

# Dr Mori Reithmayr

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Rothermere American Institute (RAI), Oxford University	2023–2025
Research Assistant, Oxford University Community History Initiative	2024
Stipendiary Lecturer in Politics, University College, Oxford University	2022–2023

## EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, New College	2018–2023
DPhil Politics, submitted October 2022, passed with no corrections	
Thesis: <i>Community before Liberation: Theorizing Gay Resistance in San Francisco, 1953-1969</i>	
Supervisor: Prof. Sophie Smith	
Honorable Mention, 2024 OAH John D’Emilio LGBTQ History Dissertation Award	
Honorable Mention, 2024 APSA Kenneth Sherrill Best Dissertation Award	
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, Green Templeton College	2016–2018
MPhil Politics (Political Theory), average and thesis mark: 69	
Dissertation: <i>‘Playing the King’s Part’: Rulership as role and the question of who gets to rule in early modern English drama, 1574-1642</i>	
Supervisor: Prof. Sophie Smith	
UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA	2015-2016
Masterstudium Philosophie, not completed due to Oxford offer	
SCIENCES PO, Paris	2012–2013
Erasmus Exchange Year	
UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK	2010–2014
BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics, First Class Honours	
Dissertation: <i>On Forgiveness</i>	
Supervisor: Prof. Miguel Beistegui	

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Academic*

- “The Invention of Gay Community in San Francisco, 1960-1970” (first-view, *The Historical Journal*, [Link](#))
- “Love’s demands,” *Oxford New Books*, 1/1 (2024), book review of Sophie Lewis’ *Abolish the Family: A Manifesto for Care and Liberation* (2022), [Link](#)
- “Escape by gender conformity: The heterogenous nature of antigay police harassment in mid-twentieth century United States,” British Association for American Studies (BAAS) Historical Perspectives on Gendered State Violence online platform (June 2023), [Link](#)
- “Birmingham’s queer afterwaves: The birth of gay electoral power in San Francisco,” in Uta Balbier, Emily Brady, and Megan Hunt, eds., *1963: Crossroads in American History* (expected 2025)

### *Public History*

- “A study of student mental health in 1950s Oxford,” *Oxford Health Histories Blog* (2024)
- “Lösungen für Menschen, die fliehen müssen,” *GEDENKDIENST*, 76/1 (spring 2016)

“Ein Forschungsprojekt über den Genozid im Osmanischen Reich am United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington,” *GEDENKDIENST*, 74/4 (winter 2014)

## WORKING PAPERS

“Homosexuality Inverted: José Sarria’s Performance Archive and the Making of Nelly Queens, 1953–1963” (under review with *Journal of the History of Sexuality*)

“‘Unusually fascinating problems’: Mental Illness and Homosexuality among 1950s Oxford Undergraduates” (in preparation for *Modern British History*)

“Beyond Homogeneity: Toward a Coalitional Account of Community” (in preparation for *Political Theory*)

“Claiming Queer Intellectual History” (in preparation for *Journal of the History of Ideas*)

## SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

David Gieve Scholarship, New College (£60,000)	2018–2022
Doctoral Training Partnership, Arts and Humanities Research Council (£47,000)	2018–2022
Scholar, Swiss Study Foundation	2016–2020
Mobilitätsstipendium, Austrian Government	2016–2018
Harry H. Harkins T’73 Travel Grant, Duke University (\$1,500)	2022
Travel Award, Historians of the Twentieth Century United States (£500)	2021
Travel Award, Rothermere American Institute, Oxford University (£1,000)	2021, 2024
Research Training Support Grant, Arts and Humanities Research Council (£3,390)	2019
Graduate Research Grant, New College (£1,125)	2018, 2019, 2020

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & TALKS

*Academic (selection)*

### “How to Stop the Homophile Revolution: NACHO and the Scales of Community”

- Queer History Conference, Committee on LGBT History, paper, panel organiser (June 2024)
- BAAS Annual Conference, paper (April 2024)

### “Homosexuality Inverted: José Sarria’s Performance Archive and the Making of Nelly Queens”

- Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, paper (April 2025)
- Oxford Political Thought Seminar, invited talk (January 2024)
- Chicago Theatre and Performance Studies Workshop, paper (November 2023)
- Historians of the Twentieth-Century United States (HOTCUS) Annual Conference, workshop and conference papers, panel organiser (June 2023)

### “The Invention of a National Gay Community: A Conservative Counterrevolution”

- At the Junction: The Local, Regional, & National in US History, symposium, RAI, paper (May 2023)

### “The Invention of ‘Gay Community’”

- Oxford Centre for Gender, Identity and Subjectivity, invited talk (March 2023)

### “Birmingham’s Queer Afterwaves: The Birth of Gay Electoral Power in San Francisco”

- HOTCUS Winter Symposium, paper (February 2023)

### New Book Event: Sophie Lewis, *Abolish the Family: A Manifesto for Care and Liberation*

- Oxford Political Thought Seminar, commentator (October 2022)

### “José Sarria’s 1961 Campaign for San Francisco City Supervisor and the Birth of the Idea of a Gay Community”

- Queer History Conference, Committee on LGBT History, paper and panel organiser (June 2022)
- RAI Postgraduate Symposium, paper (March 2022)
- BAAS Postgraduate Symposium, paper (December 2021)

## “José Sarria, Leslie Feinberg, and the History of Resistance to US ‘Crossdressing Laws’”

- Oxford Queer Studies Network, paper (October 2019)
- Oxford Political Theory Doctoral Research Seminar, paper (May 2019)

### *Public & Outreach*

“Graduate Admissions Abroad: Citation and Literature Review,” online outreach workshop, Collaborative Action for Research and Education, India (2023)

“The Invention of Gay Community,” outreach class, University College, Oxford (2023)

“José Sarria – Nightingale of Montgomery Street,” invited talk, Allbirds San Francisco, on behalf of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Historical Society (June 2022)

“Introduction to Trans Studies,” outreach class, New College, Oxford (2019-20)

## TEACHING

*Introduction to the Theory of Politics*, undergraduate seminars and tutorials, Oxford (Michaelmas 2020 & 2022)

*Theory of Politics*, undergraduate tutorials, Oxford (2022-23)

*Theories of State*, undergraduate seminars and tutorials, Oxford (Hilary [spring] 2023)

*Feminist Theory*, undergraduate lecture series, Oxford (Hilary 2023)

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

Committee member, 2025 APSA Kenneth Sherrill Best Dissertation Award	2025
Co-organiser, Oxford Queer and Trans History Now Conference	2024
Co-organiser, Oxford Political Theory Graduate Conference	2020
Co-convenor, Oxford Queer Studies Network	2019–2021
Founder, New College Intersectional Feminist Reading Group	2019–2020
Editorial board member, <i>GEDENKDIENST</i> (Shoah-themed research publication)	2016–2018

## COMMUNITY ACTIVISM

Social media lead, Oxford Community Action	2020–2023
Social media lead, Oxford Eid Extravaganza	2023
Chairperson, Oxford Virus Action Group	2020
Organiser, “Women’s Experiences with Homelessness in Oxford” panel, New College Women’s Day Festival	2019

## LANGUAGES

German, mother tongue

English, excellent

French, fluent in speech and writing

## REFERENCES

1. **Sophie Smith**, Tutorial Fellow in Political Theory; Associate Professor of Political Theory, University College, Oxford, [sophie.smith@politics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sophie.smith@politics.ox.ac.uk)
2. **Amia Srinivasan**, Chichele Professor of Social and Political Theory, All Souls College, Oxford, [amia.srinivasan@politics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:amia.srinivasan@politics.ox.ac.uk)
3. **Regina Kunzel**, Larned Professor of History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Yale University, [regina.kunzel@yale.edu](mailto:regina.kunzel@yale.edu)
4. **Sally Frampton**, Humanities and Healthcare Fellow, TORCH: The Oxford Research Centre for the Humanities, [sally.frampton@humanities.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sally.frampton@humanities.ox.ac.uk)