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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL

Helen Houlahan Rigali Assistant Professor of Political Science (2019-present)

George Washington University, Washington, DC

Research Fellow, Institute for Data, Democracy & Politics (2022-2023)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life (2021-2022)

Stockton University, Galloway, NJ

Assistant Professor of Political Science: Theory (2015-2019)

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Ph.D. in Political Science (2015)

M.A. in Political Science (2011)

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Cultural Studies and Political Science (2009)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

DeCook, Julia R. and **Forestal, Jennifer**. Forthcoming. "Of Humans, Machines, and Extremism: The Role of Platforms in Facilitating Undemocratic Cognition," *American Behavioral Scientist*.

Forestal, Jennifer. 2021. "Beyond Gatekeeping: Propaganda, Democracy, & the Organization of Digital Publics," *Journal of Politics* 83(1): 306-320.

Forestal, Jennifer. 2021. "Constructing Digital Democracies: Facebook, Arendt, & the Politics of Design," *Political Studies* 69(1): 26-44.

Forestal, Jennifer and Jessie K. Finch. 2021. "Teaching the Town Hall: Incorporating Experiential Learning in a Large Introductory Lecture Course," *Journal of Political Science Education* 17(sup1): 116-129.

Abernathy, Claire and **Jennifer Forestal**. 2021. "The Use of Debates in Political Science Courses," *Journal of Political Science Education* 17(3):343-355.

Forestal, Jennifer and Menaka Philips. 2020. "The Masked Demos: Associational Anonymity and Democratic Practice," *Contemporary Political Theory* 19: 573-595

Forestal, Jennifer and Abraham Singer. 2020. "Social Media Ethics and the Politics of Information," *Business Ethics Journal Review* 8(6):32-38.

Abernathy, Claire and **Jennifer Forestal**. 2020. "Civics Across Campus: Designing Effective Extracurricular Programming," *Journal of Political Science Education* 16(1): 13-27.

Forestal, Jennifer and Menaka Philips. 2018. "Gender and the 'Great Man': Recovering Philosophy's 'Wives of the Canon'" *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* 33(4): 587-592.

Forestal, Jennifer. 2017. "The Architecture of Political Spaces: Trolls, Digital Media, and Deweyan Democracy," *American Political Science Review* 111(1): 149-161.

BOOKS

Forestal, Jennifer. 2022. *Designing for Democracy: How to Build Community in Digital Environments.* Oxford University Press.

Forestal, Jennifer & Menaka Philips, editors. 2021. *The 'Wives' of Western Philosophy: Gender Politics in Intellectual Labor.* Routledge.

Abernathy, Claire, Lauren Balasco, & **Jennifer Forestal**. *Engaging Citizenship* [under contract with Oxford University Press; expected publication 2023]

BOOK CHAPTERS

Forestal, Jennifer. Forthcoming. ""You've Become Part of a Bigger Universe:" Plurality, Public Things, and the MCU" in *The Politics of the Marvel Cinematic Universe*, edited by Nicholas Carnes & Lilly Goren. [under contract with University Press of Kansas; expected publication 2022]

BOOK REVIEWS

Forestal, Jennifer. 2021. "Infopower & Democracy," *Syndicate: Philosophy*, Symposium on *How We Became Our Data* by Colin Koopman, http://syndicate.network/symposia/philosophy/how-we-became-our-data/

Forestal, Jennifer. 2019. Review of *Antisocial Media: How Facebook Disconnects Us and Undermines Democracy* by Siva Vaidhyanathan, *Perspectives on Politics* 17(2): 565-566.

PUBLIC WRITING

Forestal, Jennifer and Menaka Philips. 2020. "*Hamilton* and the unsung labors of wives" *Washington Post: Made by History.* August 6.

Forestal, Jennifer. 2017. "Trolling democracy: anonymity doesn't cause conflicts, bad site design does" *Democratic Audit blog.* May 4.

Forestal, Jennifer and Menaka Philips. 2016. "People blame Facebook for fake news and partisan bile. They're wrong." *Washington Post: Monkey Cage.* December 16.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Democracy Dies in Darkness? Democracy, Accountability, and Information as a Public Good," (with Menaka Philips; under review)

"Radicalization, Extremism, and Digital Publics"

"The Politics of Public Shaming"

"Votes, Dollars, and Bots: Enumeration, Amplification, and Democratic Representation" (with Lexi Neame)

"'We are Legion': New Digital Social Movements and the Challenges of Democratic Organizing" (with Menaka Philips)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Forestal, Jennifer. 2017. "Fake News and Informed Democracy" (with Chris Tenove) *The Scholars' Circle.* Radio/Podcast audio. September 9.

Forestal, Jennifer. 2016. *'Midwife to Democracy:' Civic Learning in Higher Education.* Galloway, NJ: William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy. October.

HONORS & AWARDS	Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study Faculty Fellowship (2021-2022)

Loyola University Chicago Internal Awards

    Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Faculty Fellow (2022-2023)

    Summer Research Stipend ($7000; 2020, 2021)

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend ($6000; 2019)

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellowship, Princeton University (2019-2020; declined)

Summer Scholar-in-Residence, New York University Faculty Resource Network (2018)

Stockton University Internal Awards

    Research & Professional Development Summer Research Stipend ($6100; 2018)

    Research & Professional Development Scholarship of Engagement Summer Research Stipend ($6100; 2018)

    Provost Faculty Opportunities Fund Research Grant ($2000; 2017)

    Research & Professional Development Summer Research Stipend ($5800; 2016, 2017)

American Political Science Association Travel Grant ($500; 2017)

Best Ph.D. Paper, European Conference on Social Media (2014)

Northwestern University Internal Awards

    TGS Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern University (2014)

    Department/Discipline Organization of the Year, Political Science Commune (2012)

    Emerging Graduate Student Leader of the Year, honorable mention (2012)

    University Fellowship, Northwestern University (2009-2010, 2013-2014)

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Invited panelist, "How Open is the Internet? Democracy and Social Media," COMPAS Conference: The Value of Open Society (Ohio State University, March 2022)

Invited speaker, *Data and Democracy*, with Colin Koopman (Goucher College, April 2021)

Invited speaker, *The Wives of Western Philosophy* Book Talk, with Menaka Philips and Boris Litvin (Stetson University, March 2021)

Keynote speaker, "Designing for Democracy: How to Build Community in Digital Environments" Fair February: Data Science for Social Good Week 3: Computation and Democracy, Data Science Initiative (Brown University, February 2021)

Invited presenter, "r/democracy: Flexible Spaces, Experimental Habits, and the Problem of Self-Segregation" Up the Street Series Lecture Series, Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop (Northwestern University, November 2019)

Invited presenter, "Easily, Flexibly, Fully: Designing for Democracy" Doing Democracy Differently (McMaster University, March 2019)

Invited presenter, "Democracy Dies in Darkness? Democracy, Accountability, and Information as a Public Good," (with Menaka Philips) Political Theory in/and/as Political Science (McGill University, May 2018)

Invited presenter, "Beyond Gatekeepers: On Propaganda and Digital Publics," College of Humanities & Social Sciences Annual Multidisciplinary Conference (William Paterson University, NJ, October 2017)

Invited presenter, "On Propaganda and Digital Publics" Tri-Co Theory Workshop (Bryn Mawr College, PA, February 2017)

Invited presenter, "'The Work of Our Hands' in a World of Machines: Software Development as Arendtian Work" University of Pennsylvania Graduate Political Theory Workshop (Philadelphia, December 2016)

Invited presenter, "'The Work of Our Hands' in a World of Machines: Software Development as Arendtian Work" Temple University Political Theory Workshop (Philadelphia, November 2016)

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

Paper presenter, "Social Media, Cancel Culture, & The Politics of Shame," Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Portland, February 2022)

Paper presenter, "Votes, Dollars, and Bots: Enumeration, Amplification, and Democratic Representation" (with Lexi Neame), Association for Political Theory Annual Conference (virtual, November 2020)

Panelist, Author Meets Critics: Colin Koopman's *How We Became Our Data: A Genealogy of the Informational Person*, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (virtual, September 2020)

Paper presenter, "Votes, Dollars, and Bots: Enumeration, Amplification, and Democratic Representation" (with Lexi Neame), Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (virtual, September 2020)

Paper presenter, "'You've Become Part of a Bigger University:' the MCU, Transmedia Storytelling, and the Democratic Imagination " Politics of the MCU (virtual, April 2020)

Paper presenter, "Teaching Political Science Through Citizenship and Civic Engagement" (with Claire Abernathy and Lauren Balasco), APSA Teaching & Learning Conference (Albuquerque, February 2020)

Paper presenter, "Mute, Block, Unfollow: Technology, Democracy, and the Politics of Opting Out" Association for Political Theory Annual Conference (UC Irvine, October 2019)

Paper presenter, "Easily, Flexibly, Fully: Designing for Democracy" Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington, DC, August 2019)

Paper presenter, "Easily, Flexibly, Fully: Designing for Democracy" Association for Political Theory Annual Conference (Bryn Mawr College & Haverford College, October 2018)

Panelist, *The Shape of Democracy: Building Democratic Spaces in a Digital Age*, Association for Political Theory Book Proposal Workshop (Bryn Mawr College & Haverford College, October 2018)

Paper presenter, "Democracy Dies in Darkness? Democracy, Accountability, and Information as a Public Good," (with Menaka Philips) Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Boston, August 2018)

Paper presenter, "Political Theory and the Problem of Boundaries" Association for Political Theory Annual Conference (University of Michigan, October 2017)

Paper presenter, "On Propaganda and Digital Publics" Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco, September 2017)

Paper presenter, "Political Theory and the Problem of Boundaries" Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco, September 2017)

Paper presenter, "On Propaganda and Digital Publics" Journalism and the Search for Truth in an Age of Social Media (Boston University, April 2017)

Paper presenter, "Civics Across Campus: Stockton's Election 2016 Program and Civic Learning Outside the Classroom" (with Claire Abernathy), APSA Conference on Teaching & Learning (Long Beach, CA, February 2017)

Paper presenter, "Citizen 'Anon': Anonymity and Democracy in America" (with Menaka Philips) Association for Political Theory Annual Conference (Columbus, OH 2016)

Paper presenter, "The 'Work of our Hands' in a World of Machines: Software Development as Arendtian Work" Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago 2016)

Paper presenter, "From *Demos* to Data: Social Media, Software Architecture, and Public Space." Annual Convention of the National Communication Association (Chicago 2014); European Conference on Social Media (Brighton, England, UK 2014); Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (Seattle 2014); Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago 2014)

Paper presenter, "From *Demos* to Data: Hannah Arendt, Software Architecture, and Public Space." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington, DC 2014)

PROFESSIONAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE	Association for Political Theory

Association for Political Theory

    Governance Committee member (2021-2024)

    Book Proposal Subcommittee member (2019-2021)

    Conference Program Committee member (2016-2017; 2019-2020)

    Ad-hoc Committee on Digital Communications Strategy member (2017-2018)

American Political Science Association

    Best Book Award Committee Member, Information Technology & Politics Section (2022)

    Program Co-Chair, Foundations of Political Theory Section (2021)

    Leo Strauss Award Committee member (2021)

Manuscript reviewer:

    American Political Science Review

    American Journal of Political Science

    Journal of Politics

    Political Studies

    Political Research Quarterly

    Political Theory

Oxford University Press

MIT Press

University of Toronto Press

Stockton University

Faculty Co-Chair, American Democracy Project/Political Engagement Project (2017-2019)

Faculty Advisor, Women's Rights Coalition, Stockton University (2016-2019)

Co-Chair, Northwestern University Political Science Commune (graduate student org) (2011-2013)

MEMBERSHIP   American Political Science Association

Association for Political Theory

Association of Internet Researchers

International Communication Association

Western Political Science Association