Kendall Gardner

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EDUCATION

University of Oxford, Magdalen College

Doctor of Philosophy, Politics

Oxford, United Kingdom Expected May 2026

- Marshall Scholar: Selected as one of 46 recipients of the Marshall Scholarship, designed to finance young Americans of high ability to undertake graduate study in the United Kingdom in recognition of the historic US-UK relationship
- Current Project: "Unstable Geography: Creating a Critical Theory of Land in the Age of Anthropocene"
- Research Specialism: climate instability, critical space theory, colonial capitalism, theories of land use and value
- Supervisor: Dr. Jeanne Morefield

SOAS, University of London

London, United Kingdom

Master of Science with Distinction, Comparative Political Thought

September 2022

• **MSc Dissertation:** An Unstable Theory of Property: A Theoretical Investigation of John Locke's Logic in the Face of Climate-Related Land Loss (Grade: 71)

Tulane University, A. B. Freeman School of Business

Bachelor of Science in Management, Major: Legal Studies in Business

New Orleans, LA May 2020

Tulane University, School of Liberal Arts

New Orleans, LA

Bachelor of Arts, Major: Political Science – International Relations

May 2020

GPA: 3.99/4.00, Summa Cum Laude

- Altman Program for International Studies and Business: Selected as one of 17 scholars to join a specialized cohort that graduated with a dual degree (150 credits) in business and liberal arts while studying foreign language, international affairs and business in three different countries
- Honors Thesis: "The Forever War: An Analytical Critique of U.S. Policy in Afghanistan"

HONORS AND AWARDS

Fulbright Alternate

- Hybrid English Teaching/Research Award in Bosnia-Herzegovina, proposed research on women in conflict resolution *Tulane 34 Award*
 - One of 34 graduates selected from the undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools for service, academic achievement, and leadership

William Wallace Peery Society

- One of 15 graduating seniors elected to Tulane's valedictory group recognizing exemplary academic achievement 14th Annual Karlem Riess Memorial Award
 - Presented to the Phi Beta Kappa inductee best demonstrating breadth of coursework in the liberal arts and sciences

Memberships

- The Just Climate Transition Network
- Critical Theory Summer School Organising Climate Action (Fall 2023)
- Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Lambda Delta

Prizes and Scholarships

- Oxford-Marshall Trust: Full support and tuition at the University of Oxford for the completion of the DPhil in Politics
- BSM Scholastic Achievement Award, Tulane Association of Business Alumni Award, BSM Dean's Service Award, Anthony F. and Mary Anne Corasaniti Award in Political Science, and Shirley Weil Greengus Memorial Award for Achievement in Political Science
- Tulane Presidential Scholarship (\$32,000/Year), Corasiniti Study Abroad Award, Freeman School of Business Travel Abroad Award, National Merit Finalist, Walter F. Kelly Scholarship for Public Service

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Oxford - Wadham College

Oxford, United Kingdom

Politics Tutor

October 2023 – December 2023

• Leading undergraduate tutorials for three students enrolled in Paper 297: Special Subject in Politics: Feminist Theory

• Responsible for teaching content and marking weekly essays to supplement the undergraduate Feminist Theory lectures

Cambridge Coaching Boston, MA

Politics and Economics Tutor

January 2023 - Present

• Tutor students virtually in a range of topics from US Government, Introductory Microeconomics, Advanced Environmental Economics, and more

Oxford Royale

Oxford, United Kingdom

Summer Instructor – Climate, Politics, and Global Leadership

July 2023 – August 2023

- Taught classrooms of 15 students aged 13-15 for a two-week long summer session titled "Racing Extinction: Climate, Politics, and Global Leadership"
- Marked student essays and presentations, created student progress reports, and cultivated an exciting classroom for discussion on current political topics of relevance to a global audience

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Tulane University

New Orleans, LA

Research Assistant – Professor Mark Vail, Department of Political Science

January 2020 – June 2020

- Researched the transformation of French labor relations to prepare for the Council for European Studies Conference
- Curated and analyzed French and English material to create annotated bibliographies and a literature review

Research Assistant – Professor Yiğit Akın, Department of History

August 2019 – December 2019

- Analyzed French material from the Versailles Conference to assess its impact on the formation of the Middle East
- Synthesized the perspectives of various documents to link the source material to Dr. Akin's broader research

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

"Unstable Geography: Creating a Critical Theory of Land in the Age of Anthropocene" MANCEPT: Decolonial Conceptions of Territory, Sovereignty, and Self-determination

The University of Manchester September 11 – 14, 2023

"Unstable Geography: Creating a Critical Theory of Land in the Age of Anthropocene"
Just Climate Transitions Conference

The University of Potsdam June 2-3, 2023

"Unstable Geography: Creating a Critical Theory of Land in the Age of Anthropocene"
Oxford Work in Progress Political Theory Seminar

University of Oxford May 4, 2023

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Non-Profit Growth Consulting

London, UK

Consultant

March 2022 – Present

- Advise non-profit clients on fundraising strategies and research appropriate grant-making bodies for various projects
- Draft competitive fundraising bids for clients in the charity and non-profit sector to assist with fundraising efforts

Ware | Immigration

New Orleans, LA

Immigration Paralegal

June 2020 – August 2021

- Assisted firm attorneys on Family-Based, Humanitarian & Asylum, and Removal Defense cases to advocate for clients
- Prepared documents and collected supporting evidence to complete over 100 applications for immigration benefits

SKILLS

Technical: Microsoft Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Hootsuite, Westlaw, LexisNexus, NGP VAN, Reach, CisionPoint **Language**: French (Fluent), Arabic (Intermediate)