

Karen L. Shelby

Curriculum Vitae

Contact information

Political Science and International Relations
University of San Diego
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Education

Political Science Department, Rutgers University

Ph.D., October 2004

Dissertation: *Simone de Beauvoir's Theories of Freedom*.

Committee: Professor Mary Hawkesworth (Rutgers University), chair
Professor Drucilla Cornell (Rutgers University)
Professor Sonia Kruks (Oberlin College)
Professor Linda Zerilli (University of Chicago)

Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies, June 1998

Ph.D. Qualifying Examinations Completed, November 1996

Master of Arts in Political Science, October 1996

Fields of Study: Women and Politics, Political Theory, and Comparative Politics

The University of Louisville

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, with majors in Political Science and French, May 1993

Honors thesis: *The Politics of French Feminism*

Thesis advisor: Professor Mary Hawkesworth

L'Université Paul Valéry

Montpellier, France, 1991 – 1992

Research

My research examines questions of everyday ethics and deliberative democracy, seeking ways to meaningfully confront political challenges in order to foster political engagement and human freedom.

Publications

(with D. Aguiniga, M. Cox, J. Pratt, and M. Thompson) "Slippery Slope: What should we do when the substances we use become a problem to society?" National Issues Guide submitted for publication to the National Issues Forum, 2014

Introduction to "In France Today, One Can Kill With Impunity." *Simone de Beauvoir: Political Writings*, ed. Margaret Simons, University of Illinois Press, 2012

"Ethical Action and Responsibility: Simone de Beauvoir on the Algerian War." *The Political Thinking of Simone de Beauvoir*, ed. Pat Moynagh and Lori Marso, University of Illinois Press, Urbana and Chicago, 2006

Review of *Retrieving Experience: Subjectivity and Recognition in Feminist Politics* by Sonia Kruks. *Women and Politics* v.25 n.3, Haworth Press, Binghamton, 2003

“Beauvoir: la morale, l’action et la guerre d’Algérie.” *Cinquantenaire du Deuxième Sexe*, ed. Christine Delphy and Sylvie Chaperon, Editions Syllepse, Paris, 2002

Teaching Experience

University of San Diego, Department of Political Science and International Relations

Lecturer, *Political Thought: Ancient – Modern*, Fall 2014

Lecturer, *Introduction to Gender Studies*, Fall 2014

Lecturer, *Introduction to Politics*, Fall 2010, Spring 2011 – Spring 2014

Lecturer, *Sex, Power and Politics*, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Spring 2014

Lecturer, *Comparative Social Movements*, Fall 2012, Fall 2013

Lecturer, *State Feminisms*, Spring 2010

Lecturer, *Feminist Theory*, Spring 2009, Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2014

San Diego Mesa College, Accelerated Credit Program at High Tech High International

Lecturer, *Introduction to Political Science*, Fall 2013, Fall 2014

Lecturer, *Contemporary International Politics*, Spring 2014

University of California, San Diego, Department of Linguistics

Lecturer, *Gender, Language and Society*, Spring 2014

Kentucky Governor’s Scholars Program

Faculty, *Political and Legal Issues*, Summer 2010, Summer 2011, Summer 2012

University of California, San Diego, International Studies

Lecturer, *State Feminisms*, Winter 2009

University of California, San Diego, Critical Gender Studies

Lecturer, *Ministry, Parity, Veils: The Politics of French Feminism*, Fall 2006

University of California, San Diego, Department of Political Science

Lecturer, *Gender and Public Policy*, Spring 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

Lecturer, *Feminist Theory*, Winter 2002, Fall 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, Spring 2008

Lecturer, *Gender and Politics*, Spring 2002, Winter 2008

San Diego State University, Department of Rhetoric and Writing Studies

Lecturer, *Composing Identities: In Search of Self, Other and Community*, Fall 2006

San Diego State University, Department of Women’s Studies

Instructor, *Sex, Power and Politics*, Spring 2005, Summer 2005, Spring 2006

Harvard University, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies

Teaching Fellow, *Introduction to Social Studies*, Fall 1998 – Spring 1999

Rutgers University, Political Science Department

Instructor, *Nature of Politics*, Citizenship and Service Education (CASE) Program, Summer 1998

Lecturer, *Women and Public Policy*, Spring 1997

Instructor, *Nature of Politics*, Summer 1996

Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to American Government*, Spring 1996

Teaching Assistant, *Nature of Politics*, Fall 1995

Rutgers University, Department of English, Writing Program

Instructor, *Expository Writing*, Fall 1997

University of Louisville

Lecturer, *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, Summer 1994

Conference Papers and Presentations

- Roundtable Participant on “The Quality of American Government: Policy and Performance,” Western Political Science Association Meeting, Seattle, April 16-20, 2014
- “Foreplay in the Garden of Eden: Seduction, Self-Knowledge and Doubled Woe,” Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Atlanta, January, 2006 (with Philip Michelbach)
- “Intersubjectivity, Politics, Violence: Simone de Beauvoir and Colonialism,” American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, September 2-5, 2004
- “Action’s Inspiration: Collisions of the Particular and Universal in Beauvoir’s Algerian War,” Western Political Science Association Meeting, Denver, March 27-30, 2003
- “Colonialism and Complicity: Beauvoir’s *Ethics* and the Algerian War,” Simone de Beauvoir Roundtable, American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 31- September 3, 2000
- “The Ethics of Ambiguity, Acting and Judging: Simone de Beauvoir and the Algerian War” American Political Science Association Meeting, Atlanta, September 2-5, 1999
- “‘I am not a woman of action...’: Simone de Beauvoir and the Algerian War,” Western Political Science Association Meeting, Seattle, March 25-27, 1999
- “Ethics and Politics: Simone de Beauvoir’s Engagement with the Algerian War,” *Cinquantenaire du Deuxième Sexe: Colloque International*, Paris, January 19-23, 1999
- “Beauvoir and Boupacha: Ethics, Ambiguity, and the Algerian War,” Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Atlanta, October 28-31, 1998
- “Metaphorical Moments in Rousseau’s Essay on the Origin of Languages,” American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington D.C., August 28-31, 1997
- “Locke and Language in the Essay Concerning Human Understanding,” Political Science Graduate Student Association Conference, Rutgers University, March 25, 1995

Awards

- Teacher of the Year Award, Gamma Phi Beta, University of San Diego, Spring 2014
- “Women of Courage, Character and Commitment” Recognition, University of San Diego Women’s Center, Spring 2014
- Center for Educational Excellence Travel Grant, University of San Diego, Spring 2014
- Dissertation Fellowship, Political Science Department, Rutgers University, 2000 – 2001
- Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers University, 1993–1997
- Eleanor O’Sullivan Award for the Outstanding Senior Woman in Political Science, May 1993, Department of Political Science, University of Louisville
- Phi Beta Kappa of Kentuckiana Award, 1993
- Sister Cities Scholarship for one year of study in Montpellier, France, 1991 – 1992
- Eleanor O’Sullivan Award for the Outstanding Junior Woman in Political Science, May 1991, Department of Political Science, University of Louisville
- National Merit Finalist, 1988

Professional Service (at the University of San Diego)

Speaker, Center for Educational Excellence Inclusive Education Series, “Intersectional Feminist Pedagogy”
March 19, 2015

Assistant Director, Institute for Civil Civic Engagement, September 2014 – Present

National Issues Forum Writer, Kettering Foundation New Centers for Civic Life, representing the Institute for Civil Civic Engagement of the University of San Diego, 2014 – 2015

Participant, Kettering Foundation New Centers for Civic Life, representing the Institute for Civil Civic Engagement of the University of San Diego, 2014 – 2015

Section Chair for Undergraduate Poster Session, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2015

Participant, Summer Innovation Institute, University of San Diego, August 4-15, 2014

Faculty Advisor, *Pi Sigma Alpha*, University of San Diego, Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

Section Chair for Undergraduate Poster Session, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2014

Leader, Empower Retreat, University of San Diego Women’s Center, Spring 2013

Panelist, “Our Decision: Women and the Election 2012,” Women in Politics and Public Policy, University of San Diego, October 29, 2012

Other Professional and Organizational Activities

Participant, Reproductive and Sexual Justice Healing Circle/Workshop, San Diego State University, October 1, 2010

Reviewer, *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*

Guest Speaker, University of California, San Diego, Critical Gender Studies 87, October 3, 2005

Participant, EMILY’s List Political Opportunity Program, San Diego, CA, April 8 – 9, 2005

Participant, “Women in Politics: Electing to Lead” Political Training Program, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, March 17-19, 2005

Invited Panel Chair, University of California, San Diego Graduate Student Conference, Spring 2004

Coordinator, Guest Lecture co-sponsored by University of California, San Diego Political Science and Critical Gender Studies, by Michael Ferguson, Assistant Professor, University of Colorado, Boulder, “What Can Multiculturalism Learn From Feminism?”, April 23, 2003

Panelist, Roundtable on Carole Pateman’s *The Sexual Contract*, University of California, San Diego, March 1, 2001

Guest Lecturer, Women’s Studies, La Jolla Country Day School, February 1, 2001

Secretary, Graduate Women Scholars of Southern California (Scallops), Fall 2000 – Spring 2001

Participant, “Frontiers of Women and Politics Research II” Seminar for advanced graduate students, American University, August 30, 2000

Reviewer, *Political Research Quarterly*

Member, thesis examination panel, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University, Spring 1999

Participant, “Frontiers of Women and Politics Research” Seminar for advanced graduate students, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, September 2, 1998

Coordinator, *Celebrating a Decade of Women and Politics* Committee, Rutgers University, Spring 1998

Treasurer, Graduate Student Association, Rutgers University, 1995 – 1996

Steering Committee Member, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 1994 – 1996

Additional Language Proficiency

Translated texts by Simone de Beauvoir from French into English; substantial spoken fluency in French

Volunteer Activities

Women's History Museum and Educational Center, Assistant Director, February – September 2008

License to Freedom, General, Grant-writer, Member of El Cajon Refugee and Immigrant Women's Center Task Force, January 2005 – August 2006

San Diego Public Library, North Park Branch Volunteer, March – September 2003

Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Riverside Counties, Volunteer, March 2001 – January 2002 and May – September 2003

Recording For the Blind and Dyslexic, Princeton, New Jersey, Reader, May 1996 – August 1997