

# Dr. Sarah Bufkin

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<b>Research Interests</b>	Antiracist critique, Critical Theory 20 <sup>th</sup> century political thought, feminism, Frankfurt School & Birmingham School Marxism	(Primary) (Secondary)
<b>Academic Positions</b>	<b>Examination Fellow</b> , All Souls College, Oxford <b>Stipendiary Lecturer - Politics</b> , Queen's College, Oxford	2016 - present May 2018 - present
<b>Education</b>	<b>DPhil, Political Theory</b> , Oxford Supervisor: Professor Lois McNay Dissertation: <i>Fanon's Sociogenic Approach to Antiracist Critique</i> <b>MA, Moral, Legal &amp; Political Philosophy</b> , Queen's University – Belfast With distinction (83). Dissertation mark: 90. Dissertation: <i>Rethinking Racism: Structural Domination, Recognition &amp; Agency</i> <b>BA, Cultural Studies, History</b> , UNC – Chapel Hill With highest honors and distinction. GPA: 3.93/4.00. Thesis: <i>On the Poetic and the Political during the Troubles in Northern Ireland</i>	2021 2015 2013
<b>Selected Honors</b>	All Souls College Prize Fellowship (Fellowship by Examination), 2016 Rhodes Scholar, 2015 Best Overall Performance and Best Dissertation by an MA student, QUB School of Politics, International Studies, and Philosophy, 2015 George J. Mitchell Scholar, 2014 Award for Outstanding Achievement in Cultural Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2014 William and Ida Taylor Research Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2013 Phi Beta Kappa, 2012 Morehead-Cain Scholar, 2009	
<b>Publications</b>	“The Politics of White Misrecognition and Practices of Racial Inequality” in Denise Celentano and Luigi Caranti (eds). <i>Paradigms of Justice: Redistribution, Recognition, and Beyond</i> (Abingdon, U.K.: Routledge, 2021), 184-209.	
<b>Works in Progress</b>	“Racism and the Reification Critique: Reading Frantz Fanon and Axel Honneth” (in preparation for <i>Philosophy &amp; Social Criticism</i> )  “Racialized Judgment and Epistemic Injustice in North Carolina’s Capital Sentencing Apparatus” (in preparation for <i>Political Theory</i> )	

“The 1981 Northern Irish Hunger Strikes: Managing the Resistant Body and the Body Politic” (in preparation for *Constellations*)

**Invited  
Talks &  
Conference  
Papers**

“White Misrecognition and Practices of Racial Inequality”  
Political Theory Workshop, University of York, February 2019

“Axel Honneth and Frantz Fanon’s Divergent Understandings of Reification”  
‘The Inhuman Gaze’ conference, Paris, June 2018

“Raoul Peck’s ‘I Am Not Your Negro’ and Resisting the White Gaze”  
SciencesPo Graduate Conference in Political Theory, May 2018  
‘Visualizing Theory’ conference, CUNY, May 2018

“Fanon and the Political Ontology of Race”  
Nuffield Political Theory Workshop, May 2018

“Fanon, Baldwin, and Racialized Imaginaries”  
RAI American Politics Graduate Seminar, Feb 2018

“Alienation and Racial Hegemony”  
Oxford Political Theory Seminar, Oxford, Nov 2017

“My Body as Our Witness: Consolidating Meaningful Political Claims during the 1981 Hunger Strikes in Northern Ireland”  
‘Giving Life to Politics’ conference, University of Brighton, June 2017

“‘Bodies as Numinous as Words’: Reading Heidegger, Deleuze and Guattari at the Intersection of the Poetic and the Political”  
Oxford Political Theory Graduate Conference, June 2017

“Deciding Who Should Die: Addressing Racialized Judgments in North Carolina’s Capital Sentencing, 1972 – 2015”  
RAI American Politics Graduate Seminar, May 2017

**Invited  
Comments**

Response to Melvin Rogers, *African American Political Thought: A Collected History*, Oxford Political Theory Seminar, Oxford, February 2021

Response to Katrina Forrester, *In the Shadow of Justice: Postwar Liberalism and the Remaking of Political Philosophy*, Oxford Political Theory Seminar, Oxford, October 2019

Response to Robert Gooding-Williams, “Ideology, Social Practices, and Anti-Black Concepts,” Humboldt University Critical Theory Summer School, Berlin, July 2018

**Public  
Talks**

“Civil Discourse in an Uncivil Time,” with Rep. Jim Cooper and Richard Vinroot, UNC–Chapel Hill, Oct 2018

“Eyes Right: Trumpism, Brexit and the Rise of the Alt-Right” with Jeremy Gilbert and Alan Finlayson, ‘Culture, Power, Politics’ seminar, London, May 2018

<b>Teaching</b>	Stipendiary Lecturer, Politics, Queen’s College, Oxford Tutor in Political Theory, various colleges, Oxford Tutor, Philosophy, Debate Chamber, London	May 2018 - present 2016 – present Aug 2016
<b>Courses Taught</b>	Political Thought from Bentham to Weber, undergraduate lecture, Oxford, 2021 Theory of Politics, undergraduate tutorials, Queen’s College, 2018 – 2021 Intro to Theory of Politics, undergraduate tutorials, Queen’s College, 2018 - 2021 Racism, the Carceral State, and Prison Abolition, elective Politics summer seminar, Queen’s College, 2020 Feminism and Political Theory, undergraduate tutorials, Hertford College, 2020 Marx and Marxism, undergraduate tutorials, St. Anne’s, 2017 Political Thought from Bentham to Weber, undergraduate tutorials, Oriel College, 2017	
<b>Supervision</b>	Undergraduate thesis in philosophy, Oxford, 2021 <i>Epistemic Injustice and Children’s Testimonials of Abuse</i> (in progress) Undergraduate thesis in philosophy, Oxford, 2018 <i>Epistemic injustice and psychiatric diagnosis</i> (First class: 75%) Undergraduate thesis in politics, Oxford, 2017 <i>A Critical Evaluation of Care Ethics</i> (First class: 76%)	
<b>Seminar &amp; Conference Organization</b>	Convener, Critical Theory Seminar, Oxford, 2018 – present ( <i>on hiatus for 2021</i> ) Co-organizer, <i>Revolting Prostitutes</i> panel with the author, All Souls, Nov 2018 Co-convener, Frankfurt School Reading Group, Jan 2017 – March 2018 Co-organizer, ‘Democracy and Dissent,’ Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, June 2017 Co-organizer, ‘Feminism and (political) progress,” Oxford Graduate Conference In Political Theory, May 2016 Co-convener, Intersectional Feminisms Reading Group, Oct. 2016 – June 2017	
<b>College Service</b>	Interviewer, Undergraduate Admissions, Queen’s College, Oxford, 2018 – 2020 Slavery & Investments in Caribbean Studies Working Group, All Souls, 2021 Estate and Finance Committee, All Souls, 2019 - present Climate Change Working Group, All Souls, 2019 Postdoctoral Selection Committee in Political & Social Sciences, All Souls, 2018	
<b>Other Experience</b>	<b>Scalawag Magazine</b> , Durham, United States Co-founder, contributing editor -Worked with team of 15-20 people to put together a print quarterly magazine that critically engages with U.S. Southern politics, culture and art	Dec 2014 – Jan 2019

## References

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