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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science
Syracuse University | Expected Spring 2027

- Major field in International Relations and minor field in American Politics
- Graduate Certification in Women and Gender Studies
- Dissertation Title: "Transnational Transphobias: Feminist and Traditionalist Anti-Gender Alliances and Affective Orientations"
  Committee: Lamis Abdelaaty (Chair), Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson, and Erin Hern

M.A. in Political Science
Syracuse University | May 2022

B.A. in Human Rights Studies and English
University of Dayton | May 2020

- Minors in Political Science and Women and Gender Studies
- Honors Thesis on Queer Politics and Belonging in the US Borderland

SCHOLARSHIP

Publications

- "Transnational Transphobias: Feminist and Traditionalist Anti-Gender Alliances and Affective Orientations" *Politics and Gender,* Published FirstView 2026
- "393 Guineas: A Dialogue on Experiential Learning and Feminist Theory." *Diverse Pedagogical Approaches to Experiential Learning,* Volume 11. Feb 2022. Co-authored with David Fine.
- "Resistance and Relationship at the US-Mexico Border: Reconceptualizing Power and Security in USA Policy." *Disruption: Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy*, Issue 3. 2019. Co-authored with Natalie Hudson.

Selected Conference Presentations and Panels

- "LGB without the T: Varying Anti-Trans Strategies within LGB Politics" | APSA Conference 2026
- "Anti-Trans Feminist and Traditionalist Alliance Building Strategies" | Politics and Gender 2025
- "Anti-Trans Feminist and Anti-Trans Traditionalist Affective Threat Narratives" | APSA Conference 2024
- "Transnational Transphobias: Feminist and Traditionalist Anti-Trans Advocacy Coalition and Normative Contestations" | ISA Conference 2024
- "Feminist Pedagogy During COVID-19" | Panel Discussion at the International Journal of Feminist Politics Conference 2021
- "Human Rights Education" | Panel Discussion at the University & College Consortium for Human Rights Education Webinar 2020
- "The Role of Trust in Securitized Spaces: A Feminist Analysis of a U.S. Border City" (co-authored with Natalie Hudson) | International Journal of Feminist Politics Conference 2020.

Invited Talks and Presentations

- "Anti-Trans Threat Narrative Framework: The Trans Threat to Women" | Syracuse University Political Science Research Workshop | 2025
- "Independent Teaching and Pedagogy as a Graduate Student" | Syracuse University Political Science Research Workshop | 2025
- "Queer Critiques of International Law" | Guest Lecture for International Law and Organizations course at the University of Dayton | 2024
- "Human Rights and Vocation" | Human Rights Studies Program, University of Dayton | 2023.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant | 2024-2025
Supports dissertation project "Transnational Transphobias: Feminist and Traditionalist Anti-Trans Advocacy Coalitions and Normative Contestations"

APSA LGBT Committee Travel Grant | 2026
APSA administered award to advance status of LGBT scholars

Meiklejohn Award | 2026
Syracuse University award to recognize students whose work exhibits a commitment to open and just public life

Cohn Award | 2024
Syracuse University award to recognize the best application for external funding

Travel Grant for Conference Attendance | 2024
Administered by the International Studies Association to support conference attendance

Goekjian/Center for European Studies Research Grant | 2024
Administered by Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs to support dissertation research

Maxwell College Dean's Fellowship | 2020-2021; 2023-2024
Described by Maxwell College as "our most prestigious award" to graduate students to support research and degree progress

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Introduction to International Relations | Lead Instructor | 2023; 2024; 2025; 2026
Led a team of TAs and taught four sections of an introductory course in international relations to diverse cohorts of rising high school students for college credit with class sizes ranging from 9 to 25 students; designed syllabus and daily interactive learning workshops; implemented UN simulation as final project

Introduction to Women and Gender Studies | Lead Instructor | Fall 2024; Spring 2025; Fall 2026
Taught three courses of an interdisciplinary course to classes of between 20-25 students from a wide range of majors that covered foundations of feminist thought, activism and politics, intersectionality, and

transnational feminism; designed and implemented syllabus and assignments to fulfill university requirements for diversity and writing intensive courses

Introduction to Political Theory | Teaching Assistant | Spring 2026
Graded, provided feedback, hosted office hours and supported student learning in an introductory course on classical political philosophy

History of Nazi Germany and the Holocaust | Grader | Fall 2025
Graded, provided feedback, and supported student learning in a history course on Nazi Germany

Introduction to International Relations | Teaching Assistant Spring | 2023
Lead two weekly sections with self-designed lesson plans; graded all assignments; met with students for weekly office hours

Politics of Development | Teaching Assistant | Fall 2022
Graded all assignments; met with students during office hours; covered the course for the professor as instructor of record when she went on maternity leave; and ran development-based simulation for students

Queer Bodies, Genders, and Sexuality | Teaching Assistant | Spring 2022
Graded all student assignments and provided feedback on papers and reflections; helped facilitate class discussions for a humanities-based interdisciplinary queer studies course with over sixty students

Queer Histories, Communities, and Politics | Teaching Assistant | Fall 2021
Led weekly discussion sections; graded student assignments and provided feedback on podcast projects and papers for social science-based interdisciplinary queer studies course

Service to the Discipline

- Peer reviewer for *Politics and Gender*
- American Political Science Association Member; LGBTQ caucus and Women, Gender, and Politics section member
- International Studies Association Member; Feminist Theory and Gender Studies Section and LGBTQ caucus member
- Contractor writer and editor for the University of Dayton's Human Rights Center publications and multimedia human rights advocacy projects

Departmental Service

- Graduate Research Associate at Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Center for European Studies
- Served as a member of the Sherman Social Committee Chair in Syracuse University's Political Science Graduate Association to plan departmental activities to foster community
- Graduate student peer mentor
- Teaching Associate in Syracuse University's Future Professoriate Program
- Participant in monthly professional development sessions on feminist pedagogy through Syracuse University's Women and Gender Studies Department
- Trained as a Legal Observer through the National Lawyers Guild to support peaceful student protests

References

General References

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