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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

The National Institutes of Health **2019 - 2021**

Postdoctoral Fellow in Clinical Bioethics. Primary mentor David Wasserman.

EDUCATION

PhD, Stanford University **2019**

Political Science specializing in Political Theory and American Politics
Dissertation title: “Sex-positive Political Theory: Pleasure, Power, Public Policy and the Pursuit of Sexual Liberation”
Supervisor: Professor Debra Satz

MSc, The London School of Economics and Political Science **2013**

Political Theory with Distinction and Distinction on dissertation

AB, Harvard College **2012**

Government with cum laude honors

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROCESS

“Paying Attention to the Mouse Behind the Curtain: Dilemmas of Disability Justice in a Lawsuit Against Disney” Under initial review at *Ethics*.

“Universally Designed Urban Environments: ‘A Mindless Abuse of the Ideal of Equality’ or a Matter of Social Justice?” Accepted as part of an edited collection on the philosophy of technology and the city, co-edited by Michael Nagenborg, Taylor Stone, Pieter Vermaas, Margoth González Woge, to be published by Springer.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“My Blessed Child Doesn’t Need to Know About That: How Should Sexual Health Educators Confront the Challenge of Religious Pluralism in Working with Individuals Who Have Intellectual Disabilities?” *Ethics, Medicine, and Public Health*, Volume 5, April-June 2018, pages 8-17.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352552518300197>

“Sexual Intimacy, Social Justice, and Severe Disabilities: Should Fair Equality of Opportunity in Health Extend to Surrogate Partner Therapy?” *The Journal of Philosophy, Science, & Law: Special Disability Issue*, Volume 14, Issue 3, July 2, 2014, pages 4-15.

Commentaries and Book Reviews in Academic Journals

(with David Wasserman) **“Kevin Mintz and David Wasserman Reply to ‘A Demanding Ethics of Care’”** *Hastings Center Report*, Volume 50, Issue 2, pages 46-47, DOI:10.1002/hast.1103

A reply to Eva Feder Kittay’s response to the book review listed below.

(with David Wasserman) **“Caring for People with Disabilities: An Ethics of Respect”** *Hastings Center Report*, Volume 50, Issue 1, January/February 2020, pages 44-45, DOI: 10.1002/hast.1084.

Review of *Learning from My Daughter: The Value and Care of Disabled Minds* by Eva Feder Kittay, Oxford University Press, 2019.

“Is Disney Disabling?” *Disability & Society*, Volume 33, Issue 8, 2018, pages 1366-1371. DOI: 10.1080/09687599.2018.1498573.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/nQHgEAmnQf2MezSMFrkM/full>

“Ableism, Ambiguity, and the Anna Stubblefield Case” *Disability & Society*, Volume 32, Issue 10, 2017, pages 1666-1670.

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09687599.2017.1356058>

Chapters in Edited Collections and Textbooks

“Guests with Autism and Reasonable Accommodations at Disney” ch. 21 in *Business Cases in Ethical Focus*, Broadview Press, 2019, pages 179-189.

“Accommodating Dory, but Disempowering Dopey? Dilemmas of Disability in Disney Animated Films, from *Snow White* to *Finding Dory*” ch. 6 in *Disney and Philosophy: Truth, Trust, and a Little Bit of Pixie Dust*, Blackwell’s Philosophy and Popular Culture series, Wiley-Blackwell Press, 2019, pages 59-69.

Articles for Popular Media

“Disney disability ruling overstates impact on guests” *Orlando Sentinel Opinion*, July 5, 2020

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/letters/os-op-letters-disney-disability-ruling-20200705-nmtl6wobj5ftbjw3eormofc7x4-story.html>

Also published in print as “Disney disability ruling overstates impact.”

“Disney World disability policy for rides is deeply flawed” *Orlando Sentinel Opinion*, January 24, 2020

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/guest-commentary/os-op-disney-with-disabilities-policy-flawed-20200124-wqk2cdiirjg5zilsln6gfgxg2xi-story.html>

Also published in print as **“Disney disability policy for park’s rides is deeply flawed.”**

“Disney rides thrill me as a wheelchair user. But park changes for disabled visitors ruin the fun” *The Los Angeles Times Opinion Section*, December 13th, 2019

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-12-13/disney-parks-disability-suits-wheelchair>

Also published in print as “**Disability and Disney Parks: Not as Magical a Pairing.**”

“Sexuality in the time of Trump” *The Conversation*, January 4, 2017

<http://theconversation.com/sexuality-in-the-time-of-trump-69608> Reprinted in the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stanford University, Sexual Health Peer Resource Center **March and May 2020**

Guest lecturer on Sex and Disability for Wellness 191: Peer Counseling on Comprehensive Sexual Health. Course held online.

The Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality June 2016 – August 2018

Adjunct professor and doctoral supervisor. Module leader for Sexual Attitude Restructuring program: "Sex and Disability."

Stanford University, Department of Political Science October 2016 – March 2017

Teaching assistant for courses Justice; Introduction to Global Justice. Developed lesson plans, facilitated discussion sections, and graded student essays.

San Francisco Sex Information March 2016 – March 2017

Successfully completed 60-hour Basic Sex Educator training program. Member, SFSI Board of Directors from March 2016 to March 2017. Basic Sex Educator trainer from October 2016 to July 2017. Liaison to The Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually impaired, San Francisco.

St. Thomas University **March and November 2015**

Guest lecturer on LGBT, sex and disability issues for Dr. Marilyn K. Volker's course on Human Sexuality Counseling.

Harvard Graduate School of Education

August 2009 - December 2011

Teaching Fellow for Graduate Courses on Special Education. Assisted professor with planning of course lectures and discussions as well as answering student questions regarding course content and assignments.

EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING

Harvard Graduate School of Education

July 2011 - October 2011

Worked with colleagues to produce a web-based version of Thomas M. Skrtic's, "The Special Education Paradox: Equity as the Way to Excellence," that is understandable to the widest audience possible using Book Builder software.

Thomas Hehir & Associates

January 2009 - May 2012

Member of consulting team involved in the evaluation and implementation of recommended improvements for Henry Visconti School for students with physical disabilities. Moderated focus groups, conducted interviews, wrote case studies, and gave parent presentations.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Stanford University, Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education Diversity

Dissertation Research Opportunity Award 2018

Research grant in the amount of \$4,958 to assist with dissertation research expenses incurred in residence at the Kinsey Institute. Awarded to 13 students across Stanford University for June 2018.

John Money Fellowship for Scholars of Sexology, The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction at Indiana University 2018

Fellowship in the amount of \$3000. Awarded to two graduate students from across the United States to fund research activities at Kinsey Institute Library; conducted dissertation research during my two months in residence, June-August 2018.

Stanford University's Diversifying Academia, Recruiting Excellence Graduate Fellowship
2017-2019

Two-year long fellowship in the amount of \$105,932. Awarded to 22 PhD candidates from underrepresented backgrounds to assist them in preparing for careers in academia, and to diversify the academic pipeline by encouraging undergraduates from diverse backgrounds to apply to PhD programs.

Stanford University's McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society, Graduate Fellow 2016 – 2017

Yearlong fellowship in the amount of \$3000. Awarded to graduate students across Stanford University. Program designed to help students learn to present their research to non-academic audiences.

The Peter Wilson Graduate Award Presented by Harvard College, May 2012

Award given to graduating senior with a disability for outstanding contributions to disability advocacy at Harvard College.

Parent to Parent of Miami “Journey of Dreams” 7th Annual IMPACT Award 2011

Award bestowed upon individuals who are inspired and motivated to advocate on behalf of people with disabilities in their community and throughout the State of Florida.

Miami Herald Silver Knight Award Recipient for Social Sciences 2008

Award given for outstanding academic achievement and community service.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Paper Presentations

American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA: October 2019

Presented paper titled “Should Egalitarians Pay Attention to the Mouse Behind the Curtain?: What Dissecting a Disability Lawsuit Against Disney Teaches Us About Disability Equality.” Uses the lawsuits discussed in “Is Disney Disabling?” to argue that egalitarian thought needs a more individualized approach to determine when inequalities arising from disability are matters of justice.

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, USA: August 2018

Presented paper titled “Sex Positive Political Theory: Treating Sexual Liberties as Both Negative and Positive.” Presents core argument of PhD Dissertation.

Society for Business Ethics Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, USA: August 2018

Presented paper titled “Deconstructing Dilemmas of Disability Equality in Walt’s Magical Kingdom: How Should Disney Provide People with Autism Spectrum Disorder Access to its Theme Parks?” Uses the philosophical framework developed in “Should Egalitarians Pay Attention to the Mouse Behind the Curtain?” to develop a framework for how Disney and other corporations should accommodate customers with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Nuffield College, Oxford, UK: April 2018

Presented “Should Egalitarians Pay Attention to the Mouse Behind the Curtain?: What Dissecting a Disability Lawsuit Against Disney Teaches Us About Disability Equality.”

The American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting: March 2016
Organized and chaired panel on Sex and the Disabled Citizen, for the Society for Philosophy and Disability. Other presenters: Dr. Cheryl Cohen Greene, Raymond Aldred.

The Philosophical Society of South Africa's Annual Conference, Bloemfontein, South Africa: January 2014

Presented to members a draft of “Sexual Intimacy, Social Justice, and Severe Disabilities: Should Fair Equality of Opportunity in Health Extend to Surrogate Partner Therapy?”

The Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Minho, Braga, Portugal: May 2013

Presented to attendees a draft of “An Accessible Theory of Justice: John Rawls, Thomas Nagel, and Equal Access for People with ‘Disabilities’.”

Panel Discussions

Symposium, International Higher Education and Disability Organization, Harvard Graduate School of Education: April 2012

With Michael Hitchcock, Writer/Producer of Emmy-Award-winning television show, “Glee,” and scholars from Harvard and Boston Universities discussed the evolving image of people with disabilities in the mass media and its potential effects on the future of inclusive education.

Askwith Forum “The Big IDEA”: February 2011

Participated with MSNBC’s Chris Matthews and members of the Harvard community in reflecting upon the 35th anniversary of federal special education law.

Symposium, International Higher Education and Disability Organization, Harvard Graduate School of Education: April 2010

Served on panel with disability activist Judith Heumann to reflect on disability rights since the passage of the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act.