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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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| September 2023-presentSeptember 2016-August 2023 | Professor of Political Science, John Jay College-City University of New YorkAssociate Professor (tenure), Department of Political ScienceJohn Jay College-City University of New York |
| September 2009-August 2016 | Assistant Professor, Department of Political ScienceJohn Jay College-City University of New York |

**EDUCATION**

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| **Ph.D.** Department of Government, Cornell University (2009) **MA.** Department of Government, Cornell University (2006) |  |
| **MA.** Department of Political Science, York University, Toronto ON (2003) |  |
| **BA (Hon.)** University of Toronto: Trinity College (2001) |  |
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**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

Majic, S. (2023). *Lights! … Camera!... Feminism? Celebrities and Anti-Trafficking Politics*. Berkeley: University of California Press

Showden, C. & Majic, S. (2018). *Youth Who Trade Sex in the US: Intersectionality, Agency, and Vulnerability.* Philadelphia: Temple University Press

* Reviewed in *Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Books, Contemporary Sociology, Choice,* and *Perspectives on Politics*

Majic, S. (2014). Sex Work Politics: From Protest to Service Provision. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press (American Governance: Politics, Policy and Public Law series)

* Reviewed in Gender and Society, Perspectives on Politics, Human Rights Law Review, Politics and Gender, Labor and Society, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Social Anthropology, Labour/Le Travail, PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review, and Canadian Committee on Labour History

Showden, C. & Majic, S. (Editors). (2014). Negotiating Sex Work: Unintended Consequences of Policy and Activism. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press

* Reviewed in Perspectives on Politics, New Political Science, and Politics and Gender

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| ***Peer Reviewed Articles & Book Chapters*** Majic, S. & Ditmore, M. (forthcoming).  "Re-thinking Vulnerability: Research Fraud and Bureaucratic Harm in Community-Engaged Online Research" *Qualitative Research.* Accepted October 4, 2024.Majic, S. Ditmore, M. and Li, Jun. (2024). “440 Sex Workers Cannot be Wrong: Engaging and Negotiating Online Platform Power.” *Social Sciences*. 13(7), 337*.* https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci13070337 Majic, S. (2024). “Ethics of Transparency and Data Sharing.” In Cyr, J. and Goodman, S. Doing Good Qualitative Research. New York: Oxford University Press.Majic, S. (2022). “It’s Blue and It’s Up to You! Policy narratives and anti-trafficking awareness in the United States.” In Hirschmann, N. and Thomas, D. *Citizenship on the Edge: Sex/Gender/Race*. Philadephia: University of Pennsylvania PressMajic, S. (2021).”Publicizing the (In)visible? Celebrities, Anti-Human Trafficking Activism, and Feminist Ideologies.” *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society.* 28(1), pp. 94-118 (Published online 30 October 2019)Jacobs, A., Buthe, T., Majic, S., et al. (2021). “Transparency in Qualitative Research: An Overview of Key Findings and Recommendations.” *Perspectives on Politics.* 19(1), pp. 1-38 * Introduction to symposium: “The Qualitative Transparency Deliberations (QTD): Insights and Implications”

Lake, M., Majic, S. & Maxwell, R. (2021). “Research on Vulnerable and Marginalized Populations: Summary of the Final Report of QTD Working Group IV.3.” *Perspectives on Politics*. 19(1), pp. 202-203Majic, S. & Strolovitch, D. (2020). “Editors’ Introduction: Mentoring and Marginalization.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 53(4), pp. 763-69* Introduction to symposium: “Mentoring in Political Science: Examining Strategies, Challenges, and Benefits”

Majic, S. (2020). “Same Same but Different? Gender, sex work and respectability politics in the MyRedBook and Rentboy closures.” *Anti-Trafficking Review.* (4), pp. 82-98 Majic, S., O’Neill, D., & Bernhard, M. (2020). “From the Editors: Celebrity and Politics.” *Perspectives on Politics.* 18(1), pp. 1-8* Introduction to special issue on celebrity and politics, guest edited by S. Majic

Majic, S. & Showden, C.R. (2019). *“*Redesigning the study of sex work: A case for intersectionality and reflexivity.” In Dewey, S., Crowhurst, I. & Izugbara, C*. The Routledge Handbook of Sex Industry Research.* New York: RoutledgeMajic, S. (2018; published online 2020). “Not there for the Taking: DA-RT and Policy Research.” *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research.* 16(2), pp. 14-16 Majic, S. (2018).Real Men Set Norms? Anti-trafficking campaigns and the limits of celebrity norm entrepreneurship. *Crime, Media, Culture*. 14(2), pp. 289-309 Hozic, A., Majic, S., & Yahaya, I. (2018). “It is not about me...but it kind of is. Celebrity Humanitarianism in Late Modernity." In Persaud, R. & Sajed, A. (Eds). *Race, Gender, and Culture**in International* *Relations: Postcolonial Perspectives*. London: Routledge.Majic, S. (2018). "Feminists, step back! (Re)centering and supporting sex workers’ political projects.” In Fitzgerald, S. & McGarry, K. (Eds). *Realising Social Justice for Sex* *Workers: An**Agenda for Change*. London: Rowman & Littlefield.Majic, S. (2017). Sending a Dear John Letter: Public Information Campaigns and the Movement to "End Demand" for Prostitution in Atlanta, GA. *Social Sciences.* 6(138), pp.1-22 Majic, S. (2017). Participating, Observing, Publishing: Lessons from the field. PS: Political Science and Politics, 50(1), pp. 103-108 Schwartz-Shea, P. & Majic, S. (2017). Participant Observation and Ethnography: Political science research amidst a “Late Methodological Moment.” (Symposium editors’ introduction). PS: Political Science and Politics, 50(1), pp. 97-102 Majic, S. (2015). ‘I’m Just a Woman. But I’ve Never Been a Victim’: Re-conceptualizing Prostitution Policy through the Complex Narrative*. The Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*, 36(4), pp. 365-387Majic, S. (2015). Implementing “New” Norms? Examining “John School” Policies in the United States. Critical Policy Studies, 9(3), pp. 278-296Majic, S. (2014). Participation Despite the Odds: Examining Sex Workers’ Political Engagement. *New Political Science,* 36(1), pp. 76-95Majic, S. (2014). Beyond ‘Victim-Criminals’: Sex Workers, Nonprofit Organizations, and Gender Norm Resistance. Gender and Society, 28(3), pp. 463-485Majic, S. (2014). Teaching Equality? ‘John Schools,’ Gender, and Institutional Reform. *Polity,* 46(1), pp. 5-30Showden, C.R. & Majic, S. (2014). Introduction: The Politics of Sex Work. In Showden, C.R. & Majic, S (Eds). *Negotiating Sex Work: Unintended Consequences of Policy and Activism.* Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.Majic, S. (2011). Serving Sex Workers and Promoting Democratic Engagement: Re-thinking Nonprofits’ Role in American Civic and Political Life. *Perspectives on Politics*, 9(4), pp. 821-840Majic, S. (2010). An Opportunity to Publicize the Private: Public Education Campaigns and Domestic Violence in Ontario. In Fong, J. (Ed) *Out of the Shadows: Woman Abuse in Ethnic, Immigrant and Aboriginal Communities*. Toronto: Women’s Press of Canada.  |
| ***Book Reviews*** |
| (2023). Review of “Sex Trafficking and Human Rights: The Status of Women and State Responses,” by Heather Smith-Cannoy, Patricia C. Rodda, and Charles Anthony Smith. (2022 Georgetown University Press). In *Perspectives on Politics*. Volume 21. Issue 2(2021). Review of “Why We Lost the Sex Wars: Sexual Freedom in the #MeToo Era,” by Lorna N. Bracewell (2021: University of Minnesota Press). In *Political Theory*. Available online November 10, 2021(2021). Review of “Migrant Crossings: Witnessing Human Trafficking in the U.S.” by Annie Isabel Fukushima (2019: Stanford University Press). In *Contemporary Sociology.* 50(5), pp. 408-410(2020). Review of “Fighting the U.S. Youth Sex Trade” by Carrie Baker. (2018: Cambridge University Press). In *Perspectives on Politics*. 18(3), pp. 944-945(2020). Review of “Gendered Citizenship: Understanding Gendered Violence in Democratic India” by Natasha Behl. (2019: Oxford University Press). In *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*. 41(2), pp. 243–244(2019). Review of “When States Come Out: Europe’s Sexual Minorities and the Politics of Visibility” by Philip Ayoub. (Review title: "Mixed methods and visibility politics in When States Come Out."). In *Politics, Groups, and Identities.* 7 (2), pp. 465-467(2018). Review of “To Live Freely in this World: Sex Worker Activism in Africa” by Chi Adanna Mgbako. (2016: NYU Press). In *Perspectives on Politics.* 16(3), pp. 886-887(2018). Review of “Sex & Harm in the Age of Consent” by Joseph Fischel (2016: University of Minnesota Press) and “Sexual Exploitation of Teenagers: Adolescent Development, Discrimination & Consent Law” by Jennifer Ann Drobac (2016: University of Chicago Press). In *Tulsa Law Review: Annual Book Review Issue.* 53(2), pp. 303-312(2018). Review of “Responding to Human Trafficking: Sex, Gender, and Culture in the Law” by Alicia Peters. (2015: University of Pennsylvania Press). In *Women’s Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal.* 47(1), pp. 111-114(2016). Review of “Why Don’t You Just Talk to Him? The Politics of Domestic Abuse” by Kathleen Arnold. (2015: Oxford University Press). In *Perspectives on Politics.* 14(3), pp. 852-853(2013). Review of “Sex Work: Labour, Mobility and Sexual Services” by JaneMaree Maher, Sharon Pickering and Alison Gerard. (2013: Routledge). In *Rutgers Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books*. Available at http://clcjbooks.rutgers.edu/books/sex\_work.html(2013). Review of “An Agency of Their Own: Sex Worker Union Organising” by Gregor Gall. (2011: Zero Books). In *Working USA: The Journal of Labor & Society.* 16(1), pp.159-161(2008). Review of “Sex Worker Union Organizing: An International Study” by Gregor Gall (2006: Palgrave MacMillan). In the *British Journal of Industrial Relations.* 46 (3), pp.561-563 |

**GRANTS**

2023-2024. PSC-CUNY Enhanced Award ($11,593)

Project title: Sex Workers and Online Platforms (Co-PI: Dr. Melissa Ditmore)

2022-2023. Woodhull Freedom Foundation ($320,000)
Project title: Sex Workers’ Online Safety (Co-PI: Dr. Melissa Ditmore)

2018-2019. PSC-CUNY Award # 61546-00 49 ($5404.72)
Project title: “Glamor and Government? Understanding celebrities’ efforts to end human trafficking”

2017-2018. PSC-CUNY Grant # 60028-00 48 ($3397.49)
Project title: “Shining a Bright Light? Examining Celebrities Anti-Human Trafficking Advocacy”

2015-2016. PSC-CUNY Grant # 68629-00 45 ($5568.40)
Project title: “In the Spotlight: Examining gender narratives in celebrity-sponsored anti-sex trafficking campaigns”

2014-2015. PSC-CUNY Grant # 67562-00 45 ($5895.60)
Project title: “Increasing Awareness, Increasing Equality? Examining public awareness campaigns to "end demand" for prostitution in the United States”

2013: American Fellowship Short Term Research & Publication Grant, American Association of University Women ($6,000.00)
Project title: “Sex Work Politics”

2013-2014. PSC-CUNY Grant # 66487-00 44 ($5,657.23)
Project title: “Educating for Gender Equality? Examining Public Awareness Campaigns & Prostitution in the United States”

2012-2013. PSC-CUNY Grant # 65157-00 43 ($3,164.04)
Project title: “Institutional Innovations and Gender Equality: Examining "John Schools" in the United States”

2010-2011. PSC-CUNY Grant #60072-40 41 ($4,665.44)
Project title: “Sex Workers, Nonprofits, and Radical Politics”

2009-2010. Special Research Grant, John Jay College ($1,600)
Project title: “"Doing What I Had to Do: Sex Work, Political Activism, & Feminist Theory"”

**FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

2023. Faculty Scholarly Excellence Award. Office for the Advancement of Research, John Jay College-CUNY (2 course releases)

2019. Senior Scholar Award. Office for the Advancement of Research, John Jay College-CUNY (1 course release)

2018. Mid-Career Award*.* Office for the Advancement of Research, John Jay College-CUNY (1 course release)

2017. Kwando Kinshasa Excellence in Mentoring Award. The McNair Program, John Jay College-CUNY

2015. Summer Research Internship Program Award (with undergraduate student MG Robinson), Office of Undergraduate Research ($3,000)

2014. Donal E.J MacNamara Junior Faculty Award, John Jay College ($2,000)

2012: Summer Research Internship Program Award (with undergraduate student Kelley Burke), Office of Undergraduate Research ($3,500)

2012. William Stewart Travel Award, CUNY ($500)

2011-2012. Fellowship: Center for Place, Culture and Politics, CUNY Graduate Center, (2 course releases)

2010. American Political Science Association’s 2010 Women and Politics Section’s Best Dissertation Award

2007-2008. Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Cornell University ($20,000).

2006 & 2007. American Studies Graduate Research Grant, Department of American Studies ($1,000), Cornell University

2006. Walter & Sandra LaFeber Faculty-Graduate Student Collaborative Research Grant, Department of Government, Cornell University ($6,000).

2006. Alice Hanson Cook Award, Department of Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Cornell University ($500)

2005. Beatrice Brown Award, Department of Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Cornell University ($250)

2003. Sage Fellowship for Doctoral Study, Cornell University ($20,000)

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (last 7 years)**

2024. “The effects of online platform governance on users: the case of sex workers” (written with Melissa Ditmore. Presented at the Western Political Science Association conference, Vancouver, BC (March 28).

2023. “Politics online: Sex workers and platform power” (written with Melissa Ditmore). Presented at the American Political Science Association conference, Los Angeles, CA (September 2).

* Honorable mention for the APSA’s LGBTQ Caucus’s Bailey Award (2023-2024)

2023. “The Give and Take of Community-based Research” (written with Melissa Ditmore). Presented at the Western Political Science Association conference, San Francisco, CA (April 7).

2022. “The Biggest Decision of your Life(time): Examining the Politics of Married At First Sight.” (With Zein Murib). Presented at the Western Political Science Association conference, Portland, OR. (March 10) and at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association conference, Montreal, PQ (September 17).

2021*. “*Celebrity Anti-trafficking Ambassadors? Julia Ormond, Mira Sorvino, and the UNODC.” Presented at the American Political Science Association conference, virtually (September 30).

2021. “**Glamor and Government? Celebrities, International Organizations, and the Anti-Trafficking Movement.”** Presented at the Western Political Science Association conference, virtually. (April 3)

2019. “Framing Anti-Trafficking Activism: Celebrity feminism, representation and performance.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association conference, San Francisco, CA. (April 20).

2018. “Lights! Camera! Misinformation? Celebrities and the Movement to End Human Trafficking.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association conference, San Francisco, CA. (March 30)

2017. *“*Same Event, Different Discourse? Gender and sex work in the internet age.” Presented at the American Political Science Association conference, San Francisco, CA. (September 1).

2017. “All Girls are Innocent? All Men are Predators? (Re)Invigorating Feminist Goals in Sex Trafficking Research” (with Carisa Showden). Presented at the Western Political Science Association conference, Vancouver, BC. (April 14).

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS (last 7 years)**

June 2024. “Celebrity Activism and Democracy.” Keynote address for Frontiers of Democracy, Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life, Tufts University.

Book talks for *Lights, Camera, Feminism? Celebrities and Anti-Trafficking Politics*:

March 2024. CUNY Academy, CUNY Graduate Center

February 2024. LEX Research Network on Gender, Law, and Sexuality; Johns Hopkins University, School for Advanced International Studies

November 2023. Brown University’s Simmons Center for the Study of Slavery; Wellesley College, Dept of Gender Studies; Geneva Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland (virtually)

September 2023. John Jay College. Office for the Advancement of Research

September 2022. “Studying Sex Work and Online Platforms.” Department of Government: Cornell University

June 2021 & 2022*.* “Ethics and Qualitative Research.” Institute for Civically Engaged Research: APSA (virtual in 2021; Tufts University in 2022)

September 2020. "’Latin Lovers’ and ‘Tech Guys’: Ricky Martin, Ashton Kutcher, and Variations of Male Celebrity Feminism.” American Studies Workshop: Princeton University.

November 2019. *“*Performing Feminism? Examining Celebrities’ Anti-Human Trafficking Activities.” Program in Gender & Sexuality Studies. Princeton University.

June 2019*. “*Celebrities’ Anti-Trafficking Activism.”C4: Conference on Contemporary Celebrity Culture. Drake University.

October 2018. “Through an Intersectional Lens: Rethinking the Narrative of Young People who Trade Sex.” Department of Political Science: Fordham University

April 2018 (multiple dates). Book talks: Youth Who Trade Sex in the US: Intersectionality, Agency, and Vulnerability. Department of Gender Studies: Santa Clara University, San Jose, CA; Department of Gender Studies: USC, Los Angeles, CA; Depts. of Gender Studies & Social Welfare: UCLA

January 2018*.* “Just Like the Movies? Celebrities and the Anti-Human Trafficking Movement.”Department of Gender Studies: UCLA

November 2017*.* “Sex Work(ers) and the Third Sector: Research and advocacy from the ground up.” Lilly Family School of Philanthropy: IU-PU

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| **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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| Fall 2009-present | John Jay College/CUNY Graduate CenterPOL101. American GovernmentPOL214. Parties, Interest Groups, and Social MovementsPOL237. Gender and PoliticsPOL409. Colloquium for Research in Government and PoliticsPSC79000. *Core Seminar in Political Science: Defining a Discipline, Understanding Power*CRJ70100. *Survey of Research Methods*CRJ80100 & PSC89301. *Advanced Qualitative Methods* |
| Spring 2009Fall 2009 & Spring 2010August 2006 & 2007Fall 2005 & Spring 2006 | Instructor, University of Toronto, St. George CampusUSA401H. Race, Class, Gender and the Politics of Sexual Morality in AmericaInstructor, University of Toronto, Mississauga CampusPOL203Y. Politics & Government of the United StatesResearch Facilitator, Smith CollegeKhan Liberal Arts Institute: Student Research WorkshopInstructor, Cornell UniversityGOVT100.1. Sex for Sale: Thinking Through Sex Work  |

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**SERVICE**

**Editorial Board Member: Journals**

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| 2021-present | *Sexuality Research and Social Policy* |
| 2020-2024  | *American Political Science Review* |
| 2014-present | *Critical Policy Studies* |
| 2013-present | *Perspectives on Politics* |
| 2017-2019 (3 yr term limit) | *PS: Political Science and Politics* |

**Editorial Board Member: Publishers**

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| 2019-present | Law and Visual Jurisprudence series (Springer) |
| 2015-present | Feminist Institutionalist Perspectives series (Rowman & Littlefield) |

**American Political Science Association (APSA)**

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| 202420232022 | Selection Committee. APSA Civic Engagement AwardCo-Director (with Peter Levin & Adriano Udani). Institute for Civically Engaged ResearchEditor Search Committee for the journal *Perspectives on Politics* Advisory board member. Institute for Civically Engaged Research |
| 2016-2021 | Qualitative Transparency Deliberations. Member of Working Group IV.3: Research with Vulnerable and Marginalized Populations |
| 2017-2021 | Executive committee member. Interpretive Methodologies and Methods (APSA related group) |
| 2018-2020 | Executive committee member. Critical Policy Studies (APSA related group) |
| 2016-2018 | Secretary. Women’s Caucus for Political Science |
| 2020 | Selection committee member. Herbert Gottweis Prize (Critical Policy Studies- APSA related group) |
| 2019  | Selection committee member. Victoria Schuck Book Award |
| 2016 | Selection committee member. Women and Politics Research Section: Best Dissertation Award |

**Political Science Program: CUNY Graduate Center**

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| 2023-242022 | MA Program AdvisorAdmissions & Awards CommitteeAppeals Committee (alternate) |

**Criminal Justice Doctoral Program: CUNY Graduate Center**

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| 2023-20242020-2022 | Admissions CommitteeCurriculum CommitteeDiversity Committee Admissions CommitteeComprehensive exam grader (methods) |
| 2018-2020 | Core FacultyCurriculum & Exam CommitteeAwards CommitteeFacilitated professional development seminar for graduate students on teaching (2019)Comprehensive exam grader (methods) |
| 2017 | Interviewer for CJ PhD Admissions (interview day) |

**Other: CUNY Graduate Center**

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| 20242020 | Selection committee: Dissertation Fellowship AwardSelection committee: Provost’s Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Grants |
| 2019 | Selection committee: Doctoral Student Research Grant |

**Department of political science: John Jay College-CUNY**

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| 2023-24Fall 2022 | P&BMember: Law and Society self-study committeeGrade Appeals committeeMember: Department self-study committee |
| 2021-2022 | Deputy Chair Personnel and Budget Committee (P&B)Department Treasurer |
| 2020-2021 | P&BCurriculum Committee (department)Racial Justice & Equity Committee |
| 2019-2020 | Grade Appeals CommitteePOL lecturer search committee |
| 2018-2019 | Pi Sigma Alpha/POL Student Club (Co-adviser)POL Coordinator (Spring)POL Lecturer search committee |
| 2017-2018 | SABBATICAL (visiting scholar at UCLA). No department service.  |
| 2016-2017 | Deputy ChairP&B POL Major Self Study Committee |
| 2015-2016 | P&B |

**MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

Popular Culture Association

American Society of Criminology

National Women’s Studies Association