

**EDUCATION**

**PhD, Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. 2022**

**Dissertation:** “ ‘No One Would Listen to Me’: Institutional Betrayal and Rights Consciousness in Childbirth.” Committee members: Dr. Rebecca Hamlin, Dr. Paul Collins, Jr., Dr. Kathryn Young, and Dr. Jamie Rowen.

Major field: Public Law. Minor field: Interdisciplinary: Political Economy and Public Health

**MS, Justice, Law, and Society, The American University, Washington, DC. 2011**

**Concentration:** Jurisprudence and Social Thought.

**MA, Literature. Clark University. 2007**

**BA, English. Worcester State College, 2004**

**RELEVANT TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst.** Teaching Associate/Instructor of Record 2020-2021.

Interpretation and Analysis

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst.** Teaching Assistant, 2016-2020.

Introduction to Legal Studies, Introduction to American Politics, American Politics Through Music, World Politics, Controversies in Public Policy

**Worcester State University.** Adjunct Professor, Political Science, 2019 to present.

Introduction to American Government; Foundations of Legal Studies; First Year Seminar: Law-Pocalypse

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Rhodes, J. and Vayo, A. 2019. “The Historical Presidency: Fear and Loathing in Presidential Candidate Rhetoric, 1952–2016.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 49 (4): 909-931.

**RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

“States of Inequality: Mapping Reproductive Autonomy in the United States,” *Law & Social Inquiry*, under review.

“From ignorant and dirty witches to ‘floaty dressed birthzillas’: Medical misogyny, institutional betrayal, and the politics of childbirth,” in progress, to *Law & Policy* in November

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Research: political violence; law and society; health equity/disparities; political economy and public health; deindustrialization and health care deserts; legal determinants of health; social epidemiology; pregnancy in prison; genocide and propaganda

Teaching: American Politics; Law and Society; Constitutional Law; Research Methods and Design; Political Economy and Public Health; Political Institutions; Federalism and Separation of Powers; Rule of Law and Due Process; Civil Rights; Civil Liberties; Deindustrialization; Political History; Human Rights

### POPULAR PRESS AND BLOGS

Vayo, A. 2021 (Feb). "The US's Consent Problem," *MS Magazine*.

Vayo, A. 2017 (Dec). "Paradoxes of Power: Towards a Status-Conscious Model of Dispute Resolution." *Law and Society Review Blog*.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

Book review: "How to do Things with International Law." *Law and Politics* 28 (1): 2018.

Book chapter, "What the Green Grass Hides: Denial and Deception in the Suburban Gothic." 2016. in *Gothic Landscapes: Changing Eras, Changing Cultures, Changing Anxieties*. Palgrave.

Book chapter, "The Chat-Room of Requirement: Fan Fiction and Social Intellectualism." 2019. *The Harry Potter Generation: On Growing Up with the Series*, McFarland.

### ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Worcester State University**, Professor of English and Rhetoric, 2007-2009, 2011-2016

**United States Naval Academy**, Professor of English and Rhetoric, 2010- 2011

**George Mason University**, Adjunct Professor of English, 2009-2010

**Anna Maria College**, Adjunct Professor of Humanities, 2007-2009, 2013

### FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Summer writing grant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Political Science, 2021. \$2000

Dissertation fieldwork grant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Graduate School. Spring 2020. \$4500

Summer writing grant University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Political Science, 2020. \$2500

Conference travel grant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Political Science, Summer 2019. \$300

Research and writing grant. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Political Science. Summer 2018. \$2500

Conference travel grant University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Political Science. Summer 2018. \$500

## CONFERENCES

“States of Inequality: Mapping Reproductive Autonomy,” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Virtual Conference, 2021.  
“Obstetric Violence and the Politicization of Rights.” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Washington, DC, 2019.  
“Obstetric Violence and the Limits of Consent.” Five Colleges Seminar, Amherst, MA, 2019.  
“The politics of Birth,” University of Texas at Austin, Public Law Conference, 2018.  
“Paradoxes of Power: Status and Dispute Resolution,” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Toronto, 2018.

## RESEARCH

Undergraduate Research Experience Program, Supervisor, University of Massachusetts, 2020-2021  
Data Analysis Assistant, Law and Society Association, 2020  
Curriculum Design Assistant, Professor Jesse H. Rhodes, University of Massachusetts. 2018 and 2019  
Research Assistant, Professor Jesse H. Rhodes, University of Massachusetts, 2017

## SERVICE

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate School Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.  
Graduate Student Peer Mentor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Department of Political Science.  
Trauma Informed Yoga Teacher, Active Minds student organization, Worcester State University.  
Member, Veterans Committee, Worcester State University.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Law and Society Association  
American Political Science Association

Evidence Based Birth  
Birth Rights Bar

## REFERENCES

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