

# Emma Rodman

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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University of Massachusetts, Lowell (UML)

*Assistant Professor*, Department of Political Science (2022—)

Princeton University

*Postdoctoral Research Associate*, University Center for Human Values and the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (2020—2022)

## EDUCATION

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University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science (UW)

Ph.D., 2020

*Dissertation*: “The Idea of Equality in America”

*Committee*: Jack Turner III (chair), Michael McCann, George Lovell, Chandan Reddy, and Rebecca Thorpe

*Exam Fields (with distinction)*: Political theory, political methodology, and American politics

*Certificates*: Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences Methodology Certificate

M.A., 2016

Haverford College

B.A., 2008; political science (honors) and religion

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Peer-Reviewed Publications*

Rodman, Emma. 2023. “On Political Theory and Large Language Models.” Accepted at *Political Theory*.

Moore, Chelsea and **Emma Rodman**. 2022. “It Would 'Mean Little' Absent Governmental Recognition': Theorizing State Power and the New Jurisprudence of Dignity.” *Law, Culture and the Humanities*. 18(3): 698-715. doi: 10.1177/1743872118822725

**Rodman, Emma.** 2021. "Not Equals But Men': Du Bois on Social Equality and Self-Conscious Manhood." *American Political Thought*. 10(3): 450-480. doi: 10.1086/715113

**Rodman, Emma.** 2020. "A Timely Intervention: Tracking the Changing Meanings of Political Concepts with Word Vectors." *Political Analysis*. 28(1): 87-111. doi: 10.1017/pan.2019.23

Lesnikowski, Alexandra, Ella Belfer, **Emma Rodman**, Julie Smith, James Ford, John Wilkerson, Robbert Biesbroek, and Lea Berrang Ford. 2019. "Frontiers in Data Analytics for Adaptation Research: Topic Modeling." *WIREs: Climate Change*. 10(3). doi: 10.1002/wcc.576.

*Manuscripts in Preparation and Under Review*

"The Politics of Alienation" (under review)  
*The Idea of Equality in America* (in preparation)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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2019-2020 American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)/Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$38,000)  
2019 Graduate fellowship (\$3,000), Institute for Humane Studies  
2019 Summer research fellowship (\$5,000), Institute for Humane Studies  
2018 Graduate fellowship (\$2,000), Institute for Humane Studies  
2017 Winner (with Chelsea Moore), Stuart A. Scheingold Award for Best Graduate Student Paper in the Public Law Field, Dept. of Political Science (UW)  
2015 Summer fellowship (\$5,000), Dept. of Political Science (UW)  
2015-2020 Graduate fellow, Washington Institute for the Study of Inequality and Race (UW)  
2014-2015 Donald R. Matthews Graduate Fellowship in American Politics (\$47,000) (UW)  
2008 Stephen H. Miller Memorial Award for civic activism (Haverford)  
2006-2007 Magill-Rhoads Fellowship (\$32,000) (Haverford)

RESEARCH & TRAVEL GRANTS

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2023 Book manuscript workshop grant (\$5,250), Institute for Humane Studies, Award #IHS017113  
2022 Research grant (\$855), College of Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences student assistantship (UML)  
2021 Research grant (\$5,000), Hayek Fund for Scholars, Institute for Humane Studies  
2019 Conference travel grant, American Political Science Association  
2018 Research funding (\$6,119) via PI-NET: Poli-Informatics Research Coordination Network, National Science Foundation, Award #1243917  
2018 Research grant (\$8,267), Washington State Labor Research Grant, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies (UW)  
2018 Research grant (\$3,000), Camden Hall Graduate Research Grant (UW)

2017	Research grant (\$1,000), Center for American Politics and Public Policy (UW)
2017	Conference travel grant, Comparative Law and Society Studies Center (UW)
2016	Conference travel grant, Graduate and Professional Student Senate (UW)
2005	Research grant (\$4,000), Center for Peace & Global Citizenship (Haverford)

## TEACHING AWARDS, TRAINING & GRANTS

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2023	Winner, Excellence in Teaching Award, Dept. of Political Science (UML)
2022	Contemplative Pedagogy mini-grant (\$1,000), Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (UML)
2018; 2019	Nominee (x2), Excellence in Teaching Award (UW-wide award)
2018; 2019	Nominee (x2), Undergraduate Research Mentor Award (UW-wide award)
2017	Winner, Graduate Student Teaching Award, Dept. of Political Science (UW)

## INVITED TALKS

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2024	<p>“Politics and Large Language Models.” Cognitive Science Program, Northwestern University.</p> <p>“The Inegalitarian Equality of the Declaration of Independence.” Tocqueville Lecture Series, Jacksonville State University</p>
2023	<p>“The Idea of Equality.” REPGOV Project, European Research Council and Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals</p> <p>“The Politics of Alienation.” Social Philosophy Workshop, Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University</p> <p>“On Political Theory and Large Language Models.” Political Theory Workshop and Models, Experiments, and Data Workshop (joint meeting), University of Wisconsin (Madison)</p>
2022	<p>“Political Theory, Creativity, and Text-as-Data.” Politics and Computational Social Science Workshop, Harvard University</p>
2021	<p>“Nella Larsen on American Alienation.” Lincoln Symposium in American Political Thought, Jack Miller Center (Portland, Oregon)</p> <p>“American Alienation: Freedom and Politics in the Thought of Nella Larsen.” University Center for Human Values, Princeton University</p> <p>“Beyond Abolition: Martin Delany on Equality in a Republic.” Center for Ethics, Saint Anselm College</p> <p>“Nella Larsen on American Alienation.” American Political Thought Seminar, Newberry Library (Chicago, IL)</p>

- “Transcending Training from Scratch: the Possibilities of Transfer Learning.”  
Visions in Methodology workshop, Claremont Graduate University
- 2020 “The Idea of Social Equality in America.” Center for the Study of Democratic  
Politics, Princeton University
- 2019 “Time Sensitive: Tracking the Changing Meanings of Political Concepts with  
Word Vectors.” Text-as-Data eScience Group, University of Washington
- “Not Equals But Men!: Du Bois on Social Equality and Self-Conscious  
Manhood.” American Political Thought Conference, Claremont McKenna  
College
- “Not Equals But Men!: Du Bois on Social Equality and Self-Conscious  
Manhood.” Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, University of  
Oxford and Nuffield College
- “Teaching Reproducible and Transparent Research Methods to  
Undergraduates.” eScience Institute and Center for Teaching and Learning,  
University of Washington
- 2018 “Not Equals But Men!: Du Bois on Social Equality and Self-Conscious  
Manhood.” IHS Graduate Research Colloquium (Herndon, VA)
- 2017 “Gender, Race, and the U.S. Founding.” U.S. Department of State, YLAI Fellows  
Program (Seattle, WA)
- “Dignity in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.” Comparative Law and Society Studies Center  
Workshare, University of Washington
- 2016 “It Would 'Mean Little' Absent Governmental Recognition: Dignity,  
Individualism, and State Power in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.” University of Texas  
Graduate Conference in Public Law
- “Gender and U.S. Political Culture.” Public lecture given at the Northaven Senior  
Community Center (Seattle, WA)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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American Political Science Association (2021, 2020)  
 Association for Political Theory (2022, 2020)  
 Western Political Science Association (2024, 2023, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017)  
 Text as Data Association (2019, 2018)  
 Law and Society Association (2017)

## SKILLS

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Programming: R (comfortable), Python (modest), LaTeX (modest), Stata (basic)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### *University of Massachusetts Lowell*

Undergraduate Scholarship Awards Committee, Political Science Department (2023)

### *Princeton University*

Committee for Senior Thesis Prizes, University Center for Human Values (2022)

### *University of Washington*

Graduate and Professional Student Senate (2016-2017)

### *Association & Conference Service*

Section Co-Chair (“Political Theory: Critical and Normative”), WPSA annual meeting (2024); Program Committee, Association for Political Theory (2022); Graduate student mentor, APT (2022 - present); Panel discussant and chair, APSA annual meeting (2020); Panel chair, WPSA annual meeting (2023)

### *Journal Reviewer*

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Analysis, Political Communication

### *Media Interviews*

WIRED Magazine (2023), Seattle Met Magazine (2017)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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University of Massachusetts, Lowell (Lowell, MA)

### *Instructor*

American Political Thought (2023)

The Concept of Power (2023)

Introduction to Political Theory (2022; 2023)

Research Methods in Political Science (2023)

Comparative Political Thought [graduate seminar] (2022)

University of Washington (Seattle, WA)

### *Instructor*

The Concept of Power (2019)

Washington State Legislative Internship Program (2019)

Quantitative Research Methods, undergraduate fellowship program in  
Center for American Politics and Public Policy (2017-18; 2018-19)

### *Graduate Teaching Assistant*

Introduction to Law, Societies, and Justice (2018)  
Introduction to Political Theory (2015, 2016, 2017)  
Law in Society (2017)  
The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the U.S. (2017)  
Introduction to U.S. State Government (2016)  
The Concept of Power (2015)

*Graduate Writing Tutor*  
University of Washington Political Science Writing Center (2015-16)

University Beyond Bars (Monroe Correctional Complex, Monroe, WA)  
*Co-Instructor*  
Introduction to American Politics (2016)

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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Dr. Michael McCann & Dr. George Lovell, University of Washington (2018)  
*Research Assistant* (manuscript preparation and archival research for *Union by Law*)

Dr. John Wilkerson, University of Washington (2018)  
*Research Assistant* (analysis and data validation, Congressional Bills Project)

Dr. Helen J. Knowles, SUNY Oswego (2018)  
*Research Assistant* (archival work on background of *West Coast Hotel v. Parrish*)

Center for American Politics and Public Policy (UW) under Dr. John Wilkerson (2017)  
*Research Assistant* (collection and quantitative analysis of United Nations text data)

## OTHER EMPLOYMENT (Selected)

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United States Navy, Newport, RI (2012-2013)  
*Naval Flight Officer Candidate*

Slaton for Congress, Sacramento, CA (2009-2010)  
*Campaign Manager; Communications Director*

Political office of California State Senator Joe Simitian, Palo Alto, CA (2008-2010)  
*Political Director; Campaign Manager*

Staton Hughes (political communications consultancy), San Francisco, CA (2008-2009)  
*Associate Consultant*

Kucinich for President, Washington, DC and Keene, NH (2007-2008)  
*Deputy National Finance Director*

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Political Science Association; American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy;  
Association for Political Theory; Western Political Science Association

## REFERENCES

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Available upon request