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### **EDUCATION**

2003. N.E.H. Summer Seminar, "Feminist Epistemologies." Pennsylvania State University.

1991. N.E.H. Summer Seminar, "Re-reading Intellectual History: Integrating Women's Social and Political Thought into the Undergraduate Curriculum." University of Cincinnati.

Ph.D. 1987. University of Notre Dame, Department of Government and International Relations. Major field: Political Theory; Minor fields: American Government, Women's Studies.

M.A. 1979. University of Notre Dame, Department of Government and International Relations.

B.A. 1976. University of South Florida. Major: Political Science.

### **UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE**

Professor, Saint Louis University Women's and Gender Studies Department, 2008-present.

Chair, Saint Louis University Department of Women's and Gender Studies, 2008-2018.

Visiting Professor, Wake Forest University, Women's and Gender Studies Program, Spring 2008.

Associate Professor, Purdue University Political Science Department, 1993-2008.

Special Consultant on Women's Issues to the Vice-President of Human Relations, Purdue University, Spring 1996.

Co-Director, Purdue University Women's Studies Program, 1988-1990.

Assistant Professor, Purdue University Political Science Department, 1987-1993.

Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina at Aiken Political Science Department, 1985-1987.

### **BOOKS**

*Feminist Reflections on Childhood: A History and Call to Action* (Temple University Press, 2021).

*Feminist Manifestos: A Global Documentary Reader* (New York University Press, 2018).

*Feminist Interpretations of Mary Astell*, edited by Alice Sowaal and Penny Weiss (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2016).

*Canon Fodder: Historical Women Political Thinkers* (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2009). Choice outstanding academic book of the year.

*Feminist Interpretations of Emma Goldman*, edited by Penny Weiss and Loretta Kensinger (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2007).

*Conversations with Feminism: Political Theory and Practice* (Rowman and Littlefield, 1998).

- Chapter 2, “‘I’m Not a Feminist, but . . .’: Popular Myths about Feminism,” reprinted in *Reading Women’s Lives*, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> editions and widely used in courses).

*Feminism and Community*, edited by Penny Weiss and Marilyn Friedman (Temple University Press, 1995).

*Gendered Community: Rousseau, Sex, and Politics* (New York University Press, 1993). Choice outstanding academic book of the year.

### **BOOKS IN PROGRESS**

*A History of Political Thought: Expanding the Canon* (Hackett, under contract, two volumes)

### **ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS**

“Mary Astell’s Female Retirement: Pedagogy and Politics in *A Serious Proposal to the Ladies*.” *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*.

“‘Bodies of Knowledge’: A (Feminist) Epistemology Exercise.” *Teaching Philosophy* 45 (2): 181-207.

“Mary Astell.” *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy* (Springer).

Penny Weiss and Wynne Moskop, “Ecofeminist Manifestos: Resources for Feminist Perspectives on the Environment.” *Women’s Studies International Forum* 83 (November-December 2020).

Penny Weiss and Wynne Moskop, “(K)No(wing) Confidence: A Feminist Epistemological Consideration of Suspicion, Credibility, and Reflexivity in (Campus) Movements for Change.” *Power and Protest at an American University: No Confidence, No Fear*, edited by Ellen Carnaghan and Kathryn Kuhn (Routledge, 2020).



“Making History of Ideas Classes ‘Relevant’: One Writing Strategy.” *Teaching Philosophy* 25 (June 2002): 123-130.

“Letter to Monsieur Rousseau on Gender and the Theatrical.” *Rousseau on Arts and Politics/Autour de la Lettre a D’Alembert*, Melissa Butler, editor (Ottawa: Pensee Libre No. 6, 1997).

“(S)Mothering/Profess(or)ing.” *Feminist Teacher* 9 (Summer 1996): 137-142.

“Wollstonecraft and Rousseau: The Gendered Fate of Political Theorists.” *Feminist Interpretations of Mary Wollstonecraft*, Maria Falco, editor (Pennsylvania State University Press, 1996): 15-32.

Penny Weiss and Virginia Sapiro, “Wollstonecraft and Rousseau: Re-calling the Conversation.” *Feminist Interpretations of Mary Wollstonecraft*, Maria Falco, editor (Pennsylvania State University Press, 1996): 179-207.

“Feminist Reflections on Community.” *Feminism and Community*, Penny Weiss and Marilyn Friedman, editors (Temple University Press, 1995): 3-18.

“Feminism and Communitarianism: Comparing Critiques of Liberalism.” *Feminism and Community*, Penny Weiss and Marilyn Friedman, editors (Temple University Press, 1995): 161-186.

- Reprinted in *Rousseau's Political Philosophy: A Critical Edition*, ed. by David Gauthier (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990), 603-625. r2

“Rousseau, Antifeminism, and Woman’s Nature.” *Political Theory* 15 (February 1987): 81-98.

**ARTICLES IN PROGRESS**

Wynne Moskop and Penny Weiss, “

Joel Schwartz,

Penny Weiss and Wynne Moskop, “Gendered Spaces and Feminist Epistemologies in Susan Glaspell's *A Jury of Her Peers*.” Western Political Science Association, San Diego, California, April 2019.

Invited lecture: “Toward a History of Feminist Epistemology.” University of Pennsylvania (Philosophy), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 27, 2019.

Penny Weiss and Brennin Weiswerda, “Visions of Justice in Feminist Manifestos.” National Women’s Studies Associations, Atlanta, Georgia, November 9, 2018.

“The Gender Politics of Credibility.” Saint Louis University Law School. October 10, 2018.

Discussant, “Mary Wollstonecraft and Restorative Justice.” American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 1, 2018.

“Hannah Mather Crocker: An Assessment at the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Observations on the Real Rights of Women*.” American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, August 29, 2018.

“The #MeToo Movement.” United Hebrew Congregation, Chesterfield, Missouri, May 15, 2018.

“Black Feminist Manifestos Before and After Combahee.” National Women’s Studies Association, Baltimore, November 2017.

“Teaching Wollstonecraft through Her Writing on Childhood.” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2017.

“The Fate of Children in Feminist Utopias.” *Feminist Utopias: Transforming the Present of Philosophy*. Reykjavík and Skálholt, Iceland, March 30–April 2, 2017.

“Global Feminist Manifestos: Theorizing and Strategizing Decoloniality.” National Women’s Studies Association, Montreal, November 2016.

“Democratic Practices in Women’s and Gender Studies Programs.” National Women’s Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, November 2016.

“Collective Feminist Visions and Agendas: Manifestos from Around the World, 1915-2015.” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 2016.

“Epistemic Injustice and the Everyday Silencing of Children.” International Association for Philosophy, Athens, Greece, May 2016.

“Declaring Sexual Equality: Three Centuries of Feminist Manifestos from Around the Globe.” Saint Louis University Women’s and Gender Studies Department, February 4, 2016.

“The Dangers of ‘Precarity’ as Gate-Keeping and Erasure.” National Women’s Studies Association, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 14, 2015.

“Precarious Celebrations: Holding Out and Holding On.” Roundtable presentation, National Women’s Studies Association, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 12, 2015.

Discussant, “Frames of Power: Discourse, Legitimacy, and Violence.” Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 4, 2015.

Discussant, “Media and Social Media in Gendered Politics and Activism.” Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 3, 2015.

Penny Weiss and Wynne Moskop, “(K)No(wing) Confidence: On Suspicion, Dialogue, and Self-Reflection in (Campus) Movements for Change.” Southeast Women’s Studies Association, Greensboro, North Carolina, April 2013.

Discussant, “Undergraduate Research on Gender and Politics.” Gender and Politics Conference, Saint Louis, Missouri, April 2013.

“A History of Feminist Reflections on Childhood.” National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Oakland, CA, November 9, 2012.

“Historical Feminist Reflections on Childhood.” Second Global Conference on Childhood, Oxford, England, July 2012.

“The Everyday Silencing of Children and the Feminist Politics of Voice.” First Global Conference on Childhood, Oxford, England, July 2010.

Penny Weiss and Beth Hedrick, “‘Women’s Studies’ vs. ‘Women’s and Gender Studies’.” National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 14, 2009.

“A Feminist Gardener’s Reflections on Radical Politics.” Florida Consortium for Women’s and Gender Studies, Tampa, Florida, October 3, 2009.

“Hate Speech: Testing the Limits of the First Amendment.” Saint Louis University



Discussant, "Selling Sex, Selling Selves? Gender, the Sex Trade, and the State." American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, September 5, 2009.

Discussant, "Gender and Sexuality in Comparative Perspective." American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, September 4, 2009.

"Susan B. Anthony: A Model of Activism." Fellowship of Southern Illinois Laity Conference, July 18, 2009 (reprinted in *Stones Cry Out*).

"Getting to the Roots: Radical Feminism and Gardening." Society for Women in Philosophy, "Feminism at the Crossroads," Cleveland, Ohio, March 28, 2009.

"Political Lessons from Seneca Falls, 1848." Conference on "Political Women 1300-1800," Umea, Sweden, November 2008.

"What, to a Woman, is Constitution Day?" Invited lecture, Fontbonne University, Saint Louis, Missouri, October 2008.

"The Politics of Childhood: Charlotte Perkins Gilman and Emma Goldman." North American Association for Social Philosophy, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, July 2007.

"Revolution: The Declaration of Sentiments." Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2007.

"The Politics of Revolution: The Declaration of Sentiments at Seneca Falls, 1848." North American Association for Social Philosophy, Victoria, British Columbia, August 3, 2006.

"Christine de Pizan and the History of Feminist Theory." NEH Workshop, "Nation, Family and State: The Political Writings of Women," Purdue University, May 20, 2005.

"The Politics of Ignorance." ~~Journal of Political Science~~ *Journal of Political Science*

Discussant, "Mary Wollstonecraft: New Perspectives.

“The History of Women Jurors.” Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association, West

“Feminist Theory and Feminist Organizations.” YWCA Women in Crisis Program workshop, Lafayette Indiana, March 12, 1991.

“I’m not a feminist, but . . .’: Myths and Realities of Feminism.” Convocation Address, Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana, February 4, 1991.

“Feminism and Communitarianism: Exploring the Relationship.” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California. September 1, 1990.

Discussant, “Feminist Perspectives on Political Theory.” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, September 1, 1990.

“Leading the Way Against Violence Against Women.” Mortarboard Conference on Women as Leaders, Purdue University, January 27, 1990.

“Women’s Rights.” Purdue University Civil Liberties Union, West Lafayette, Indiana, April 24, 1989.

“Toward Theories of Anti-feminism.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago Illinois, April 14, 1989.

“Why the Climate Gets Hot in the Women’s Studies Classroom.” Purdue Women’s Studies Program, September 22, 1988.

“Legal Anti-feminisms: Judicial Rationales for Differential Treatment of the Sexes.” American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2, 1988.

Discussant, “Sex and Politics in Rousseau’s Thought.” American Political Science Association, September 4, 1987.

“The 1986 Elections: A Feminist Appraisal.” South Carolina Young Democrats, Aiken, South Carolina, February 21, 1987.

“A New Reading of Rousseau’s *Emile*.” South Carolina Political Science Association, Columbia, South Carolina, April 12, 1986.

“Edwin Meese and Civil Rights.” University of South Carolina at Aiken Young Democrats, Aiken, South Carolina, February 28, 1986.

“What’s a Feminist?” Women’s Studies Program, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, Wisconsin, March 1985.

### **Recent Courses Taught**

Feminism in Action (undergrad; cross-listed with Political Science)

Sexuality and the Law (grad/undergrad; cross-listed with Law & Political Science)

Women’s and Gender Studies Capstone (undergrad)

Feminist Epistemologies (graduate; cross-listed with Philosophy & Political Science)  
Current Issues in Feminism (grad/undergrad)

**Recent Committee and Administrative Work**

Faculty Advisor, Triota (WGS Honor Society) 2020-  
Faculty Advisor, SAM (sexual assault hotline), 2020-  
Savingslu.org, contributor and editor, 2019-present  
Women's and Gender Studies Undergraduate Coordinator, 2018-present (revised major  
and minor; established WGS Honor Society).  
College of Arts and Sciences, Rank and Tenure Committee, 2019-2021.  
Sexual Misconduct Advisory Board, 2018-present (committee member; appeals boards  
member; care and concern advisor).  
College of Arts and Sciences, Academic Honesty Committee, 2018-2020.  
Culture of Respect, 2018-present  
Title IX Policy Review Committee, 2020

**Recent Workshops**

Introduction to online teaching (Reinert Center 2020)  
Constructing a syllabus (Reinert 2019)

**Recent Service**

Deputy Title IX Coordinator (2020-present)  
Sexual Misconduct Advisory Board (2017-present)  
College of Arts and Sciences Rank and Tenure Committee (2019-2021)