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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Harvard University, Department of the History of Science, est. 2020
Dissertation: *Lost Souls Delivered: LSD, Technopolitics, and the Battle for the Spirit of a Nation*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

technopolitics / history of the social sciences / science, technology, & society

PUBLICATIONS

Contributor

Vito Campanelli and Danilo Capasso, *Cultura e nuovi media: Cinque interrogativi di Lev Manovich*.
Napoli: MAO – Media & Arts Office Onlus, 2011.

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES

“A Priest, a Panther, and a Witch Walk Into a Brawl”
How Psychotropic Substances Transformed the World: Harvesting, Producing and Consuming LSD,
Psilocybin and Mescaline, Universität Bern, April 2018

“Cool Medium: Art, Television, and Psychedelia”
Invited talk with the curator, deCordova Sculpture Garden and Museum, February 2018

“An Oblique Complement: Hannah Arendt’s Scientific Engagement”
Hannah Arendt Circle, March 2014

“Plato and the Logic of Desire”
Western Political Science Association Conference, March 2013

“Physics Duds, Forensic Studs: On the Popularity of Forensic Science”
Invited lecturer, Sarah Lawrence College, May 2003

“Man or Astro-man? Cyborgs and the Genetic Frontier”
Equinoxes 2000: Science and Culture, Literature/Theory/Action, Brown University, March 2000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University: Teaching Fellow, 2017 –
History of the Psychotherapies
Sophomore Tutorial in the History of Science

Indiana University: Instructor, 2014
Scientific Reasoning

Indiana University: Assistant Instructor, 2011 – 14
Introduction to Political Theory
Modern Political Thought
Introduction to American Politics
American Political Controversies

HONORS & AWARDS

Language Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, 2016

Graduate Conference Travel Award, College Arts & Humanities Institute, Indiana University, 2014

Best Paper in Political Theory, Indiana University Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2013

Department of Political Science Fellowship, Indiana University, 2012

University of Chicago Scholarship, University of Chicago, 2009

Ed Cogan Prize in Science and Mathematics, Sarah Lawrence College, 2001

Gaylord Donnelly Family Scholarship, Sarah Lawrence College, 2000

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Affiliations

Association for Political Theory, History of Science Society, Society for Social Studies of Science,
Western Political Science Association

Service

Webmaster, Philosophy of Science Association Women's Caucus, 2014 – 15

Web Committee, Department of Medical Informatics & Clinical Epidemiology, Oregon Health &
Science University, 2006 – 07

Curriculum Committee, Department of Medical Informatics & Clinical Epidemiology, Oregon Health
& Science University, 2005 – 07

LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge: Spanish