

## Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION:**

2012 Ph.D., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
 Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Thought (ASPECT)  
 Primary Concentration: Political Thought  
 Secondary Concentration: Cultural Thought

Dissertation: "Market Challenges to Democracy: The Political Economy of  
 Hyman P. Minsky"

2008 M.A., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
 Political Science

2004 B.A., College of St. Benedict | St. John's University  
 Political Science

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS:**

[2017- ] Assistant Professor, Arizona State University, Faculty of Leadership and  
 Interdisciplinary Studies  
 [2015-2017] Lecturer, Arizona State University, Faculty of Leadership and Interdisciplinary  
 Studies  
 [2013-2015] Lecturer, Salisbury University Department of Philosophy  
 [2014] Adjunct Instructor, Salisbury University Department of Environmental Studies  
 [2012-2013] Adjunct Instructor, Salisbury University Department of Political Science  
 [2012-2015] Adjunct Instructor, Virginia Tech Department of Political Science (Online)  
 [2009-2012] Instructor, Virginia Tech Department of Political Science  
 [2012] Adjunct Instructor, Radford University Department of Philosophy  
 [2011] Research Assistant, Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Upper Level Courses: Democracy at Work  
 Diversity in Organizations  
 Ancient Political Theory

Theory and Practice of Leadership  
 Interdisciplinary Inquiry  
 Contemporary Political Theory

	International Political Economy Comparative Govt of Dev. Nations Heterodox Economic Philosophies Ecological Limits to Growth	Comparative Political Economy American Political Theory Aesthetics and Rebellion Philosophies of Food
Introductory Courses:	Introduction to Philosophy Introduction to Political Theory Introduction to US Govt and Politics	Knowledge and Reality Introduction to Politics

## AREAS OF RESEARCH:

Critical leadership and interdisciplinary theory  
Diversity, equity, and inclusion in academia  
Contemporary political theory  
Critical social and cultural theory  
Political economy of advanced industrial democracies  
American government and American political thought  
Policy and administrative responses to financial instability

## PUBLICATIONS:

[under review] *Toward a Theory of Solidarity Leadership: Vision, Collective Action, and Translating Organizational Change into Broader Social Change*. Journal of Social Change

[under review] *Manufacturing Alienation in the Bakken: Toward a Political Economy of Extraction*. Theory and Event

[under review] *You Can't Handicraft the Apocalypse: The Invidious Consequence of "Opting Out."* New Political Science

[under revision] "Research and Theory Advancing Inclusion in the Geosciences: An Overview of the NSF-GOLD Program." (coauthor with J. Posselt, J. Chen, G. Dixon, A. Nuñez, and B. Teppen). Journal of Geoscience Education

[in preparation] "Leader Power: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Emerging Opportunities." (coauthor with M.P. Trinh, E. Castillo, and D. Bates)

[in preparation] "Integrating Harmony with Rhythm: Transcending the Interdisciplinary Discord of Modern Academia." (coauthor with M.P. Trinh, E. Castillo, and D. Bates)

[2018] in Huntington, K.W., and Klepeis, K.A. "Challenges and Opportunities for Research in Tectonics: Understanding Deformation and the Processes that Link Earth Systems, from Geologic Time to Human Time. A Community Vision Document Submitted to the U.S.

- National Science Foundation.” University of Washington, 84 pp., <https://doi.org/10.6069/H52R3PQ5>.
- [2018] “Focusing on Leadership to Improve Diversity in the Geosciences.” *Eos*, 99, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2018EO097357>. Published on 27 April 2018.
- [2018] *Critical Leadership Theory: Integrating Transdisciplinary Perspectives* (coauthor with Jennifer L.S. Chandler). New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan. ISBN: 978-3319964713.
- [2018] “Addressing Race and Culture within a Critical Leadership Approach” (coauthored with Jennifer L.S. Chandler) in *Global and Culturally Diverse Leaders and Leadership: New Dimensions, Opportunities, and Challenges for Business, Industry, Education and Society*. Chin, Trimble, and Garcia, eds. Emerald Group Publishing.
- [2017] *Marcuse in the Twenty-First Century: Radical Politics, Critical Theory, and Revolutionary Praxis* (co-editor with S. Surak). New York, NY: Routledge. ISBN: 978-1138573215.
- [2017] “Toward a Theory of Economic Development as a Mode of Flash Capitalism.” *Fast Capitalism*, Vol. 14, No. 1.
- [2016] “Introduction to the Special Issue ‘Marcuse in the Twenty-First Century: Radical Politics, Critical Theory, and Revolutionary Praxis.’” (coauthor with S. Surak) *New Political Science*: Vol. 38, No. 4, 1-10.
- [2016] Introduction to “The Rationality of Philosophy” by Herbert Marcuse. *New Political Science*: Vol. 38, No. 4.
- [2016] “The ‘Digital Revolution’ Reconsidered.” *New Political Science*: Vol. 38, No. 1, 100-115.

### **Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries**

- [2017] “Austro-Marxism.” *The Encyclopedia of Social Theory*. New York, NY: Wiley-Blackwell. 1-4.
- [2015] “Ian Klaus’ *Forging Capitalism: Rogues, Swindlers, Frauds, and the Rise of Modern Finance*. H-Socialisms, H-Net Reviews. <https://www.hnet.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=43082>
- [2015] “Thomas Piketty’s *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*.” *New Political Science*: Vol. 37, No. 1, 147-149.
- [2010] “David Harvey’s *Cosmopolitanism and the Geographies of Freedom*.” *Public Knowledge*: Vol. 2, No. 1. [http://pkjournal.org/?page\\_id=1145](http://pkjournal.org/?page_id=1145)

## INVITED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- [2018] “Broader Impacts: The Urgent Need for Critical Social Scientists in Sponsored Research.” Plenary talk given at the ASPECT annual conference. Blacksburg, VA.
- [2017] “Kanban Academia: Toward a Post-Taylorist Theory of ‘Just in Time’ Production.” *Interdisciplinary Studies Works*: Vol. 2, No. 2, 37-48.
- [2015] “Veblen and the Frankfurt School.” Plenary talk given at the Society of Socio-Economists Annual Conference. Washington, DC.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS:

- [2019] “You Can’t Handicraft the Apocalypse: The Invidious Consequence of ‘Opting Out.’” Given at the Caucus for a New Political Science Biennial Conference. South Padre Island, TX.
- [2018] “Finding the Fugitive: Wolin’s Critical Democratic Theory.” Given at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference. Boston, MA.
- [2018] “Removing the Spleen: Veblen and the Frankfurt School.” Given at the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA.
- [2018] “Modern Money Marxism? Or: A Left-critique of State Centered Political Economy.” Given at the International Confederation for the Application of Pluralism in Economics annual conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- [2017] “Small Groups, Big Change: Preliminary Findings from the Sparks for Change Institute.” Given at the American Geophysics Union Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA.
- [2017] “Activist, Scholar, Teacher: Transformative Practices in the Age of Trump – Faculty Unionization.” Given at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA.
- [2017] “Extracting Alienation: Land, Labor and Capital in Bataille’s Bakken.” Given at the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference. Vancouver, BC.
- [2016] “Normative Considerations of Critical Leadership Theory.” Given at the International Leadership Association Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- [2015] “Euthanasia or Enshrinement of the *Rentier*? Re-reading Keynes through *Capital*, Vol. III.” Given at the Marxist Literary Group Annual Conference. Washington, DC.
- [2015] “Aesthetic One-Dimensionality: Rescuing Marcuse’s Aesthetics from ‘Artificial Negativity.’” Given at the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference. Las Vegas, NV.

- [2014] “Tweets, Retweets, and Tweeting Retreats: Assessing the ‘Digital Revolution’ as Veblenian Machine Process.” Given at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference. Washington, DC.
- [2014] “Kanban Academia: Toward a Post-Taylorist Political Theory of ‘Just in Time’ Knowledge Production.” Given at the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference. Portland, OR.
- [2013] “Toward a Political Economy of Liberation? A Critical Assessment of Neo-Chartalism” Given at the International Herbert Marcuse Society Fifth Biennial Conference. Lexington, KY.
- [2012] “Economic Policy: Monetary Sovereignty or Sado-monetarism?” Given at the ASPECT Annual Conference. Blacksburg, VA.
- [2012] “Junk Bondage: The Material Consequences of Wasteful Finance” Given at the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference. Portland, OR.
- [2011] “Hyman Minsky’s Contributions to Political Economy: Toward a Political Response to Financial Instability.” Given at the International Consortium for the Application of Pluralism in Economics conference. University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- [2011] “Spaces of Critique Toward a Positive Political Economy” Given at the Critical Refusals: International Herbert Marcuse Society Fourth Biennial Conference. University of Pennsylvania.
- [2011] “Mad Money or Money Madness? The Precariousness of Financialized Everyday Life.” Given at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
- [2010] “What if All the Swans Are Black? Formulating Political Responses to Financial Instability.” Given at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference. Washington, DC.
- [2010] “Responding to the Burdens of Democracy: Stability, Revolt, and Political Friendship” (coauthor). Given at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- [2009] “A Defense of Utopian Literature” Given at the International Social Theory Consortium Conference. University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- [2007] “Aesthetic Liberation” Given at the Reading Marcuse: International Herbert Marcuse Society Second Biennial Conference. St. Joseph’s University.

**ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

American Political Science Association  
 Political Economy  
 New Political Science  
 Foundations of Political Theory  
 Green Politics and Theory  
 Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research  
 International Leadership Association  
 National Science Foundation  
 American Geophysics Union  
 International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics  
 International Herbert Marcuse Society  
 World Economics Association  
 International Social Theory Consortium

### **METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING & EXPERIENCE:**

Quantitative, Qualitative and Mixed Methods  
 Area Studies Methods  
 Interdisciplinary Methods for Social Science Research  
 Discourse Analysis

### **UNIVERSITY | COLLEGE | DEPARTMENT SERVICE:**

[2016]            Certification in ASU's Master Class for Teaching Online  
 [2015 -     ]    Director of Graduate Studies for Organizational Leadership  
 [2015 -     ]    Faculty Search Committee  
 [2015 -     ]    College Council Co-Advisor, College of Integrative Sciences and Arts  
 [2015 - 2017]   Curriculum Committee, Department of Leadership and Interdisciplinary Studies  
 [2015]           Faculty Search Certification for diversity and inclusion

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

[2017 - 2018]   Contributor and Reviewer, Tectonics Community Vision Document for NSF.  
                       <https://doi.org/10.6069/H52R3PQ5>  
 [2016 -     ]    Panel reviewer, National Science Foundation  
 [2017 -     ]    Witness and Advocates Committee, Caucus for a New Political Science  
 [2015 -     ]    Membership Director, Caucus for a New Political Science

- [2015 - 2016] Christian Bay Award for Best Paper (Chair), Caucus for a New Political Science
- [2015] Treasurer, Green Politics and Theory
- [2015 - 2016] Guest Co-Editor, New Political Science. "Marcuse in the Twenty-First Century: Radical Politics, Critical Theory, and Revolutionary Praxis." Vol. 38, No. 4 (December 2016).
- [2015] Conference co-organizer – "Praxis and Critique: Liberation, Pedagogy, and the University." The Sixth Biennial Conference of the international Herbert Marcuse Society. Salisbury University. Salisbury, MD.
- [2015] "Teaching Economic Inequality Across the Curriculum." Presentation given at the Salisbury University Annual Teaching and Learning Conference.
- [2015] Special Issue Reviewer, Radical Philosophy Review
- [2014-2015] Faculty Development Coordinator, The American Democracy Project/The Democracy Committee's Economic Inequality Initiative
- [2014] "Writing Across the Curriculum" faculty development seminar
- [2013-2014] Faculty Advisor, Salisbury University Philosophical Society
- [2013-2014] Civic Engagement Consultant, Points of Light Citizen Academy

#### **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND OTHER HONORS:**

- [2018] Plenary Speaker Honorarium at the ASPECT annual conference: \$1000
- [2017 – 2019] Key Investigator (Non-PI), Collaborative Research: NRT-INFEWS: Systems Training for Research ON Geography-based Coastal Food Energy Water Systems (STRONG-CFEWS). National Science Foundation, Award No. 1735320. \$2,500,000 (subaward: \$21,667).
- [2016 – 2019] Principal Investigator of GEO Opportunities for Leadership in Diversity (GOLD): Sparks for Change. National Science Foundation, Award No. 1645453. \$397,587
- [2016] Participant in National Science Foundation "Ideas Lab" to broaden diversity in the Geosciences
- [2015] Christian Bay Award for best paper on a New Political Science Panel at the 2014 American Political Science Association Annual Conference. \$500
- [2015] Salisbury University Faculty Development Grant. \$500

- [2014] Salisbury University Foundation Travel Grant. \$500
- [2014] Seagull Century Grant. \$1000
- [2012] Outstanding Dissertation Award