

# HEATHER POOL

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## EDUCATION

### University of Washington, Seattle, WA

PhD Political Science (Dissertation: *Political Mourning*)  
Graduate Certificate in Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies  
Fellow, Comparative Law and Society Studies (CLASS) Center  
MA Political Science (Thesis: "Care and Democracy")

### St. John's College, Santa Fe, NM/Annapolis, MD

BA Liberal Arts

## APPOINTMENTS

### Department of Politics and Public Affairs (formerly Political Science), Denison University, Granville, OH

2019-present Associate Professor  
2013-2019 Assistant Professor

### Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2012-2013 Post-Doctoral Lecturer, Full-Time

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

Heather Pool, *Political Mourning: Identity and Responsibility in the Wake of Tragedy* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2021).

### Journal Articles

Heather Pool and Allison Rank, "Exposing the War on Women: The Limits of Law and Power of Care to Address Sexual Violence in Contemporary Crime Drama," *New Political Science* 41:1 (March 2019), 36-54. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07393148.2018.1558036>

Heather Pool, "Mourning Emmett Till," *Law, Culture, and the Humanities* 11:3 (October 2015), 414-444. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1743872112440235>

Allison Rank and Heather Pool, "Writing Better Writing Assignments," *PS: Political Science and Politics* 47:3 (July 2014), 675-681. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096514000821>

Heather Pool, "The Politics of Mourning: The Triangle Fire and Political Belonging," *Polity* 44:2 (April 2012), 182-211. <https://doi.org/10.1057/pol.2011.23>

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

Allison Rank and Heather Pool, "Building Worlds: Three Paths Toward Racial Justice in *Black Panther*," in *The Politics of the Marvel Cinematic Universe*, edited by Nick Carnes and Lilly Goren (Lawrence: University of Kansas Press, forthcoming).

Heather Pool, "Removing the Confederate Flag in South Carolina in the Wake of Charleston: Sovereignty, Symbolism, and White Domination in a 'Colorblind' State," in *Democratic Arts of Mourning: Political Theory and Loss*, David McIvor and Alexander Hirsch, eds. (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2019), 41-64.

### Book Reviews

Heather Pool, Review of *American Mourning: Tragedy, Democracy, Resilience*, Simon Stow (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017), *Political Theory* 47:3 (2019), 429-434. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0090591718786711>.

Heather Pool, "The Power of 'We': The Dialectics of Identities and Institutions," Review of *How Americans Make Race: Stories, Institutions, Spaces*, Clarissa Rile Hayward (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014), *Journal of Political Power*, 8:1(2015), 145-152. <https://doi.org/10.1080/2158379X.2015.1010804>

### **Works in Progress**

Allison Rank and Heather Pool, *Gender, Power, and the State in Pop Culture: (Re)imagining the Conditions Citizens Desire and Deserve* (book proposal in process)

### **Media/Media Appearances**

Heather Pool, interviewed by Lilly Goren, *New Books Network: Politics and Society*, <https://newbooksnetwork.com/political-mourning>, September 23, 2021.

Panelist, "Columbus Conversations: an Honest Discussion of Critical Race Theory," hosted by *Columbus Dispatch*, August 31, 2021. <https://www.facebook.com/columbusdispatch/videos/1837644366415120/>

John Gelfand, "States of Grief," Open Mic section, *Denison Magazine*, Fall 2019, <https://denisonmagazine.com/article/fall-2019-open-mic-states-of-grief/>.

Allison Rank and Heather Pool, interviewed by John Kane and Rebecca Mushtare, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching at SUNY Oswego, *Tea for Teaching*, "Episode 31: Writing Better Writing Assignments," podcast audio, May 30, 2018, <https://www.podbean.com/media/share/pb-z6i5k-9238ae>.

Heather Pool, interviewed by Ann Fisher, 89.7 FM/WOSU, *All Sides with Ann Fisher*, "White Populism and the Rise of the Alt Right," November 10, 2016, <http://radio.wosu.org/post/white-populism-and-rise-alt-right#stream/0>.

Heather Pool, "The Politics of Mourning," trans. into Turkish by Ezgi Arikan, *Düvar* 24 (January 2016), 2-3.

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

- 2016 Bartlett Family Pre-Tenure Fellowship, Denison University (support for one semester of pre-tenure leave)
- 2012 Dean's Medal (Graduate), Social Sciences, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Washington; Future Timeless Award, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Washington Alumni Association
- 2011 Best Paper Prize, "Mourning Emmett Till," Political Science Department, University of Washington, \$500
- 2010 Peter May Graduate Research Grant, Political Science Department, University of Washington, \$1000

## **INVITED TALKS**

- 2021 "Political Mourning: 9/11 and American Identity," SUNY-Oswego Political Science Department, SUNY-Oswego, Oswego, NY
- 2017 "Sovereignty, Legitimate Authority, and White Domination: South Carolina and the Confederate Battle Flag," OSU Political Theory Workshop/Center for Ethics and Human Values: COMPAS Program on Inequality, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2016 "Political Mourning," Law, Justice, and Memory Group, Ohio University, Athens, OH
- 2013 "Writing Better Writing Assignments," Dianne Gould Faculty Development Speaker Series, Cascadia Community College, Bothell, WA
- "Law in Society: Locating Citizen Participation in Law," 4<sup>th</sup> Annual James Otis Lecture, Washington Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Temple of Justice, Olympia, WA

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

**Papers Presented** (\* denotes conference papers later incorporated into published work)

- 2021 With Allison Rank, "Detecting Women's Labor: Women Detectives as Collaborative Feminists," Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (WPSA), Portland, OR, March 10-12.
- 2020 With Allison Rank, "Gaslighting (and) Politics: What is Political Gaslighting?," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), virtual meeting, September 10-13.

- 2019 \* With Allison Rank, “Heterodox Heroes: Identity Formation in *Black Panther* and *Captain Marvel*,” APSA, Washington, DC, August 28-September 1.
- 2018 “White Honor and the Legacy of Slavery: Why Honor is an Obstacle to Multiracial Democracy in America,” Association for Political Theory (APT), Haverford/Bryn Mawr, PA, October 18-20; WPSA, San Francisco, CA, March 29-31
- 2018 With Jennifer Fredette, “The Legal Fight for Reparations on Martinique,” Law & Society Association (LSA), Toronto, ON, June 7-10; APSA, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2
- 2016 \* “Responsibility,” APSA, Philadelphia, PA, September 2-5
- \* With Allison Rank, “To Win a War: Gendered Violence and Historical Memory in *Bletchley Circle*,” WPSA, San Diego, CA, March 24-26
- 2015 \* “Unforgetting the Past: Memory, Trauma, Identities and the Confederate Flag in South Carolina,” APSA, San Francisco, CA, September 3-6
- \* “‘Never Forget’: American Attachment to the Spectral Wound of September 11,” WPSA, Las Vegas, NV, April 2-4
- 2014 “Contemporary Tragedies – Democratic Theater Unstaged, but Scripted and Interpreted,” Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, MA, November 13-15
- 2013 \* With Allison Rank, “Writing Better Writing Assignments,” WPSA, Hollywood, CA, March 28-30
- With Brian Parkinson, “Remembering Reconstruction,” WPSA, Hollywood, March 28-30; Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, London, UK, March 20-22
- \* With Allison Rank, “Content or Communication: Reflections on Writing in Political Science,” APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Long Beach, CA, February 8-10
- 2012 \* “Political Mourning,” WPSA, Portland, OR, March 22-24
- 2011 \* “Holding Us All Accountable: Legal Failure and Political Success after Emmett Till’s Murder,” LSA, San Francisco, CA, June 2-5
- \* “The Politics of Mourning: Affirming American Identity after September 11,” WPSA, San Antonio, TX, April 21-23
- 2010 \* “Mourning Emmett Till: Racial Violence and Political Change,” APSA, Washington, D.C., September 2-5
- \* “Mourning and Political Change: Comparing the Triangle Fire and Racial Violence,” WPSA, San Francisco, CA, April 1-3
- \* “Law and Mourning: The Triangle Fire of 1911,” LSA, Chicago, IL, May 27-30

2009 “Constituted by Mourning: Ellison’s Funeral Oration, Democratic Individuality, and the Polity,” WPSA, Vancouver, BC, March 19-21

### **Discussant**

2020 Discussant, “The ‘Empirical Ends’ of Police Violence: Law, Practice, and a Grounded Embodied State of Exception,” by Inés Valdez, Mat Coleman, Amna Akbar, The Ohio State University Political Theory Workshop, Columbus, OH

2019 Discussant, “Theorizing Structures of Domination, Challenging Modalities of Racial Exclusion,” APSA, Washington, DC

Discussant, “Resistance, Freedom, and Rebellion,” WPSA Conference, San Diego, CA

2018 Panel Chair, Race and Populism in the Trump Era Conference, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University

Discussant, “Feminist Alternatives,” WPSA, San Francisco, CA

2017 Discussant, “Voting, Equality, and Participation,” WPSA, Vancouver, BC

2016 Discussant, “Politics of Death,” Association for Political Theory, Columbus, OH

2016 Chair and Discussant, “Feminism,” WPSA, San Diego, CA

2015 Discussant, “Riots and Rebellions,” WPSA, Las Vegas, NV

Discussant, Michael Neblo, “‘Thrasymachus’s Blush:’ The Politics of Motivated Reasoning and ‘Principled Rhetoric,’” OSU Political Theory Workshop, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

2014 Discussant, “Religion, Humanism, and War,” Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, MA

Co-Discussant, “Decolonial Abolitionism in Contemporary Movements,” WPSA, Seattle, WA

Discussant, “Theorizing Black Identity,” WPSA, Seattle, WA

Chair and Discussant, “Teaching Politics Through Comics,” WPSA, Seattle WA

2013 Discussant, “Theory, Rights, and Law,” WPSA, Hollywood, CA

2010 Chair and Discussant, “The Future of Diversity,” WPSA, San Francisco, CA

## Roundtable And Workshop Participation

- 2021 Co-organizer and workshop participant, Pre-Conference Workshop, “Grief, Mourning, and Politics,” with David McIvor and Juliette Harris, APT, UMass Amherst, November 11-13
- 2018 Roundtable participant, “Teaching/Encountering White Supremacy: Pedagogical Reflections after Charlottesville,” WPSA, San Francisco, CA, March 29-31
- 2016 Roundtable participant, “‘Who’s Charlie?’: Teaching the 2015 Paris Attacks & Other Dramatic Current Events,” APSA, Philadelphia, PA, September 2-5 (covered by *Inside Higher Ed*: <http://ihenow.com/2cljeg0>)
- 2015 Panelist, “Interdisciplinarity and Intersectionality,” WPSA, Las Vegas, NV, April 2-4

## Faculty Seminar Participant

- 2014 Wye Fellow, Wye Faculty Seminar, Aspen Institute, Queenstown, MD, July 19-25
- “Nietzsche’s *On the Genealogy of Morality*,” Midwest Faculty Seminar, Chicago, IL, January 23-25

## CAMPUS TALKS/SCHOLARLY ENGAGEMENT

- 2021 Facilitator, “A Conversation with Danielle Allen,” MLK Keynote Speaker, Denison University, February 8
- Faculty Panelist/Facilitator, “Making Peer Review More Effective,” Winter Writing Workshop, Writing Committee, Denison University, January 27
- 2020 Panelist, “Black Lives Matter and Social Movements,” Denison University, DU Votes Election Event, October 8
- Co-Moderator, “Universal Basic Income, Income Inequality, and Taxes,” Student Election Roundtable, Lisska Center for Scholarly Engagement, Denison University, October 1
- 2019 Invited speaker, Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarship Tea, Denison University
- 2018 Presenter, “Political Mourning: Identity and Responsibility in the Wake of Tragedy,” Research Dinner for Denison Faculty, Denison University
- Panelist, “On the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dr. King’s Assassination: Where Were We Then...Where Are We Now?,” Denison University, Black Studies Program
- 2017 Speaker, “Sovereignty and White Domination: South Carolina and the Confederate Battle Flag,” Tuesday Lunch Series, Denison University (available on Denison University’s iTunes U: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/sovereignty-and-white-domination/id418621673?i=1000384003018&mt=2>)

- Panelist, “Logic and the Liberal Arts,” Denison University
- 2016 Faculty presenter, Early-Career Learning Group, Denison University
- Invited speaker, Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarship Tea, Denison University
- Faculty presenter, Denison Faculty Winter Writing Workshop, Denison University
- 2014 Co-Moderator, “Why does Everyone Think Economic Growth is Such a Good Thing?,” Denison University, PPE (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics) Roundtable
- 2013 Co-facilitator (with Karen Graves, Denison University) of “An Interdisciplinary Conversation on *Fisher v. Texas* (2013),” sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha, Denison University
- 2013 Panelist, post-viewing discussion of *The Invisible War*, sponsored by SARVA (Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence Activists), University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- “What Kind of Rights are Reproductive Rights?” sponsored by Planned Parenthood Votes at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

### **Denison University, Political Science Department (2013-2023) Politics and Public Affairs 2020-date)**

Assistant Professor, 2013-2019; Associate Professor, 2019 to date

(3/2 teaching load, semester system, classes capped at 24 or fewer students)

- AC 101 Advising Circle (co-taught with Jessica Bean, F15)
- POSC 180 Introduction to Political Theory (F13, S14, F14, S15, F17, S18, F18, F19; Writing Overlay: F15)
- POSC 181 (Topics Course) Freedom and Responsibility (Writing overlay: S19)
- POSC 284/BLST 246 Doing Political Science: American Political Thought (F14, Writing Overlay: S16, S17, F17, F18, F19, F20, F21)
- POSC 381 Ancient Political Theory (S14)
- POSC 382 Modern Political Theory (F13, S15, S16, S18)
- POSC 389 (Topics Course) Freedom and Responsibility (S14)
- POSC 389/BLST 370 (Topics Course) Race and Law (S15, S17, F18, S21)
- POSC 389 (Topics Course) Politics in Dark Times – Reading Hannah Arendt (S19)
- POSC 491 (Senior Seminar) The Politics of Memory, Trauma, and Mourning (F15)
- POSC 491 (Senior Seminar) Critical Race Theory – What does it mean to be White? (F17)
- POSC 491 (Senior Seminar) Gender & Politics (S21)
- PPA 132 Introduction to Theorizing About Politics (S21, F21, S22)
- PPA 201 Sophomore Seminar (co-taught, S21)
- POSC/PPA 491 (Senior Seminar) The Market v. The Polis (F20; F22)

### Summer Scholar Advisor

- 2021 Dylan Walczak, Political Science, “‘To do with the past as it can be made useful to the present and future’: Time’s Perception and Manipulation in the 2019 Judiciary Subcommittee Hearing on Slavery Reparations”  
Aaron Skubby, PPE, “American Stories: How Narratives of Individualism Uphold Whiteness in the Post-Civil Rights Era”
- 2018 Libby Beach, Political Science, “Rape, Race, and Political Change in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century America”
- 2017 Rachel Epstein, Political Science, “Race and Education Policy in the UK”
- 2016 Dominic Pfister, Political Science, “Mourning and Monuments: The Politics of Memorialization in the Irish Troubles”
- 2015 Evan Langford, Political Science, “Greek Community: An Alternative to Liberalism”

### Directed/Independent Study Advisor

- 2019 Maggie Miller, Political Science, “Political Responsibility”
- 2017 Manny Giraldo, Political Science, “Race and Islamophobia in the US”  
Jeremy Torres, Political Science, “State Violence Against Queer Bodies”
- 2016 Yangsun Kim, Political Science, “Whose Narrative?: Comfort Women, Patriarchy, and State”
- 2015 Junyi Cui, Political Science, “Citizenship”  
Kyle Gasaway, Political Science, “Politics & Women in Greek Tragedies”  
Evan Langford, Political Science, “Freedom”

### Senior Research Advisor

- 2021- Micah Arnold, PPE, Black Philanthropy
- 2022 Rohan Arora, PPE, Colonial Ideology and Indian Politics  
Sam Chase, PPE, Punishment  
Seyeong HanLim, Political Science, International Students and Being a “Denisonian”  
Jade Johnson, Political Science, Art as a Disruptor of the School to Prison Pipeline  
Sarah Moon, PPE, Asian Americans, Law, and Access to Education  
Annemarie Kraak, PPE, Gender and Political Leadership in Covid (S22 only)
- 2020 Ben Cross, PPE, “The Mythological People: The Threat of Populism and What It Reveals About Democracy” (Recognition)
- 2019 Samantha Cortez, Women’s & Gender Studies, “More Than Participants: Examining the Legislative Impact of Congresswomen from 1992 and 2012”  
Kara Jackson, PPE, “The Performance of Power”
- 2019 Isabella Luaces, Black Studies, “Solitary Confinement”
- 2018 Gena Banta-Long, PPE, “Why Privacy Matters: A Framework to Conceptualizing Information Age” (Recognition)  
Alden Campo, PPE, “Leadership in Two Dimensions: What Makes a Good Leader in a Diverse World?”



- Rachel Epstein, Political Science, “Race and Education Policy in the UK” (Recognition)
- 2015 Eric Evans, PPE, “The Enduring Soviet Collapse: How legacies of transition undermine Russian foreign policy”
- Jackson Wu-Pong, PPE, “A Theory of Legitimate Separatism”
- 2014 Tory Scott, PPE, “Opium as a State-building Tool in Afghanistan”

**University of Washington, Political Science Department, Post-Doctoral Lecturer**

- 2012-2013 (2/2/2, quarter system)
- Introduction to Political Theory (120 students)
  - Western Political Thought: Pre-Modern (40 students)
  - Gender and Politics (100 students)
  - Law in Society (150 students)
  - American Politics Seminar: Race and Law (Evening Degree: 2x, ~20 students each time)

**DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Department Service**

- Denison University, Granville OH: Political Science/PPA Department
- 2014-date Full advising load
- 2014-2016 Co-founder (with Sue Davis) and Advisor: Political Science Writing Center
- 2014-date Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, Alpha Nu Chapter (Political Science honor society)

**University Service**

- Denison University, Granville, OH
- S22-date Fellows/Knapp Visioning Working Group
- AY 21-22 Chair-Elect of the Faculty
- Search Committee Chair for Writing Center Director
- F20-date University Appeals Board
- AY20-21 MLK Day Planning Committee
- Supportive Operating Staff Employee of the Year Selection Committee
- F20 Denison Forward Taskforce, Practices Subcommittee
- Lisska Center Election Roundtables Committee
- Political Discourse Week 2020, Planning Committee
- F20-S22 Interim Director, Denison University Writing Center
- 2018-date Director, Philosophy/Politics/Economics (PPE) Program
- F19 Interim Director, Denison University Writing Center
- AY17-19 Student Research Grants Committee
- F15 Tuesday Lunch coordinator
- 2014-2020 Committee Member, Black Studies Major
- 2013-date Committee Member, PPE Program

## **Professional Service**

### Peer Reviewer

- 2021 University of Kansas Press (book manuscript)
- 2020 *Political Research Quarterly, Politics & Gender, Du Bois Review*
- 2019 *Political Theory, New Political Science, European Political Science*
- 2017 *American Political Thought*
- 2015 *Politics & Religion*
- 2014 *Journal of Economics & Politics, Polity*

### External Reviewer for Tenure/Promotion

- 2021 External Reviewer for a political theorist at a peer/GLCA institution

### Book Reviews

- 2018 *Political Theory*
- 2015 *Journal of Political Power*

### Professional Association Service

- 2021-2023 Standing Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (SCEDI), APT
- 2021 SCEDI Pre-Conference Workshop Organizing Committee, APT
- 2021 First Book Workshop Selection Committee, APT
- 2019 Program Committee Member, APT
- 2018 Chair, Best Paper Award Committee, Foundations of Political Theory, APSA 2017
- 2017 Section Chair for Political Theory: Critical and Normative, WPSA
- 2016 Program Committee Member, APT

### Panel Discussant/Chair

See above, under "Conference Participation"

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association  
Association for Political Theory  
Western Political Science Association  
Midwestern Political Science Association (not current)  
Law and Society Association (not current)