Kendall Gardner

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EDUCATION

University of Oxford, Magdalen College

Doctor of Philosophy, Politics

Oxford, United Kingdom Expected May 2027

- 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
- Research Specialism: climate instability, critical space theory, colonial capitalism, theories of land use and value
- Supervisor: Dr. Jeanne Morefield (New College) Supervisees: Jeea Chadha (Wadham College, 2024) Elliot Posnett (Wadham College, 2025)

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
- PALS Fellow Friends of Birzeit University

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

Politics Tutor

Oxford, United Kingdom October 2023 – Present

- Teach undergraduate tutorials for 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
- Supervise undergraduate dissertations in Feminist Theory and Philosophy, requiring meetings to guide student work

Cambridge Coaching

Boston, MA

Politics and Economics Tutor

January 2023 – Present

- Teach students online in a range of topics, including US Government, Introductory Microeconomics, Advanced Environmental Economics, and more for 1.5-hour sessions with a top tutoring company in the United States
- Design the curricula and syllabi for each lesson, along with longer term learning plans to meet client expectations

University of Oxford - New College

Oxford, United Kingdom

Stipendiary Lecturer

October 2024 – December 2024

- Taught Prelims Theory of Politics to a cohort of twelve first-year students Politics, Philosophy, and Economics students
- Marked weekly essays and collections, which function as mock exams to help students prepare for end of year exams
- Held writing workshops for third-year students and provided one-on-one meetings with all students to discuss progress

University of Oxford - Wadham College, Balliol College

Oxford, United Kingdom

Access Program Summer Instructor

August 2023 & August 2024

- Provided sessions for the University's access programs, designed to teach disadvantaged students about Oxford
- Designed curricula for three independent sessions one on theory of politics and two on climate-change activism
- Taught groups of sixth-form students in sizes ranging from three to over thirty, varying in seminar to lecture-style

Oxford Royale

Oxford, United Kingdom July 2023 – August 2023

Summer Instructor – Climate, Politics, and Global Leadership

- 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

VIPKid New Orleans, LA

ESOL Teacher

June 2020 – August 2021

- Taught English as a Second Language to students from China through an online language learning platform
- Worked with students ranging from 4-15 years old and adapted classroom techniques to fit each student's needs
- Achieved Advanced and Fundamental TESOL Certifications from the TESOL International Association

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

The Department of Politics - Critical Theory Seminar

Co-Convenor

University of Oxford January 2025 – June 2025

"Unstable Geography: Creating a Critical Theory of Land in the Age of Anthropocene" Historical Materialism Conference Panteion University, Athens April 24 – 26, 2025

Comments - Struggles for the Human by Lara Montesinos Coleman

The Oxford Critical Theory Seminar

University of Oxford January 24, 2024

"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

Vashti Media

London, United Kingdom September 2023 – Present

Staff Writer and Editor

- Write articles of interest for a media platform dedicated to left politics from a Jewish perspective in the UK
- Serve as a member of the editorial team to commission original work and edit pieces for publication

Non-Profit Growth Consulting

London, United Kingdom

Consultant

March 2022 – May 2024

- 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