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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Political Theory and Philosophy, 2006, The New School for Social Research
Ph.D. *summa cum laude* in Psychology and Philosophy of Science, 2001, The University of Vienna
M.A. in Gender Studies and Feminist Theory, 1998, The New School for Social Research
M.S./B.A. in Psychology, 1996, The University of Vienna
Graduate coursework in South Africa, 1999; and Poland, 1998, Center for Democratic Studies

EMPLOYMENT:

Associate Professor: School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs, Washington State University; 2019-present
Assistant Professor: School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs, Washington State University; 2012-2019
Assistant Professor: Department of Public Affairs, Roanoke College; 2009-2012
Visiting Assistant Professor: Department of Government, Dartmouth College; 2008- 2009
Postdoctoral Fellow: Minda de Gunzberg Center for European Studies, Harvard University; 2007-2008
Visiting Assistant Professor/Scholar: Department of Political Science, University of Chicago; 2006-2007
Visiting Lecturer: Department of Social Studies of Science, University of Vienna, Austria; 2006
Research Fellow: Five College Women's Studies Research Center, Mount Holyoke College; 2004-2005
Instructor: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art; 2002-2003
Visiting Lecturer: Department of Politics, Princeton University; 2001
Instructor: Department of Social Science, The New School for General Studies; 2000-2001
Instructor: German, Language Center, Pace University; 1999-2001

Areas of Specialization: Contemporary Political Theory, 19th and 20th century Continental Political Thought, Feminist Political Theory, Frankfurt School of Critical Theory, Psychoanalysis

Areas of Competence: Democratic Theory, History of Political Thought

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS (refereed):

1. Claudia Leeb, [Contesting the Far-Right: A Psychoanalytic and Feminist Critical Theory Approach](#) (Columbia University Press, New Directions in Critical Theory series, 2024).

Review Symposia

New Political Science (forthcoming in 2026)

Reviewed in:

1. [Critical Horizons](#) (forthcoming in 2025)
 2. [Politics, Religion, and Ideology](#) (vol. 26, issue 2, 2025)
 3. [The Review of Politics](#) (July 2025)
 4. [Contemporary Political Theory](#) (April 2025)
 5. [Perspectives on Politics](#) (vol. 23, March 2025), 368-369
 6. [Emancipations](#) (vol. 4, issue 1, March 2025)
 7. [Neue Politische Literatur](#) (New Political Literature) (February 5, 2025)
 8. [Choice](#) (October 24, 2024)
2. Claudia Leeb, [The Politics of Repressed Guilt: The Tragedy of Austrian Silence](#) (2018) Edinburgh University Press.

Review Symposia:

[Critical Horizons](#) (vol. 21, no. 1, 2020), 63-79.

Reviewed in:

1. [Historical Dialogues, Justice, and Memory Network](#) (September 9, 2022)
 2. [Free Associations](#) (no. 84, December 2021), 77-88.
 3. [Constellations](#) (vol. 28, no. 3, September 2021), 447-452.
 4. [Perspectives on Politics](#) (vol. 18, no. 2, June 2020), 603-605.
 5. [Philosophy in Review](#) (vol. 40, no. 2, May 2020), 67-69.
 6. [Journal of Austrian Studies](#) (vol. 52, no. 4, Winter 2019), 122-124.
3. Claudia Leeb, [Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism: Toward a New Theory of the Political Subject](#) (2017), Oxford University Press.

Review Symposia:

[Political Theory](#) (vol. 47, no. 4, August 2019), 559-580.

Critical Dialogue:

[Perspectives on Politics](#) (vol. 16, no. 1, March 2018), 168-172.

Reviewed in:

1. [Politics and Gender](#) (vol. 14, no. 3, September 2018), 14-16.
2. [Hypatia](#) (Reviews Online, 2018).
3. [Choice](#) (vol. 55, no. 9, May 2018).
4. Claudia Leeb, [Working-Class Women in Elite Academia: A Philosophical Inquiry](#) (2004), Peter Lang Publisher, Philosophy and Politics Series.

Reviewed in:

1. [Labor History](#) (vol. 46, no. 4, November 2005), 531-563.
2. [Feminist Collections](#) (vol. 28, no. 2, Winter 2007), 1-5.
3. [Feminism & Psychology](#) (vol. 16, no. 4, November 2006), 485-512.
5. Claudia Leeb, [Die Zerstörung des Mythos von der Friedfertigen Frau: Der Einfluss von Sozialen Gruppenkontexten auf das Direkte Aggressionsverhalten von Frauen](#) [*The Destruction of the Peaceful Woman Myth: The Impact of Social Group Contexts on the Direct Aggression Behavior of Women*] (1998) Peter Lang Verlag.

BOOKS in progress (refereed):

1. Claudia Leeb, *Power: A Very Short Introduction* (under contract with Oxford University Press). I submitted the final manuscript in August 2025.
2. Claudia Leeb, *Why Women Join the Far Right: Fending Off Ambiguity* (I am currently seeking grants and fellowships to draft the book manuscript).
3. Claudia Leeb, *Women as Academic Migrants: Power, Subjectivity, and Agency* (I have completed the empirical research)

EDITED VOLUME (refereed):

Lisa N. Gurley, Claudia Leeb & Anna Aloisia Moser (eds.) [Feminists Contest Politics and Philosophy](#) (2005) Peter Lang Publisher, Philosophy and Politics Series.

ARTICLES (refereed):

1. Claudia Leeb, "Why We Need Psychoanalysis and Feminist Critical Theory to Understand

- and Contest the Far Right: A Response,” *New Political Science* (forthcoming in 2026).
2. Claudia Leeb, "Channeling Malaise: The Maligned Figure of the Non-Citizen in the Far-Right Era,” *New Political Science* (forthcoming in 2025).
 3. Claudia Leeb and Zakin, Emily "Psychoanalytic Feminism," [Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy](#) (substantive revisions, October 3, 2025).
 4. Claudia Leeb, "[Fending Off Ambiguity at All Costs: Why Women Are Attracted to the Far Right](#),” *Constellations* (vol. 16, Dec. 31, 2024), 194-219.
 5. Claudia Leeb, "[Castration Anxiety, Covid-19, and the Extremist Right](#),” *Global Discourse* (vol. 11, no. 3, 2021), 387-403.
 6. Claudia Leeb, "[The Right Extremist Identitarian Movement in Europe: A Critical Theory Analysis](#),” *Azimuth: An International Journal of Philosophy* (vol. 8, no. 16, 2020), 71-88.
 7. Claudia Leeb, "[The Hysteric Rebels: Rethinking Socio-Political Transformation with Foucault and Lacan](#),” *Theory & Event* (vol. 23, no. 3, July 2020), 607-640.
 8. Claudia Leeb, "[Towards a Politics of Feelings of Guilt: A Response to McIvor and Rensmann](#),” "Review Symposia on Claudia Leeb's *The Politics of Repressed Guilt: The Tragedy of Austrian Silence*, *Critical Horizons* (vol. 21, no. 1, 2020) 63-79.
 9. Claudia Leeb, "[Theorizing Feminist Political Subjectivity: A Reply to Caputi and Naranch](#)”; A Critical Feminist Exchange: Symposium on Claudia Leeb, *Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism: Toward a New Theory of the Political Subject*, *Political Theory* (vol. 47, no. 4, August 2019), 559-580.
 10. Claudia Leeb, "[Mystified Consciousness: Rethinking the Rise of the Far Right with Marx and Lacan](#),” *Open Cultural Studies*, special edition “Marx, Semiotics and Political Praxis” (vol. 2, no. 1, October 2018), 236-248.
 11. Claudia Leeb, "[Rethinking Embodied Reflective Judgment with Adorno and Arendt](#),” *Constellations* (vol. 25, no. 3, September 2018), 446-458.
 12. Claudia Leeb, "[Rebelling Against Suffering in Capitalism](#),” *Contemporary Political Theory*, (lead article, vol. 17, no. 3, August 2018), 263-282.
 13. Claudia Leeb, "[Mass Hypnoses: The Rise of the Far Right from an Adornian and Freudian Perspective](#),” *Berlin Journal of Critical Theory* (vol. 2, no. 3, July 2018), 59-82.
 14. Claudia Leeb, "[The Contemporary Frankfurt School’s Eurocentrism Unveiled: The Contribution of Amy Allen](#)”; Liberating Critical Theory: Eurocentrism, Normativity, and Capitalism: Symposium on Amy Allen’s *The End of Progress: Decolonizing the Normative Foundations of Critical Theory*, *Political Theory* (vol. 46, no. 5, March 2018), 772-800.
 15. Claudia Leeb, "[Critical Dialogue: The Misinterpellated Subject by James Martel](#),” *Perspectives on Politics* (vol. 16, no. 1, February 2018), 170-172.

16. Claudia Leeb, "[Critical Dialogue: Response to James Martel's review of Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism: Toward a New Theory of the Political Subject](#)," *Perspectives on Politics* (vol. 16, no. 1, February 2018), 169-170.
17. Claudia Leeb, "[Radical Political Change: A Feminist Perspective](#)," *Radical Philosophy Review* (vol.17, no.1, 2014), 227-250.
18. Claudia Leeb, "[The Im-Possibility of a Feminist Subject](#)," *Social Philosophy Today* (vol. 25, 2009), 47-60.
19. Claudia Leeb, "[The Politics of Misrecognition: A Feminist Critique](#)," *The Good Society* (vol. 18, no.1, September 2009), 70-75.
20. Claudia Leeb, "[Toward a Theoretical Outline of the Subject: The Centrality of Adorno and Lacan for Feminist Political Theorizing](#)," *Political Theory* (vol. 36, no. 3, June 2008), 351-376.
21. Claudia Leeb, "[Desires and Fears: Women, Class and Adorno](#)," *Theory & Event* (vol. 11, no. 1, February 2008).
22. Claudia Leeb, "[Marx and the Gendered Structure of Capitalism](#)," *Philosophy & Social Criticism* (vol. 33, no. 7, November 2007), 833-859.

ARTICLES IN JOURNALS in progress (refereed):

Claudia Leeb "Rethinking Revolutionary Agency with De Beauvoir and Althusser" (under review).

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES (refereed)

1. Claudia Leeb, "The Gendered Coloniality of Power Reconsidered," in Giulio Gallarotti and Mark Haugaard (eds.), *Handbook of Political Power* (Edward Elgar Publishing, Elgar Original Reference series, forthcoming in 2026).
2. Claudia Leeb, "Judith Butler's Use of Psychoanalysis: Power, Subjectivity, and Agency," in Sabine Hark, Ina Kerner, and Hanna Meißner (eds.) *Handbuch Judith Butler* (Handbook Judith Butler) (Metzler Verlag, in German, forthcoming in 2026).
3. Claudia Leeb, "Authoritarian Family Structures and the Resurgence of the Extremist Right: Overpowering Unconscious Forces," in Arthur Bueno (ed), *The Return of the Authoritarian Personality? Crises of Neoliberal Biopolitics* (Bloomsbury Publishing, forthcoming in 2025).
4. Claudia Leeb, "[Mass Hypnoses: The Rise of the Far Right from an Adornian and Freudian Perspective](#)," in Amirhosein Khandizaji and Wolfgang Sohst (eds.) *Adorno's Shadow: A Lasting Legacy* (Berlin: Xenomoi Verlag, 2025), 43-63.
5. Claudia Leeb, "[Trabajadora Rebeldes De Las Maquilaoras: Una Perspectiva Feminista de la Teoría Crítica](#)" (Rebelling Female Maquiladora Workers: A Feminist Critical Theory

Perspective)," in Santiago M. Zarria and Estefanía C. Apolo (eds.) *Escuela de Frankfurt: Crisis, desafíos y vitalidad de la Teoría Crítica (Frankfurt School: Crisis, challenges and vitality of Critical Theory)* (Ecuador: Colección Filosófica Actual, in Spanish) (March 2025), 221-248.

6. Claudia Leeb, "[Rethinking Feminist Political Subjectivity with Deconstruction and Negative Dialectics](#)," in Patricia Moynagh and Mary Caputi (eds.), *Research Handbook on Feminist Political Thought* (Edward Elgar Publishing, Elgar Original Reference series, 2024), 413-435.

7. Claudia Leeb, "[Austria's Repressed Guilt in Theory and Practice: Personal Encounters](#)," in Vincenzo Pinto (ed.) *Remembering the Holocaust in Germany, Austria, Italy and Israel: "Vergangenheitsbewältigung" (Mastering the Past) as a historical quest* (Leiden: Brill Press, 2021), 25 -38.

8. Claudia Leeb, "[Adorno and Freud meet Kazuo Ishiguro: The Rise of the Far Right from a Psychoanalytic and Critical Theory Perspective](#)", in Jeremiah Morelock (ed.) *How to Critique Authoritarian Populism: Methodologies of the Frankfurt School* (Leiden: Brill Press, 2021), 200-219.

9. Claudia Leeb, "[Laughing at the Other: Toward an Understanding of the Alt-Right with Adorno](#)" in Amirhosein Khandizaji (ed.) *Reading Adorno: The Endless Road* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan Press, 2019), 75-100.

10. Claudia Leeb, "[Mourning Denied: The Tabooed Subject](#)," in David McIvor and Alexander Hirsch (eds.) *The Democratic Arts of Mourning: Political Theory and Loss* (New York: Lexington Press, 2019), 65-82.

11. Claudia Leeb, "[Radical or Neoliberal Political Imaginary? Nancy Fraser Revisited](#)," in Werner Bonefeld, Beverley Best, and Chris O'Kane (eds.), *The Sage Handbook of Frankfurt School Critical Theory* (New York: Sage Publisher, 2018), 550-563.

12. Claudia Leeb, "[A Festival for Frustrated Egos: The Rise of Trump from an Early Frankfurt School Critical Theory Perspective](#)," in *Trump and Political Philosophy: Patriotism, Cosmopolitanism, and Civic Virtue*, Angel Jaramillo and Sable Marc (eds.) (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018), 297-314.

13. Claudia Leeb, "[Female Resistance or the Politics of Death? Rethinking Antigone](#)," in Gabriel Ricci (ed.) *The Persistence of Critical Theory*, (Culture & Civilization, Vol. 8, Piscataway, New Jersey: Transaction Publishers, 2017), 223-240.

14. Claudia Leeb, "[Contesting Hierarchical Oppositions: The Dialectics of Adorno and Lacan](#)," in Alfred J. Drake (ed.) *New Essays on the Frankfurt School of Critical Theory* (Cambridge Scholars Press, 2009), 168-192.

15. Claudia Leeb, "[Das Klassenkonzept poststrukturalistisch gedacht](#)," [A post-structuralist perspective on the concept of class], in Ingolf Erler (ed.) *Keine Chance für Lisa Simpson? - Soziale Ungleichheit im Bildungssystem [No Chance for Lisa Simpson? Social Inequality in the Educational System]* (Wien: Mandelbaum-Verlag, 2007), 72-88.

16. Claudia Leeb, "[Preface and Introduction](#)" (with Lisa Gurley and Anna Aloisia Moser), *Feminists Contest Politics and Philosophy* (New York/Brussels: Peter Lang Publisher, Philosophy and Politics Series, 2005), 11-17.

17. Claudia Leeb, "[Die Diskursive Disziplinierung von Frauen aus ArbeiterInnenkontexten in der Wissenschaft](#)" [The Discursive Disciplining of Working-Class Women in Academia], in Gerald Echterhoff/Michael Eggers (eds.): *Der Stoff, an dem wir hängen: Faszination und Selektion von Material in kulturwissenschaftlicher Arbeit* [The Material we are Attached to: Fascination and Selection of Material in Cultural Theory], (Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann, 2002), 81-94.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES IN PROGRESS (refereed)

1. Claudia Leeb, "The Feminist Subject-in-Outline: A Resource to Fight Neo-Fascism Today," in Jonathon Catlin et al. (eds), *Adorno and Identity* (manuscript (MS) accepted, I am currently revising the MS according to the reviews, SUNY Press, forthcoming in 2025)

BLOG POSTS (refereed):

1. Claudia Leeb, "[Claudia Leeb on Contesting the Far Right](#)," *Columbia University Press* (October 2024).

REVIEWS (refereed):

Claudia Leeb, "[Review of Peter E. Gordon: A Precarious Happiness: Adorno and the Sources of Normativity](#)" (Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press, 2023)," *The Review of Politics* (January 2025).

ARTICLES (non-refereed):

Claudia Leeb, "[Über unterdrückte Schuld \(About Repressed Guilt\)](#)," *Wina – Das jüdische Stadtmagazin*, June 2018, in German).

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- In 2023, I took over the co-authorship of the [Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy entry on "Psychoanalytic Feminism,"](#) I recently completed an in-depth revision (refereed, October 3, 2025).
- 2018 Austrian Scientists in North America (ASCINA) Junior Faculty Award for my book *Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism: Toward a New Theory of the Political Subject* (2017, Oxford University Press); awarded to one Austrian researcher for excellence in a scientific publication at a North American research institution. The Austrian Science Fund selects the awardee based on an international review committee; in December 2018: EUR 10,000.

- Austrian Program for Advanced Research and Technology (APART) fellowship; top grant in the sciences from the Austrian Academy of Sciences to complete research on *Gender in International Scientific Migration*, 2006-2009, \$225,000.
- The New School for Social Research (NSSR) doctoral fellowship; awarded to two doctoral students across all disciplines per year, 2001-2003, \$54,000.
- J. William Fulbright Fellowship to pursue graduate studies in the United States, 1997-1999, \$60,000.

GRANTS:

INTERNAL

- Principal Investigator, *Contesting the Far Right*
 - Washington State University (WSU) Faculty Summer Research Grant, 2021, \$4,000
 - WSU Arts and Humanities Fellowship, 2019-2020, \$10,000
 - ADVANCE WSU External Mentorship Grant, 2019-2020, \$5,000
 - WSU Faculty Summer Research Grant, 2018, \$4,000
- Principal Investigator, *The Politics of Repressed Guilt*
 - Presenter, WSU College of Arts and Sciences, International Travel Grant, Critical Theory and Social Justice Conference in Rome, Italy, May 2017, \$1,000
 - WSU School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs, Summer Faculty Research Grant, 2017, \$5,000
 - WSU Humanities Fellowship to complete the first draft of my book *The Politics of Repressed Guilt: The Tragedy of Austrian Silence* (2018, Edinburgh University Press), January 2015, \$12,500
- Principal Investigator, *The Feminist Political Subject-In-Outline*
 - Presenter, WSU Faculty Travel Grant, Critical Theory and Social Justice Conference in Rome, Italy, May 2013, \$1,200
 - Faculty Summer Research Award, 2010, Roanoke College (RC), \$2,000
- Course Developer, *Contemporary Feminist Political Theory*, Curriculum Development Grant, 2011, RC, \$4,000
- Principal Investigator, *Adorno, Derrida, and the Political Subject*, Faculty Enrichment Grant, RC 2009, \$1,000
- Course Developer, *The Philosophy of Middle Eastern Politics*, Curriculum Development Grant, 2010, RC, \$4,000
- Library Holding Updater, Political Theory Library Grant to update library holdings in political theory, 2009, RC, \$1,000
- Conference Organizer, The Graduate Faculty Dean's Grant for the *Women in Political Studies Conference*, The New School for Social Research (NSSR), 2003, \$500

EXTERNAL

- Presenter, Travel Grant, Austrian Scientists in North America (ASCINA), Austrian Science Talk, Los Angeles, October 2015 and October 2013, \$550 each
- Principal Investigator, *Gender in International Scientific Migration*
 - Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) research grant, 2007-2008, \$21,000
 - Austrian Program for Advanced Research and Technology (APART) fellowship, 2006-2009, \$225,000.

- Principal Investigator, *Socio-political Transformation and Continental Thought*, Research Fellow Grant, Advanced Cultural Studies Institute of Sweden (AC SIS), Linköpings University, Sweden, fall 2005, \$6,000
- Presenter, American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2005, \$300
- Doctoral Student, The New School for Social Research (NSSR) doctoral fellowship, 2001-2003, \$54,000.
- Doctoral Student, University of Vienna, *Austrian Government Dissertation Fellowship*, 1999-2001, \$10,000
- Graduate Student, J. William Fulbright Fellowship, 1997- 1999, \$60,000.

GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT:

Washington State University:

- Introduction to Political Theory and Philosophy
- Normative Political Theory
- Continental Political Theory

The University of Chicago:

- Alternative Models of Political Theorizing,

The University of Vienna:

- Marginalization in the Sciences: Gender, Class, and Race

GRADUATE TRAINING:

Graduate Committee Chair:

- Lamia, Islam, 2023 to date (Ph. D. expected in 2028)
- Patrick Mahoney, 2022 to date (M.A. in 2023, Ph. D. expected in 2026)
- Amanda Fleming, 2019 to date (M.A. in 2019, Ph.D. expected in 2025)
- Arin, Nicole Mitchell, 2021 to 2022 (M.A. in 2022)
- Andrew Flint, 2015 to 2019 (M.A. in 2017)
- Laci Hubbard-Mattix, 2013 to 2017 (M.A. in 2015, Ph. D. completed in 2017)

Graduate Committee Member:

- Jessica White, 2022-2023 (M.A. in 2023)
- Heath Bingman, 2019 (M.A. in 2019)
- Yin Ru Chen, 2018 to 2020
- Joel Mehic-Parker, 2018 to 2020 (M.A. in 2019)

Research Group: Founder and Facilitator, Political Theory Research Group, to discuss research in progress of graduate students who have a theory focus in their research, 2023 – date.

COURSES TAUGHT – UNDERGRADUATE

Washington State University:

- Contemporary Political Theories of Power, Oppression, and Resistance
- Contemporary Political Theory

- Feminism and Philosophy
- Development of Marxist Thought
- Gender and Politics
- Classical Political Thought

Roanoke College:

- Power and Political Resistance
- The Frankfurt School in New York City
- Marx's Challenge to the Good Life in Modern Societies
- Feminist Political Theory
- Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies
- Contemporary Continental Political Philosophy
- The Philosophy of Middle-Eastern Politics
- Western Political Thought

Dartmouth College:

- Alternative Political Theory
- Political Ideas
- Contemporary European Political Philosophy

The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art:

- Studies of Modern Society: 1798 to the Present
- Texts and Contexts: Old Worlds and New

Princeton University:

- Introduction to the History of Political Thought

The New School for General Studies:

- Rethinking Female Aggression
- The Politics of Recognition

PRESENTATIONS:

BOOK SYMPOSIA:

1. Claudia Leeb's *Contesting the Far Right: A Psychoanalytic and Feminist Critical Theory Approach*, Pacific American Philosophical Association (APA) division meeting, April 8-12, 2026
2. Claudia Leeb's *Contesting the Far Right: A Psychoanalytic and Feminist Critical Theory Approach*, Radical Philosophy Association Conference (RPA), Salt Lake City, UT, October 2024
3. Claudia Leeb's *Contesting the Far Right: A Psychoanalytic and Feminist Critical Theory Approach*, American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, PA, September 2024
4. Claudia Leeb's *The Politics of Repressed Guilt: The Tragedy of Austrian Silence*, Western Political Science Association Conference (WPSA), San Diego, CA, April 2019
5. Claudia Leeb's *Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism: Toward a New Theory of the Political Subject*, Northeastern Political Science Association Conference (NPSA), Philadelphia, PA, November 2017
6. Claudia Leeb's *Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism: Toward a New Theory of*

the Political Subject, Western Political Science Association Conference (WPSA), Vancouver, BC, Canada, April 2017

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

- “On Coming and Working as a Professor in the United States,” Austrian American Council, Seattle, Washington, October 2025
- “Butler, Lacan and the Challenges of the Feminist Subject,” Gender and Violence Conference, Women in Philosophy, Roanoke College, March 2010

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

- Book workshop on Agatha Slupek’s *Feminist Fury: Aesthetics, Action, and Reaction*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, April 2026.
- “Far Right Recruitment Tactics: The Manipulation of the Unconscious,” Interdisziplinäre Geschlechterforschung Innsbruck (CGI), University of Innsbruck, Austria, November 2025.
- “A Psychoanalytic Approach to Understanding and Undermining the Far Right,” MOMA Berlin, Philosophischer Arbeitskreis (Philosophical Working Group), Berlin, Germany, October 2025.
- “A Psychoanalytic Approach to Understand and Undermine the Far Right,” participation in a session of the Critical Theory Reading Group, composed of faculty from various universities in the US, who have discussed my book in the fall of 2024 and the spring of 2025 (online), January 2025.
- “Contesting the Far Right: A Psychoanalytic and Feminist Critical Theory Approach,” Department of Philosophy, Philositué.es, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Montreal, Canada, April 2024
- “Contesting the Far Right: A Psychoanalytic and Feminist Critical Theory Approach,” Department of Political Science, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, April 2024
- “Contesting the Far Right: A Psychoanalytic and Feminist Critical Theory Approach,” Symposium on Critical Theory & Psychoanalysis: Past, Present, and Future, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2023
- “Anxiety in Precarity Capitalism: A Radical Feminist Lacanian Perspective,” Institute for the Humanities, Simon Fraser University (SFU), Vancouver, Canada, October 2023
- “Analyzing the Far Right: A Psychoanalytic and Feminist Critical Theory Perspective,” Department of Philosophy, Penn State University, September 2019
- “The Politics of Repressed Guilt: The Tragedy of Austrian Silence,” *Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability*, Columbia University, September 2019
- “Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism: Toward a New Theory of the Political Subject,” Department of Gender Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, May 2019
- “It is Just a Joke”: The Use of Jokes and Humor in Far-Right Extremism from a Psychoanalytic and Critical Theory Perspective,” Psychoanalytic Lecture Series, Institute for the Humanities, Simon Fraser University (SFU), Vancouver, Canada, March 2019
- “The Politics of Repressed Guilt: The Tragedy of Austrian Silence,” ASCINA (Austrian Scientists and Scholars in North America)-Pacific Northwest Chapter, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, March 2019
- “The Rise of the Far Right: A Psychoanalytic and Economic Analysis,” 1st Northwest Critical Theory Roundtable: Radical Political Economy, & Critiques of Fascism, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, February 2018

- “Derrida, Adorno and the Limits of an Ethics of Responsibility in Liberal Capitalism,” Religion and Philosophy Colloquium, Roanoke College, April 2011
- “Women in Academia: A Foucaultian Perspective,” Österreichische HochschülerInnen (Austrian National Student Union) Conference, University of Vienna, Austria, December 2010
- “Feminist Theory and the Radical Praxis of Political Transformation,” Feminist Inquiry Seminar, Dartmouth College, May 2009
- “Adorno, Lacan and Feminist Political Thought,” Center for European Studies, Harvard University, March 2008
- “The Non-Identical and the Real: Two Central Concepts for Radical Feminist Political Theory,” Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, November 2006
- “Psychoanalysis and Feminism,” Department of Gender Studies, Göteborg University, Sweden, November 2005
- “Marx, Lacan and Binary Thought,” Department of Philosophy, Södertörn University College, Stockholm, Sweden, November 2005
- “Identity Thinking Reinforced: Representations of the Working-Class/Woman in Theodor W. Adorno’s Political Philosophy,” Advanced Cultural Studies Institute of Sweden (ACSIS), Campus Norrköping, Sweden, October 2005
- “Pierre Bourdieu and Feminist Theory,” Department of Women’s Studies, University of Flensburg, Germany, October 2003
- “Deconstructing Class and Gender in Marx, Adorno and Bourdieu,” Five College Women’s Studies Research Center, Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts, October 2003
- “The Discursive Disciplining of Working-Class Women in the Sciences,” Feminist Theory Lecture Series, University of Vienna, Austria, June 2001

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- “Why Women Join the Far Right: A Psychoanalytic Approach,” *Women on the Right in US History*, Berkley Center for Right-Wing Studies, Berkley, California, February 2026
- “Undermining the Allure of the Far Right for Women with Frenkel-Brunswik and De Beauvoir,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA), San Diego, California, April 2026
- “Rethinking Feminist Revolutionary Agency with Althusser and De Beauvoir,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA), Vancouver, Canada, March 2024
- “Authoritarian Family Structures and the Resurgence of the Extremist Right,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Los Angeles, CA, September 2023
- “Stepping into Malaise: Trump’s Incitement to Violence,” International Political Science Association World Congress (IPSA), Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 2023
- “Castration Anxiety and the Extremist Right,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA), Portland, OR, March 2022
- “The Extremist Right in Europe: A Psychoanalytic Critical Theory Approach,” American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division Conference (virtual), April 2021
- “Narcissistic Love: Understanding the Rise of the Far Right with Early Frankfurt School Critical Theory and Psychoanalytic Thought,” Philosophy and Social Science Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, June 2019

- "Intersectionality and Critical Theory: A Conversation to Rethink Feminist Political Subjectivity," 12th International Critical Theory Conference in Rome, Rome Center of Loyola University Chicago, Rome, Italy, May 2019
- "Adorno and Freud meet Kazuo Ishiguro: The Rise of the Far Right from a Psychoanalytic and Critical Theory Perspective," Western Political Science Association (WPSA), San Diego, CA, April 2019
- "A Festival for Frustrated Egos: The Rise of Trump from an Early Frankfurt School Critical Theory Perspective", Northeastern Political Science Association Conference (NPSA), Philadelphia, PA, November 2017
- "Mourning Denied: The Living Dead," International Critical Theory Conference of Rome, Rome Center of Loyola University Chicago, Rome, Italy, May 2017
- "The Repression of Unconscious Guilt: The Staging of Bernhard's *Heldenplatz* Reconsidered," Western Political Science Association (WPSA), Vancouver, BC, Canada, April 2017
- "Rethinking Power and Agency in Greek Tragedy," Association for Political Theory (APT), Columbus, OH, October 2016
- "*Ich fühle mich nicht schuldig* (I do not feel guilty): From Doubts to Murder," American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, PA, September 2016
- "Female Resistance or the Politics of Death? Rethinking Antigone," Western Political Science Association (WPSA), San Diego, CA, March 2016
- "Suffering and Socio-Political Transformation," Association for Political Theory (APT), Boulder, CO, October 2015
- "Working Through the Past," American Political Science Association (APSA), San Francisco, CA, September 2015
- "Rethinking Totalitarian Power," Western Political Science Association (WPSA), Las Vegas, NV, April 2015
- "Critical Theory and the Challenge to Totalitarian Power," Radical Philosophy Association (RPA), Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, November 2014
- "Arendt, Adorno and Guilt," Western Political Science Association (WPSA), Seattle, WA, April 2014
- "Critical Theory and Revolution," Northeastern Political Science Association Conference (NPSA), Philadelphia, PA, November 2013
- "Luxemburg, Adorno, and Socio-Political Transformation," Critical Theory and Social Justice Conference, Rome Center of Loyola University Chicago, Rome, Italy, May 2013
- "Feminist Socio-Political Transformation," Western Political Science Association 2013 Annual Meeting (WPSA), Los Angeles, CA, March 2013
- "Adorno, Power and Radical Socio-Political Transformation," Radical Philosophy Conference (RPA), Buffalo, NY, October 11-14, 2012
- "The Limits of Power and the Possibility of Feminist Agency," American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), New Orleans, LA, August-September 2012
- "Rethinking Agamben's State of Exception: The Sacred Woman," American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Seattle, WA, September 2011
- "Unconscious Mechanism of Oppression and the Discourse of Rights," American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Seattle, WA, September 2011
- "Rethinking Socio-Political Transformation: Negative Dialectics and Deconstruction," Critical Theory and Social Justice Conference, Rome Center of Loyola University Chicago, Rome, Italy, May 2011

- “Adorno, Derrida, and the Possibilities of a Feminist Transformative Politics,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Washington, DC, September 2010
- “The Dialectics of Adorno and Marcuse: Toward a Radical Political Praxis,” Northern Political Science Association Conference (NPSA), Philadelphia, PA, November 2009
- “Adorno, Derrida and the Problem of the Political Subject,” Rethinking Marxism Conference, Amherst, MA, November 2009
- “Marx, Adorno and the Theoretical Challenge to a Pseudo-Praxis,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Toronto, Canada, September 2009
- “Continental Theory and the Political Practice of Change,” Western Political Science Association Conference (WPSA), Vancouver, Canada, March 2009
- “The Politics of Misrecognition: A Feminist Critique,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Boston, MA, August 2008
- “The Im-Possibilities of the Feminist Subject,” International Social Philosophy Conference, Portland, OR, July 2008
- “A Theoretical Outline of the Subject,” Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2008
- “Towards a Radical Feminist Political Theory,” National Women’s Studies Association Conference (NWSA), St. Charles, IL, June 2007
- “The Lacanian Real: A Central Concept for Political Theory,” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference (NPSA), Boston, MA, November 2006
- “Justice and the Unconscious,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Washington, DC, September 2005
- “Mastery over the Female Body: Fears, Desires and Fantasies in the Early Marx,” Rethinking Marxism Conference, Amherst, MA, November 2003
- “A Feminist Critique of Pierre Bourdieu’s Social and Political Thought,” Political Science Graduate Student Conference, Yale University, May 2002
- “Rethinking Marx’s, Weber’s and Bourdieu’s Class Concepts,” Women in Political Studies Interdisciplinary Conference, The New School for Social Research, March 2001
- “Gender, Class and Democracy,” Social Movements and Organizing Conference, Columbia University, April 2000
- “The Return of the Working-Classed and Gendered Subject: Class and Gender Politics in the Academy,” Political Science Graduate Student Conference, The New School for Social Research, May 1999

MEDIA:

Podcasts:

- Interview and podcast, “[Dr. Claudia Leeb on Contesting the Far Right](#),” Yeah Nah Paseran! Australian Community Radio based in Melbourne (March 14, 2024).
- [Podcast Interview about Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism](#): *Toward a New Theory of the Political Subject, New Books in Political Science* (October 26, 2017).

Radio, Journal, and Newspaper Interviews:

- Wienerzeitung, national newspaper based in Vienna, Austria. Interview with Eva Stanzl [about the situation of Austrian scientists in the USA](#) during the Trump administration (May 14, 2025).

- [Ö1 Wissen aktuell](#) (Austria 1, Current Knowledge), national radio of Austria, interview about book award for *Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism* (December 18, 2018).
- [Der Standard](#), a daily national newspaper based in Vienna, Austria. I was interviewed by Peter Illetschko about the book award for *Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism* (December 9, 2018).

Press Releases:

- [Austrian Ministry for Education, Science, and Research](#), based in Vienna, about the book Award for *Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism* (December 12, 2018).
- [Tiroler Tageszeitung](#), a regional daily newspaper based in Innsbruck, Austria, about the book award for *Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism* (September 12, 2018).
- [Handelsakademie \(HAK\) Vöcklabruck](#), business high school where I received my high school diploma in Upper Austria; Christian Hawle writes about the book award for *Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism* (July 1, 2019).
- [Tips](#), a local newspaper based in Vöcklabruck, Upper Austria, where I was born, about the book award for *Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism* (March 14, 2019).
- [Mein Bezirk](#), a local newspaper based in Vöcklabruck, Upper Austria, about the book award for *Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism* (January 24, 2019).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- The American Philosophical Association (APA)
- National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)
- Austrian Scholars in North America Network (ASCINA)
- Association for Political Theory (APT)

SERVICE:

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:

ACADEMIC JOURNAL AND PRESS EDITORIAL BOARD SERVICE:

- Berlin Journal of Critical Theory, 2017 – date
- Politics & Gender, 2017 – 2019
- Critical Theory and the Critique of Society, Bloomsbury Academic Press book series, 2021 - date
- Ekpyrosis Press, 2019 – date

PRIZE AWARD COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Leo Strauss Award for best doctoral dissertation in the field of political philosophy, American Political Science Association (APSA), Leo Strauss Award Committee member, 2019-2020

TENURE AND PROMOTION REVIEWER (external):

- External reviewer for promotion to Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Villanova University, 2023
- External reviewer for promotion to Full Professor, History and Social Studies, Buffalo State University, 2019

JOURNAL AND PRESS REVIEWER:

- Reviewer, *Theory & Event*, 2025 (journal)
- Reviewer, *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* (journal)
- Reviewer, Routledge (press), 2025
- Reviewer, *Radical Philosophy Review* (journal), 2025
- Reviewer, *Perspectives on Politics* (journal), 2024
- Reviewer, Junius Verlag (German press), 2024
- Reviewer, *Constellations* (journal), 2024
- Reviewer, Edward Elgar Publishing (press), 2024
- Reviewer, Routledge (press), 2022
- Reviewer, *Constellations* (journal), 2022
- Reviewer, Manchester University Press, 2021
- Reviewer, *Contemporary Political Theory* (journal), 2020-2021
- Reviewer, Pluto Press, 2019
- Reviewer, *Constellations* (journal), 2019
- Reviewer, *Perspectives of Politics* (journal), 2018
- Reviewer, *Political Theory* (journal), 2018
- Reviewer, *Politics & Gender* (journal), 2017
- Reviewer, *Constellations* (journal), 2016
- Reviewer, *Hypatia* (journal), October 2015
- Reviewer, *Political Research Quarterly* (journal) 2013

POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION SECTION CHAIR:

- Section Chair, Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA), Modern Political Theory Section, 2012-2014
- Section Chair, Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA), Continental Political Theory Section, 2014 -2015

CONFERENCE ORGANIZER:

1. Founder and Sole Organizer, "Gender, Politics, and Society Conference," two-day national conference, March 25 and 26, 2011; 17 presenters and one keynote address, about 100 participants; [conference program](#)
2. Founder and (Co-)Organizer, "Women in Political Studies and Women in Philosophy Interdisciplinary Conference Celebrating International Women's Day," three yearly national conferences in 2001, 2002, and 2003.

1. 2003: Co-Organizer with Anna Aloisia Moser, Lisa N. Gurley, and Cynthia Tobar; 27 Presenters, nine commentators, nine panels, one keynote, about 200 participants [conference program](#);

This conference turned into the co-edited volume [Feminists Contest Politics and Philosophy](#) (2005)

2. 2002: Sole Organizer; nine presenters, three panels, one keynote address, three commentators; about 100 participants, [conference program](#)
3. 2001: Sole Organizer; nine presenters, three panels, one keynote address, three commentators; about 50 participants; [conference program](#)

PANEL ORGANIZER, CHAIR, and DISCUSSANT:

- Panel Organizer, “Women and the Far Right,” Western Political Science Association Conference, San Diego, California (for 2025 for conference in 2026, in progress).
- Panel Chair, “Panel 6”, The Frankfurt School, Northwest Critical Theory Roundtable: Radical Political Economy, & Critiques of Fascism, Spokane, WA, February 2018
- Panel Discussant, “The End of Progress: Critical Theory and Postcolonialism,” by Amy Allen, Author Meets Critics, Western Political Science Association (WPSA), Vancouver, BC, Canada, April 2017
- Book Panel Discussant, “Autonomy after Auschwitz,” Panel Symposium Discussant, Pacific American Philosophical Association (Pacific APA), San Francisco, CA, April 2016
- Panel Chair, “Shifting Gender Regimes: Theorizing Women's Colleges, Work, Military & the Matronymic, Western Political Science Association (WPSA), San Diego, CA, March 2016
- Panel Chair, “Cosmopolitanism and the Ethics of Care,” Association for Political Theory (APT), Boulder, CO, October 2015
- Panel Discussant, “Arendtian Forms and Forces,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA), Las Vegas, NV, April 2015
- Panel Discussant, “Arendtian Forms and Forces,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA), Las Vegas, NV, April 2015
- Panel Chair, “Frankfurt School and Friends,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA), Las Vegas, NV, April 2015
- Panel Discussant, “Beyond Marxism?,” Radical Philosophy Association (RPA), Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, November 2014
- Panel Discussant, “Beyond Marxism?,” Radical Philosophy Association (RPA), Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, November 2014
- Panel Chair, “Anarchist Thought,” Radical Philosophy Association (RPA), Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, November 2014
- Panel Chair, “Adorno and Power,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA), Seattle, WA, April 2014
- Panel Organizer, “Adorno and Power,” Western Political Science Association 2014 Annual Meeting (WPSA), Seattle, WA, April 2014
- Panel Chair, “Boundaries of the Political,” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference (NPSA), Philadelphia, PA, November 2013

- Panel Organizer, “Feminist Thought and Social Justice,” Western Political Science Association 2013 Annual Meeting (WPSA), Los Angeles, CA, March 2013
- Panel Organizer, “Feminist Theory, Representation, and the Possibility of a Renewed Justice,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), New Orleans, LA, August-September 2012
- Panel Chair, “Questioning the Politics of Civility,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), New Orleans, LA, August-September 2012
- Panel Organizer, “Critical Theory, Feminism, and the Challenge to Rights,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Seattle, WA, September 2011
- Panel Discussant, “Critical Perspectives on Rights,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Seattle, WA, September 2011
- Panel Chair, “Foucault’s Challenge to Rights Discourse,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Seattle, WA, September 2011
- Panel Organizer, “Critical Theory, Feminism, and the Challenge to Capitalism,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Washington DC, September 2010
- Panel Discussant, “Affective States,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Washington, DC, September 2010
- Panel Chair, “Politics, Empire and Postcolonial Interventions,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Washington, DC, September 2010
- Panel Chair, “Adorno and the Question of Nihilism: Annihilation and Awareness,” the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEPS), Arlington, VA, October 2009
- Panel Discussant, “Theorizing the Social Sciences,” American Political Science Association (APSA) annual conference, Toronto, Canada, September 2009
- Panel Chair, “Theorizing the Social Sciences,” American Political Science Association (APSA) annual conference, Toronto, Canada, September 2009
- Panel Discussant, “Critical and Comparative Interpretive Methodologies,” Western Political Science Association Conference (WPSA), Vancouver, Canada, March 2009
- Panel Chair, “Critical and Comparative Interpretive Methodologies,” Western Political Science Association Conference (WPSA), Vancouver, Canada, March 2009
- Panel Organizer, “Continental Philosophers’ Perspectives on Global Inequalities,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Boston, MA, August 2008
- Panel Chair, “Continental Philosophers’ Perspectives on Global Inequalities,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Boston, MA, August 2008
- Panel Chair, “Making Citizens: Theorizing Civic Education,” Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2008
- Panel Chair, “Heidegger and Nature,” 41st North American Heidegger Conference, DePaul University, May 2007
- Panel Organizer, “Challenging and Rethinking Western Feminist and Political Philosophy,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Washington, DC, September 2005
- Panel Discussant, “New Political Infamy and the Sacrilege of Feminism,” Third Women in Political Studies Interdisciplinary Conference, The New School for Social Research, March 2003
- Panel Discussant, “Women, Difference and Philosophy,” Second Women in Political Studies Interdisciplinary Conference, The New School for Social Research, March 2002

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY:

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY:

College of Arts and Sciences (CAS):

- Member, CAS Faculty Senate, spring 2025 to date
- Member, CAS Equity and Outreach Awards Committee, spring 2025
- Advisory Board Member, Pollart Center for Arts and Humanities, fall 2024 – date
- Member, Equity and Outreach Advisory Council, fall 2024 - date
- Member, Faculty Senate, spring 2024 to date
- Member, CAS Scholarship Committee, spring 2024
- Participant, Inquiry into Equity and Justice UCORE courses faculty meetings, spring 2024
- Founder and Facilitator, Junior Faculty Writing Group, to support junior faculty research, 2015 – 2018
- Presenter, “Guilt and Democracy,” Washington State University Humanities Fellows Lecture, March 2016
- Panelist, “On the Struggles of International Faculty,” International Student Organization, April 2013

Department: School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs:

- Coordinator, Global Program, fall 2024 – date
- Political theory hiring proposal developer, fall 2024
- Faculty Mentor to Assistant Professor Yvonne Patricia Sherwood, spring - summer 2024
- Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee (UGSC), fall 2015 and spring 2016, fall 2020 - date
- Panelist, Departmental Research Colloquia, presented my research focus to the department, January 2024
- Course Development: transformed 438, Contemporary Political Theories of Power Oppression, and Resistance into a Global Campus course, fall 2024.
- Course Development, developed two courses into Inquiry into Equity and Justice UCORE courses: 438: Contemporary Political Theories of Power Oppression, and Resistance, and 437: Classical Political Thought), 2022 – 2023
- Member, Graduate Studies Committee (GSC), fall 2012 to spring 2015, fall 2016 – spring 2019

ROANOKE COLLEGE:

College:

3. Founder and Facilitator, Derrida Reading Group, an interdepartmental faculty reading and research group, 2009-2012
4. Presentation, "The Meaning of the Gift in Derrida and Adorno," Philosophy Research Colloquia, Department of Philosophy

Department of Political Science:

- Member, Faculty Search Committee, Junior Faculty Search, 2010

THE NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH, Graduate Faculty:

- Founder and Leader, Women in Political Studies and Philosophy, cross-disciplinary graduate student group, 1999-2005
- Founder and Leader, Working-Class Women in Academia, cross-disciplinary and cross-institutional graduate student group, 1997-1999

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA:

- Panelist, “Women in Academia: A Foucaultian Perspective,” Österreichische HochschülerInnen (Austrian National Student Union), December 2010
- Panelist, “The Discursive Disciplining of Working-Class Women in the Sciences,” Feminist Theory Lecture Series, June 2001
- Founder and Leader, Women and Aggression, cross-disciplinary student group, 1995-1998
- Founder and Leader, Women and Sexuality, cross-disciplinary student group, 1994 - 1998

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:

- German: Native speaker
- English: Advanced reading, writing, and speaking
- French: Advanced reading and writing, intermediate speaking
- Latin: Advanced reading and writing
- Spanish: Intermediate reading, writing, and speaking