

JOSEPH J. FISCHEL

curriculum vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor on Term, Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (WGSS), Yale University (2017-present)

Director of Graduate Studies, WGSS, Yale University (2017-2018; 2019-2021)

Sabbatical Visitor, Center for Gender & Sexuality Law, Columbia University (2018)

Assistant Professor, WGSS, Yale University (2012-2017)

Director of Undergraduate Studies, WGSS, Yale University (2013-2015; 2016-2017)

Whitney Humanities Center Fellow, Yale University (2017-2018; 2019-2021)

Residential Fellow, Silliman College, Yale University (2013-2015; 2016-2018)

Research Affiliate, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program, Tulane University (2016, 2019)

Carol G. Lederer Postdoctoral Fellow,
Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women, Brown University (2011-2012)

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (2005-2011)
PhD, Department of Political Science (June 2011)
Committee: Patchen Markell (chair), Lauren Berlant, Bernard Harcourt
Graduate Certificate, Center for Gender & Sexuality Studies (CSGS) (2010)
M.A., Political Science (June 2007)

Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut (2000-2004)
B.A. with honors, Government, concentration in political theory

PUBLICATIONS / BOOKS

- *Sex and Harm in the Age of Consent* (University of Minnesota Press, 2016)
- *Screw Consent: A Better Politics of Sexual Justice* (UC Press, 2019)
- *Sodomitical Justice: A Solicitation* (Sexuality Studies Series, Temple UP, forthcoming)
- *Desiring Law: Critical Queer Theory* (under negotiation with Routledge)

PUBLICATIONS / JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "Capability without Dignity?" *Contemporary Political Theory* (accepted, forthcoming)
- Guest Editor, "Queer Legal Studies," *Critical Analysis of Law (CAL)*, vol. 6, no. 1, 2019
 - Editor's Note
 - Moderator, Discussion with Paisley Currah and Aeyal Gross
- "Catharine MacKinnon's Wayward Children," *differences* (vol. 30, no. 1, 2019)
- "Sodomy's Penumbra," *Journal of Homosexuality* (vol. 64, no. 14, 2017)
- "Horse F#\$@ing and the Limits of Consent: What *Broad City* Teaches Us about Sexual Violence," *Studies in Gender and Sexuality* (vol. 17, no. 4, 2016)
- "Disabling Consent, or Reconstructing Sexual Autonomy," *Columbia Journal of Gender & Law* (vol. 30, no. 2, 2016)

PUBLICATIONS / JOURNAL ARTICLES (CONT'D)

- “Against Nature, Against Consent: A Sexual Politics of Debility,” *differences* (vol. 24, no. 1, 2013)
- “Pornographic Protections: Itineraries of Childhood Innocence,” *Law, Culture and the Humanities* (June 2013)
- “Contrôle et production des délinquants sexuels aux États-Unis : une introduction critique” (trans: The regulation and production of sex offenders in the United States: a critical introduction), *Archives de Politique Criminelle* (no. 34, 2012)
- “Transcendent Homosexuals and Dangerous Sex Offenders: Sexual Harm and Freedom in the Judicial Imaginary,” *Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy* (vol. 17, no. 2, 2010)
- “Per Se or Power? Age and Sexual Consent,” *Yale Journal of Law & Feminism* (vol. 22, no. 2, 2010)

PUBLICATIONS / EDITED VOLUMES ENTRIES

- “Foreword: Fine Print,” in Querying Consent: Beyond Permission and Refusal, eds. Jordana Greenblatt and Keja Valens (Rutgers University Press, 2018)
- “Consent,” in The Routledge Handbook of American Sexuality, eds. Kevin Murphy, Jason Ruiz, David Serlin (Routledge, 2019)
- “A More Promiscuous Politics: LGBT Rights without the LGBT Rights,” in After Marriage Equality: The Future of LGBT Rights, ed. Carlos Ball (NYU Press, 2016)
- “Age of Consent,” in The SAGE Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies, ed. Abbie Goldberg (SAGE Publications, 2016)

PUBLICATIONS / REVIEWS

- Jyoti Puri, Sexual States: Governance and the Struggle Over the Antisodomy Law in India, *Journal of the History of Sexuality* (2017)
- Review Symposium, Stephen Macedo, Just Married: Same-Sex Couples, Monogamy, and the Future of Marriage, *Perspectives on Politics* (vol. 14, no. 3, 2016)
- Ronald C. Den Otter, In Defense of Plural Marriage, *Journal of Politics* (vol. 78, no. 1, 2016)
- Marc Solomon, Winning Marriage: The Inside Story of How Same-Sex Couples Took on the Politicians and Pundits -- and Won, *Law & Politics Book Review* (vol. 25, no. 4, 2015)
- Roger M. Lancaster, Sex Panic and the Punitive State, *Law & Politics Book Review* (vol. 22, no. 2, 2012)

PUBLICATIONS / POPULAR AUDIENCE

- “A Note on the Successful Failure of U.S. Sex Offender Laws,” Programme Essay for “Downstate,” *National Theatre*, London (March 2019)
- [“What Do We Consent to When We Consent to Sex?”](#) *Aeon* (Oct. 23, 2018)
- [“How Calling Kevin Spacey a Pedophile Hurts the Gay Community,”](#) *Slate* (Nov. 1, 2017)
- [“Why campus sexual consent policies should not call out disability,”](#) *Student Health 101* (Mar. 2017)

PUBLICATIONS / POPULAR AUDIENCE

- ["Milo Was the Wrong Voice on the Real Complexity of Age, Sex, and Consent,"](#) co-written with Gabriel N. Rosenberg, *Slate* (Feb. 24, 2017)
- ["The Case for Affirmative Consent,"](#) co-written with Melanie Boyd, *Huffington Post* (Dec. 17, 2014)
- ["Bigger Love? Same-Sex Marriage and the Poly Problem,"](#) *Bilerico* (Sep. 18, 2014)
- ["Selling Sex \(and Justice\) in Orleans Parish,"](#) *The Feminist Wire* (Apr. 5, 2012)

TEACHING

Associate & Assistant Professor, WGSS, Yale University (2012-current)

- *Bodies & Pleasures, Sex & Genders; Sex, Knowledge, Power; Intro LGBT Studies; Theories & Politics of Sexual Consent; Sexuality & Social Justice* (graduate); *Junior Seminar: Theory & Method; Senior Seminar: Colloquium; Theories of Race, Sex & Justice* (graduate); *Directed Study: Sex, Crime, & Punishment; Directed Study: Sexual Violence* (graduate); *New Orleans in the American Imaginary* (Franke Seminar)

Postdoctoral Fellow, Pembroke Center, Brown University (fall 2011)

- *Theories and Politics of Sexual Consent*

Co-Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago (winter 2011)

- *Sex and Ethics* (w/ Professor Lauren Berlant)

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago (spring 2009)

- *The Politics of Protection*

Co-Lecturer, Masters in the Program of Humanities, University of Chicago (winter 2009)

- *Graduate-Level Intro to Theories of Sex and Gender* (w/ Professor Candace Vogler)

Teaching Intern, Social Sciences Division, University of Chicago (2007-2008)

- *Classics of Social and Political Thought I*, Professor Nathan Tarcov (fall 2007)
- *Classics of Social and Political Thought II*, Professor Julie Cooper (winter 2008)
- *Classics of Social and Political Thought III*, Professor Jennifer Pitts (spring 2008)

HONORS & AWARDS

Foundations in Political Theory First Book Award, American Political Science Association (APSA) (2017)

Cynthia Weber Best Conference Paper Award, Sexuality & Politics, APSA (2016)

Poorvu Family Award for Interdisciplinary Teaching, Yale (2015)

A. Whitney Griswold Faculty Research Fund, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale (2015)

FLAGS Award, LGBT Studies, Yale (2015)

Morse Fellowship (research leave), Office of the Provost, Yale (2015-2016)

Frederick W. Hilles Publication Fund Award, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale (2015)

FLAGS Award, LGBT Studies, Yale (2014)

Provost Distinguished Mentor Series Award, Office of the Provost, Yale (2013)

Special Fund for the Study of Women and Politics, APSA (2012)

Julien Mezey Dissertation Award, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities (2012)

Provost's Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago (2010-2011)

Harper Dissertation Fellowship, Division of Social Sciences, U of C (2010-2011)

HONORS & AWARDS (CONT'D)

Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, Division of Social Sciences,
University of Chicago (2010-2011, *awarded but not accepted*)

James C. Hormel Fellowship in Lesbian and Gay Studies, Center for Gender Studies,
University of Chicago (2009-2010)

Grodzins Prize Lectureship, Department of Political Science,
University of Chicago (2009)

Provost Summer Research Fellowship, University of Chicago (2008)

Political Science Research Grant, Department of Political Science,
University of Chicago (2008)

Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Political Science,
University of Chicago (2007)

University Fellowship, University of Chicago (2005-2009)

White Fellowship for Excellence in Government, Wesleyan University (2005)

Phi Beta Kappa, Wesleyan University (2004)

Departmental Honors, Government, Wesleyan University (2004)

PRESENTATIONS / GUEST LECTURES (SELECTED)

- Book Talks: “Screw Consent: A Better Politics of Sexual Justice”
Georgetown University (2018); Duke University (2019); Labyrinth Books, Princeton
University (2019); Wesleyan University (2019)
- Keynote, “Intimate Provocations: Theorizing Consent in the Age of #MeToo,”
Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago (2019)
- Latke Hamentaschen Debate, *Slifka Center*, Yale University (2018)
- “Sodomitical Justice,” *Faculty of Law*, University of Toronto (2018)
- “Bad Sex,” *Gender & Sexuality Studies*, Tulane University (2018)
- Interviewee, WNYC Radiolab, “In the No” (Part 3, 2018)
- “Capability without Dignity,” *Columbia Law School*, Columbia University (2018)
- Distinguished Alumni Lecture, “Kink & Football, Consent & Dignity,” *Division of the
Social Sciences*, University of Chicago (2018)
- Plenary, “Queer Disruptions,” *Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Council*, Columbia
University (2018)
- “Screw Consent: Horses & Corpses, Kink & Cannibals,” *Haas Institute*, University of
California, Berkeley (2017)
- Invited Workshop Participant, “Unpacking Consent: Making Sense of Sex, Violence,
and Subjectivity,” *School of Global Studies*, University of Gothenberg, Sweden (2017)
- Symposium, “Election 2016: An Intersectional Discussion with Yale Faculty,”
Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Yale University (2016)
- Plenary, “Danger Talk,” *Center for the Study of Gender & Sexuality*, NYU (2016)
- “A More Promiscuous Politics? LGBT Rights without the LGBT Rights,” *Gender &
Sexuality Studies*, Tulane University (2016)
- “Against Nature: A Solicitation to Sodomitical Justice,” *Political Science*, Tulane
University (2016)
- “Sodomy’s Penumbra,” *Gender, Sexuality, & Women’s Studies*, Bowdoin College (2016)

PRESENTATIONS / GUEST LECTURES (CONT'D)

- “Sodomy’s Penumbra,” *The Rock Ethics Institute*, Penn State University (2016)
- “A Solicitation to Sodomitical Justice,” *Women’s Studies*, Duke University (2016)
- Keynote, “U Remembers” (Holocaust Education Program), *Religious Studies*, University of Utah (2015)
- Symposium, “Sex and Speech on the College Campus,” Brown University (2015)
- “Other Sex Scandals: Frat Boys, Queer Teens, and the Trouble with Sexual Autonomy,” *Political Theory Workshop*, Yale University (2014)
- “Disabling Consent,” *WGSS Working Group*, Yale University (2014)
- “Other Sex Scandals: Frat Boys, Queer Teens, and the Trouble with Sexual Autonomy,” *WGSS*, Washington University in St. Louis (2014)
- Plenary, “Perspectives on Consent and Sex Offending” *Sexual Consent Symposium*, University of Birmingham, UK (2013)
- Plenary, “LGBT Studies in the Yale Curriculum” *LGBT Alumni Reunion*, Yale University (2013)
- Plenary, “Sex and the State: Registries, Rights, and Punishment” *Sex and Justice Conference*, University of Michigan (2012)
- “Transcendent Homosexuals and Dangerous Sex Offenders” *Queer Theory Workshop*, Columbia University Law School, New York (2011)

PRESENTATIONS / CONFERENCE PAPERS (SELECTED)

- Author Meets Readers Roundtable, “Screw Consent,” *Law & Society Association (LSA)*, Washington, D.C. (2019) (author)
- “Nature’s Pluripotency,” *National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)*, Atlanta (2018)
- Roundtable, “Imagining Sexual Justice,” *NWSA*, Atlanta (2018)
- “Capability without Dignity,” *APSA*, Boston (2018)
- “Kink & Cannibals,” *NWSA*, Baltimore (2017)
- Author Meets Readers Roundtable, “Sex and Harm in the Age of Consent,” *LSA*, Mexico City (2017) (author)
- Author Meet Critics Roundtable, “Sex and Harm in the Age of Consent,” *Western Political Science Association (WPSA)*, Vancouver (2017) (author)
- Plenary Presenter, Short Course: Critical Semiotics, *APSA*, Philadelphia (2016)
- “Sodomy’s Penumbra,” *American Studies Association (ASA)*, Denver (2016)
- “Sodomy’s Penumbra,” *APSA*, Philadelphia (2016)
- Roundtable, “After Marriage Equality,” *APSA*, Philadelphia (2016)
- Roundtable, “Queer Dangers, Perilous Opportunities,” *WPSA*, San Diego (2016)
- “Sodomy’s Penumbra,” *LSA*, New Orleans (2016)
- “Disabling Consent,” *APSA*, San Francisco (2015)
- “Disabling Consent,” *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)*, Chicago (2015)
- “Other Sex Scandals,” *APSA*, Washington D.C. (2014)
- “Growing Somewhere? The Crowded Journeys of Adolescence,” *PechaKucha Conference*, *WGSS*, Yale University (2013)

PRESENTATIONS / CONFERENCE PAPERS (SELECTED) (CONT'D)

- “Pornographic Protections: The Racial Itinerary of Innocence,” *MPSA*, Chicago (2013)
- “Selling Sex (and Justice) in Orleans Parish,” *Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities*, Fort Worth (2012)
- “‘Especially Heinous’: Politics, Predation, Panic” *APSA*, Washington, D.C. (2010)

SERVICE / POLITICAL SCIENCE & GENDER STUDIES

Section Chair, Sexuality & Politics, *APSA* (2014-2015)

Vice Chair, Chair Elect, Sexuality & Politics, *APSA* (2013-2014)

Panel Organizer, “Reconstructing Social Justice,” *APSA*, Boston (2018)

Panel Organizer, “Outstanding Sex,” *NWSA*, Baltimore (2017)

Panel Organizer, “Slippery Slopes: Incest, Bestiality, Sodomy,” *ASA*, Denver (2016)

Panel Organizer, “Commercial Sex, Comparatively,” *APSA*, San Francisco (2015)

Methods Advisor, “Sexualities/Politics,” *APSA*, Philadelphia (2016)

Panel Organizer, “Sex and (Inter)Discipline,” *APSA*, Washington, D.C. (2014)

Methods Advisor, “Sexualities/Politics,” *WPSA*, Hollywood (2013)

Panel Organizer, “Sex, State and Subject,” *WPSA*, Portland (spring 2012)

Panel Organizer, “That’s So Gay? The Afterlife of LGBT Rights,” *Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities*, Fort Worth (spring 2012)

Panel Organizer, “Policed Sex, Politicized Sexualities,” *APSA*, Washington, D.C. (summer 2010)

Reviewer, University of California Press, Routledge, Edinburgh University Press, *Punishment & Society, differences, Polity*

SERVICE / YALE UNIVERSITY

Principal Organizer, *Pleasureless: A Queer Symposium*, *WGSS* (2018)

Principal Organizer, *Race, Sex & Ethics Speaker Series*, Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration (2016-2017)

Faculty Mentor, *ESI-PREP*, Office for Graduate Student Development (2017-2018)

- advise URM and first-generation students for graduate school

Search Committee Member & Diversity Liaison, *TT Asst. Prof.*, *WGSS* (2016-2017)

Mellon Forum Faculty Fellow, Silliman College (2013-2015; 2016-2018)

Member, Poynter Fellowship in Journalism Committee (2016-2018)

Principal Organizer, *Trans Week Keynote: Janet Mock*, *LGBTs* (2014)

Principal Organizer, *Master’s Tea Keynote: Al Vernaccio*, Silliman College (2014)

Symposium Director, *Power/Sex: Consent, Constraint, Context*, *WGSS*, *LGBTs* & Yale Law School (2014)

Chair, Majors Project Committee, *WGSS* and Yale College Dean’s Office (2013-2014)

Member, *WGSS* Council & *LGBTs* Council (2012-present)

- Committee Chair, *WGSS* Joint Doctoral Program (2017-2018)
- Committee Chair, Fund for Lesbian and Gay Studies Awards (2017-2018)
- Committee Chair: *WGSS* Senior Essay Prizes (2015)
- Subcommittee Co-Chair, Curricular Development (2012-2014)
- Subcommittee Member, Cross-Department Faculty Appointment (2013)

Faculty Liaison, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Alumni Association (2012)

SERVICE / UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Conference Director, *What's Queer About Sex Offenders?* CSGS (2010)

Graduate Student Coordinator, Lesbian and Gay Studies Project, CSGS (2007-2008)

Student Coordinator, *Symposium for Iris Marion Young* (2007)

Representative, Graduate Student Political Science Association (2006-2009)

SERVICE / COMMUNITY

Reader & Selections Committee Member, Point Foundation (2010-present)

- review applications for Point (National LGBTQ Scholarship Fund); train readers

Mentor, Point Foundation (2018-present)

- advise LGBTQ graduate students on research and professionalization

Coach, Community College Coaching Program, Point Foundation (2017-present)

- advise LGBTQ community college students for transfer into 4-year college

Vinyasa Yoga Instructor

- Queer Yoga, Office of LGBTQ Resources, Yale (2013-2015)
- Yoga East Studio, Provincetown, MA (2010-present)

LANGUAGES

- Proficient in Latin and Ancient Greek

INTERESTS

- Contemporary political theory, feminist and queer theory, critical race theory, critical legal studies, competitive running, yoga, Scrabble
- CorePower Yoga, 200-Hour Teacher Certification, Chicago, IL