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EDUCATION

Ph.D., 1998. Department of Political Science. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, New Jersey.
B.A., Magna cum laude, 1990. Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016 -- **Professor, Department of Political Science, Gender and Women's Studies Department, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory**
2016 -- 2018 **Director, Bio-Humanities Initiative, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities**
2009 -- 2016 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Gender and Women's Studies Department, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory
2007 -- 2009 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Gender and Women's Studies Program, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois.
2001 -- 2007 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Gender and Women's Studies Program
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois.
2001 -- 2004 Research Assistant Professor in Communications, Institute of Communications Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
2000 -- 2001 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois.
1998 -- 2000 Visiting Assistant Professor, Women's Studies Department, University of California--Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Biocultural Creatures: Toward a New Theory of the Human (Duke University Press, 2016)
Samantha Frost and Diana Coole, editors, *New Materialisms: Ontology, Agency, and Politics* (Duke University Press, 2010).
Lessons from a materialist thinker: Hobbesian reflections on ethics and politics (Stanford University Press, 2008). Selected for the **First Book Award** by the Foundations of

Political Theory Section of the American Political Science Association, 2009. The First Book Award recognizes the best first book by a scholar in the early stages of his or her career.

Chapter 5 “The action and passion of politics: Hobbes on power” is forthcoming in Italian translation in *Hobbes and Power*, a special issue of *Scienza & Politica* ed. Francesco Toto and Dmitri D’Andrea.

Articles and chapters

- “Hobbes, Life, and the Politics of Self-Preservation: The Role of Materialism in Hobbes’s Political Philosophy” in *Interpreting Hobbes’s Political Thought* ed. Sharon Lloyd (Cambridge University Press, 2019).
- “Ten theses on the subject of biology and politics: conceptual, methodological, and biopolitical considerations.” *Handbook of Biology and Society* ed. Maurizio Meloni, John Cromby, Des Fitzgerald, and Stéphanie Lloyd (Palgrave Macmillan 2018).
[Appears in Spanish translation as “Diez tesis sobre biología y política: consideraciones conceptuales, metodológicas y biopolíticas” trans. María Victoria Sánchez in *Neomaterialismo, vida humana, materia viviente y el cosmos* ed. Marta Palacio (Cordoba/Buenos Aires, Argentina: Editorial Prometeo, 2018).]
- “Challenging the Human x Environment Framework” in *Oxford Handbook on Environmental Political Theory*, ed. John Meyer, Teena Gabrielson, Cheryl Hall, and David Schlosberg (Oxford University Press, 2016).
- “Reconsidering the Turn to Biology in Feminist Theory” *Feminist Theory* Vol.15, No.3 (2014): 307-326.
- “Body, The” in *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. Michael T. Gibbons, Diana Coole, Elisabeth Ellis, Kennan Ferguson (Wiley-Blackwell, 2014).
- “Biotechnologies: Reinventing the State of Nature” in *The Sage Handbook of Globalization* ed. Manfred Steger, Paul Battersby, and Joseph Siracusa (Sage Press, 2014).
- “Appetite and Aversion,” “Body,” and “Cause” in *The Bloomsbury Companion to Hobbes*, ed. Sharon Lloyd (London: Bloomsbury, 2013).
- “The Implications of the New Materialisms for Feminist Epistemology” in *Feminist Epistemology and Philosophy of Science: Power in Knowledge* ed. Heidi Grasswick (Springer, 2011): 69-83.
[appears in French translation as “Ce que les néo-matérialismes font à l’épistémologie féministe.” Trans. Isabelle Clair et Marion Coville. *CSS—Comment s’en sortir?* No. 7 (2017)]
- “Fear and the illusion of autonomy” in Diana Coole and Samantha Frost, eds., *New Materialisms: Ontology, Agency, and Politics* (Duke University Press, 2010).
[appears in Spanish translation as “El miedo y la ilusión de la autonomía.” Trans. Juan A. Fernández Manzano y Gustavo Castel de Lucas. *Las Torres de Lucca*. No. 9 (Julio/Diciembre 2016): 175-200.]
- Diana Coole and Samantha Frost, “Introducing the New Materialisms” in Samantha Frost and Diana Coole, editors, *New Materialisms: Ontology, Agency, and Politics* (Duke University Press, 2010).
- “Hobbes and the Matter of Self-Consciousness” *Political Theory* Vol.33, No.4 (August 2005): 495-517
- “Just Lie: Lessons from Hobbes on the Cultivation of Peace” *Theory & Event* Vol.7, No. 4 (Summer 2004)
- “Faking It: Hobbes’s Thinking-Bodies and the Ethics of Dissimulation” *Political Theory* vol.29, no.1 (February 2001): 30-57.

“Reading the Body: Hobbes, Body Politics, and the Vocation of Political Theory” in *Vocations of Political Theory*, eds. Jason A. Frank and John Tambornino (University of Minnesota Press, 2000).

Essays

“What is the matter? On Mika Rottenberg’s *Spaghetti Blockchain (2019)*” in *Mika Rottenberg: Easy Pieces*. Ed. Margot Norton (New York: New Museum, 2019)

“Foreword” in Joshua I. Newman, Holly Thorpe, and David L. Andrews, eds *Sport, physical culture, and the moving body: Materialisms, technologies, ecologies* (Rutgers University Press, 2019).

“The biocultural is a pluripotent concept for theory: a response to six provocations” A contribution to a symposium on *Biocultural Creatures* called “Theory at the Frontiers: The Prism of the Biocultural” *Theory & Event* Vol. 21, No. 2 (April 2018)

“Richard Flathman and the rule of that and which” A contribution to “For Dick, In Memorium” in remembrance of Richard Flathman. *Theory & Event* Vol.19, No. 1 (2016)

Reviews

“Review of Deboleena Roy’s *Molecular Feminisms: Biology, Becomings, and Life in the Lab*” *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience* Vol.5, No.2 (2019).

“The laborious tissue” (book review) *BioSocieties* Vol.10, No. 4 (2015): 495-499.

“Not all concepts are oppressive” (book review) *Radical Philosophy: A Journal of Socialist and Feminist Philosophy* No.174 (July/August 2012): 48-9.

“Hobbes’s Politically Subversive Messianism” (book review), *Theory and Event* Vol.13, No.1 (2010).

“Hobbes out of bounds” (review essay) *Political Theory* Vol. 32, No.2 (April 2004): 257-273

Bibliography on and selected reviews of publications in Hobbes scholarship in the US for the year 2002 to appear as part of the “Bibliographie critique internationale des études hobbesienne pour l’année 2002” in *Archives de Philosophie: Bulletin Hobbes* Vol. XVI (2004) by invitation.

Other publications

Bunch, Charlotte and Samantha Frost. "Women's Human Rights" in *Routledge International Encyclopedia of Women: Global Women's Issues and Knowledge*, ed. Cheris Kramarae and Dale Spender (Routledge, 2000).

This article is also included in *Encyclopaedia of Women's Studies*, volume 4, ed. Subhadra Channa (New Delhi, India: Cosmo, 2004)

This article is also reprinted in *We/Myi: The Women's Dialogue*, issue 5 (21) (2003) (A Russian periodical published in Moscow)

This article is also published or linked on-line by various international organizations:

Center for Women's Global Leadership: www.cwgl.rutgers.edu

Jura Gentium (Italy): www.dex1.tsd.unifi.it/juragentium/it/top.html

The Center for Legislative Development (Philippines): www.cld.org/menu.html

MOF (Balkans?): www.mof.org.mk/thesisid=6&matid=12

Ośka (Poland): www.oska.org.pl/english/institut/bibliography.html

U.S. Consulate Lahore (Pakistan):

<http://usembassy.state.gov/lahore/wwwhbmarch04.html>

Stop Violence Against Women (Minnesota, US):

www.stopvaw.org/Domestic_Violence_Explore_the_Issue.html

Bunch, Charlotte and Samantha Frost. “Empowerment” in *Routledge International Encyclopedia*

of Women: Global Women's Issues and Knowledge, ed. Cheris Kramarae and Dale Spender (Routledge, 2000).

Bunch, Charlotte, Samantha Frost, and Niamh Reilly. "Making the Global Local: International Networking for Women's Human Rights," *Women and International Human Rights Law*, Volume 1, Kelly Askin and Dorean Koenig, eds. (New York, NY: Transnational Press, 1999).

This article is reprinted as

Bunch, Charlotte, with Peggy Antrobus, Samantha Frost, and Niamh Reilly, "International Networking for Women's Human Rights" in *Global Citizen Action*, ed. Michael Edwards and John Gaventa (Lynne Reinner Publishers, Inc., 2001).

This article is also included in translation in:

Los Derechos de las Mujeres son Derechos Humanos: Cronica de una Movilizacion Mundial (Center for Women's Global Leadership, 2000) and

Les Voix des Femmes et <<les Droits de l'Homme>> (Center for Women's Global Leadership, 2000).

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Peter F. Nardulli Scholar Award, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois (Fall 2019, 2018, 2009).

Project Coordinator, "Arendt on Earth: From Archimedean Point to the Anthropocene," Humanities Without Walls Consortium Grant (\$138K), P.I. Prof. Mary Dietz (Northwestern University) 2017-2020.

IPRH-Mellon Biohumanities Faculty Fellow, University of Illinois, 2016-2019 (Directing the IPRH-Mellon Biohumanities Research Group ~\$660K)

Provost Grand Challenge Learning Leadership Fellow, University of Illinois, Spring-Summer 2015 (Executive Co-Chair for the "Health and Wellness" stream)

Conrad Humanities Scholar, College of LAS, University of Illinois (\$25,000) 2014-2019

Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory Senior Fellow, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, University of Illinois (\$8000) 2014-2016

Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities Research Cluster grant for "Queer Ecologies," with Jennifer Monson (Dance), University of Illinois (\$2500) 2014-2015

Humanities Released Time Award, University of Illinois Research Board (\$14,000), Fall 2014

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation New Directions Post-Fellowship Award (\$50,000), Fall 2011.

Arnold O. Beckman Award, University of Illinois Research Board (\$12,200) grant for Research Assistant (Spring 2011, for academic year 2011-2012).

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation New Directions Fellowship, (\$197,000) 2010-2011.

First Book Award, Foundations of Political Theory Section of the American Political Science Association, 2009. The First Book Award recognizes the best first book by a scholar in the early stages of his or her career.

University of Illinois Research Board grant (\$7625) supporting a Research Assistant and activities related to "The Politics of Perception: Science, Art, Politics" faculty research seminar, Spring 2009

Provost grant for "The Politics of Perception: Science, Art, Politics" faculty research seminar (\$10,000) Spring 2009.

Scholars Travel Fund Award, University of Illinois Research Board, Spring & Fall 2006, Spring & Fall 2008, Fall 2011, Fall 2013.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant to organize a two-week visiting fellowship and a state-of-the-art conference (\$31,000), UIUC, Spring 2006

Humanities Released Time Award, University of Illinois Research Board, Fall 2004

Dissertation Fellowship, Rutgers University. 1996-1997.

The Walt Whitman Center's Kettering Fellow, Rutgers University. 1995-1996.
Marion Johnson Fellow, Rutgers University. 1991-1995.
Graduate Scholar Award, Rutgers University. 1991-1993.
J. Allen Smith Fellow, University of Washington. 1990.

TEACHING AWARDS

Lynn M. Martin Award for Distinguished Women Teachers, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois, Spring 2010. The Lynn M. Martin Award is designated to promote exceptional achievement in undergraduate teaching by women.
List of teachers ranked excellent by their students Spring 2016 (GWS 350), Spring 2015 (GWS 478/PS413), Spring 2013 (GWS 478/PS 413), Fall 2012 (GWS 550), Spring 2012 (GWS 350), Fall 2009 (GWS 550), Spring 2008 (GWS 478/PS 413; PS 377), Fall 2007 (GWS 350; PS 377); Spring 2005 (GWS 478/PS 413; GWS 350), Spring 2004 (GWS 478/PS 413), Spring 2003 (GWS 478/PS 413), Spring 2002 (GWS 350), Spring 2001 (PS 296).

RESEARCH CONFERENCES, SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS, AND TRAINING COURSES

Conferences, faculty/grad seminars/workshops, and research groups convened

“Experiments in thinking the human” A Bio-Humanities Symposium, IPRH-Mellon Bio-Humanities initiative, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, UIUC, March 30-31, 2017.
“Developing bio-humanities and bio-social science research methodologies” A University of Illinois and University of Birmingham BRIDGE workshop October 17-19, 2016, UIUC. Co-organized with Deborah Youdell (U. Birmingham)
“Matters of perception: objects and materialities of affect” A two-week seminar for the Kent Summer School in Critical Theory, Paris, France, June 13-23, 2016
“Interrogating the Non-Human Turn” Faculty/Graduate Student Seminar and Workshop, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, Spring 2015. With Jodi Byrd, Radhika Govindrajana, Susan Koshy, and Trish Loughran.
“Queer Ecologies” Research Cluster, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, 2014-2015, co-organizer with Jennifer Monson.
The Biology of Social and Political Behavior Group, participant, Institute for Genomic Biology.
“The Politics of Perception: Science, Art, Politics” Provost-funded faculty research seminar, University of Illinois, Fall 2009-Spring 2010. Co-organizer and co-participant, with Alejandro Lleras, Justine Murison, David O’Brien, Bruce Rosenstock, and Dede Ruggles.
Conference Organizer, “New Materialisms,” A state-of-the-art conference funded by the Mellon Foundation, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, February 16-17, 2007.
“New Materialisms” Faculty and Graduate Seminar, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, Fall 2006. Co-director, with Michael Rothberg.

Courses taken towards the biology and politics research projects

MCB 150	The molecular and cellular basis of life (Fall 09)
MCB 199	Society and the brain (Spring 10)
MCB 240	Physiology (Spring 10)
CHEM 232	Organic chemistry (Spring 10)
CHEM 233	Organic chemistry lab (Spring 10)

PSYCH 230	Senses and perception (Spring 10)
MCB 250	Molecular genetics (Summer 10)
MCB 252	Cells, tissues, and development (Fall 10)
MCB 314	Introduction to neurobiology (Fall 10)
MCB 354	Intro to biochemistry (Fall 10)
NEUR 414	Brain, learning and memory (Fall 10)
ANTHR 243	Sociality of great apes (Spring 11)
MCB 413	Endocrinology (Spring 11)
IB 485	Environmental toxicology (Spring 11)
PSYCH 496	Metabolism and brain function (Spring 11)
	Independent Study: Neural Correlates of Consciousness (Summer 11)

KEYNOTES AND PUBLIC LECTURES

- “Hobbes, Life, and the Politics of Self-Preservation” Keynote lecture for the Coloquio Internacional “Materialism: words and power in Hobbes,” Escuela de Gobierno, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Santiago, Chile, March 14-15, 2018.
- “The attentive body: epigenetics, the index, and the registers of meaning” Keynote lecture for “Religion and the Science of Life,” the Ian Ramsey Center for Science and Religion, St. Anne’s College, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK July 19-22, 2017.
- “Biocultural creatures and biocultural habitats” Keynote lecture for “El Coloquio Interacional Neo-materialismo: la vida humana y su lugar en el cosmos,” the Faculty of Languages, National University of Córdoba, Argentina September 28, 2016.
- “Biology for Humanists,” Opening lecture for 2013-2014 Rice University Seminar “Materialism and New Materialism Across the Disciplines,” Humanities Research Center, Rice University, Houston, TX September 20, 2013
- “Life, Resistance, Politics” Keynote address at the “Life, Matter, Resistance” conference at the University of Kent, Canterbury UK July 1-2, 2013.
- “Body, Cause, Politics: The Beginnings of *Biology for Humanists*,” Annual Faculty Lecture, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, January 28, 2013.
- “Body, Cause, Politics: Reconsidering the Turn to Biology in Feminist Theory” Keynote address at *Matter Matters: The Social Sciences Beyond the Linguistic Turn*, University of Lund, Lund, Sweden, October 15-16, 2012.