

Dr. Sarah Bufkin

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Research Interests	Antiracist critique, Critical Theory 20 th c. political theory, feminism, Cultural Studies	(Primary) (Secondary)
Academic Positions	Assistant Professor in Political Theory Department of Political Science and International Studies University of Birmingham, Birmingham	Sept. 2022 –
	Examination Fellow , All Souls College, Oxford	2016 –
	Stipendiary Lecturer - Politics , Queen’s College, Oxford	2018 – 2022
Education	DPhil, Political Theory , Oxford Supervisor: Professor Lois McNay Dissertation: <i>Frantz Fanon’s Sociogenic Approach to Antiracist Critique</i>	2021
	MA, Moral, Legal & Political Philosophy , Queen’s University – Belfast With distinction (83). Dissertation mark: 90. Dissertation: <i>Rethinking Racism: Structural Domination, Recognition & Agency</i>	2015
	BA, Cultural Studies, History , UNC – Chapel Hill With highest honors and distinction. GPA: 3.93/4.00. Thesis: <i>On the Poetic and the Political during the Troubles in Northern Ireland</i>	2013
Selected Honors	All Souls College Prize Fellowship (Fellowship by Examination), 2016 Rhodes Scholar, 2015 Best Overall Performance and Best Dissertation by an MA student, QUB School of Politics, International Studies, and Philosophy, 2015 George J. Mitchell Scholar, 2014 Award for Outstanding Achievement in Cultural Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2014 William and Ida Taylor Research Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2013 Phi Beta Kappa, 2012 Morehead-Cain Scholar, 2009	
Publications	“The Politics of White Misrecognition and Practices of Racial Inequality” in Denise Celentano and Luigi Caranti (eds). <i>Paradigms of Justice: Redistribution, Recognition, and Beyond</i> (Abingdon, U.K.: Routledge, 2021), 184-209.	
Works in Progress	“The Hunger Strike as a Biopolitical Technology: Re-Reading the 1981 Irish Republican Prison Protest” (under review at <i>American Political Science Review</i>)	

“Racism, Epistemic Injustice, and Ideology Critique”
(in preparation for *Political Theory*)

“Racism and the reification critique: reading Frantz Fanon against Axel Honneth”
(in preparation for *Constellations*)

**Invited
Talks &
Conference
Papers**

“The hunger strike as a biopolitical technology: the case of the 1981 Irish republican prison protest”
Philosophy Seminar, University of Essex, February 2022

“White Misrecognition and Practices of Racial Inequality”
Political Theory Workshop, University of York, February 2019

“Axel Honneth and Frantz Fanon’s Divergent Understandings of Reification”
‘The Inhuman Gaze’ conference, Paris, June 2018

“Raoul Peck’s ‘I Am Not Your Negro’ and Resisting the White Gaze”
SciencesPo Graduate Conference in Political Theory, May 2018
‘Visualizing Theory’ conference, CUNY, May 2018

“Fanon and the Political Ontology of Race”
Nuffield Political Theory Workshop, May 2018

“Fanon, Baldwin, and Racialized Imaginaries”
RAI American Politics Graduate Seminar, Feb 2018

“Alienation and Racial Hegemony”
Oxford Political Theory Seminar, Oxford, Nov 2017

“My Body as Our Witness: Consolidating Meaningful Political Claims during the 1981 Hunger Strikes in Northern Ireland”
‘Giving Life to Politics’ conference, University of Brighton, June 2017

“‘Bodies as Numinous as Words’: Reading Heidegger, Deleuze and Guattari at the Intersection of the Poetic and the Political”
Oxford Political Theory Graduate Conference, June 2017

“Deciding Who Should Die: Addressing Racialized Judgments in North Carolina’s Capital Sentencing, 1972 – 2015”
RAI American Politics Graduate Seminar, May 2017

**Invited
Comments**

Panelist, “The Intellectual Legacies of Stuart Hall,” Race & Resistance at TORCH – The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities, Oxford, April 2022

Response to Melvin Rogers, *African American Political Thought: A Collected History*, Oxford Political Theory Seminar, Oxford, February 2021

Response to Katrina Forrester, *In the Shadow of Justice: Postwar Liberalism and the Remaking of Political Philosophy*, Oxford Political Theory Seminar, Oxford, October 2019

Response to Robert Gooding-Williams, “Ideology, Social Practices, and Anti-Black Concepts,” Humboldt University Critical Theory Summer School, Berlin, July 2018

Public Talks

“Civil Discourse in an Uncivil Time,” with Rep. Jim Cooper and Richard Vinroot, UNC–Chapel Hill, Oct 2018

“Eyes Right: Trumpism, Brexit and the Rise of the Alt-Right” with Jeremy Gilbert and Alan Finlayson, ‘Culture, Power, Politics’ seminar, London, May 2018

Teaching

Stipendiary Lecturer, Politics, Queen’s College, Oxford	2018 –2022
Tutor in Political Theory, various colleges, Oxford	2016 – 2022
Tutor, Philosophy, Debate Chamber, London	Aug 2016

Courses Taught

Political Thought from Bentham to Weber, lecture, Oxford, 2021 – 22
- Wrote and delivered the undergraduate lecture on Emile Durkheim

Methods & Approaches in Political Theory, postgraduate seminar, Oxford, 2021
- Designed and co-taught new session on race and political theory for the MPhil in Political Theory methods course

Theory of Politics, undergraduate tutorials, Queen’s College, 2018 – 22
- Run weekly small-group instruction classes on topics in contemporary political theory, including on civil disobedience and political obligation, democracy, equality, injustice, feminism, multiculturalism, socialism, and power.
- Mark and provide constructive feedback on student essays and practice exams

Intro to Theory of Politics, undergraduate tutorials, Queen’s College, 2018 – 22
- Run bi-weekly small-group instruction classes on key texts and thinkers from Euromodern political thought, including Mill, Rousseau, Tocqueville, and Marx
- Mark and provide constructive feedback on student essays and practice exams

Feminist Theory, undergraduate tutorials, Balliol & Hertford Colleges, 2020 – 21
- Run weekly small-group instruction classes on key topics in feminist theory, including the metaphysics of gender, feminist phenomenology, standpoint theory, intersectional critiques of White feminisms, the problem of social reproduction, sex work, normalized heterosexuality, and carceral feminisms.

Critical Theory, undergraduate tutorials, New College, 2021
- Designed and ran set of eight tutorials on Critical Theory, including on the Frankfurt School, anticolonial criticism, Foucauldian poststructuralism, Judith Butler’s radical feminism, and the Birmingham School of Cultural Studies

Racism, the Carceral State, and Prison Abolition, elective Politics summer seminar, Queen’s College, 2020
- Created and ran a seminar course that critically interrogated racialized forms of state violence and the prison abolition movement in the aftermath of the global Black Lives Matter protests in summer 2020
- Facilitated group discussion on difficult issues regarding racism, gendered violence, genealogies of state population management, and the rise of the mass incarceration crisis in the US and the UK

Marx and Marxism, undergraduate tutorials, St. Anne’s, 2017

- Ran eight tutorials on Marx's thought and several of his (dis)inheritors, which covered topics like alienation, exploitation, ideology critique, and Marx's philosophy of history

Political Thought from Bentham to Weber, undergraduate tutorials, Oriel, 2017

- Ran eight tutorials on key thinkers from 19th c. and early 20th c. Euromodern thought, including Hegel, Tocqueville, Marx, Weber, and Durkheim

- Supervision** Undergraduate thesis in philosophy, Oxford, 2021
Epistemic Injustice and Children's Testimonials of Abuse (First class: 79%)
Undergraduate thesis in philosophy, Oxford, 2018
Epistemic injustice and psychiatric diagnosis (First class: 75%)
Undergraduate thesis in politics, Oxford, 2017
A Critical Evaluation of Care Ethics (First class: 76%)
- Seminar & Conference Organization** Convener, Critical Theory Seminar, Oxford, 2018 – 2020; 2022
Co-organizer, *Revolting Prostitutes* panel with the author, All Souls, Nov 2018
Co-convener, Frankfurt School Reading Group, Jan 2017 – March 2018
Co-organizer, 'Democracy and Dissent,' Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, June 2017
Co-organizer, 'Feminism and (political) progress,' Oxford Graduate Conference In Political Theory, May 2016
Co-convener, Intersectional Feminisms Reading Group, Oct. 2016 – June 2017
- Professional Service** Selection Committee, Junior Research Fellow in Politics, Queen's, Oxford, 2022
Reviewer, *European Journal of Political Theory*, 2021 –
Final exam marking, undergraduate, Oxford, 2022
Internal examining, undergraduate, Oxford, 2021 – 2022
Interviewer, undergraduate admissions, Queen's College, Oxford, 2018 – 2021
- College Service** Estate and Finance Committee, All Souls, 2019 –
Assistant Examiner in Politics, All Souls Prize Fellowship competition, 2021
Slavery & Investments in Caribbean Studies Working Group, All Souls, 2021
Climate Change Working Group, All Souls, 2019
Postdoctoral Selection Committee in Political & Social Sciences, All Souls, 2018
- Other Experience** **Scalawag Magazine**, Durham, United States Dec 2014 – Jan 2019
Co-founder, contributing editor
-Worked with team of 15-20 people to put together a print quarterly magazine that critically engages with U.S. Southern politics, culture and art
- References** **Lois McNay**
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