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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Government & International Relations, University of Notre Dame, 2002

B.A., Political Science, Loyola University Maryland, 1992

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

In rank as associate professor since Fall 2009.

Spring 2024-Summer 2024: Interim Chairperson, Political Science and International Relations

Spring 2024-present: Director, Gender & Sexuality Studies, Adelphi University

Fall 2010-Spring 2023: Director, Gender & Sexuality Studies, Adelphi University

Fall 2014-Summer 2020: Chairperson, Political Science, Adelphi University

Fall 2012-Spring 2013: Interim Chairperson, Political Science, Adelphi University

Fall 2003-Spring 2009: Assistant Professor, Political Science, Adelphi University

Fall 2002-Spring 2003: Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in Political Theory,
The Honors College, University of Houston

Spring 2000: Instructor, University of Notre Dame

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- With Elizabeth Palley. "Education, Needs, and a Feminist Ethic of Care: Lessons from Discomfort with Academic Giftedness." *Social Politics*, Vol. 17, No. 1 (January 2010): 80-110. [Link to article here.](#)
- "The Relational Self and the Right to Give Care," *New Political Science*, Vol. 28, No. 4 (December 2006): 547-570. [Link to article here.](#)
- "At the Intersection of Intimacy and Care: Redefining 'Family' through the Lens of a Public Ethic of Care." *Politics & Gender*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (March 2005): 65-95. [Link to article here.](#)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “The Challenge and Inequality of Care.” Chapter in *Learning, Education, & Games Volume 4: 50 Games to Use for Inclusion, Equity, and Justice*. Editors: Dr. Karen “Kat” Schrier, Dr. Rachel Kowert, Dr. Diana Leonard, and Tarja Porkka-Kontturi. Carnegie Mellon University: ETC Press, 2024: pp. 217-220. [Download for free here.](#)
- “Families as Relationships of Intimacy and Care.” Chapter in *Justice, Politics and the Family*. Edited by Daniel Engster and Tamara Metz. Paradigm Publishers, 2013. [Link to book with my chapter here.](#)

BOOK REVIEWS

- “Maxine Eichner, *The Supportive State: Families, Government, and America’s Political Ideals* (Oxford University Press, 2010). *International Journal of Sociology of the Family*, Vol. 37, No. 2 (Autumn 2011): 333-335.
- “Paul Kershaw, *Carefair: Rethinking the Responsibilities and Rights of Citizenship* (UBC Press, 2005).” *Governance*, Vol. 19, No. 4 (October 2006): 680-682.

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

- Short Version of *The Challenge and Inequality of Care* is a “Game Under Review,” [available on the Reacting to the Past website under “short games” here](#). So, I am in the next level of having more instructors playtest/run this version of the game. It’s a live action role-playing game for groups of 16-28 students that runs about 2.5 hours with set-up, gameplay, and debrief. The game was played seven times between F22 and early Summer 2025—four times with me as game moderator and three times with three different instructors. As of March 2026, the game was run once at Adelphi, 5 times at other universities, and once at a camp for high school students interested in jobs in health care. Details for when I was moderating the game under “Invited Presentations.”
- “Lessons from State Paid Family Leave in the USA,” working title of research project building on my “State Paid Family Leave in the USA” conference paper (Caring Futures conference, May 2024). Goal: article manuscript (additional research in process to reframe approach)
- Playtesting the original/full-length version of an educational game that I designed: *The Challenge and Inequality of Care*. Extended live action role-playing game for use in undergraduate classes. It runs over eight 75-minute sessions (including setup, gameplay, and debrief). Game played three times between F21 and SP24—twice with me as game moderator and once with another instructor running the game at another university.

HIGHER ED PUBLICATIONS

- [“Helping Students Overcome Presentation Anxiety.”](#) *Inside Higher Ed*. March 23, 2022.
- [“Writing Accountability Groups for Game Designers.”](#) *Chain Reactions*. (Blog from the *Reacting to the Past Consortium*.) May 26, 2021.
- [“Ditching the Syllabus Monologue.”](#) *Inside Higher Ed*. January 21, 2020.

OP-EDS RELATED TO MY RESEARCH

- [“Yes, Care is Infrastructure.”](#) Co-authored with Elizabeth Palley. *Real Clear Policy*. May 11, 2021.

REFEREED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS (since on faculty at Adelphi)

- “State Paid Family Leave in the USA: Challenges of Coverage & Uptake.” Conference: [Caring Futures--Contradictions, Transformation, and Revolutionary Politics](#). American University of Paris, France. May 2024.
- ["Teaching about Inequality and Informal Caregiving in the United States Using an Extended Role-Playing Game: *The Challenge and Inequality of Care*."](#) Presented in the "Simulations and Games as Teaching Tools" panel in the Simulation and Games track at the Teaching and Learning Conference at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (TLCatAPSA). Montreal, Canada. September 2022.
- "The Challenge and Politics of Care Game: Issues and Mechanics." Presentation at the "Pitch Party I" session of the [Reacting to the Past Game Development \(Virtual\) Conference](#), July 7, 2021.
- “Challenge and Politics of Care: A Role-Playing Game on Informal Caregiving.” Presentation at Mellon-Borghesi Care Workshop: “Relations of Care Across and After Words” Virtual Conference, May 13, 2021.
- “Armed and Caring? U.S. Military in Political Rhetoric and Family Policy.” Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the *Western Political Science Association*. Seattle, WA, March 2014.
- With Deborah Little. “Who Cares: Integrating Disability Experiences into Care Theory.” Annual Meeting of the *Western Political Science Association*, Portland, Oregon, March 2012. (Note: Paper was co-authored, but presented by Levy.)

- With Deborah Little. "Care and Disability: Issues of Power and Voice." *23rd Annual Conference of the Society for Disability Studies, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 5, 2010. (Note: Paper was co-authored, but presented by Little.)*
- With Deborah Little. "Who Cares and Other Tensions between a Public Ethic of Care and Disability Studies." Paper presented by Levy at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, August 31, 2008.
- With Maggie Gray. "Transnational Workers, Inequality, and Household Structure." Paper presented by both authors at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, August 29, 2008.
- With Deborah Little. "Personal Assistant? Caregiver? A Dialogue between Disability Studies and Care Theory." Paper delivered by both authors at the Annual Conference of the Society for Disability Studies, New York, New York, June 20, 2008.
- With Elizabeth Palley. "U.S. Education Policy: Liberal Inadequacies and the Care Alternative." Paper delivered, by both authors, at Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work's Fiftieth Anniversary Conference, "Celebrating a Tradition of Caring," New York, New York, May 2007.
- Chair & Presenter. Panel: "Care and Social Policy." Paper (co-authored with Elizabeth Palley): "A Public Ethic of Care and Educational Policy: The Impact of No Child Left Behind on Gifted Education." Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2007.
- "Theorizing Caregiver Rights." Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2004.

INVITED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS (since on faculty at Adelphi)

- Setup, coordinated, moderated, and debriefed two simultaneous sessions of *The Challenge and Inequality of Care, short version*, for a class of 36 students at Merrimack College. April 17 and 19, 2023.
- Setup, coordinated, moderated, and debriefed *The Challenge and Inequality of Care, short version* for a class of 21 students at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan. April 10, 2023.
- Invited presenter, Adelphi's College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Salon. "Challenge and Inequality of Care: Designing and Running a Role-Playing Game on Informal Care." December 2021 (virtual).

- Invited Co-Panelist, “Care Work in the COVID Crisis: Challenges & Opportunities,” live call-in program. Presented by Hofstra Labor Studies and the Center for Labor and Democracy, in collaboration with Long Island Jobs with Justice and A.L.L.O.W. (Advancing Local Leadership Opportunities for Women). July 7, 2020.
- Invited Presenter, Five College Women's Studies Research Center "Works-in-Progress Seminar." Presented my manuscript, co-authored with Deborah Little, "Caresharing and Care-Pooling: Lessons from Disabled Parents and Young Carers." South Hadley, Massachusetts, on March 1, 2019.
- Invited Symposium Present and Participant, "Maternal Interventions for Ethical, Political, and Spiritual Transformation" focusing on the book *The Obligated Self* by Mara Benjamin. Held at Mt. Holyoke College on February 28, 2019.
- Panel Discussant & Chair for “Care Ethics, Solidarity, and Activism” panel. Global Care Summit. Lowell, Massachusetts, June 2017.
- Panelist, "The Political Glass Ceiling--Cracked but not Shattered." Organized by the League of Women Voters/Port Washington-Manhasset and held at the Port Washington Library. Port Washington, NY. April 2017.
- Discussant and Chair of panel, "Theoretical Issues of Care Considered" at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. San Diego, California. March 2016.
- Discussant and Chair of panel, "Changing Conceptions of Gender Roles and Care." Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. San Diego, California. March 2016.
- Panel Discussant for "Markets, States, Rights and Families: A Politics of Care in a Global Age". In *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*. Seattle, Washington, September 2011.
- Chair & Panel Discussant: “Gender, Religion, and Ethnicity.” Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, November 11, 2006.
- “Contesting the Care-Rights Oxymoron: The Viability and Implications of a Right to Give and Receive Care.” Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 2004.

PEDAGOGICAL or GAME DESIGN TRAINING/CONFERENCES

- Forthcoming, June 2026: I was invited to run (moderate) the 2.5 hour version of The Challenge and Inequality of Care game during the June 6-7, 2026 “Game Workshop”

sessions at Reacting to the Past's Summer Institute in NYC. The players will be other instructors who might choose to run the game in their own classes.

- Managed Full Playtest of the Short Version of My Role-Playing Game, *The Challenge and Inequality of Care*. [Reacting to the Past's Game Development Conference \(GDC\). Corvallis, Oregon. July 2023.](#)
- Workshop Presenter: "[Presentation Café: How to Structure Student Presentations to Reduce Anxiety.](#)" Adelphi's TLC23, Teaching and Learning Conference, Spring 2023.
- Panelist: "[Role-Playing Games in Class: Why, How, Who.](#)" Adelphi's TLC22, Teaching and Learning Conference, Spring 2022.
- "Game Development Workshop: Prototype to Game Library." Virtual workshop featuring Nicolas Proctor for Reacting to the Past Consortium. April 21, 2021.
- "Game-Based Learning Conference." Virtual conference run by University XP. April 16-18, 2021.
- "Certificate of Participation: 2021 Teaching & Learning (Virtual) Conference." Adelphi University. "Teaching and Learning in Uncertain Times." April 7-8, 2021.
- Winter of Reacting Online Conference through the University of Georgia. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Teaching (Virtual) Workshop. January 2021.
- "Certificate of Completion: Designing Emotion: How to Use Design to Move People." LinkedIn Learning. Completed January 28, 2021.
- Online Academy: Course Development Certificate. Intensive online training from Adelphi University's Faculty Center for Professional Excellence. Completed August 2020.
- American Political Science Association's 16th Annual Teaching and Learning Conference. Workshop Group: Simulations & Games. February 7-9, 2020. Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Reacting to the Past pedagogy: Participant in Annual Faculty Institutes at Barnard College in New York, New York. June 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. In June 2020 and Summer 2021, I participated in the "Summer of Reacting" online conferences, focusing on the student and gamemaster experience for synchronous and asynchronous online games.

HONORS AND AWARDS (Selected)

- Adelphi University's "2005-2006 Teaching Excellence Award" (for untenured faculty), Spring 2006.

- “Professor of the Year Award,” from Center for Student Community and Engagement and Student Government Association, May 2025.
- “Annual Academic Advisor Recognition Award,” from the Adelphi University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, Spring 2006.
- “Distinguished Faculty Excellence Award,” from the Senior Class of 2006, November 2005.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS (Recent only)

- American Political Science Association, 2000-2026: member of national organization & the following organized sections within it: Foundations of Political Theory; Women & Politics, Sexuality & Politics. (Sexuality & Politics is a newer section membership for me.)
- Reacting to the Past, 2016-present: member.

JOURNALS/ORGANIZATION FOR WHICH I REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS SINCE 2022

- *Perspectives on Politics* (Fall 2025)
- *Reacting to the Past* (Fall 2025--reviewed full-length game’s instructor’s manual, game book, and role sheets)
- *Journal of Political Science Education* (Spring 2022)
- *Learning, Education, & Games Volume 4: 50 Games to Use for Inclusion, Equity, and Justice* -- Editors: Dr. Karen “Kat” Schrier, Dr. Rachel Kowert, Dr. Diana Leonard & Tarja Porkka-Kontturi. Press: ETC Press/Carnegie Mellon. (Spring -Summer 2023).

SERVICE TO ADELPHI, Ongoing or Recent (Selected since 2022)

- Director of Gender & Sexuality Studies, Spring 2024-present (previously 2010-Spring 2023).
- Political Science (then POLIR) Senator, Faculty Senate. Fall 2019-Summer 2024. Chair: Sarah Eltabib, then CarolAnn Daniel, then Sarah Eltabib.
- Faculty Advisor, Adelphi’s Nu Theta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society, Fall 2003-Spring 2016; Fall 2021-present.
- Dissertation reader for Ph.D. student Pavithra Viswanath (Derner School of Psychology at Adelphi): *Trauma and Reflective Functioning in Indian Mothers*. Defense: April 4, 2024.
- Chair of the Political Science UPRC, Fall 2021-Fall 2023; Fall 2024-present.

- Member of Philosophy UPRC, Fall 2021-Spring 2023; Fall 2025-present

TEACHING WORKLOAD (last two years):

Spring 2026

0158-102-001, Introduction to Politics, 18 students (course cap: 25)

0158-241-002, Modern Political Theory, 30 students (course cap: 30_

3 credits research release

Fall 2025

0158-102-001, Introduction to Politics, 25 students (course cap: 25)

0158-102-002, Introduction to Politics, 25 students (course cap: 25)

0158-350-001, Rousseau on Citizenship and Revolution, 9 students (course cap: 25)

Spring 2025

0158-102-002, Introduction to POlitics, 25 students (course cap: 25)

0158-459-001, Seminar: Justice and Social Policy 10 students (course cap: 15)

3-credit research release

Fall 2024

0158-102-001, Introduction to Politics, 25 students (course cap: 25)

0158-240-001, Ancient & Medieval Political Thought, 17 students (course cap: 30)

0158-348-001, Family & Sexuality in Political Theory, 16 students (course cap: 25)