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Education

University of Washington – Ph.D. Political Science, expected June 2020.

Dissertation: “States of Insurrection: Race, Resistance, and the Laws of Slavery”

Committee: Megan Ming Francis (co-chair), Jack Turner III (co-chair), Michael W. McCann
Fields: Race & Ethnicity Politics, Public Law, Political Theory,

University of Washington – M.A. Political Science, June 2015

Thesis: “Democratic Love: Confronting America’s Racial Nightmare”

University of Puget Sound – B.A. Politics & Government, Magna Cum Laude, 2013

Research & Teaching Interests

Race and Ethnic Politics: American Political Development, Transatlantic Black Politics (17th-21st Centuries), Political Resistance, Race and the Carceral State, Racial Capitalism.

Theory: Black Political Thought, Critical Race Theory, Democratic Theory, American Political Thought, Politics of Love.

Public Law: Law and Racial Violence, State and Federal Constitutional Development, Politics of Rights, Legal Consciousness and Ideology, Legal Mobilization.

Publications

Sean Kim Butorac. “Hannah Arendt, James Baldwin, and the Politics of Love.” *Political Research Quarterly* 71.3 (Sept 2018): 710-721.

Working Papers

Sean Kim Butorac. “Interracial Resistance and the Making of Racial Capitalism.” To be submitted to *Studies in American Political Development*, Spring 2020.

Sean Kim Butorac. “Building from Below: Race and Law in the Stono Uprising.”

Teaching & Pedagogy

University of Puget Sound, Department of Politics & Government
Instructor

P&G 104 – Introduction to Political Theory, Fall 2016

P&G 101 – Introduction to U.S. Politics, Spring 2019

University of Washington, Department of Political Science

Director

Political Science / International Studies / Law, Society, and Justice Writing Center,
2017 – 2019

Instructor

Pol S 273 – Concepts of Power, Summer 2016
Pol S 464 – Race and the Carceral State, Winter 2017
Pol S 464 – Race and the Carceral State, Summer 2017
Pol S 273 – Concepts of Power, Summer 2018

Teaching Assistant

Pol S 201 – Introduction to Political Theory, Fall 2014, Dr. Christine DiStefano
Pol S 201 – Introduction to Political Theory, Winter 2015, Dr. Jack Turner
Pol S 201 – Introduction to Political Theory, Spring 2015, Dr. Jamie Mayerfeld
Pol S 201 – Introduction to Political Theory, Fall 2015, Dr. Kirstine Taylor
Pol S 361 – Civil Liberties & Constitutional Law, Winter 2016, Dr. Megan Francis
Pol S 331 – Race in American Politics, Spring 2016, Dr. Kirstine Taylor
Pol S 353 – U.S. Congress, Spring 2017, Dr. John Wilkerson

Graduate Writing Tutor

Political Science / International Studies / Law, Society, and Justice Writing Center,
2014 - 2016

Grader

Pol S 312 – American Political Thought I, Dr. Jack Turner, Spring 2013

Panels & Presentations

“Denmark Vesey and the Insurrection Laws of South Carolina.” Western Political Science Association Conference, April 2019.

“Building from Below: Race and Law in the Stono Uprising.” Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2019.

“Black Resistance at the Dawn of the Republic: The Stono Uprising and South Carolina’s Insurrection Regime.” Chair and Presenter, Western Political Science Association Conference, March 2018.

“Hannah Arendt, James Baldwin, and the Politics of Love.” Association for Political Theory Conference, October 2017.

“Love’s Politics: Debates in Democratic Theory and Black Political Thought.” Panel Organizer & Presenter, Western Political Science Association Conference, April 2017.

“Black Lives Matter and the Matter of Love.” A Time and a Place: Race and Racism in Comparative Perspective, Graduate Student Conference at Johns Hopkins University, March 2017.

“Democratic Love: Confronting America’s Racial Nightmare.” Invited Presenter, Washington Institute for the Study of Inequality and Race Brownbag Series, April 2016.

“Race, Love, and Consciousness in the Democratic Thought of Arendt & Baldwin.” Western Political Science Association Conference, March 2016.

“Democratic Love: Confronting America’s Racial Nightmare.” American Political Science Association Conference, September 2015.

Service and Outreach

Committee Member – Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, 2018-19.

Core Participant – Sawyer Seminar on Capitalism and Comparative Racialization, University of Washington, 2017-18.

Steering Committee Member – Equality Initiative in Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Washington 2017-18.

Committee Member – Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, 2017-18.

Program Assistant – Washington Institute for the Study of Inequality and Race, 2015-16.

Graduate Student Representative – Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Washington 2014-15

Conference Assistant – African American Political Thought: Past and Present, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Spring 2014

Awards & Scholarships

2019 - Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship – dissertation research fellowship.

2018 - WISIR Graduate Research Grant – dissertation research grant.

2018 - Sawyer Seminar Research Grant – dissertation research grant.

2017- Camden Hall Graduate Research Grant - dissertation research grant.

Professional Affiliations

Washington Institute for the Study of Inequality and Race
Law and Society Association
Association for Political Theory
American Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association

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