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***Education:***

*Ph.D.*, December 1997, University of Chicago, Department of Political Science.  
Major Field: comparative politics. Minor Fields: historical sociology, modern social and political theory.

Dissertation: "Negotiating Meaning: Narrative Politics and Memory of the Holocaust in France"  
Political Science Department Nominee, "Best Dissertation in the Division of the Social Sciences," University of Chicago.  
University of Chicago Nominee, "Best Dissertation in Religion and Politics," American Political Science Association.

*MA.*, June 1992, University of Chicago, Department of Political Science.

*BA.*, June 1989, Michigan State University, Honors College with High Honors.  
Dual degree: History and James Madison College (comparative politics and international relations).

***Academic Appointments:***

*Associate Professor*, Women's and Gender Studies, Texas A&M University, September 2011-present.

*Assistant Professor*. Women's and Gender Studies, Texas A&M University, January 2006-August 2011.

*Visiting Assistant Professor*. Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, January 2002-January 2006.

*Assistant Professor*. Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, August 1997-December 2001.

*Assistant Professor*. Department of Foreign Languages and Linguistics, Division of Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, August 1997-December 2001.

*Program Coordinator.* Wilder House, The Center for the Study of Politics, History, and Culture at the University of Chicago, June 1992-September 1994.

***Administrative Appointments:***

*Director of Graduate Studies,* Women's and Gender Studies Program, Texas A&M University, September 2013-present.

***Affiliations:***

*Associate,* Centre for Parenting Culture Studies, School of Sociology, Social Policy, and Social Research, University of Kent, UK.

***Courses Taught:***

*Texas A&M University:*

WGST 481: Senior Seminar: Gender and Health  
 WGST 481: Senior Seminar: Families in Contemporary America  
 WGST 481/POLS 306: Feminist Theory and Politics  
 WGST/SOCI 310/689: Reproduction and the Politics of Motherhood  
 WGST 200: Introduction to Women's Studies  
 POLS 306: Identity Politics in America  
 POLS 206: Introduction to American Government

*University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee:*

Identity Politics in America  
 Past Injustice in Comparative Perspective  
 The Politics of Memory: Europe, Israel, and the Holocaust  
 The Politics of American Jewish Identity  
 Introduction to Political Science

*University of Chicago:*

Academic and Professional Writing

***Publications:***

Books:

*Is Breast Best? Taking on the Breastfeeding Experts and the New High Stakes of Motherhood,* New York: New York University Press, 2011.

*Harnessing the Holocaust: The Politics of Memory in France*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004.

Articles:

“Framing Mothers: Childcare Research and the Normalization of Maternal Care,” under revision for *Signs*.

“The Politics of Dissent,” *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*, 34:4 (2013).

“Against Breastfeeding (Sometimes),” in Jonathan Metzl and Anna Kirkland (eds.), *Against Health: Is Health the New Morality?*, New York: New York University Press, 2010, 83-92.

“Risky Business,” *Hastings Center Report*, 40:4 (2010), 4-5.

“Is Breast Really Best? Risk and Total Motherhood in the National Breastfeeding Awareness Campaign,” *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 32:4 (2007), 595-36.

“Commentary: Rejoinder to Judy M. Hopkinson,” *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 32:4 (2007), 649-54.

“‘Anne Frank is Dead, Long Live Anne Frank.’ The Six-Day War and the Holocaust in French Public Discourse,” *History and Memory*, 11:1 (Summer 1999), 104-40.

Reviews:

*Women in the Holocaust*, edited by Dalia Ofer and Lenore J. Weitzman, *American Journal of Sociology*, July 1999.

*Conscience at War: The Israeli Soldier as Moral Critic*, by Ruth Linn, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, May 1998.

***Fellowships:***

Visiting Fellow, School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Research, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, February 2013.

***Grants:***

Texas A&M University, College of Liberal Arts, International Travel Grant, spring 2011.

Texas A&M University, Office of the Vice-President for Research, Program to Enhance

Scholarly and Creative Activities, Summer 2010.

Texas A&M University, Office of the Vice-President for Research, Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activities, Summer 2008.

Texas A&M University, Glasscock Center Investigative Course Grant, Spring 2008.

Texas A&M University. College of Liberal Arts. Faculty Research Enhancement Program, Summer 2007.

Texas A&M University. The Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research. Faculty Fellow, 2006-07.

Texas A&M University. The Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research. Stipendiary Fellowship, 2005-06.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Center for Twenty-First Century Studies. Research Fellow, 2000-01.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Committee on Women's Studies. Grant to create capstone course for new women's studies major, winter 2000.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Graduate School research grant, summer 1999.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Center for International Studies. Grant to conduct research in Washington, DC, spring 1998.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Center for International Studies. Grant to conduct research in Paris, summer 1998.

Andrew Mellon Foundation. Fellowship to write dissertation during 1995-96 academic year.

Georges Lurcy Trust. Fellowship to conduct dissertation research in France during 1994-95 academic year.

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. Fellowship to conduct dissertation research in France during summer 1995.

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), German Academic Exchange Service. Funding to travel to Germany to discuss issues surrounding the Holocaust with German Jews during summer 1994.

Andrew Mellon Foundation. Fellowship to conduct preliminary dissertation research during summer 1993.

Fuerstenberg Foundation. Fellowship to pursue graduate work in Jewish studies, 1991-1995.

University of Chicago, Division of the Social Sciences. Fellowship to pursue graduate work in political science, 1990-1994.

Fulbright Scholarship. (declined), 1989.

Michigan State University Honors College. Fellowship for research and travel to United States National Archives and Library of Congress, Washington, DC, 1988.

***Awards:***

Texas A&M University System, Teaching Excellence Award, Spring 2010.

***Professional Papers/Conferences:***

“Framing Mothers: Childcare Research and the Normalization of Maternal Care,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2014.

Vice-Chancellor’s Lecture, University of Kent, “The Politics of Care,” Canterbury, UK, February 2013.

Plenary Session: “Child Care and Child Development: How Do Mothers Matter?,” International Conference on Health, Wellness, and Society,” Chicago, March 2012.

“Constructing Normal: Social Science, Childcare Research, and Maternal Attachment,” Center for Parenting Culture Studies Symposium: Monitoring Parents: Science, Evidence, Experts, and the New Parenting Culture, University of Kent, England, September 2011.

Keynote Address: “Breastfeeding and Beyond: Moral Economies of Childhood Feeding,” Symposium: The Moralization of Childhood Feeding, London, England, March 2011.

“Is Breast Best?” (book session), International Conference on Health, Wellness and Society,” Berkeley, January 2011.

“Managing Risk: Motherhood and the Injunction to Breastfeed,” American Sociological Association, August 2008 (paper accepted but not delivered).

"Emerging Perspectives on Humanities Research and Medicine," Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, TAMU, roundtable participant, February 19, 2008.

“Total Motherhood in a Risk Culture,” Melbern G. Glasscock Center for the Humanities Faculty Colloquium, October 2007.

“Relative Risk: Science, Total Motherhood, and the Obligation to Breastfeed,” Texas A&M University, Melbern G. Glasscock Center for the Humanities Symposium, “Troubling Truth: How Do We Keep Knowing?” September 2007.

“Toward a Working Theory of Risk,” University of Chicago, Workshop in Social Theory (invited talk), May 7, 2007.

“Is Breast Really Best? Science, Risk, and Gender in the Politics of Breastfeeding,” Women’s Studies Lunch Lecture Series, Texas A&M University, November 2005.

“Relative Risk: Breastfeeding, Medical Science, and the Mis-Measure of Mothers,” Conference on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Motherhood, University of Houston, October 2005.

“The Culture of Public Health: Breastfeeding in a Risk Society,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2005.

“Breast v. Bottle: Feminism, Motherhood, and ‘Breast is Best,’” Social Science History Association Conference, November 2004.

“The Politics of American Jewish Identity,” University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee International Studies Conference, 2001.

“Touvier, Holocaust Memory, and the Politics of French Jewish Identity,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 1999.

“Crimes Against Humanity and ‘Memory’ of the Holocaust in France,” Social Science History Association Conference, November 1999.

“The Bombing of Rue Copernic and the Holocaust as Metaphor in France,” Social Science History Association Conference, November 1998.

“From Copernic to Lebanon: French Jewish Identity and the Holocaust in France,” Midwest Jewish Studies Association Conference, October 1998.

“Gender and Nationalism in France,” Council for European Studies Conference, Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Gender and Nationalism in Europe, Michigan State University, April 1997.

“Feminism in the Middle East: Does it Have a Place?” panel moderator, “The World as Israel Turns 50, Distinguished Lecture Series,” University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, January 1998.

***Committees/Service:***

*Texas A&M University:*

Undergraduate Academic Appeals Committee (August 2011 – present)  
Melbern G. Glasscock Center Humanities Book Prize in Interdisciplinary Scholarship  
Committee (2011)  
Women’s Studies Program Review Committee (2006-2010, August 2011 – August 2012,  
September 2014-present)  
Women’s Studies Merit Review Committee (2011-12, 2013-14)  
Women’s Studies Twentieth Anniversary Symposium Committee  
Women’s Studies Curriculum Committee  
Women’s and Gender Studies Working Group, Liaison to the Glasscock Center (2005-2006,  
September 2014-present)  
Five Ph.D. Committees  
Two M.A. Committees  
One Honors Thesis Committee

*University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee:*

Five Ph.D. committees  
Women’s Studies Curriculum Committee  
Women’s Studies Major Committee  
Center for Twentieth/Twenty-First Century Studies Advisory Committee  
University Lectures Committee  
Center for Jewish Studies Advisory Committee