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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

20th Century Continental Philosophy (especially Phenomenology and Existentialism),
Feminist Philosophy, Critical Philosophy of Race

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Ancient Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

Florida International University

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2016 – present

Affiliate Faculty, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, 2016 – present

EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2008 – 2016

Dissertation: *The Social Constitution of the Body: Bodily Alienation and Bodily Integrity*

Committee: Sean Kelly (chair), Nancy Bauer, Tommie Shelby

A.B. in Philosophy (cum laude), 2003 – 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Published Articles and Book Chapters

Peer-reviewed

2020. “What Are You?: Addressing Racial Ambiguity.” *Critical Philosophy of Race*
8 (2): 292-307.

2020. “The Embodied Biased Mind.” In *An Introduction to Implicit Bias: Knowledge, Justice, and the Social Mind*, eds. Erin Beeghly and Alex Madva. New York: Routledge.

2019. “What Is Body Positivity? The Path from Shame to Pride.” *Philosophical Topics* 47 (2).
2019. “Simone de Beauvoir’s Feminist Art of Living.” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 33 (3): 448-460.
2019. “‘The Audacity of Hope’: Reclaiming Obama’s Optimism in the Trump Era.” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 33 (2): 256–267.
2019. “Anatomy of the Thigh Gap.” *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* 5 (1).
<https://doi.org/10.5206/fpq/2019.1.7312>
2018. “Reforming Racializing Bodily Habits: Affective Environment and Mindfulness Meditation.” *Critical Philosophy of Race* 6 (2): 164–179.

Invited

2020. “What Reason Is There in the Body? Bodily Suffering and Happiness.” In *Nietzsche and Epicurus*, eds. Vinod Acharya and Ryan Johnson. New York: Bloomsbury Publishing.
2018. “Anger as a Political Emotion: A Phenomenological Perspective.” In *The Moral Psychology of Anger*, eds. Myisha Cherry and Owen Flanagan. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
2015. “‘One is not born, but rather becomes, a woman’: The Sex-Gender Distinction and Simone de Beauvoir’s Account of Woman.” In *Feminist Moments*, eds. Susan Bruce and Kathy Smits. London and New York: Bloomsbury Publishing.

Reviews

2019. “Review of A Companion to Simone de Beauvoir.” Spring 2019 APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy.
2019. “Review of Helen Ngo’s The Habits of Racism.” *Critical Philosophy of Race* 7 (1): 212–217.

Articles and Book Chapters Accepted for Publication

Invited

2021. “The Legacy of Simone de Beauvoir.” In the *Oxford Handbook of Feminist Philosophy*, eds. Ásta Kristjana Sveinsdottir and Kim Q. Hall. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Top Scholar Honoree in the Category of Award-winning Publications, Florida International University, 2019-2020

Award for Research, College of Arts, Sciences, and Education, Florida International University, 2019

Award for Teaching, College of Arts, Sciences, and Education, Florida International University, 2019

Award for Research, College of Arts, Sciences, and Education, Florida International University, 2018

NEH Summer Institute, “Reviving Philosophy as a Way of Life,” July 2018

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, Pennsylvania State University, 2017 – 2018

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, 2015 – 2016

Harvard Horizons Scholar, 2015

Bok Certificate of Excellence and Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, Fall 2014

Bok Certificate of Excellence and Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, Spring 2014

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Harvard University, 2010

Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard University, November 2006

John Harvard Scholar, Harvard University, 2005

PRESENTATIONS

Scholarly Presentations

“Phenomenology at the Intersection of Gender and Race,” Cultural Life Program, Furman University, October 2020

“Feminist Pornography: What Would Simone de Beauvoir Say?” philoSOPHIA, May 2020 [cancelled]

“Fearing the Future: Is Life Worth Living in the Anthropocene?,” American Philosophies Forum, April 2020 [deferred to 2021]

“Body Positivity: What Is It? What Do We Want It to Be?,” Department of Philosophy, University of Miami, November 2019

“Reviving Philosophy as a Way of Life: A Feminist Perspective,” Diverse Lineages of Existentialism II, June 2019 [cancelled]

“What Are You?” – Addressing Racial Ambiguity,” Department of Philosophy, DePaul University, May 2019

“What Are You?” - Reflections on the Phenomenology Mixed-Race Experience,” Eastern APA, January 2019

“Simone de Beauvoir’s Feminist Art of Living,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 2018

“Feminist Pornography: What Would Simone de Beauvoir Say?” 25th International Conference of the Simone de Beauvoir Society, October 2018

“What Are You?” – Addressing Racial Ambiguity,” California Roundtable on Philosophy and Race, October 2018

“Reforming Racializing Bodily Habits: Mindfulness Meditation as an Intervention,” The Logic of Racial Practice: Embodied Cognition, Habitus, and Implicit Bias Symposium, University of Pittsburgh, April 2018

“The Audacity of Hope: Reclaiming Obama’s Optimism in the Trump Era,” American Philosophies Forum, April 2018

- “‘What Are You?’ – Alienation and Objectification in Mixed-Race Experience,”
Rock Ethics Institute, Pennsylvania State University, January 2018
- “Anatomy of the Thigh Gap,” Eastern APA, January 2018
- “In Simone de Beauvoir’s Footsteps: A Philosophy of Walking,” Philosophy
Department, Pennsylvania State University, November 2017
- “Feminism and Simone de Beauvoir’s Art of Living,” 24th International Conference
of the Simone de Beauvoir Society, June 2017
- “Reforming Racializing Bodily Habits: The Practice of Mindfulness,” Mentoring
Workshop for Pre-tenure Women in Philosophy, June 2017
- “In Simone de Beauvoir’s Footsteps: Feminism Embodied,” GEA Humanities
Faculty Lecture, Florida International University, April 2017
- “Mindfulness in the Classroom,” University of Miami, April 2017
- “Reforming Racializing Bodily Habits,” philoSOPHIA, March 2017
- “Embodying Resistance to Racial Oppressions,” CUNY Graduate Center MAPshop,
February 2016
- “Embodying Resistance to Racial Oppressions,” Rock Ethics Institute, Pennsylvania
State University, October 2015
- “Anatomy of the Thigh Gap,” Workshop on Feminist Ontology, MIT, October 2015
- “Embodying Resistance to Oppressions,” Harvard Horizons Symposium, May 2015
- “Alienation and Objectification in the Works of Beauvoir and Fanon,” Diverse
Lineages of Existentialism Conference, Southern Illinois University at
Edwardsville, June 2014
- “Alienation and Objectification in the Works of Beauvoir and Fanon,” European
Philosophy Workshop, Harvard University, December 2013

Comments:

- “Comments on Nick Wiltsher’s ‘The Aesthetic Constitution of Genders,’” Southern
Aesthetics Workshop II, September 2020
- “Comments for Body Politics: African American and Latinx Feminist Political
Cultures of Resistance,” Florida International University, November 2020

Teaching and Public Presentations:

- “Nietzsche.” Composer in the Crossfire: Reassessing the Music of Nietzsche’s ‘St.
Peter,’ Florida International University, March 2020
- “Body Positivity: What Is It? What Do We Want It to Be?” Fluid Lines: Symposium
on the Philosophy of Gender and Sexuality, Miami-Dade College, March
2020
- “How to Become Happier? Live Like Aristotle!” More Fun Than Teaching: Creative
Course Design to Foster Student Engagement, Florida International
University, October 2019
- “Mindfulness in the Classroom,” Second Annual Inclusiveness Seminar, University
of Miami, April 2017

TEACHING

Florida International University

Philosophy of Gender and Race, Spring 2019 and Fall 2020

Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020
Philosophy of Death, Spring 2020
Existentialism, Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020
Phenomenology, Spring 2017

SERVICE

Referee, *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*, 2020
Referee, San Francisco Bay Area Feminism and Philosophy Workshop, 2020
Referee, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 2019
Referee, *Critical Philosophy of Race*, 2019-2020
Coordinator, Ignite Campaign, Florida International University, 2019 – present
Personnel Committee, Department of Philosophy, Florida International University, 2018 – 2020
Coordinator for Speaker Series, Department of Philosophy, Florida International University, 2018 – 2019
Presenter, Cultivating Underrepresented Students in Philosophy, Pennsylvania State University, June 2018
Referee, *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, 2017 – 2018
Referee, Florida Philosophical Association Conference, 2017
Arts and Sciences Library Committee, Florida International University, 2016 – 2017
Committee Member, Minority Participation in Academic Philosophy, Harvard University, 2013 – 2014
Graduate Representative, Harvard University, 2011 – 2012 and 2013 – 2014
Assistant to the Head Tutor in Philosophy, Harvard University, 2011 – 2012
Referee, Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference, 2010

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Philosophical Association, 2015 – present
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, 2014 – present
The Merleau-Ponty Circle, 2014 – present

LANGUAGES

French (native fluency) and German (reading knowledge)

(December 2020)