

EDUCATION

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Ph.D., May 2019, Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought

Dissertation title: *The Democratic Kaleidoscope in the United States: Vanquishing Structural Racism in the U.S. Federal Government*

Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

M.A., August 2011, Public Service

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI

B.A., December 2004, Political Science

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Washington & Jefferson College, Department of Political Science, Washington, PA

Public Policy Program Director, 2020-Present

Assistant Professor, 2020-Present

POL 310: Introduction to Public Administration

PPL 213: Introduction to Public Policy

PPL 350: Special Topics: Public Policy and Inequality in the U.S.

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, Washington, D.C.

Adjunct Instructor, 2020

Political Psychology. Spring 2020. Summer 2020.

Virginia Tech, Departments of Political Science and Philosophy, Blacksburg, VA

Instructor of Record, 2015-9

POLSCI 2024 Research Methods. Fall 2016. Spring 2017.

POLSCI 3414 Public Administration. Spring 2016.

POLSCI 3434 Urban Politics. Fall 2015.

PHIL 2304 Global Ethics. Fall 2017. Spring 2018. Fall 2018. Spring 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Ryan, M. (Under Contract with Lexington). *Fracturing the Demos: The Kerner Commission, Race Riots, and the Democratic Kaleidoscope in the United States*.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Ryan, M. (under review at *Fast Capitalism*, Issue 17.2) Contemptable Safety: Coronavirus, neoliberalism, and the moral value of universities.

Ryan, M. (under review at *Americana: The Journal of American Popular Culture*, Issue 19.1) Filming change: Civil rights through the lens of *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Ryan, M. (2019). Clapperclawing White America: Black Protesters, the Kerner Commission, and Striving for an Antiracist Democracy. *Activist History Review*, September 2019 Issue, online only at <https://activisthistory.com/2019/09/24/clapperclawing-white-america-black-protesters-the-kerner-commission-and-striving-for-an-antiracist-democracy/>.

Ryan, M. (2017). Imagining utopia in an unfree world: Rick Turner on morality, inequality, and existentialism. *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory*, Volume 64(2), 40-46.

Ryan, M. (2013). The moral vortex. *Nomadic Sojourns Journal*, Volume 2, 99-108.

Ryan, M. (2012). Help: Promise and power. *Nomadic Sojourns Journal*, Volume 1, 81-94.

Ryan, M. (2010). The future of the global prison industrial complex. *Journal for the Study of Peace and Conflict*, 2009-2010, 1-13.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

Ryan, M., and Brunsma, D. (Accepted; Forthcoming December 2020). Solidarity and Struggle: White Anti-Racist Activism in the Time of Trump. In J.S. Carter, D. Embrick, and C. Lippard (Eds.), *Protecting Whiteness: Whitelash and the Rejection of Racial Equality*, University of Washington Press.

Ryan, M. (Accepted; Forthcoming July 2020). A place to see: Poverty in American theater from 1935-2015. In W. Lenz (Ed.), *Poverty in American Popular Culture: Essays on Representations, Beliefs, and Policy*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland.

Ryan, M. (2020). The Kerner Commission and the domination of white supremacy in the US federal government. In A. Merali (Ed.), *The New Colonialism: The American Model of Human Rights*. (pp. 83-105) London, UK: Islamic Human Rights Commission Ltd.

Ryan, M. (2018). Government surveillance, racism, and civic virtue in the United States. In S. Flynn and A. Mackay (Eds.), *Surveillance, Race, Culture*. (pp. 43-59) London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.

Ryan, M. (2017). Surveilling to Remember: The Impact of Technology on American Democracy and Good Government, Community, and Policing: Police Brutality and Civic Peace. In L. Kirakosyan and M. Stephenson (Eds.), *RE: Reflections and Explorations-A Forum for Deliberative Dialogue* (pp. 255-261 and 293-299). Blacksburg, VA: VT Publishing.

Ryan, M. (2017). Sousveillance as a tool in US civic polity. In S. Flynn and A. Mackay (Eds.), *Spaces of Surveillance: States and Selves* (pp. 211-229). London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.

Ryan, M. (2017). Haunting America: Racial identity and otherness in civic society. In C.A. Varlack (Ed.) *Critical Reflections: Civil Rights Literature, Past & Present* (pp. 53-72). Amenia, NY: Salem Press.

BOOK REVIEWS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Ryan, M. (2017). Review of *Freedom and Limits / John Lachs*. *William James Studies*, 13(1), 120-122. Retrieved from <http://williamjamesstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/7Notes-Lachs-Freedom-and-LimitsWJS-Vol-13no-1Spring-2017pp-120-22.pdf>

Ryan, M. (2016). Finding a Better Society: The Work of Lauren Berlant's *Cruel Optimism*. *SPECTRA: The Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Theory Archives*, 5(1). Retrieved from <https://spectrajournal.org/SPECTRA/article/view/347/225>

PEER-REVIEWED CREATIVE WRITING

Ryan, M. (Forthcoming October 2020). Slice. In S. Engel (Ed.), *Strukturris Literary Journal*.

Ryan, M. (2019). Defeat of Memory. In E. Kalson (Ed.), *Fragments and Whispers*, Escaped Ink Press.

Ryan, M. (2018). Insider Job. In *Oasis: An Anti-Capitalist Journal of the Desert*, Holum Press, 13-16.

Ryan, M. (2018). Regeneration. In H. Fischman (Ed.), *Draw Write Here*, Volume 5, 32-35, 61-62, 88-89.

Ryan, M. (2017). Purpose. In S. Cedeno (Ed.), *Clockhouse*, Volume 5, 129.

Ryan, M. (2016). On the Strength of an Eyelid. In M. Eck (Ed.), *Lehigh Valley Vanguard Collections: Precarity Tales*, Volume 10, 21-22.

Ryan, M. (2015). Resurrection. In H. Fischman (Ed.), *Draw Write Here*, Volume 2, 9-12, 75-78, 187-190.

Ryan, M. (2015). Minding Peacefulness. In H. Fischman (Ed.), *Draw Write Here*, Volume 1, 56-57, 92-93.

AUTHORED PLAYS & FILMS

Chandrakala Arts, "Veeram: Macbeth," English Dialogue Writer, 2017.

Manhattan Repertory Theater (Off-Off-Broadway), Playwright, *Fault Lines*, 2014.

Alchemist Theater (Regional), Playwright, *Use No Place Soon*, 2014.

MATC Cooley Auditorium (Regional), Playwright, *Diary of an Urban Food Goddess*, 2014.

Independent film with J.K. Fowler, "Rhizome: A Contemporary Adaptation of *The Cradle Will Rock*," 2012.

Urban Anthropology, Inc., *Can We Become Homeless? A Social Experiment with Marquette Graduate Students*, 2010.

Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts (Regional), Playwright, *The Difference Dies*, 2009.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

INVITED TALKS

“(Neo)colonialism and Economic Justice,” BMW Foundation and B-Lab North American Leadership Retreat, Wasan Island, Canada, August 2019.

“The State and Democracy,” Introduction to Sociology-Undergraduate Lecture (Prof. David Brunsmma), Virginia Tech, November 2018.

“50 Years Later: The Police, Democracy, and the Legacy of the Kerner Commission,” University Research Showcase, Virginia Tech Class of 1968 Reunion, November 2018.

“Intro to Discourse Analysis,” Critical Methodologies-Graduate Seminar (Prof. Audrey Reeves), Virginia Tech, October 2018

“The Pathway DuBois Pathed: Critical Race Theory in Political Theory,” Political Theory-Undergraduate Lecture (Prof. Shelby Ward), Virginia Tech, October 2018.

“Race, Democracy, and the Kerner Commission,” Prison Scholars Program (Prof. Joshua Miller), Georgetown University, September 2018.

“Navigating the PhD,” ASPECT Professional Development-Graduate Seminar (Prof. Brett Shadle), Virginia Tech, September 2018.

“The Kerner Commission and the Domination of White Supremacy in the US Federal Government,” The New Colonialism: The American Model of Human Rights, London, February 2018.

Dissertation Presentation for Research Colloquium, HBCU Summit at Virginia Tech, October 2017.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Resistance, Oppression, and Democratic Exit in U.S. Race Riots,” Western Political Science Association, April 2020. (*Cancelled due to COVID-19*)

“Constructing the Modern Demos: The Kerner Commission and the Last Gasp of American Liberalism,” Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 2019.

“Racial Justice as a Global Quest: Black Liberation, Justice, and Human Rights,” Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, August 2019.

“Governing Race: Riots, Police Brutality, and Democracy,” Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA, April 2019.

“Racial Justice as a Collective Project for the Demos in U.S. Democracy,” D.C./Maryland/Virginia Identity Politics Conference, George Washington University, March 2019.

“The Last Gasp: How Racial Crisis Threatens U.S. Democracy,” ASPECT Graduate Conference, Virginia Tech, March 2019.

“(Re)Collecting US Democracy: Riots, Race, and the State of the Republic Through the Lens of the Kerner Commission,” Spectres of Domination: Politicizing the Terms of Resistance, Northwestern Graduate Student Conference in Political Theory, Evanston, IL, November 2018.

“Harvesting US Democracy: The Kerner Commission on police brutality, white supremacy, and race,” Northeastern Political Science Association, Montreal, November 2018.
-*Winner of 2018 Best Paper on Identity Politics*

“Cloudy Mirrors of Democracy: Documenting the Kerner Commission’s Uprisings, Riots, and Protests in the Face of Structural Racism,” Losing Our Words: Transformations in Language and Culture, Humber College, Toronto, October 2018.

“The Women’s March on Washington As a Testimony for Utopian Democracy,” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018.

“Democracy, Race, and the Kerner Commission,” Master Class with Wendy Brown, University of Lucerne, Switzerland, May/June 2018.

“The Kerner Commission, White Supremacy, and Lingering Democratic Dystopia,” International Social Theory Consortium, Chicago, May 2018.

“Imperial (Con)quest: Police Brutality, Riots, and Race in U.S. Structural Racism,” Cultural Studies Association Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, May 2018.

“An Ever-Present Whiteness: The Kerner Commission in a Racialized State,” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 2018.

“Struggles for Sincerity in Anti-Racist Activism,” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 2018.

“21st Century Social Movements and the (False?) Promise of White Resistance,” ASPECT Graduate Conference, Virginia Tech, March 2018.

Lightening Rod Dissertation Presentation, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2018.

Theories of the Human Condition: Factoring Race, Social Position, and Value, Advancing the Human Condition Symposium, Virginia Tech, November 2017.

“Housing Change: Social Progress Through Two 1960’s Families in *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner*,” Film & History Conference, Milwaukee, WI, November 2017.

“50 Years Later: The Kerner Commission, White Supremacy, and Police Brutality,” The State of (In)Equality: Social Justice Under Siege, Toronto, October 2017.

“Racial Capitalism in the U.S. Federal Government,” Managing Racial Capital Symposium, John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies at the Freie Universität Berlin, June/July 2017.

“Theater as a Civic Space,” International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 2017.

“Child Rape and the Death Penalty,” Virginia Humanities Conference, Shenandoah University, April 2017
-Panel organizer

“Social Imagination, Poverty, and the Role of the American Theater,” Virginia Tech ASPECT Conference, April 2017.

“Social Haunting: Civil Rights, Racist Ideology, and Cultural Constructions of Pain and Liberation,” Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World panel at the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Annual Meeting, Birmingham, March 2017.

“Sousveillance, Sovereignty, and Civics: Broadening Governance in the 21st Century,” Association for Moral Education 2016 Conference, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA, December 2016.

“Social Death and the White Devil in August Wilson’s *Fences*,” An August Occasion: A National Conference on the Life and Legacy of August Wilson, Howard University, October 2016.

“Dissertation-In-Progress Presentation on Structural Racism in the U.S. Federal Government,” Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University of Oregon, July 2016.

“Shame and Austerity in the Global Prison Industrial Complex,” London Conference on Critical Thought, University of London, June 2016.

“Child Rape and the Death Penalty in the United States,” Virginia Tech Interdisciplinary Conference on Sexual Violence, April 2016.

“Surveillance in American Democracy,” Virginia Tech ASPECT Conference, April 2016.

“Filming Change: Social Progress Through the Lens of *Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*,” Virginia Tech Bertoti History Conference, March 2016.

“Political Responsibility and the Global Prison Industrial Complex,” American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Conference, Las Vegas, February 2016.

“Introduction to Community Organizing,” Institute of Civic Studies, Tufts University, June 2015.

“Politics in the Global Prison Industrial Complex,” Virginia Tech ASPECT Conference, March 2015.

“Building Thriving Community: Beyond Segregation in Milwaukee,” Zeidler Center for Public Discussion, Milwaukee, WI, 2014.

“Becoming a Community Leader,” Family Enrichment Center, Grafton, WI, 2014.

“Beyond the Band-Aid: A Deep Conversation on Poverty in Milwaukee,” Zeidler Center for Public Discussion, Milwaukee, WI, 2013.

“Nonprofit Collaboration 101,” Wisconsin LGBT Leadership Conference, Milwaukee, WI, 2013.

“Developing a Generation of Collaborative Leaders,” Nonprofit Center, Milwaukee, WI, 2011.

“Liven Up: How Electoral Reform Can Rejuvenate American Democracy,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2006.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

JOURNALS

Reviewer, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 2017-2019

Co-Editor in Chief, *Community Change* (peer-reviewed academic journal housed in Virginia Tech Institute of Policy and Governance), 2018-2019

Founding Editorial Board Member, *Community Change*, 2016-2018

Reviewer, *SPECTRA: The Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Theory Archives* (peer-reviewed academic journal housed in Virginia Tech ASPECT program), 2015-2019

CONFERENCES

Planning Committee Member, 2017 and 2018 VT ASPECT Graduate Conferences

Planning Committee Member, 2016 VT Interdisciplinary Conference on Sexual Violence

SERVICE AS CHAIR/DISCUSSANT/MODERATOR

“Sex Work and Sexualities,” Discussant, 2020 Virginia Tech ASPECT Graduate Conference (*cancelled due to COVID-19*)

“Perspectives on Crime, Punishment, and Courts,” Chair and Discussant, 2019 Northeastern Political Science Association Conference

“Global Social Movements,” Chair and Discussant, 2019 Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference

“The Racial State,” Organizer and Presider, 2019 Southern Sociological Society

“Racial Inequality, Ideology, and the State,” Organizer and Presider, 2019 Southern Sociological Society

“Undergraduate Panel on Women, Gender, and Politics,” Chair and Discussant, 2018 Northeastern Political Science Association Conference

“Discourse Analysis and the Politics of Inclusion,” Discussant, 2018 Northeastern Political Science Association Conference

“Urban Governance,” Discussant, 2018 Northeastern Political Science Association Conference

“Thinking Beyond the PhD,” Moderator, 2018 ASPECT Graduate Conference

“Ethics and Normativity,” Chair and Discussant, 2018 ASPECT Graduate Conference

COMMITTEES & LEADERSHIP

Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Outstanding Book Award Selection Committee, SSSP 2019

Search and Screen Committee Member, ASPECT/Political Science Global Governance / International Policy Theory Assistant Professor Hire, Virginia Tech, 2017-2018

Executive Officer, ASPECT Student Association, Virginia Tech, 2016-2019

Co-Founder, Social and Political Philosophy Reading Group, Virginia Tech, 2016-2019

Member, Virginia Tech Institute of Policy and Governance Community Voices Workgroup, 2015-2019

Facilitator, Virginia Tech Intercultural Engagement Center, 2015-2019

Search and Screen Committee Member, Chancellor Hire, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2003-2004

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2018 Scholarship for UC-Berkeley’s Kerner Commission at 50 Conference, \$75

2017-8 Dissertation Research Grant in Support of Archival Research at Library of Congress and Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library, Virginia Tech Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention’s Graduate Research on Violence Program, \$1,500

2017 Graduate Travel Grant, Virginia Tech Graduate Student Association (for attendance at 2017 ICQI Conference), \$160

2017 Travel Grant, Virginia Tech ASPECT Department (for attendance at 2017 ICQI Conference), \$200

2017 Travel Grant, Virginia Tech Political Science Department (for attendance at 2017 ICQI Conference), \$200

2016 Travel Grant, Association for Moral Education (for attendance at 2016 AME Conference), \$600

2016 Graduate Travel Grant, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (for attendance at the 2016 Summer Institute in American Philosophy), \$1,000

2015-9 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Virginia Tech, Full Tuition Coverage

2013 State Fiscal Policy Conference Scholarship, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

HONORS & AWARDS

Student Speaker, Spring Graduate Commencement, Virginia Tech, May 2019

Best Paper Award in Identity Politics, 2018 Northeastern Political Science Association Conference for the Paper “Harvesting U.S. Democracy: The Kerner Commission on Police Brutality, White Supremacy, and Race”

Outstanding Doctoral Student Award in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Virginia Tech Graduate School, 2017-8

Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society, Inducted 2018 at Yale University

Diversity Scholar Fellowship, Virginia Tech Graduate School, 2015-7

Milwaukee’s Finest Award for Outstanding Community Leadership, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation-Wisconsin Chapter, 2013

Outstanding Student Leader of the Year, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2000

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association; Academy of Political Science; Northeastern Political Science Association; Association for Political Theory; Cultural Studies Association; and Society for the Study of Social Problems

TRAININGS & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

APSA Short Course on Teaching Simulations For Identity, Ethnicity, Oppression, and Conflict, August 2019

APSA Pedagogy Workshop, August 2018

Master Class with Dr. Wendy Brown, University of Lucerne, May-June 2018

Mentee, ASA-Racial and Ethnic Minority Mentorship Program, 2016-8

Social Value International-Impact and Value Reports Analysis Certificate, December 2016

Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University of Oregon, July 2016

Institute of Civic Studies, Tufts University, June 2015

Lincoln Center Theater Director's Lab, New York, July 2014

Public Conversations Project's Constructive Conversations on Divisive Issues, Milwaukee, 2012

Midwest Academy: Advanced Organizing Institute, Baltimore, 2011

Midwest Academy Organizing for Social Justice, Chicago, 2010

Mosaic Partnerships Racial Community Leadership Program, Milwaukee, 2008-9

Future Milwaukee Community Leadership Program, 2006-7

City of Milwaukee, WI, Gender Pay Equity Task Force Founding Chair, 2005-7

NONPROFIT EMPLOYMENT

Executive Director, Adult Literacy Center; Grafton, WI; 2014

Managing Director, Wisconsin Voices; Milwaukee, WI; 2012-3

Community Organizer/Lobbyist, Hunger Task Force; Milwaukee, WI; 2009-12

Teen Educator-Racial Justice and Workforce Development, YWCA Southeastern Wisconsin; Milwaukee, WI; 2008-9

Communications Specialist, Alliance for Children and Families; Milwaukee, WI; 2006-8

Political Empowerment Project Fellow, Fair Vote; Takoma Park, MD; 2005

Assistant Director, Massachusetts Advocates for the Arts, Sciences, and Humanities; Boston; 2004