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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Ancient Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

Florida International University
Associate Professor of Philosophy, August 2022 – present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, August 2016 – July 2022
Affiliate Faculty, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, August 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

Articles and Book Chapters

2026. "Eating and the Politics of Self-Care: Resisting the Tyranny of Slenderness, Fatphobia, and Diet Culture One Forkful at a Time." *Hypatia*, Special Issue on Self-Care in an Unjust World. doi:10.1017/hyp.2026.10066

2025. "What Is Body Reflexivity? A Critical Assessment of Manne's Alternative to Body Positivity and Body Neutrality." *APA Studies on Feminism and Philosophy.*

2023. "The Future of Black and Asian Solidarities." *APA Newsletter on Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies* 23 (1): 3–7.

2023. "Phenomenology at the Intersection of Gender and Race." In *Horizons of Phenomenology*, eds. Philip Walsh and Jeffrey Yoshimi. Springer Academic Publishers.

2022. "Bodily Alienation and Critical Phenomenologies of Race." *Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology* 5 (4): 125–127.

2021. "Fearing the Future: Is Life Worth Living in the Anthropocene?" *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 33 (5): 273-288. (Peer-reviewed)

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.

2020. "'What Are You?': Addressing Racial Ambiguity." *Critical Philosophy of Race* 8 (2): 292-307. (Peer-reviewed)

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. (Peer-reviewed)

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.

2019. "What Is Body Positivity? The Path from Shame to Pride." *Philosophical Topics* 47 (2): 113–127. (Peer-reviewed)

2019. "Simone de Beauvoir's Feminist Art of Living." *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 33 (3): 448–460. (Peer-reviewed)

2019. "Anatomy of the Thigh Gap." *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* 5 (1). https://doi.org/10.5206/fpq/2019.1.7312 (Peer-reviewed)

2018. "Reforming Racializing Bodily Habits: Affective Environment and Mindfulness Meditation." *Critical Philosophy of Race* 6 (2): 164–179. (Peer-reviewed)

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.

Book Reviews

2025. "Review of Emily S. Lee's *A Phenomenology for Women of Color." Hypatia Reviews Online.* HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1017/HYP.2025.10045

2024. "Review of Kathryn Sophia Belle's *Beauvoir and Belle." Simone de Beauvoir Studies.* HTTPS://BRILL.COM/VIEW/JOURNALS/SDBS/34/2/ARTICLE-P376_14.XML

2024. "Review of Myisha Cherry's *Failures of Forgiveness." Ethics.* HTTPS://WWW.JOURNALS.UCHICAGO.EDU/DOI/10.1086/731433

2023. "Review of Manon Garcia's *We Are Not Born Submissive." Hypatia Reviews Online.* HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1017/HYP.2023.40

2022. "Review of *The Case for Rage*." *The Philosophers' Magazine.* HTTPS://WWW.PHILOSOPHERSMAG.COM/CURRENT-ISSUE

2022. "Review of *Hope Under Oppression*." *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*: HTTPS://NDPR.ND.EDU/REVIEWS/HOPE-UNDER-OPPRESSION/

2019. "Review of *A Companion to Simone de Beauvoir*." *Spring 2019 APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*: 31-33.

2019. "Review of Helen Ngo's *The Habits of Racism*." *Critical Philosophy of Race* 7 (1): 212–217.

Reference

2025. "Body Positivity." *SAGE Encyclopedia of Education and Gender.*

2021. "Beauvoir, Simone de." *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy.*

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Award for Service, College of Arts, Sciences, and Education, Florida International University, 2025
Marc Sanders Philosophy in the Media Fellowship ($3,000), 2024
Public Philosophy Op-Ed Competition, American Philosophical Association, 2023
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 ($60,000), 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.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference and Colloquium Presentations

"Simone de Beauvoir and the Cult of Thinness in 2026," Department of French and Italian, Princeton University, April 2026
Keynote Address: "Race, Bodily Alienation, and the Politics of Self-Care," Social Justice and Oppression Workshop, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, February 2024
"The Beautiful, the Sublime, and the Tyranny of Slenderness Twenty Years Later," American Society for Aesthetics, Arlington, VA, November 2023
Keynote Address: "Embodying Bias," Implicit Bias: What Are We Missing? Workshop, Munich School of Philosophy, Munich, Germany, October 2023
"Body Image and the Ethics of Self-Care," American Society for Existentialism and Phenomenology," Harvard University, June 2023
"Body Positivity and the Ethics of Self-Care," Harvard University, Department of Philosophy, April 2023
"How Can We Embody Self-Care? Lessons from the Body Positivity Movement," University of Alabama, Huntsville, March 2023
"How Can We Embody Self-Care? Lessons from the Body Positivity Movement," Mudd Center for Ethics, Washington and Lee University, March 2023
"The Future of Black and Asian Solidarities," Central APA, February 2023
Diversity Keynote Address: "The Future of Black and Asian Solidarities," Florida Philosophical Association, February 2023
"The Future of Black and Asian Solidarities," American Philosophies Forum, Atlanta, GA, April 2022

"Is Justice Required for Happiness? – Lessons from Feminist Theory," Science and Ethics of Happiness Project, Casina Pio IV, Vatican City, February 2022
"The Social Construction of the White Body," Department of Philosophy, Wesleyan University, November 2021
"Fearing the Future: Is Life Worth Living in the Anthropocene?," Department of Philosophy, University of Tampa, November 2021
"Phenomenology at the Intersection of Gender and Race," Department of Philosophy, Wesleyan University (virtual), May 2021
"Fearing the Future: Is Life Worth Living in the Anthropocene?" American Philosophies Forum (virtual), April 2021
"Phenomenology at the Intersection of Gender and Race," Cultural Life Program, Furman University (virtual), October 2020
"Feminist Pornography: What Would Simone de Beauvoir Say?" philoSOPHIA, May 2020 [canceled]
"Body Positivity: What Is It? What Do We Want It to Be?" Department of Philosophy, University of Miami, November 2019
" '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
"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 Kate Manne's *Unshrinking,* Central APA (virtual), February 2025
Comments on Manon Garcia's *We Are Not Born Submissive*, Eastern APA (virtual), January 2022
Comments on Nathalie Nya's *Simone de Beauvoir and the Colonial Experience,* Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (virtual), September 2021
Comments for Body Politics: African American and Latinx Feminist Cultures of Resistance, Florida International University (virtual), November 2020
Comments on Nick Wiltsher's "The Aesthetic Constitution of Genders," Southern Aesthetics Workshop II (virtual), September 2020

Panels

"Anger." Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method, London School of Economics (virtual), January 2022

Teaching and Public Presentations

Professionalization Series, Department of Philosophy, Harvard University
"Freedom, Flourishing, and Feminism," Philosophy Department, Miami-Dade College, March 2023
"Montaigne and Halloween," Philosophy Department, Miami-Dade College, October 2022
"Existentialism as a Way of Life," Department of Philosophy, Wesleyan University, November 2021
"Body Positivity: What Is It? What Do We Want It to Be?," Philosophy in an Inclusive Key - Boston (virtual), June 2021
"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 Cheating: Creative Course Design to Foster Student Engagement, Florida International University, October 2019
"Writing Philosophy Papers," Cultivating Underrepresented Students in Philosophy, Pennsylvania State University, June 2018
"Phenomenology," HSI Pathways Program, Florida International University, May 2017
"Mindfulness in the Classroom," Second Annual Inclusiveness Seminar, University of Miami, April 2017

TEACHING

Florida International University

Philosophy of Death, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Summer 2026
Phenomenology, Spring 2017, Spring 2023, Spring 2025
Philosophy and Feminism, Fall 2021, Fall 2024
Existentialism, Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2022, Summer 2023, Summer 2024, Fall 2025
A Major Philosopher (Simone de Beauvoir), Spring 2024, Spring 2026
Philosophy of Gender and Race, Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2023
Independent Study (Simone de Beauvoir, Fall 2020; Feminist Philosophy Research Internship, Spring 2021; Queer Philosophy, Fall 2021, Intersectionality Fall 2022)
Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Summer 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026

SERVICE

Professional Service

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Speculative Philosophy,* 2022 – present
Editorial Board Member, *American Philosophy* book series (Indiana University Press), 2021 – present
Book Selection Advisory Committee, *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy,* 2021 – 2022.

University Service

Undergraduate Outreach Representative, Florida International University, 2021 – present
Coordinator, Ignite Campaign, Florida International University, 2019 – 2021
Personnel Committee, Department of Philosophy, Florida International University, 2018 – 2020
Coordinator for the Speaker Series, Department of Philosophy, Florida International University, 2018 – 2019
Arts and Sciences Library Committee, Florida International University, 2016 – 2017

Refereeing

Referee, *Journal of Social Ontology,* 2026
Referee, *Hypatia,* 2020 – 2025
Referee, *Moral Philosophy and Politics,* 2022 – 2023

Referee, *Political Concepts,* 2023
Referee, *Critical Philosophy of Race,* 2019 – 2022
Referee, *Harvard Public Health Review,* 2021
Referee, *European Journal of Philosophy*, 2021
Referee, *Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology,* 2021
Referee, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice,* 2021
Referee, *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly,* 2020
Referee (book), Palgrave Macmillan Publishers, 2020
Referee, San Francisco Bay Area Feminism and Philosophy Workshop, 2020
Referee, *Southern Journal of Philosophy,* 2019
Referee, *Journal of Speculative Philosophy,* 2017 – 2018
Referee, Florida Philosophical Association Conference, 2017

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

Essays

2026. "The cure for body dissatisfaction that doesn't involve the body." *Psyche*
2024. "Learning to cook taught me that self-care isn't selfish," *Psyche*
2022. "Body positivity is fixated on beauty - here's how to fix that," *Psyche*
2021. "Why Live? - The Three Authors Who Saved Me During an Existential Crisis," "Why Philosophy?" Substack
2020. "The Beauty of Ephemerality – Why We Should Cherish the Fleetingness of Our Lives," "Why Philosophy?" Substack
2020. "Simone de Beauvoir Today: A Call to Break with Our Dutiful Ways of Practicing Philosophy," *Project Vox Blog*
2020. "The Embodied Biased Mind," *The Brains Blog*
2019. "On Growing as a Philosophy Teacher," *Notre Dame Philosophy as a Way of Life Blog*
2019. "Reviving Philosophy as a Way of Life," *Notre Dame Philosophy as a Way of Life Blog*
2019. "Walking in Simone de Beauvoir's Footsteps," "Why Philosophy?" Substack
2019. "Take a View from Above! Why Marcus Aurelius Might Tell You to Do a Digital Detox," *Stoicism – Philosophy as a Way of Life, Medium*

Podcasts

2026. "Ideas That Matter: A Conversation with Céline Leboeuf about Metaphilosophy, Beauvoir, and Bodies," with Gregory Sadler.
2026. "Overthink Live with Céline Leboeuf," Overthink Podcast with Ellie Anderson and David Peña-Guzmán
2024. Interview with John T. Maier, The Philosophy and Therapy Podcast
2023. "Why Live? – With Céline Leboeuf," Overthink Podcast with Ellie Anderson and David Peña-Guzmán

Newsletter

Ongoing. "Why Philosophy?" Substack

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)

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