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## Education

**University Of Oregon,** Eugene, OR.
Ph.D., Political Science, 2004.
Concentrations in American Politics, Public Policy, and Social Movements.

Dissertation:
*Beyond the Border: Citizenship, Collective Action and Color in Proposition 187*
Committee: Gerald Berk and Julie Novkov (co-chairs), Peggy Pascoe and Joseph Lowndes.

**Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, MD.
BA, Political Science, Departmental Honors, 1996.
Thesis: *Critical Education: An Analysis of Baltimore Educational Reform*.
Advisor: Matthew Crenson.

## Experience

Professor. University of Puget Sound. 2018- Present.
Chair Department of Politics and Government. 2018-2022.
Associate Professor. University of Puget Sound. 2012- 2018.
Assistant Professor. University of Puget Sound. 2009- 2012.
Assistant Professor. Bucknell University. 2004-2009.
Instructor. University of Oregon. 2001- 2002; Fall 2003.

## Current Projects:

"The Politics of AI: Will Bipartisanship Last or Is Politicization Inevitable?" with Daniel Schiff and Kaylyn Schiff. Submitted for review.

"Exploring the Efficacy of Case Management for Eviction Prevention: A Program Evaluation of Rental Assistance programs in Pierce County, Washington" with Monica DeHart and Isha Rajbhandari, and in collaboration with Pierce County Human Services. Funded by Pierce County.

"From Consumers to Citizens: Bridging Legal Critiques and Policy Realities in Data Governance"

## Publications:

Books:

Faith and Race in American Political Life edited by Robin Jacobson and Nancy Wadsworth. University of Virginia Press. 2012.

The New Nativism: Proposition 187 and the Immigration Debate. University of Minnesota Press. 2008.

Articles:

"Counting the State: State Resistance and Federal Enumeration of Latinos 1930-1970" *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 8(3): 397-420. 2023.

**"**States of Immigration: Making Immigration Policy from Above and Below, 1875–1924" with Daniel Tichenor. *Journal of Policy History*. 2022.

**"**Tenuous Belonging: Diversity, Power, and Identity in the U.S. Southwest" with Daniel Tichenor. *Journal of Race Ethnicity and Migration.* 2019.

"The Southwest's Uneven Welcome: Immigrant Inclusion and Exclusion in Arizona and New Mexico" with Daniel Tichenor and T. Elizabeth Durden. *Journal of American Ethnic History*. 3:3, p. 5-36. 2018.

"Old Poison in New Security Bottles: Contemporary Immigration Restriction and the Detention Regime." With Elizabeth Durden, *Migration Studies*, 2:2, p. 235-254. 2014.

"The Politics of Belonging: Interest Group Identity and Agenda Setting on Immigration" *American Politics Research*, 39:6, p. 993-1018. 2011.

"Unions and the Politics of Immigration." with Kim Geron. *Socialism and Democracy* 22:3, p. 105-122. 2008.

"Characterizing Consent: Race, Citizenship, and the New Restrictionists." *Political Research Quarterly* December 59:4, p. 645-654. 2006.

"Dangerous Distinctions: New Racism and Proposition 187" *Inro@ds: graduate journal of gender, race, ethnicity and migration*. 1:1 http://www.inroads.umn.edu/. 2001.

Book Chapters:

"Progressive Federalism: Washington State as a Protector of Civil Rights Progress?" with Maria Chavez in Governing the Evergreen State: Political Life in Washington ed Cornell Clayton, Todd Donovan, and Nicholas Lovrich, Washington State University Press. 2018.

"The Rise of Nativism" with Elizabeth Durden in Hidden Lives and Human Rights in America:
Understanding the Controversies and Tragedies of Undocumented Immigration. *Volume 3: Economics, Politics and Morality.* Praeger Press. 2014.

"The Stranger Among Us: The Christian Right and Immigration" in Faith and Race in American Political Life University of Virginia Press. 2012.

"Intersection Race and Religion" with Nancy Wadsworth in Faith and Race in American Political Life University of Virginia Press. 2012.

Reviews and Essays:
"Book Review: Arab New York" *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics*, 5, 412–425. 2020.

"Book Review: Christianity and Race in the American South: A History" *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 87:1, p. 330-333. 2018.

"Immigration Inbetween" *Tulsa Law Review* 52:3, p. 529-536. 2017.

"The Long Tradition of Nativist Politics" *Religion and Politics* A Project of the John C.
Danforth Center on Religion and Politics. Dec 15, 2015.
http://religionandpolitics.org/2015/12/15/the-long-american-tradition-of-nativist-politics/

"Prying Open the Golden Door: Review of Robert L. Fleegler's *Ellis Island Nation" Review of Politics* 76: 4, p. 713-716. 2014.

"Book Review: New Race Politics" *Perspectives on Politics* 8, p. 362-363. 2010.

**Selected Invited Presentations**

"Anti-Immigrant Law Making" *Building an Anti-Racist Vocabulary* Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame, https://vimeo.com/610939380, September 17, 2021.

“How Resilient is Democracy?” Frank Tobey Jones, January 21, 2021

“Immigration Politics” Frank Tobey Jones, February 5, 2020.

“Immigration: Federal Policy, Local Issues, How to Get Involved” League of Women Voters Pierce County, January 5, 2019.

“Immigration at the Border of Domestic and Foreign Policy” Olympia World Affairs Council, April 19, 2018.

"Migration: Towards an Interdisciplinary and Cross-Cultural Understanding of Human and
Non-Human Mobility” Wang Center for Global and Community Engaged Education, Pacific Lutheran University March 8-9, 2018.

“An Uneven Welcome: Comparing State Responses to Immigration in the U.S." Daedelus Lecture, University of Puget Sound, November 2017

“Race and Crime in Immigration Enforcement under the Trump Administration” Missouri Western University, April 2017.

“Immigration: Understand the Facts” Tacoma City Club. March 2017.

“The First Hundred Days” Freedom Project Puget Sound Lecture Series, Washington Center for the Correction of Women, November 3, 2016.
“Discussing Robert Jones’ The End of White Christian America” Immanuel Presbyterian Church October 2016.

“Immigration Policy” Phi Eta Sigma Election Panel. April 2016.

“Exploring The Brief and Wonderous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz” Junia Todd Hallen Study Group, May 2015.

“The Current Crisis: The Dehumanization of Refugee Children in the U.S.” Invited Panel participant for the Powell Heller Conference for Holocaust Education, March 4, 2015.
“Immigration Detention” Tacoma City Club, and Tacoma Community College. May 2014

“An Extremist for Love” Tahoma Unitarian Universalists, Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, January 2014.

"The State of Immigration Reform: Looking Backward to Look Forward or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Partisan Polarization" University of Puget Sound Alumni Event, The National Press Club, Washington, D.C. November 2013.

"CIR: Comprehensive or Compromise Immigration Reform?" Organizing for America Washington, Immigration Forum. August 2013.

"Election 2012: Parties, Politics and Polls" FEPPS Lecture Series, Washington Correction Center for Women October 2012.

"Eracing Faith: The Intersection of Race and Religion in American Politics" *Faculty Forum*, Religious Studies Department, Arizona State University, March 29, 2012.

"Homegrown Nativism or Corporate Profits" *Migration and Mobility*, Institute for Humanities Research, Arizona State University, March 28, 2012.

"Expanding our Political Imaginations: Understanding History, Context and the Prospects for Comprehensive Immigration Reform" *Who Benefits from Immigration Reform?* League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County and People for Peace Justice and Healing. Tacoma, WA, October 29, 2011.

"The Politics of Immigration Reform" *Great Expectations: Obama and the Politics of Reform* Speaker Series, Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics, University of Oregon, February 15, 2010.

Election 2008: The Presidential Race and 10th Congressional District Contest. Pennsylvania Cable Network, October 30, 2008.

"Local and National Perspectives on Immigration Policy" Kick-off speaker for a year of study on the issue of immigration. League of Women Voters of Lewisburg Area, Buffalo Township, PA, September 18th, 2007.

**Conference Presentations**

"Subnational Navigation of the Algorithmic Turn in Privacy" Law and Society. Chicago, IL, 2025.

"The Politics of AI: Will Bipartisanship Last or Is Polarization Inevitable?" co-authored with Daniel S. Schiff and Kaylyn Jackson Schiff. Law and Society, Denver, CO, 2024.

"Trailblazers in Subnational AI Regulation: A Research Note on State Legislative Activity on Big Data, Algorithms, and AI 2018-2022." Law and Society. San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2023.

"Counting the State: Regional Resistance and Federal Enumeration of Latinos 1930-1970" Law and Society. Lisbon, Portugal, 2022.

"The Turn to Autoethnography" Roundtable on Everyday Injustice: Latino Professionals and
Racism, Midwest Political Science Association, remote participation, 2021
"Methodological Challenges and Critiques for *States of Immigration*: The Politics of Belonging and Exclusion in Four Settings" with Elizabeth Durden and Daniel Tichenor. American Political Science Association. Boston, Massachusetts, 2018.

"The Southwest's Uneven Welcome: Distinctive State Traditions of Immigration Inclusion and Exclusion" Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, WA 2017 and American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA 2016.

"States of Immigration: The History, Culture, and Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion" Immigration Workshop. Eugene, OR 2015.

"Southern Hospitality?: Political Responses to New Immigration in North Carolina" Conference on Immigration to the US South, University of Florida, and Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Bend, OR, 2014.

**"**Do Dollars Demand Detention?: The Influence of the Private Prison Industry on State Immigration Laws" with Elizabeth Durden and Natalie Nakamine. Western Political Science Association, Seattle WA 2014.

"Disciplined Migration" Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, CA, 2013 and Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC 2013.

"Old Poison in New Security Bottles: Contemporary Immigration Restriction and the Detention Regime." Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, 2012.

"Immigrants or Detainees?: Frame Conflict and the Politics of Protesting Immigrant Detention Centers." Western Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, 2011 and Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Seattle, WA 2011.

"Interest Group Identity and Immigration: An Exploration of Goal Setting Behavior" Western Political Science Association. Vancouver, BC. 2009.

"Intersecting Race and Religion" with Nancy Wadsworth. American Political Science Association. Boston, MA 2008.

"The Stranger Among US: The Christian Right and Immigration Politics" American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL 2007.

"Labor Unions, Immigration, and American Political Development" Race and American Political Development, Eugene, OR 2006.

"To Organize or Demonize: Unions and the Politics of Immigration." Western Political Science Association Conference, Oakland, CA 2005 and Southern Political Science Association Conference, Atlanta, GA 2006.

"Liberalism at the Gate: Grassroots Immigration Restrictionists and Liberal Democratic Ideals." American Political Science Association, Washington DC 2005.

"Internet Identities: Social Movement and On-line Activism." Western Political Science Association Conference, Portland, OR 2004.

"Characterizing Consent: Race, Citizenship, and the New Restrictionists." Western Political Science Association Conference, Denver, CO 2003 and American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA 2003.

"Differential Democracy: Elites, Mass Opinion and Gender in the State Initiative Process."
Co-authored with Matthew Manweller. Northwest Political Science Association Conference, Boise, Idaho 2001 and American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA 2002.

"Co-creating Whiteness: Elite and Grassroots Contributions to Racial Constructs in Proposition 187." American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA 2002.

"Beyond the Border: Collective Action and Citizenship in Proposition 187" Western Political Science Association Conference, San Jose, CA 2000 and the Graduate Student History Conference, Eugene, Oregon 2001.

"A New Environmental Racism: Nativism and the Environmental Movement" Politics of Identity: Learning to Listen Conference, Eugene, OR, March 2001.

""Dangerous Distinctions: New Racism and Proposition 187" Race, Ethnicity and Migration. Minneapolis, MN November 2000.

"INS Interventions: Patterns of Power" Northwest Political Science Association Conference, Eugene, Oregon 2000.

"The Right's Right to Identity: Social Movement Theory and the Christian Right" Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, March 1999 and American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, September 1999.

**Awards and Honors**

National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Grant, 2016-2018, $200,000.
Charles Redd Center Best Paper Award, Western Political Science Association, 2018.
Lantz Sabbatical Enhancement Award, 2015
Best Paper of the Western Political Science Conference on Latina/o Politics 2004.
Stephen L. Wasby Dissertation Award 2004.
Center on Diversity and Community Fellowship 2002.
University of Oregon Risa Palm Scholarship 2002.
Distinction in American Politics. Department of Political Science, University of Oregon 2000.

**Professional Activities**

**Awards Committees.**
Redd Best Paper on American West (WPSA). 2021
Best Dissertation Award (WPSA).
Race, Ethnicity and Politics Best Book Award (APSA), Chair 2010, Member 2009.
Phi Sigma Alpha Award. Western Political Science Association Best Paper Award. 2005.

**Board Member.** Washington State Practice of Law Board, 2015-2017. Northwest Detention
Center Roundtable (Chair, Vice Chair) 2012 – 2015. Freedom Education Project Puget Sound (Secretary) 2012- 2015. Center for the Study of Race Ethnicity and Gender, Bucknell University. 2005-2008; The Center on Diversity and Community at University of Oregon. 2003-2004.

**Reviewer.**

American Politics Research, Columbia University Press, CQ Press, Journal of Politics,
Constellation, Political Psychology, Politics, Groups and Identities, Research in Social Movements Conflict and Change, Routledge Press, Sociological Spectrum, and Westview
Press.

**Discussant or Roundtable Participation**
Midwest Political Science Association, 2021. Western Political Science Association (2009,
2011,2014); American Political Science Association. (2003, 2007, 2011, 2015, 2016). Pacific Northwest Political Science Association. Immigration Writing Workshop, University of Oregon, Spring 2015.

**Conference Administration.** Section Chair for REP at WPSA 2014; Assistant organizer for "Race, Education and Criminal Justice" Race and Pedagogy Initiative, University of Puget Sound, 2012. Northwest Political Science Association (Executive Council) 2012-2015. Assistant organizer for "Diversity in University Curriculum" at the University of Oregon Politics of Identity Conference, Eugene, OR, 2001.

**Selected University Committee Membership**

Faculty Senate Chair. 2020-2022
Faculty Senate. Spring 2016-2018.
Undocumented Student Workgroup. Spring 2017 - 2018.
Education Minor Advisory Committee. Spring 2017-2020.
Committee on Civic Engagement. Fall 2017- 2019.
African-American Faculty Advisory Committee 2012-2019.
Ad Hoc Committee on Educational Goals Fall 2016-2017.
The Swope Lectureship Committee Fall 2011-2014
Writing Excellence Award, Social Science Committee, 2014 and 2015.
Academic Standards Committee Fall 2010-2014
Conference Program Committee. "Race, Education and Criminal Justice" Race and Pedagogy. 2012.
Sophomore Planning Team 2011-2012.
Publicity and Outreach Subcommittee, Race and Pedagogy Conference, 2010

**Courses Taught**

Migration and the Global City
Comparative State Politics and Policy
Immigration Politics and Policy

Introduction to Public Policy
Introduction to U.S. Politics
Local Politics
Methods
Politics of Detention: Criminal Justice, War on Terror and Immigration
Power, Protest and Change: Social Movements in U.S. Politics
Public Policy Analysis
Race and U.S. Politics
Religion and U.S. Politics
Social Justice (First Year Seminar)
Washington State Legislative Experience
Urban Politics