

Kendall Gardner

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EDUCATION

University of Oxford, Magdalen College

Doctor of Philosophy, Politics

Oxford, United Kingdom

Expected December 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
- **Research Specialism:** climate instability, spatial politics, colonial capitalism, theories of land use and value
- **Supervisor:** Dr. Jeanne Morefield (New College)

SOAS, University of London

Master of Science with Distinction, Comparative Political Thought

London, United Kingdom

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

Bachelor of Arts, Major: Political Science – International Relations

New Orleans, LA

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Cambridge Coaching

Politics and Economics Tutor

Boston, MA

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

Immerse Education

Young Professionals Organization – Academic Insights Tutor

Oxford, United Kingdom

July 2026 & July 2025

- Taught two classes of students aged 13-18 for a two-week program on the fundamentals of business and leadership
- Adapted course content for a diverse classroom, including students with varying levels of English language ability
- Created lesson plans on topics such as innovation, entrepreneurship, artificial intelligence, and investing with an emphasis on student participation and engaged classroom discussion

Oxford Global Academy

FutureX – Climate Academy

Athens, Greece

June 2026

- Taught a one-week course on climate politics and social policy at Byron College for a cohort of 14 A-Level students
- Designed lesson plans on climate change and social policy, including interactive policy labs on multilevel governance, model climate summit negotiations, cap-and-trade simulations, and group presentations on climate migration pathways

Oxford Global Academy

Future Scientists – Climate Academy

London, United Kingdom

October 2025

- Taught a two-week course for a cohort of students from three academically competitive secondary schools in Beijing
- Ensured differentiation in the classroom to support students with a variety of academic needs and English levels

University of Oxford – Wadham College

Politics Tutor

Oxford, United Kingdom

October 2023 – May 2025

- Taught undergraduate tutorials for students enrolled in Paper 297: Special Subject in Politics: Feminist Theory
- Was responsible for teaching content and marking weekly essays to supplement the Feminist Theory lectures
- Supervised undergraduate dissertations in Feminist Theory and Philosophy, requiring meetings to guide student work

University of Oxford – New College

Stipendiary Lecturer

Oxford, United Kingdom

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, Department of Politics

Oxford, United Kingdom

Access Program Summer Instructor

August 2023, 2024 & 2025

- Provided sessions for the University's access programs, designed to teach disadvantaged students about Oxford
- Designed curricula for four independent sessions – two on theory of politics and two on climate change activism

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

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS**Liberalism and the Production of Settler Stability***The Land Question Conference*

Centre for Social Critique, Humboldt University

October 29 – 30, 2025

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***Staff Writer and Editor*

London, United Kingdom

September 2023 – Present

- 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

Ware | Immigration*Immigration Paralegal*

New Orleans, LA

June 2020 – August 2021

- Assisted firm attorneys on Family-Based, Humanitarian & Asylum, and Removal Defense cases to advocate for clients

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