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Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, August 2011

B.A. Philosophy, Earlham College, 2002

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado Denver 2012 - current

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University 2011-2012

Books

Where are the Women? Why Expanding the Canon Makes Philosophy Better (tentative title), (New York: Columbia University Press, forthcoming).

Philosophy Imprisoned: The Love of Wisdom in the Age of Mass Incarceration, co-edited with Joshua Hall, (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2014).

Refereed Journal Articles

“Feminism and the Carceral State: Gender-Responsive Justice, Community Accountability, and the Epistemology of Antiviolence,” co-authored with Brady Heiner, *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* (forthcoming Winter 2017).

“Experiments in Responsibility: Pocket Parks, Radical Anti-Violence Work, and the Social Ontology of Safety,” *Radical Philosophy Review*, 17.2 (2014): 421-434.

“From the Exclusion of Women to the Transformation of Philosophy: Reclamation and Its Possibilities,” *Metaphilosophy* 45.1 (2014): 1-19.

“Reclamation from Absence? Luce Irigaray and Women in the History of Philosophy,” *Hypatia* 28.3 (2013): 483-498.

Refereed Book Chapters

“The Heart of the Other?” in *Deconstructing the Death Penalty: Essays on Derrida’s Death Penalty Seminars* edited by Kelly Oliver and Stephanie Straub, (New York: Fordham University Press, forthcoming).

“Prison Abolition and a Culture of Sexual Difference,” in *Death and Other Penalties: Philosophy in a Time of Mass Incarceration* edited by Geoffrey Adelsberg, Lisa Guenther, and Scott Zeman, (New York: Fordham University Press, 2015): 210-224.

Non-Refereed Book Reviews

Book Review. Cynthia Kaufman, *Getting Past Capitalism: History, Vision, Hope*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2012. *Radical Philosophy Review*, forthcoming.

Book Review. Christine de Pizan, Karen Green, and Constant Mews, *The Book of Peace*. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2008. *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Philosophy and Feminism* 11.1 (2011): 27-28.

Refereed Presentations at Meetings

“Philosophy Imprisoned: Prison Writers and the Limits of Public Philosophy” with Andrew Dilts, Public Philosophy Network, San Francisco, CA, June 11-13, 2015

“*Twelve Years a Slave*: Narrative Fetish or National Reckoning?” American Studies Association, Los Angeles, CA, November 6-9, 2014.

“The Safety of Prison,” philoSOPHIA, State College, PA, May 1-3, 2014.

“When Life Is Death: Derrida and Life without Parole,” American Comparative Literature Association, New York, NY, March 20-23, 2014.

“Beyond Sacrifice: Luce Irigaray and Community Accountability,” Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, Eugene, OR, October 24-16, 2013.

“Thinking Beyond Prisons: Feminism, Violence, and Mass Incarceration,” Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Estes Park, CO, July 19-23, 2013.

“Precarious Safety: Toward Noncarceral Communities,” Rethinking Prisons, Nashville, TN, May 3-5, 2013.

“‘The System is the Same’: Redressing Feminist Complicity with Mass Incarceration,” Radical Philosophy Association, Buffalo, NY, October 11-14, 2012.

“How Should We Claim They Were Philosophers? Reclamation Reconsidered,” APA Pacific Division, Main Program, Seattle, WA, April 4-7, 2012.

“Subverting Traditional Histories with Women’s Work: Help from and for the Discipline of Philosophy,” National Women’s Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, November 10-13, 2011.

“Reclaiming the History of Philosophy: The Opportunities of Exclusion,” Midwest SWIP, Chicago, IL, November 4-6, 2011.

“Revolutionizing the History of Philosophy: Reclamation as Love,” philoSOPHIA, Nashville, TN, May 5-7, 2011.

“Changing the Political Fate of Self-Annihilation,” Radical Philosophy Association, Eugene, OR, November 11-14, 2010.

Invited Talks

“Philosophy Matters,” 2016 Symposium on Prisoner Justice: *Reimagining Punishment in America*, University of Denver, Denver, CO, April 1-2, 2016

“Feminist Complicity with Mass Incarceration,” Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR, April 24, 2015.

“Mass Incarceration and the Construction of Femininity,” Stetson University, DeLand, FL, March 13, 2015.

“Book Panel on Philosophy, Mass Incarceration, and Capital Punishment: *Philosophy Imprisoned* and *Death and Other Penalties*,” Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, January 30, 2015.

“Can we be safe?” Leon S. Peters Lecture Series, The Ethics Center, California State University Fresno, Fresno, CA, November 13, 2014.

“Feminist Complicity with Mass Incarceration,” The 44th Annual Cal State Fullerton Philosophy Symposium, Rethinking Mass Incarceration: Gender, Race, and the Prison Industrial Complex, Fullerton, CA, April 10-11, 2014.

“Feminist Complicity with Mass Incarceration,” Women and Gender Studies Speaker Series, University of Colorado Boulder, November 13, 2013.

“Feminism and Incarceration: Reimagining the Machinery with Adrienne Rich,” Philosophy Department Speaker Series, University of Colorado Denver, November 7, 2012.

“Mass Incarceration and the Construction of Femininity,” APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA, March 27-31, 2013.

Non-Refereed Presentations at Meetings/Conferences

Respondent at SPEP, Salt Lake City, UT, October 20-22, 2016 to:

“Mapping the Material Conditions for the ‘Niggerization’ of Black Bodies: How Black Urban Ghettos and Prison Industrial Complex Maintain the Color Line,” Joe Smith, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
and

“Undisciplined Gestures: The Gestural Precarity of Black and Brown Lives under Mass Incarceration” Jasmine Wallace, Villanova University

Courses Taught

University of Colorado Denver

Contemporary Feminist Thought, co-taught with Gillian Silverman
Feminist Philosophy
Introduction to Philosophy
Prisons, Punishment, and Social Justice
Culture and Ideology: Racism and Sexism
Gender and Sexuality
Reclaiming Women Philosophers

The Woman Question

Vanderbilt University

Contemporary Continental Philosophy
Gender and Sexuality
General Logic
Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Philosophy: Writing Intensive

Service – Department

Speaker Series 2013-present
Climate Committee 2013-present
Philosophy Club Advisor 2013-present
Prisons in Society Reading Group Advisor 2013-2014

Service – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, UCD

Women's Issues Committee 2013-present
Women and Gender Studies 2012-present
Research and Creative Activities Symposium Judge 2013

Service – Professional

Session Chair, SPEP 2016
Local host philoSOPHIA annual conference, "Poetry, Politics, and Feminist Theory,"
2016
Session Chair, philoSOPHIA 2015
philoSOPHIA Executive Committee Member 2014-present
Session Chair, SPEP 2014
Radical Philosophy Association Program Committee Member 2012
Session Chair, Radical Philosophy Association 2012
Session Chair, Rethinking Prisons 2013
Session Chair, Kristeva Circle 2014
Ethics Bowl Judge 2012

Service to the Community

Prison and Theory Working Group (PTWG) founding member 2014 - present
The PTWG is committed to decarcerating theory and using theory to decarcerate society.
Webs of Support Domestic Violence Prevention Program Leader 2015 – present
In 2015, I helped establish and became the program leader of a new initiative to teach
domestic violence prevention and community organizing at the Denver Women's
Correctional Facility.
Elephant Circle (EC) Domestic Violence Prevention Educator 2013 – 2015
EC is an organization dedicated to supporting strong people in vulnerable times.
Through EC, I taught a class in the Denver Women's Correctional Facility on domestic
violence prevention and community organizing.
Green Dot Bystander Training Facilitator 2009-2011
A program that reduces sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking violence
through bystander intervention
Reciprocal Education and Community Healing (REACH) Coalition Member 2012 to
present
A group begun in a philosophy class on Tennessee's death row that promotes education

and healing through in-reach to people on death row and outreach to people on the outside

Recognitions, Honors, Fellowships etc.

President's Diversity Award, University of Colorado Denver, 2015
Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities Graduate Fellow, Vanderbilt University, 2010-2011
Franklin J. Machette Teaching Excellence Award in Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 2010
Berry Graduate Student Teaching Prize in Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 2009
Muliebrity Award (award for leadership in promoting gender equity), Vanderbilt University, 2011

Professional Organizations

American Philosophical Association
philoSOPHIA
Radical Philosophy Association
Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy

Other Indicators of Scholarly and Creative Activity

University of Colorado President's Fund for the Humanities Grant 2015
CU Denver Office of Research Services Small Grant 2015
CU Denver Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives Fund Grant 2014
CU Denver YUMPs Grant 2015
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