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Appointments

Assistant Professor of Political Science 2019-present
San Francisco State University

Education

Ph.D. Government, Cornell University 2019
M.A. Government, Cornell University 2016
B.A. Political Science and Global Studies, University of Minnesota 2013

Research

Book manuscripts

3. Janice Gallagher, Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner, and **Whitney K. Taylor**. (Under Contract). *Beyond Ballots and Barricades: The Practice and Consequences of Everyday Claim-Making*. Cambridge University Press Elements in Politics of Development Series.
2. **Whitney K. Taylor** and Sidney Tarrow. (Accepted). *Law, Mobilization, and Social Movements: How Many Masters?* Cambridge University Press Elements in Contentious Politics series.
1. **Whitney K. Taylor**. 2023. *The Social Constitution: Embedding Social Rights Through Legal Mobilization*. Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Series in Law and Society). <https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/social-constitution/B26F4E60BCDA2F8EF6A19614B8129909>

Peer-reviewed articles

8. **Whitney K. Taylor**. 2023 “Judicial Agency and the Adjudication of Social Rights.” *Human Rights Quarterly* 45(2). DOI: <https://muse.jhu.edu/pub/1/article/892619>.
7. Kira Tait and **Whitney K. Taylor**. 2023 [2022 online]. “The Possibility of Rights Claim-Making in Court: Looking Back on Twenty-Five Years of Social Rights Constitutionalism in South Africa.” *Law & Social Inquiry* 48(3): 1023-52. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/lsi.2022.63>. [open access]

6. David De Micheli and **Whitney K. Taylor**. 2022. "Public Trust in Latin America's Courts: Do Institutions Matter?" *Government and Opposition*. DOI: [10.1017/gov.2022.6](https://doi.org/10.1017/gov.2022.6). [open access]
5. **Whitney K. Taylor** and Hollie Nyseth Brehm. 2021. "Sanctioning Genocide: To What Effect?" *Sociological Perspectives*. DOI: [10.1177/0731121421990071](https://doi.org/10.1177/0731121421990071).
4. **Whitney K. Taylor**. 2020. "Constitutional Rights and Social Welfare: Exploring Claims-Making Practices in Post-Apartheid South Africa" *Comparative Politics*. DOI: [10.5129/001041520X15795426509653](https://doi.org/10.5129/001041520X15795426509653).
3. **Whitney K. Taylor**. 2020. "On the Social Construction of Legal Grievances: Evidence from Colombia and South Africa" *Comparative Political Studies* 53(8): 1326-56. DOI: [10.1177/0010414019897685](https://doi.org/10.1177/0010414019897685).
 - Winner of the 2020 APSA Law and Courts Best Journal Article Award
2. Emilio Lehoucq and **Whitney K. Taylor**. 2020. "Conceptualizing Legal Mobilization: How Should We Understand the Deployment of Legal Strategies?" *Law & Social Inquiry* 45(1): 166-93. DOI: [10.1017/lsi.2019.59](https://doi.org/10.1017/lsi.2019.59).
1. **Whitney K. Taylor**. 2018. "Ambivalent Legal Mobilization: Perceptions of Justice and the Use of the Tutela in Colombia" *Law & Society Review* 52(2): 337-67. DOI: [10.1111/lasr.12329](https://doi.org/10.1111/lasr.12329).

Other publications

Whitney K. Taylor. "Should health care be treated as a human right?" (13 December 2018) *The Monkey Cage*. Accessible [here](#).

Ted Lewis, Janice Gallagher, and **Whitney K. Taylor**. "The Day After Trump Was Elected, We Came to Colombia. Why?" (16 November 2016). *Huffington Post*. Accessible [here](#).

Additional Research Training

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| Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research (IQMR) Courses on Ethnography, Discourse Analysis, Data Management, and Field Work | 2016 |
| Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research (ICPSR) Courses on Advanced Regression and Maximum Likelihood Estimation | 2014 |

Conferences & Presentations

Invited talks, workshops, and presentations

- “The Paradoxical Effects of Increased Access to Justice.” October 2023
- International Access to Justice Forum
University of California, Irvine.
- “The Social Constitution.” 2022
- Book Talk
University of San Diego. San Diego, California.
- “Lessons from Constitutionalism in the Global South.” 2022
- POLS 100: Power & Justice
University of San Diego. San Diego, California.
- “Legal Mobilization and Precedents for Equality.” 2022
- VIII International Conference on Constitutional Law
Legal Precedent: Between Theory and Practice
Suprema Corte de la Nación Centro de Estudios Constitucionales
Mexico City, Mexico.
- “Challenges to Constitutional Embedding.” 2022
- Cultivating Networks & Innovative Scholarship in Law and Courts Workshop.
Wesleyan University. Middletown, Connecticut.
- “Legal Mobilization and the Embedding of Constitutional Law” 2022
- Global Law & Politics Workshop Wednesdays. Virtual Meeting.
- “Creating a Sense of Obligation: Legal Mobilization for Socioeconomic Rights” 2020
- Cambridge Studies in Law and Society Early Career Book Manuscript Workshop.
- “An Example of Comparative Qualitative Research” 2019, 2020
- PLSI 700 Research Methods, SFSU.
- “Social Rights Constitutionalism in Colombia” 2019
- Sustainability and Development in Latin America: Past, Present, Future
Uppsala University. Sweden.
- “Activando la ley:
Las luchas legales para realizar los derechos socioeconómicos en Colombia” 2017
- Grupo de la lectura de derecho constitucional, Universidad EAFIT.
Medellín, Colombia.

Conference/Annual Meeting Presentations

- “The Paradoxical Effects of Increased Access to Justice” September 2023
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Virtual/Los Angeles, CA.
- “Embedding Social Rights Through Legal Mobilization” 2023
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- “Embedding Social Rights in Colombia and Chile” 2023
Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Virtual/Vancouver, Canada.
- “Public Reactions to Corruption Scandals: Evidence from Brazil” 2022
With David De Micheli
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. St. Pete Beach, Florida.
 - Conference-within-the-Conference #4: Corruption and Judicial Oversight
- “Integración social y la constitución política” 2022
- Derecho y Ciudad en América Latina
 - Seminario Internacional ACIUR
(Asociación Colombiana de Investigadores Urbano-Regionales)
- “The Practice of Everyday Claim-Making” 2022
With Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner and Janice K. Gallagher
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
 - Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Lisbon, Portugal.*
(*Accepted but withdrawn due to Covid-19)
- “Legal Mobilization and the Embedding of Constitutional Law” 2022
- Socio-Legal Studies Association Conference in York. York, England.
- “Legal Mobilization and the Embedding of Constitutional Law” 2021
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington.
- “Sources of Public Trust in Latin America’s Courts” 2021
with David De Micheli
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington.
- “The State of Rights: Looking Back on Twenty-Five Years of Social Rights Constitutionalism in South Africa” 2020
with Kira Tait
- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado.*
(*Accepted but withdrawn due to Covid-19)
- “Judicial Agency and the Adjudication of Social Rights” 2020
- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado.*
(*Accepted but withdrawn due to Covid-19)

- “Unlucky in the Wrong Way: The Contours of Citizenship and Claims-making” 2020
- Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Guadalajara, Mexico.*
(*Accepted but withdrawn due to Covid-19)
- “Contingent Confidence: Sources of Public Mistrust in Latin America’s Courts” 2020
- with David De Micheli
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- “Constitutional Rights and Social Welfare” 2019
- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- “Claims-Making Practices in Post-Apartheid South Africa”
- International Studies Association Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada. 2019
 - Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada. 2018
- “The Politics of Legal Mobilization and Social Welfare in Colombia and South Africa” 2018
- UT-Austin Graduate Conference in Public Law. Austin, Texas.
- “Comparative Legal Mobilization in Colombia and South Africa” 2018
- Law & Society Association Junior Scholars Workshop. Toronto, Canada.
- “The Emergence of Responsive Law and Social Citizenship” 2017
- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Mexico City, Mexico.
 - Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Lima, Peru.
- “Crime and Punishment in International Law” 2016
- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana.
 - Judith Reppy Institute Interdisciplinary Graduate Workshop. Ithaca, New York.
- “Constrained Courts: Law and Social Change in Advanced Industrial Democracies” 2016
- with Liz Acorn
- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- “Sanctioning Atrocity: To What Effect?”
- with Hollie Nyseth Brehm
- Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop (CCVW) 2016
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q237WO9n_5U
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois. 2015
- “Mobilizing Law: Legal Struggles to Realize Socioeconomic Rights in Colombia.” 2016
- Latin American Studies Program Conference. Ithaca, New York.
- “Legal Mobilization in Two Democracies.” 2015
- Institute for Global Law & Policy Regional Workshop. Bogotá, Colombia.

- “From Opportunity to Action: Legal Mobilization in Colombia.” 2015
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois.
 - Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington.

Fellowships & Awards

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| College of Liberal and Create Arts Extraordinary Ideas Grant (with Josh Davis and Ashely Larson) | 2023 |
| Marcus Early Career Research Award (Semester sabbatical) | 2022 |
| Marcus Undergraduate Research Assistantship Grant \$2,000 for student, \$1,000 for faculty mentor | 2021 |
| APSA Law and Courts Best Journal Article Award (Co-winner) | 2020 |
| James F. Slevin Assignment Sequence Teaching Prize Honorable Mention | 2019 |
| Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant No. 1729688 National Science Foundation \$25,200 | 2017-2018 |

Teaching Experience and Effectiveness

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| PLSI 250: Comparative Politics Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023 (two sections), Fall 2023 |
| PLSI 422: Law and Courts in Comparative Perspective Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2023 |
| PLSI 302GW: Writing in Political Science Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022, Spring 2023, Summer 2023 |
| PLSI 607: Lawyers, Guns, and Money in the Global South Spring 2020 |
| PLSI 760: Graduate Seminar in Comparative Politics Fall 2023 |

Additional Teacher Training

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| SFSU Center for Equity and Excellence in Teaching and Learning: Teaching Through Transitions | 2021 |
| SFSU Center for Equity and Excellence in Teaching and Learning: Teaching New & Newly Returning Students | 2021 |
| SFSU Center for Equity and Excellence in Teaching and Learning: Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Writing Pedagogies of Inclusive Excellence | 2021 |
| SFSU Center for Equity and Excellence in Teaching and Learning: Quality Teaching and Learning Online Teaching badge | 2020 |
| SFSU Center for Equity and Excellence in Teaching and Learning: Critical Active Pedagogy certification | 2020 |
| Metro College Success Program and Center for Excellence and Equity in Teaching and Learning Tenure Track Faculty Learning Community participant | 2019-2020 |

M.A. committee membership

Judith Belcher – Thesis (2023)
“Jury Nullification: The Struggle for Popular Sovereignty”

Alyscia Richards – Exams (2021)

Perry Rhodes – Thesis (2020)
“African Ngo Strategies on LGBT Rights: Frames that Impact Legislation”

Professional Service

Service to Campus and Community

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| Political Science Department Curriculum Committee, Chair | 2023 – present |
| LCA Scholarship Committee, Member | 2023 – present |
| California Faculty Association SFSU Chapter Elections Committee, Member | 2023 – present |
| California Faculty Association Department Representative, Political Science | 2023 – present |
| Assistant Professor of Public Law Search Committee, Member | 2023 |

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| College Undergraduate Research Experience (CURE) Career Readiness Focus Groups Led focus groups on undergraduate research skills and career readiness | 2023 |
| College Undergraduate Research Experience (CURE) Workshop Led workshop called “Just Ask! How to Conduct a Research Interview” | 2022, 2023 |
| San Francisco Neighborhood Courts Volunteer Panelist | 2021 – present |
| Geisler Undergraduate Paper Award Committee | 2021, 2023 |
| Willie Brown Fellowship Committee | 2021, 2023 |
| David Jenkins Award Committee | 2021, 2023 |
| Mid-Term Chair Review Committee, Member | 2021 |
| Political Science Student Association Faculty Advisor | 2020 – present |
| Department Dialogue and Action Plan Committee | 2020 – present |
| Student Success in the Majors Research Methods Certificate Committee | 2019 – present |
| Wasserman Best Undergraduate Paper Committee | 2020, 2022 |
| Classroom observation (Retention, Tenure, and Promotion) | 2019, 2020 |

Service to Profession

Award Committees

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| APSA Law & Courts Section Best Journal Article Award | 2022 |
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Reviewer

- *American Political Science Review*
- *Comparative Political Studies*
- *Journal of Human Rights*
- *Journal of Law and Society*
- *Law & Society Review*
- *Social Movement Studies*
- *Sociological Perspectives*
- *World Development*
- *Yale Law Journal*

- *Research Handbook of Judicial Politics* (Edward Elgar Publishing)

Conferences and workshops

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| Panel Chair and Discussant “Constitutional Change and Populism in Comparative Law” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Virtual/Los Angeles, CA. | September 2023 |
| Panel Chair “Beyond Ballots & Barricades: Practice and Consequences of Everyday Claim-Making” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Virtual/Los Angeles, CA. | September 2023 |
| Panel Organizer, Chair “Incorporating, Embedding, Implementing, Vernacularizing: Making Law Meaningful at the Local Level” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. San Juan, Puerto Rico. | 2023 |
| Panel Chair “Bootstrap Justice: The Search for Mexico’s Disappeared” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. San Juan, Puerto Rico. | 2023 |
| Panel Chair and Discussant “Foregrounding Elided Voices: Listening to Stories about Violence” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. San Juan, Puerto Rico. | 2023 |
| Workshop Co-Organizer “Incorporating, Embedding, Implementing, Vernacularizing: Making Law Meaningful at the Local Level” Virtual Workshop | 2022 |
| Workshop Leader (“How to Conduct an Interview”) SFSU LCA College Undergraduate Research Experience | 2022 |
| Panel Discussant University of Massachusetts Virtual Graduate Student Workshop “New Directions in Law and Society Virtual Graduate Student and Junior Scholar Workshop” | 2021 |
| Panel Discussant “Accessing Justice Amidst Inequality: Citizens & Claims-Making in the Global South” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. | 2019 |
| Panel Co-Organizer and Chair “Conceptualizing Legal Mobilization: New Approaches from the Social Sciences” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada. | 2018 |

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| Panel Co-Organizer “Legal Mobilization in the Global South” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada. | 2018 |
| Co-Facilitator Departmental First-Year Graduate Student Colloquium Cornell University | 2014 – 2015 |
| Graduate Editor <i>Cornell International Affairs Review</i> | 2014 – 2019 |

References

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