

**Allyson Berri**  
1 (435) 590 7772 | aberri@wisc.edu  
The University of Wisconsin-Madison  
110 North Hall 1050 Bascom Mall  
Madison, WI 53703

---

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

---

Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Fall 2026

## EDUCATION

---

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2027  
Fields: Political Theory & American Politics  
Dissertation: “Uncovering the History of Coverture: Rewriting White Women’s Agency Through Property Law”  
Committee: Michelle Schwarze (Chair), Daniel Kapust, Lisa Washington, Keisha Lindsay

J.D. University of Wisconsin Law School, *magna cum laude* 2026  
Note and Comment Editor, Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender and Society  
Constitutional Litigation, Appeals, and Sentencing Project Clinic

MA Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2022

Honors B.S. Political Science & Economics, University of Utah, *summa cum laude* 2020  
Thesis: “The Myth of the Justifiable Homicide: The Masculinist Bias Within Self-Defense Law”

---

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Feminist Political Theory, Marital Property Law, Early Modern Political Theory, Critical Race Theory

---

## RESEARCH

### ***Published Articles:***

2025: “Uncovering the Role of Coverture in Hobbes’s Political Thought,” *Explorations in Renaissance Culture*, 51(1-2).

### ***Selected Works in Progress:***

(*Under Review*): “Women, Self-Defense, and Resistance in Hobbes’s Political Thought”

(*In draft*): “Sexism Under the Civil Law: “Coverture’s” Norms in Nineteenth Century Louisiana.”

(*In draft*): “Policing Whiteness Through Perfect Victimhood: Bias in Illinois’s Domestic Violence Resentencing Law”

### ***Selected Public Writing:***

“America’s First Ladies Have Always Been More Than Their Office” – Diplomatic Courier, March 29, 2021

“Where are the Women of the World’s High Courts?” – Diplomatic Courier, September 26, 2019

“Spoiler Alert: Women Never Won the Space Race” – Diplomatic Courier, July 25, 2019

“Perpetual Punishment Ensues for Female Athletes Who Redefine ‘Playing Like a Girl’” – Diplomatic Courier, July 14, 2019

---

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

---

---

2026: Scott A. Harris Graduate Summer Writing Scholarship, UW-Madison  
2025: Summer Initiative Award, UW-Madison  
2025: Political Science Department Fellowship, 2025-2026, UW-Madison  
2025: Law-in-Action Scholarship, UW-Madison Law (declined)  
2024: Award for Best Performance in a Law School Course: Carceral Intersections  
2024: Award for Best Performance in a Law School Course: Domestic Violence Law  
2024: UW-Madison Law School Best Brief Award (Finalist)  
2024: Law-in-Action Scholarship, UW-Madison Law (declined)  
2023: Summer Initiative Award, UW-Madison  
2023: Law-in-Action Scholarship, UW-Madison Law  
2022: Summer Initiative Award, UW-Madison  
2021: Political Science Department Fellowship, 2021-2022, UW-Madison

## TEACHING

---

### University of Wisconsin-Madison

#### *Instructor of Record*

- American Constitution: Powers and Structures of Government (Fall 2026)

#### *Teaching Assistant*

- Deception and Politics – Phillip Pinell (Spring 2023)
- Introduction to Political Theory – Daniel Kapust (Fall 2022)

#### *Other Teaching Experience*

- Political Science Department TA Mentor (2024-2025)

## CONFERENCES

---

- “Sexism Under the Civil Law: “Coverture’s” Norms in Nineteenth Century Louisiana” (American Society for Legal History, 2025)
- “Women, Self-Defense, and Resistance in Hobbes’s Political Thought” (Renaissance Society of America, 2024)

## SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

---

- *Discussant*, Political Theory Workshop at UW-Madison
  - Dr. Frederic Neyrat (UW-Madison) 2025
  - Dr. Joshua Braver (UW-Madison) 2024
  - Dr. Britney Edmonds (UW-Madison) 2023
- *Participant*, Discussion Project, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education 2022

## BAR ADMISSIONS

---

Wisconsin

## REFERENCES

---

Dr. Michelle Schwarze (Chair)  
Department of Political Science  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
mschwarze@wisc.edu

Dr. Daniel Kapust

Department of Political Science  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
djkapust@wisc.edu

Dr. Keisha Lindsay  
Department of Gender and Women's Studies  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
knlindsay@wisc.edu

Dr. Lisa Washington  
University of Wisconsin Law School  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
lisa.washington@wisc.edu