 2016 “This is What Protest *Looks* Like! Undoing Spaces of Violence through the materiality of protest. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-4.
- 2016 “Disposable State(s): Interrupting State Power in the Americas.” Poderes Interrumpidos working group. Hemispheric Institute, X° Encuentro “eX-céntrico: Dissidence, sovereignties, performance,” Santiago de Chile, July 17-23.
- 2016 “Punitive Dispossession: Neoliberalism and the Road to Mass Incarceration,” Latin American Studies Association, Annual Meeting, New York, NY. May 27-June 1.
- 2016 “Behind Bars: The rise of Mass Incarceration in Mexico. Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. April 2-4.
- 2015 “Exporting Terror: The War on Drugs, Mass Incarceration, and the Politics of Migration in the Global South,” Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas, Migrations and Diaspora, Tepoztlan, Mexico, July 22–29.
- 2015 “Las Madres de Chihuahua: Self-Disclosure and the Politics of Visibility,” Latin American Studies Association, Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR.
- 2015 “Agency, Voice, and Movements for Life: Black Lives Matter and Ayotzinapa in comparative perspective,” co-authored with Martha Balaguera (University of Massachusetts Amherst), Western Political Science Association, WPSA, Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV. April 2–4.
- 2015 “*Vivos los Queremos*: On Youth Activism and the Politics of Disappearance in Ayotzinapa,” co-authored with Martha Balaguera (University of Massachusetts Amherst), Lozano Long Conference – Nuevas Disidencias: Youth Culture, Transnational Flows, and the Remaking of Politics in the Americas, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. February 19–20.
- 2014 “On the Agency of the Non-Human World: A View from Latin America,” co-authored with Angelica Bernal (University of Massachusetts Amherst) American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. August 28.
- 2014 “Femicide and the Funeralization of the City,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. April 17–19, 2014.

- 2014 “Protest Objects,” Society for Applied Anthropology, SFAA, Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM. March 18–22, 2014.
- 2013 “On Material Agency in Ciudad Juárez,” On Protest, Graduate Conference, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA. October 25, 2013.
- 2013 “Undying Protests: Practices of Resistance against Femicide in Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua,” On Protest: A Research Symposium, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA. April 6-8.
- 2013 “Human Rights Discourses in favor of femicide victims in Ciudad Juárez,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting. Hollywood, CA. March 28-30.
- 2012 “Protest Movements in Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua,” Midwest Political Science Association, MPSA, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 12–15.
- 2011 “Another way to be Free: Freedom, Action and the Motherist Movements of Ciudad Juárez,” University College Dublin. Dublin, Ireland. July 10-16.
- 2011 “One is not Born Free: Thinking Freedom with Hannah Arendt and the American Revolutionaries,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. March 31-April 3.
- 2010 “Hitting the Streets: Hannah Arendt, Women Action and Public Appearance in Ciudad Juárez,” Northeastern Political Science Association, NPSA, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. November 11–13.
- 2008 “Silent Voices,” International Studies Association-Northeast, ISA-NE, Annual Conference, Baltimore, MA. October 3–4.
- 2008 “Borderlands Theory,” Virginia Humanities Conference Voices and Visions, Humanities in the Third World. Radford, VA. April 4–5.

## *COURSES TAUGHT*

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### **Texas Christian University**

Introduction to Political Theory  
 Alternative Political Theory  
 Latin American Politics  
 Democratic Theory  
 History of Political Thought  
 Political Violence  
 Comparative Political Theory

### **Drexel University**

Democratic Theory  
 History of Political Thought  
 Introduction to Comparative Politics  
 Theories of Justice  
 Latin American Politics  
 Political Theory and Collective Action after Death  
 Individual Liberty & Government Authority

*DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE*

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2020-2021	Faculty senate member
2020-2021	DEI reading group (summer).
2020-2021	Thesis adviser, Julia Murray, political science major. Student Summer Research Program.
2020-2021	Thesis adviser, Tucker Wilkie, political science major.
2020	Thesis Committee, Macie Hofilena, political science major.
2020	Search Committee, full time lecturer of Judicial Politics.
2020	Co-organizer. Diversity workshop (February).
2020-2021	Personnel Committee (merit & annual increase planning).
2019-present	Peer reviews completed for: Political Theory; The Journal of Latin American Politics; Transactions of the Institute of British Geographies; Latin American Perspectives; and Social Movement Studies.
2019	Common reading program. Discussion of Angie Thomas's <i>The Hate U Give</i>
2019	Intentional Dialogue Workshop I & II
2019	Search Committee, full time lecturer of American Politics
2019-2021	Field Clerk, Political Theory subfield
2018-2021	First-generation mentoring program
2018-2021	Women Faculty of Color at TCU
2018-2021	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee
2018-2021	Academic advising, (twenty-plus students) each semester
2018	Assisted on campus visits, Comparative Race and Ethnicity Studies
2018	Mission, vision, and values DEI review Ad Hoc Committee
2018	Comparative Race and Ethnicity Studies retreat
2018	Organizer of 2018 Herman Brown Distinguished Lecturer.
2017	Guest Lecturer, TCU Department of Political Science Distinction Lecture Series, The War on Drugs is a War against Women.
2017-2018	Thesis Committee, Christiane Catoe.
2017-present	Regular Conference panel organizer for WPSA, APSA, and LASA.

*PROFESIONAL MEMBERSHIPS*

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American Political Science Association; Western Political Science Association; Latin American Political Science Association; The Association for Political Theory.

*REFERENCES*

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Dr. Angelica Bernal, Associate Professor. Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 203-824-2009 [abernal@polsci.umass.edu](mailto:abernal@polsci.umass.edu)

Dr. Barbara Cruikshank, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst, [cruiksha@polsci.umass.edu](mailto:cruiksha@polsci.umass.edu)

Dr. Millie Thayer, Associate Professor of sociology, University of University of Massachusetts Amherst, [thayer@soc.umass.edu](mailto:thayer@soc.umass.edu)

Dr. Mona Narain, Associate Professor. Department of English Texas Christian University & Faculty Affiliate: Comparative Race & Ethnic Studies and Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies, 817- 257-7284, [m.narain@tcu.edu](mailto:m.narain@tcu.edu)