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Education:

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Political Theory and American Politics (Defense Oct. 2010)
M.A., Political Science, Indiana University- Bloomington
Completed Spring 2001, Thesis Advisor Russell Hanson
B.A., Summa cum Laude, University of Minnesota, Phi Beta Kappa
Political Science major, Comparative Literature Minor

Dissertation:

“Prostitutes of Wisdom: What Athenian Democracy Can Teach Deliberation Theory”

I argue that the Sophists offer a counterpoint to and eminent critique of deliberation theory. In its construction of ideals, deliberation theory has largely ignored the omnipresence of rhetoric in political speech. Recent scholarship (i.e. Garsten, Allen, Fontana, etc.) has turned to rhetoric as a way of explaining political speech, but few have turned to the Sophists. These theorists and practitioners of rhetoric offer a way of viewing political speech that embraces the “messiness” of politics and democratic speech while also allowing for inclusiveness and new avenues for participation.

Committee: Mary Dietz (Chair), James Farr, Joan Tronto, Edward Schaippa

Working Papers and Ongoing Research:

“Speakers and Audiences: The Athenian *Agora* and *Polis* as a model for mediated democracy”
“Bread and Circuses: Politics as Entertainment in Tocqueville’s America”
“A Loss of his ‘Ancient Faith’: Lincoln’s Construction of a Secular Religion of Patriotism”
“Does Tolerance extend to the Intolerant? *Mozert v. Hawkins* and Civic Education”

Conference Presentations:

Brandt, Katherine. 2004 “Madisonian Majority Tyranny, Minority Rights, & American Democracy: A New Defense of the Electoral College” – Paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago.

Teaching Experience:

Assistant Professor, Metropolitan State University
POL 333 Constitutional Law, Fall 2010
POL 321 World Politics, Fall 2010

Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota
POL 1001 Intro to American Politics, Spring 2010
POL 1001 Intro to American Politics, Fall 2009
POL 3225 American Political Thought, Spring 2009
POL 1201 Intro to Political Theory, Fall 2008
POL 3225 American Political Thought, Spring 2008
POL 1001 Intro to American Politics, Fall 2007
POL 1201 Intro to Political Theory, Spring 2007
POL 3225 American Political Thought, Fall 2006
POL 1201 Intro to Political Theory, Spring 2006

Instructor, Department of Political Science, Macalester College, Spring 2006
POL 200 Women in US Politics

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota,
(2001-2005)
Courses Include: Democracy and Citizenship, Political Ideas and
Ideologies, Introduction to American Politics, American Political Thought

Associate Instructor: Department of Political Science, Indiana University,
(1999-2001)
Courses Include: History of Political Thought-Ancient, History of Political
Thought-Modern

Courses I would like to teach:

Intro to Political Theory, History of Political Thought, Democratic Theory,
American Political Thought, Women in US Politics, Introduction to American
Politics, Constitutional Law, Feminist Political Theory, Politics and Film

Service:

University Advising Committee
Study Abroad Committee
CLA Budget Committee Graduate Student Representative
McNair Scholars Mentor
Mortarboard College Senior Honor Society – Sigma Tau Chapter President

Scholarships and Awards:

Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship - 2008
Ueland Fellowship – 2002, 2003, 2004
Arlene Carlson Scholarship – Department of Political Science, 2002
Waller Scholarship – 1997 & 1998
Zetterberg Scholarship - 1998
Larson Scholarship – 1998

Department of Political Science Honors scholarship – 1998