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Academic Appointments

Purdue University Associate Professor, Department of Political Science Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2016-present 2022-present 2016-2022
Sciences-Po, Paris Visiting faculty, Centre de recherches politiques de Sciences Po (CEVIPOF)	Spring 2023
University of Canberra, Australia Academic visitor, Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance	Fall 2019
Texas Christian University Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2014-2016

Education

University of Virginia
Ph.D. in Government, 2014
M.A. in Government, 2010

Santa Clara University
B.S. in Political Science and French Language and Literature, 2007
Phi Beta Kappa and *Summa Cum Laude*

Publications

Books

Scudder, Mary F. and Stephen K. White. 2023. *The Two Faces of Democracy: Decentering Agonism and Deliberation*. (New York: Oxford University Press).

- Subject of a roundtable at 2024 meeting of the Western Political Science Association

Scudder, Mary F. 2020. *Beyond Empathy and Inclusion: The Challenge of Listening in Democratic Deliberation*. (New York: Oxford University Press).

- Subject of a roundtable at 2021 meeting of the Western Political Science Association
- Subject of a “Critical Dialogue” exchange with Ana Tanasoca, *Perspectives on Politics* Vol. 19, Issue 3: 936-938. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592721001821>
- Re-printed in paperback September 2023

Journal Articles

- Scudder Mary F., Selen Ercan, and Kerry McCallum. 2023. "Institutional Listening in Deliberative Democracy: Towards a Deliberative Logic of Transmission," *Politics* Vol. 43 (1): 38-53. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02633957211060691>.
- Scudder, Mary F. 2023. "Deliberative Democracy, More than Deliberation," *Political Studies*, Vol. 71 (1): 238-255. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00323217211032624>.
- Scudder, Mary F. 2022. "Measuring Democratic Listening: A Listening Quality Index," *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 75, Issue 1: 175-187. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1065912921989449>.
- Scudder, Mary F. 2020. "The Ideal of Uptake in Democratic Deliberation," *Political Studies*, Vol. 68, Issue 2: 504-522. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0032321719858270>.
- Scudder, Mary F. 2016. "Beyond Empathy: Strategies and Ideals of Democratic Deliberation," *Polity*, Vol. 48, Issue 4: 524-550. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41279-016-0001-9>.
- Lukes, Timothy J. and Mary F. Scudder. 2009. "Teaching Wisdom to Interest: Book Five of Plato's *Republic*," *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 42, Issue 1: 197-200.

Chapter in Edited Volume

- Scudder, Mary F. 2022. "Listening Quality Index" in *Research Methods in Deliberative Democracy*, edited by Selen Ercan, Hans Asenbaum, Nicole Curato, and Ricardo F. Mendonça. (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

Book Reviews

- Deliberation Naturalized: Improving Real Existing Deliberative Democracy* by Ana Tanasoca. Oxford University Press, 2020. *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 18, Issue, 3, 2021.
- American Dionysia: Violence, Tragedy, and Democratic Politics* by Steven Johnston. Cambridge University Press, 2015. *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 78, Issue 4, 2016.

Popular Press

- Scudder, Mary F. "The RNC called the Jan 6 events 'legitimate political discourse.' What does that even mean?" The Monkey Cage at *The Washington Post* Feb 28, 2022. https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/28/jan-6-republicans-democracy/?utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=wp_monkeycage&utm_medium=social
- Scudder, Mary F. "Why it's bad for democracy when we ignore the voices we would rather not hear." LSE's US Centre Blog, August 16, 2019 <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2019/08/16/why-its-bad-for-democracy-when-we-ignore-the-voices-we-would-rather-not-hear/>

Awards & Grants

- 2023 College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher, Purdue University
- 2021 Antonia Syson Cornerstone Teaching Award for excellence in teaching and mentorship, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University
- 2021 Nominated, Exceptional Early Career Teaching Award, Purdue University
- 2020 Purdue Research Foundation Summer Faculty Grant
- 2019 ASPIRE Travel Grant, Purdue University
- 2019 Nominated, Exceptional Early Career Teaching Award, Purdue University
- 2018 ASPIRE Travel Grant, Purdue University
- 2018 Purdue Research Foundation Summer Faculty Grant
- 2017 ASPIRE Travel Grant, Purdue University
- 2016 ASPIRE Travel Grant, Purdue University
- 2016 Research and Creative Activities Fund Grant, Texas Christian University (declined)
- 2016 Junior Faculty Summer Research Grant, Texas Christian University
- 2015 Junior Faculty Summer Research Grant, Texas Christian University
- 2013 Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture
- 2012 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award for Politics, University of Virginia
- 2012 Nominated, All-University Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, University of Virginia
- 2012 Robert J. Huskey Travel Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia
- 2009 Fellow at Northwestern University's Summer Institute on Rhetoric and Nietzsche, Northwestern University
- 2008-13 President's Fellowship, Department of Politics, University of Virginia
- 2007 Saint Clare Medal, awarded to the top female graduate in a given year at Santa Clara University

Affiliations & Appointments

Associate, Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance, University of Canberra

Founding Faculty Fellow, Cornerstone Integrated Liberal Arts Program, Purdue University

Faculty Fellow, IMPACT (Instruction Matters: Purdue Academic Course Transformation), Purdue University

Conference Participation

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA)

Presenter: 2023 (withdrawn), 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2012

Chair/Discussant: 2023, 2020, 2017, 2015

Association for Political Theory Conference (APT)

Presenter: 2013

Australian Political Science Association, Political Organizations and Participation Workshop
Presenter: 2019

MANCEPT Workshops
Presenter: 2022

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (MPSA)
Presenter: 2018, 2013, 2011
Chair/Discussant: 2018, 2017

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (WPSA)
Presenter: 2024, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012
Chair/Discussant: 2024, 2022, 2020, 2018, 2016, 2015

Invited Talks

External

“Methods Café: The Listening Quality Index,” invited talk at the 6th Deliberative Democracy Summer School hosted by the Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance at the University of Canberra, Canberra, Australia, February 2024

“Deliberation and its Limits in Divided Democracies,” invited talk at CEVIPOF (Centre for Political Research at Sciences Po) Sciences Po, Paris, France, March 2023

“The Two Faces of Democracy,” invited talk at Northwestern University’s Political Theory Colloquium, December 2022.

“Democratic Listening,” invited lecture, via zoom, at Hartwick College, November 2022.

“The Power of Listening in Divided Democracies,” featured speaker for the 56th Cincinnati Philosophy Colloquium “Identity Politics & the Politics of Identity,” at the University of Cincinnati, October 2022.

“Disagreeing Well,” invited speaker for “Academic Freedom: under threat or over-protected?,” debate hosted via zoom at the University College London, May 2022.

“Beyond Empathy and Inclusion: The Challenge of Listening in Democratic Deliberation,” book talk and seminar at the University of Oxford, Oxford, England, April 2022.

Keynote Address, “Civil Discourse and the Challenge of Listening” at New Trier High School Institute Day, New Trier Township, Illinois, February 2022

“Ten Ways to Teach like a Political Theorist,” at New Trier High School Institute Day, New Trier Township, Illinois, February 2022

“The Democratic Power of Listening,” invited speaker at the Canterbury Institute’s panel discussion on Listening as a Civic Virtue, hosted via Zoom by the Canterbury Institute (Oxford, England) and sponsored by the Templeton World Charity Foundation, October 2020

“The Role of Listening for Building Inclusive Societies,” featured speaker at The Recovery Summit, a virtual world-wide conference led by Global Progress and Canada 2020. Inclusive Societies panel hosted by Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, September 2020

“The Skills needed to Strengthen Democracy,” invited speaker at the Renewing Democracy in the Digital Age webinar hosted via Zoom by The Berggruen Institute & The German Marshall Fund, July 2020

“Can We Design a Directly Representative Democracy,” roundtable discussion with John Dryzek and Henrik Bang, at the Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance, University of Canberra, Australia, November 2019

“Operationalizing Democratic Listening,” invited talk at the Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance Seminar Series, University of Canberra, Australia, November 2019

“Conceptualizing and Measuring Democratic Listening,” invited talk at the Political Science and International Relations Research Seminar, Victoria University Wellington, New Zealand, October 2019

“Renewing Democracy through Deliberation,” invited talk at the Future of Democracy: Social Cohesion and the Public Square Roundtable hosted by the Berggruen Institute, Madrid, Spain, May 2019

“Listening Toward Democracy,” invited talk at the Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society, Washington University in St. Louis, September 2017

“The Insufficiency of Inclusion and the Need for Uptake in Democratic Deliberation” invited talk at the University of Notre Dame Political Theory Colloquium, February 2017

“Beyond Empathy and Inclusion,” Book Manuscript Workshop, University of Virginia, September 2016

“Beyond Empathy: Strategies and Ideals of Democratic Deliberation,” Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society, Washington University in St. Louis, February 2014

Internal

“Democracy and the Importance of Listening: An Election Eve Discussion,” Purdue University event discussing my book, *Beyond Empathy and Inclusion: The Challenge of Listening in Democratic Deliberation* in the context of the 2020 presidential election, November 2020

“Measuring Democratic Listening: A Listening Quality Index” Political Science Research Workshop, Purdue University, September 2020

“Why Deliberation?” Political Science Research Workshop, Purdue University, November 2018

Invited Speaker, Social Science Mechanics: A Look Under the Hood at Innovative Research Methods, Purdue University, March 2017

“Feeling Another’s Pain: Rethinking Our Practices of Empathy” with Stacie McCormick at Texas Christian University “Back to Class” fundraising event for AddRan College of Liberal Arts, March 2015

Teaching

Instructor

Purdue University

Undergraduate

Democracy and its Critics

Introduction to Political Theory

Transformative Texts, Critical Thinking and Communication I: Antiquity to Modernity

Graduate

Democratic Deliberation and Participation Seminar

Job Placement Practicum

Professional Development Practicum

Texas Christian University

Honors Introduction to Political Theory

Introduction to Political Theory

Ancient and Medieval Political Theory

Modern Political Theory

Freshman Seminar: Freedom and Order

University of Virginia

Democracy and its Critics

Advising

Dissertation Committees

Michael Simrak

Philip Cardin (Completed Summer 2021)

Michael Brownstein (Completed Summer 2020)

Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson (Completed Summer 2020)

Wilke Undergraduate Research Internship
Misri Shah, 2024
Jai Reineke, 2023-2024
Elizabeth Anguilm, 2018

Service

Discipline

Guest editor, *Political Communication* Special Issue on Democratic Listening

Book workshop discussant for Hoang Bai Lin's "Race, Representation and the Politics of Listening in Local Public Meetings," June 2022.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Deliberative Democracy*, 2020-present

Okin-Young Best Article Award Committee in Feminist Political Theory, American Political Science Association, 2019

Political Theory Section Head, Midwest Political Science Association, 2017-2018

Referee for *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; Cambridge University Press; *Contemporary Political Theory*; *Constellations*; *Information, Communication, and Society*; *Journal of Deliberative Democracy*; *Journal of Politics*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Studies*; *Political Theory*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*

University/College

Founding faculty fellow in the Cornerstone Integrated Liberal Arts Program

Purdue Research Foundation, Faculty Summer Research Grant Evaluation Committee, 2019

Department

Undergraduate Committee, Political Science, Purdue University, Fall 2023-present

Faculty Awards Committee, Political Science, Purdue University, Fall 2022-present

Chair, Subcommittee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Graduate Committee, Political Science, Purdue University, Fall 2020-present

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force, Political Science, Purdue University, Fall 2020

Graduate Admissions Committee, Political Science, Purdue University, 2016- 2017, Fall 2020-present

Undergraduate Committee, Political Science, Purdue University, Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Graduate Committee, Political Science, Purdue University, Fall 2018 and Fall 2020-present

Department Head Search Committee Member (elected by department, appointed by Dean), Political Science, Purdue University, Fall 2017

Graduate Recruitment Committee, Political Science, Purdue University, Fall 2016-Fall-2017

Committee to Design International Relations Minor, Political Science Department, Texas Christian University, Spring 2015

Student Activities Committee, Political Science Department, Texas Christian University, 2014-2016

Professional Membership

American Political Science Association

Association for Political Theory

Midwestern Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society)

Phi Sigma Iota (Foreign Language Honor Society)