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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., 1998. Department of Political Science. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, New Jersey.  
B.A., Magna cum laude, 1990. Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2007 -- **Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Gender and Women's Studies Program, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory**  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois.  
2001 – 2007 **Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Gender and Women's Studies Program**  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois.  
2001 – 2004 Research Assistant Professor in Communications, Institute of Communications Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois  
2000 – 2001 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois.  
1998 – 2000 Visiting Assistant Professor, Women's Studies Department, University of California–Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California.  
1997 – 1998 Instructor, Department of Political Science, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.  
1996 Instructor, Douglass College, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.  
1993 – 1994 Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.  
1991 Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Washington.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### **Single author book published**

*Lessons from a materialist thinker: Hobbesian reflections on ethics and politics* (Stanford University Press, 2008)

#### **Single author books in preparation**

*Hobbes and Heteronomy: Essays on Materialism and Politics*

In this book, I expand upon the political dimensions of my Hobbes studies to examine the ways his materialism provokes the reformulation of political concepts, such as fear, trust, violence, and dependence.

*Delusions of Autonomy: Rethinking agency and politics*

In this book, I examine how materialist philosophies transform the ways we think about political life. I draw on contemporary work in the life and physical sciences to consider how to integrate material forms of agency into our theories of political action without either reducing action to them or re-instating human action as something that transcends the material conditions of existence.

**Single author articles published**

“Hobbes and the Matter of Self-Consciousness” *Political Theory* Vol.33, No.4 (August 2005): 495-517

“Just Lie: Lessons from Hobbes on the Cultivation of Peace” *Theory & Event* Vol.7, No. 4 (Summer 2004)

“Hobbes out of bounds” *Political Theory* Vol. 32, No.2 (April 2004): 257-273

Bibliography on and selected reviews of publications in Hobbes scholarship in the US for the year 2002 to appear as part of the “Bibliographie critique internationale des études hobbesienne pour l’année 2002” in *Archives de Philosophie: Bullétin Hobbes* Vol. XVI (2004) by invitation.

“Faking It: Hobbes’s Thinking-Bodies and the Ethics of Dissimulation” *Political Theory* vol.29, no.1 (February 2001): 30-57.

“Reading the Body: Hobbes, Body Politics, and the Vocation of Political Theory” in *Vocations of Political Theory*, eds. Jason A. Frank and John Tambornino (University of Minnesota Press, 2000).

**Single author manuscripts in prepration**

“Fear and the illusion of autonomy” an article to be included in the edited volume *New Materialisms: Ontology, Agency, and Politics* (under contract, Duke University Press). Currently under review.

“The Implications of the new materialisms for feminist epistemology,” invited essay contribution to *Feminist Epistemology and Philosophy of Science: Power in Knowledge* ed. Heidi Grasswick (under contract, Kluwer Academic Press). Currently under review.

“Why do women weep? Nature, convention, and the problem of gender in Hobbes’s materialism,” invited essay contribution to *Feminist Interpretations of Thomas Hobbes* ed. Nancy Hirschmann and Joanne Wright (under contract, Penn State University Press).

“Trust and violence”

**Edited volumes in progress**

Samantha Frost and Diana Coole, editors, *New Materialisms: Ontology, Agency, and Politics* (under contract, Duke University Press). Includes essays by:

Sara Ahmed (Univ. London)

Jane Bennett (Johns Hopkins)

Rosi Braidotti (Univ. Utrecht)

Pheng Cheah (U.C. Berkeley)

Rey Chow (Brown)

William Connolly (Johns Hopkins)

Diana Coole (Univ. London)

Jason Edwards (Univ. London)  
Samantha Frost (UIUC)  
Elizabeth Grosz (Rutgers)  
Sonia Kruks (Oberlin)  
Melissa Orlie (UIUC)

### **Co-authored manuscripts in progress**

Samantha Frost and Diana Coole, "Introduction: New Materialisms," in *New Materialisms: Ontology, Agency, and Politics* (under contract, Duke University Press).

### **Co-authored articles published**

Bunch, Charlotte and Samantha Frost. "Women's Human Rights" in *Routledge International Encyclopedia of Women: Global Women's Issues and Knowledge*, ed. Cheris Kramarae and Dale Spender (Routledge, 2000).

This article is also included in *Encyclopaedia of Women's Studies*, volume 4, ed. Subhadra Channa (New Delhi, India: Cosmo, 2004)

This article is also reprinted in *We/Myi: The Women's Dialogue*, issue 5 (21) (2003) (A Russian periodical published in Moscow)

This article is also published or linked on-line by various international organizations:

Center for Women's Global Leadership: [www.cwgl.rutgers.edu](http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu)

Jura Gentium (Italy): [www.dex1.tsd.unifi.it/juragentium/it/top.html](http://www.dex1.tsd.unifi.it/juragentium/it/top.html)

The Center for Legislative Development (Philippines): [www.cld.org/menu.html](http://www.cld.org/menu.html)

MOF (Balkans?): [www.mof.org.mk/thesisid=6&matid=12](http://www.mof.org.mk/thesisid=6&matid=12)

Ośka (Poland): [www.oska.org.pl/english/institut/bibliography.html](http://www.oska.org.pl/english/institut/bibliography.html)

U.S. Consulate Lahore (Pakistan):

<http://usembassy.state.gov/lahore/wwwhbmarch04.html>

Stop Violence Against Women (Minnesota, US):

[www.stopvaw.org/Domestic\\_Violence\\_Explore\\_the\\_Issue.html](http://www.stopvaw.org/Domestic_Violence_Explore_the_Issue.html)

This article is currently being translated into Georgian for inclusion in an anthology on gender theories edited by Nana Berekashvili of the Caucasus Women's Research and Consulting Network.

Bunch, Charlotte and Samantha Frost. "Empowerment" in *Routledge International Encyclopedia of Women: Global Women's Issues and Knowledge*, ed. Cheris Kramarae and Dale Spender (Routledge, 2000).

Bunch, Charlotte, Samantha Frost, and Niamh Reilly. "Making the Global Local: International Networking for Women's Human Rights," *Women and International Human Rights Law*, Volume 1, Kelly Askin and Dorean Koenig, eds. (New York, NY: Transnational Press, 1999).

This article is reprinted as

Bunch, Charlotte, with Peggy Antrobus, Samantha Frost, and Niamh Reilly, "International Networking for Women's Human Rights" in *Global Citizen Action*, ed. Michael Edwards and John Gaventa (Lynne Reinner Publishers, Inc., 2001).

This article is also included in translation in:

*Los Derechos de las Mujeres son Derechos Humanos: Cronica de una Movilizacion Mundial* (Center for Women's Global Leadership, 2000) and

*Les Voix des Femmes et <<les Droits de l'Homme>>* (Center for Women's Global Leadership, 2000).

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

List of teachers ranked excellent by their students Spring 2008 (Sex, Power and Politics; Trust and Terror)  
Scholars Travel Fund Award, University of Illinois Research Board, Fall 2008.  
Scholars Travel Fund Award, University of Illinois Research Board, Spring 2008  
List of teachers ranked excellent by their students Fall 2007 (Intro. to Fem. Theory; Trust and Terror)  
Scholars Travel Fund Award, University of Illinois Research Board, Fall 2006  
Scholars Travel Fund Award, University of Illinois Research Board, Spring 2006 (declined)  
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant to organize a two-week visiting fellowship and a state-of-the-art conference (\$31,000), UIUC, Spring 2006  
Incomplete list of teachers ranked excellent by their students Spring 2005 (Sex, Power, and Politics; Intro. to Fem. Theory)  
Humanities Released Time Award, University of Illinois Research Board, Fall 2004  
Incomplete list of teachers ranked excellent by their students Spring 2004 (Sex, Power, and Politics)  
Incomplete list of teachers ranked excellent by their students Spring 2003 (Sex, Power, and Politics)  
Incomplete list of teachers ranked excellent by their students Spring 2002 (Intro. to Fem. Theory)  
Incomplete list of teachers ranked excellent by their students Spring 2001 (Fem. Pol. Theory)  
Dissertation Fellowship, Rutgers University. 1996-1997.  
The Walt Whitman Center's Kettering Fellow, Rutgers University. 1995-1996.  
Marion Johnson Fellow, Rutgers University. 1991-1995.  
Graduate Scholar Award, Rutgers University. 1991-1993.  
J. Allen Smith Fellow, University of Washington. 1990.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND SEMINARS

“Women’s Human Rights,” invited lecture, Rutgers University Honors Colloquium, Rutgers University, New Jersey, October 8, 2008  
“Trust and violence” paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, September 2008  
“Trust: Hobbes on interdependence, autonomy, and cooperation” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, March 2008.  
“Affect and Trust” Paper presented at “Affect Across the Disciplines: A Panel Discussion,” Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, December 3, 2007.  
“Fear” Paper presented at the “New Materialisms” conference, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, February 16-17, 2007.  
“Trust and Terror” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 2006  
“The Action and Passion of Politics: Hobbes on Power” Paper accepted by the International Hobbes Association for presentation at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meetings, Seattle, Washington, March 2006.  
“The Action and Passion of Politics: Hobbes on Power” Paper prepared and accepted for

- presentation at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington DC September 2005.
- Invited talk, Department of Politics, University of York, York, United Kingdom: Declined February 2005.
- “The Action and Passion of Politics: Hobbes on Power” Invited talk, Northwestern University Political Theory Colloquium, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois January 2005
- “Lies, lies, lies: Hobbes on the conditions of politics” Paper presented as part of The Brown Bag Series, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, October 2004.
- “Hobbes and the Caprice of Reason” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, September 2004.
- “Hobbes and the matter of self-consciousness: Making sense of a materialist politics,” invited talk, Political Theory Colloquium, Queen Mary College, University of London, London, United Kingdom, November 26, 2003.
- “Moral Pretense and the Possibility of Politics” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, September 2001.
- “The Political Semiotics of ‘Equality’” Invited talk, Institute for Communications Research and the Women’s Studies Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, March 2001.
- “Hobbesian Reflections on Equality” Invited talk, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, January 2001.
- “Hobbesian Reflections on Equality” Invited talk, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, December 2000.
- “Hobbesian Reflections on Equality” Invited talk, Department of Political Science, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2000.
- “Fighting (for) Differences: Political Equality and Hierarchy in the Work of Thomas Hobbes” Invited talk, The Feminist Scholarship Series, Women’s Studies Program, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, November 2000.
- “Ordering Inequalities: Thinking-Bodies and the Social Contract in Hobbes’s Political Theory” Invited talk, Department of Political Science, Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, December 1999.
- “Reconstituting the Myth: Distinction, Incorporation, and Hobbes’s Account of the Sovereign” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, September 1999.
- “Faking It: Hobbes, Thinking-Bodies, and the Ethics of Dissimulation” Paper presented at the Center for Cultural Studies Colloquium Series, University of California, Santa Cruz, Winter 1999.
- “Significant Individuals: Bodies, Subjectivity, and Social Interaction in Hobbes” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Los Angeles, California, March 1998.
- “Reading the Body: Hobbes, Body Politics, and the Vocation of Political Theory” Paper presented at Vocations of Political Theory Conference, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, February 1998.
- “Rational Actors or Thinking-Bodies? The Political Subject in Hobbes’s Philosophy” Paper presented at The Political Theory Colloquium, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, February 1998.

- “Thinking-bodies/Civil Subjects: Equality, Difference, and Citizenship in Hobbes” Paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 1997.
- “Sophie’s Choice: The Artifice of Nature in Rousseau’s *Émile*” Paper presented at the Graduate Student Political Science Conference, Rutgers University, New Jersey, April 1997.
- “The Visible Woman” The Folger Institute Spring Semester Seminar. The Folger Institute, The Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington D.C., Spring 1996.
- “The Body of Leviathan” Paper presented at the Graduate Student Political Science Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, April 1996.

## TEACHING

### Courses Taught

- Feminist Theory and Interpretation in the Humanities* (Grad., Fall 2008, Fall 2001)
- Introduction to Feminist Political Theory* (Fall 2008)
- Introduction to Feminist Theory* (Summer 2008/Fall 2007/Fall 2006/Spring 2005/Fall 2003/Spring 2003/Spring 2002)
- Trust and Terror* (Spring 2008/Fall 2007/Spring 2007/Fall 2006)
- Sex, Power, and Politics* (Spring 2008/Spring 2007/Spring 2005/Spring 2004/Spring 2003)
- Gender and Politics* (Summer 2005/Fall 2001)
- Senior Research Seminar* (Spring 2004)
- History and Theory of the Freedom of Expression* (Grad., Fall 2003)
- The Ethos of Political Engagement* (Grad., Spring 2002)
- French Feminist Theory* (Spring 2000)
- The Feminist Sexuality Debates* (Spring 2000/Spring 1999).
- Feminist Epistemologies: Knowledge, Power, and Politics* (Winter 2000/Winter 1999).
- Feminist Political Theory and the Social Contract Tradition* (Spring 2001/Spring 1999/Spring 1998).
- Body Politics/Feminist Politics* (Fall 1999/Fall 1998).
- Nature of Politics* (Fall 1997).

### Independent studies: Undergraduate

- Independent Study/Senior Thesis, Renee Chacko, Spring/Fall 2008
- Washington Center Internship, Riley Roberts, Spring 2008
- Undergraduate Independent Study, Yukiko Sato, Summer 2001
- Undergraduate Independent Study/Teaching Mentor, Leia LeFay, Spring 1999
- Advisor/mentor, Faculty Mentor Program sponsored by the Equal Opportunity Program, University of California, Santa Cruz, Winter-Spring 1999.

### Independent Studies: Graduate

- Graduate Independent Study, David Monje, Spring 2004
- Graduate Independent Study, Marina Levina, Summer 2002

### **Graduate Student Committees**

Second Year Reviews, Political Science, Spring 2008

Doctoral Committee, Linda Vigdor (Ed. Psych)

Doctoral Qualifying Exam Committee, Linda Vigdor (Ed. Psych), Summer 2007

Doctoral Examination Committee, Diem-My Bui (ICR), Spring 2004

### **University and Community**

Co-director, with Michael Rothberg, “New Materialisms” Faculty and Graduate Seminar, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, Fall 2006.

Guest lecture, “French feminist theory,” Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory Seminar, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, November 15, 2004.

Panel participant, “New Reproductive Technologies and Reproductive Health”, Medical Scholars Program, The Medical Services Building, Provena Covenant Hospital, Urbana, Illinois, February 9, 2004.

Guest lecture, “Rethinking the ‘natural’ in ‘natural mothering’,” Mothers and More (Champaign Chapter), Champaign, Illinois, October 23, 2003.

Panel participant, “New Reproductive Technologies and Reproductive Health”, Medical Scholars Program, Fritz Conference Room, The Forum at Carle Hospital, Urbana, Illinois, February 10, 2003.

Guest Lecture, “Language, Representation, and Politics,” Graduate Proseminar (COMM 471), Institute of Communications Research, November 11, 2002

### **Teaching development**

Reflective Teaching Seminar participant, LAS Teaching Academy, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Fall 2006-Spring 2007

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Disciplines**

Section Chair, Foundations—Early to Modern Political Theory, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2008.

Panel Organizer, “Community in Trust: Reconsidering the Ties that Bind,” a panel for the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA 2008.

Conference Organizer, “New Materialisms,” A state-of-the-art conference funded by the Mellon Foundation, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, February 16-17, 2007.

Panel Organizer, “Materialism and Politics,” a panel for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2004.

Panel Organizer, “What Should We Do? Affirmative Ethics and Political Theory,” a panel for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California 2001.

Discussant for “Hobbes on Mortality and Fellowship,” a panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, The Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington

DC, August 31– September 3, 2000.

Panel Organizer, “New Directions from the Next Generation” for “Celebrating a Decade of Women and Politics” Conference at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, April 1998.

Member, American Political Science Association, 1997-2007

### **Community**

Event coordinator and host, Center for Advanced Study/MillerComm Lecture: Elizabeth Grosz (Rutgers), “Kinsey and the Future of Female Sexuality,” September 9, 2004.

The coordination of this visit included the arrangement of both an additional academic panel and a radio interview on the local PBS affiliate WILL580.

### **University**

Panel Chair, “Body Politics in the Longue Duree,” a panel at the Eighth Annual Graduate Symposium on Women’s and Gender History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, March 8-9, 2007

Coordinator, with Melissa Orlie, of a two-week visiting fellowship on the UIUC campus funded by the Mellon Foundation. The visit included a radio interview on WILL AM580, a public lecture through the Unit for Criticism, other more informal presentations, seminars, and discussions, as well as a keynote address at the Mellon-sponsored state-of-the-art “New Materialisms” conference at UIUC February 16-17, 2007. The Distinguished Mellon Fellow was William Connolly, Johns Hopkins University. February 5-February 17, 2007.

Panel organizer and panel chair, “The tasks of feminist theory: a panel discussion” featuring Elizabeth Grosz (Rutgers), Iris Young (U. Chicago), and Angharad Valdivia (UIUC), sponsored by the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, September 9, 2004.

Panel chair, “Feminism and Feminist Theory” Fourth Annual Graduate Symposium on Women’s and Gender History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, March 13-15, 2003

### **Programs**

Advisory Committee, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, 2007-2009

Field Chair Committee, Department of Political Science, 2007-2009

Political Theory Field Chair, Department of Political Science, 2007-2009

Assessment Committee, Gender and Women’s Studies 2008-2009

School for Criticism and Theory Selection Committee, Unit for Criticism, 2008

Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science, 2007-2008

By-laws Committee, Gender and Women’s studies 2007-2008

Advisory Committee, Gender and Women’s Studies 2006-2008

Grievance Committee, Institute of Communications Research 2003-2004

Executive Committee, Gender and Women’s Studies 2003-2004

Curriculum Committee, Gender and Women’s Studies 2003-2004

Women’s Studies Executive Committee, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1998–2000.

### **Manuscript Review**

Journals: *Political Theory*, *American Political Science Review*, *Communication Theory*, *Journal of Politics*, *Philosophy and Rhetoric*

Books: Yale University Press, Kluwer Academic Press, Stanford University Press

**Editorial Work**

Editorial Board Member, *Continuum Companion to Hobbes*, edited by Sharon Lloyd.