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Academic Employment

2021 – Postdoctoral Research Associate
Institute of Philosophy, University of Hamburg, Germany

Research Areas

SPECIALIZATION

Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics, Feminist Philosophy

COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Race and Racism, Continental Philosophy (19th and 20th Century), Philosophy of Gender and Sexuality

Education

- 2013 – 2020 PhD Philosophy
Stony Brook University (SUNY)
Dissertation: *Agency, Responsibility, and the Limits of Sexual Consent*
Committee: Megan Craig (advisor), Linda Martín Alcoff, Eva Feder Kittay,
Mary C. Rawlinson, Amia Srinivasan
- 2016 – 2017 Visiting Scholar, Institute for Philosophy
Free University Berlin
- 2016 Advanced Graduate Certificate in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Stony Brook University (SUNY)
- 2003 – 2007 BA Political Science (with High Honors)
Swarthmore College

Publications

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. "Audre Lorde's Erotic as Epistemic and Political Practice," *Hypatia* (forthcoming)
2. "Feeling, Knowledge, Self-Preservation: Audre Lorde's Oppositional Agency and Some Implications for Ethics," *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 6, no. 4 (2020): 463–482

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. “The Ethical Significance of Being an Erotic Object” (first author, with Ellie Anderson), in *The Palgrave Handbook of Sexual Ethics*, David Boonin (ed.) (Palgrave, 2022), 55–71
2. “The Ethics of Eating as a Human Organism,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Food Ethics*, Mary C. Rawlinson and Caleb Ward (eds.) (Routledge, 2017), 48–58

VOLUMES EDITED

1. *The Routledge Handbook of Food Ethics* (co-edited with Mary C. Rawlinson), Routledge, 2017
2. *Global Food, Global Justice: Essays on Eating under Globalization* (co-edited with Mary C. Rawlinson), Cambridge Scholars, 2015

BOOK REVIEWS

1. Review of *When Time Warps: The Lived Experience of Gender, Race, and Sexual Violence*, by Megan Burke, in *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy* 20, no. 2 (2020), 30–33
2. Review of *What is Rape? Social Theory and Conceptual Analysis*, by Hilkje Charlotte Hänel, in *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy* 19, no. 1 (2019), 38–40

PUBLIC AUDIENCE AND TRADE PUBLICATIONS

1. “[Survival and Self in Audre Lorde](#),” *Blog of the APA*, February 18, 2022
2. “Liberal education and public health: surveying the landscape” (co-author with K. Hovland, B. A. Kirkwood, M. Osterweis, G. B. Silver), *Peer Review* 11, no. 3 (2009): 5–9

Manuscripts in Development

AUTHORED BOOK

The Unflinching Philosophy of Audre Lorde, under contract with Oxford University Press

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

“Theorizing Non-Ideal Agency” for *Routledge Handbook of Non-Ideal Theory*, Hilkje C. Hänel and Johanna Müller (eds.) (Routledge, 2023 expected)

Talks

Refereed unless noted otherwise.

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| 10/2022 | “Like a Faint Line in the Center of Our Foreheads: Inheritance and Generational Change”
FEAST: Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory, Tampa, USA |
| 6/2022 | “The Problem of the Face for Critical Phenomenology”
International Summer Conference in Continental Ethics: Levinas, online |
| 9/2021 | Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, online |

- “Pursuing Self-Preservation over Security: Audre Lorde and the Thick Necessity of Survival” (Winner of the 2022 APA William James Prize)
- 4/2022 Workshop on Gender and Philosophy Berlin (invited)
- 1/2022 APA Eastern, online
- 11/2020 Roundtable for Black Feminist and Womanist Theory, online
- “Coalitional Distrust and Distortions of Difference” (invited)
- 11/2021 Roundtable on Black German Political Organizing and Audre Lorde, JFK Institute for North American Studies, Free University Berlin, Germany
- “Coalition-Building and Audre Lorde’s Erotic Practice”
- 9/2021 MANCEPT Workshop: Politics of Intimate Life, online
- “Consent, Feminist Structural Critique, and Responsibility to a Sexual Partner”
- 1/2020 APA Eastern, Symposium, Philadelphia
- 11/2019 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Pittsburgh, USA
- 5/2019 PhiloSOPHIA: Society for Continental Feminism, St. John’s, Canada
- “Living toward Self-Preservation: Audre Lorde’s Agency and Sexual Ethics”
- 11/2019 National Women’s Studies Association, San Francisco, USA
- 10/2019 FEAST: Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory, Tampa, USA
- “Responsibility and Responding to Sexual Consent”
- 1/2019 Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love, APA Eastern, New York, USA
- “Beyond Reciprocity: Levinas, Audre Lorde, and the Sexual Ethics of Alterity”
- 10/2018 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Penn State U., USA
- 10/2018 Hugh J. Silverman Award Lecture, Stony Brook University, USA (invited)
- “Limits of the Ideal of Consent for Sexual Ethics: Insights from Queer Phenomenology”
- 9/2018 European Feminist Research Conference, Göttingen, Germany
- “Audre Lorde’s Erotic Ethics: Courage, Feeling, and Ambiguity”
- 3/2016 PhiloSOPHIA: Society for Continental Feminism, Denver, USA
- “In the Name of Necessity: Sexual Desires and the Logic of Political Stability”
- 11/2015 Cultural Analysis and Theory Conference, Stony Brook University, USA
- “Is Consent Commensurable with Desire? An Intervention into Sexual Ethics”
- 6/2015 Public Philosophy Network, San Francisco, USA
- 5/2015 Conference of *Hypatia: Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, Villanova U., USA
- 5/2015 PhiloSOPHIA: Society for Continental Feminism, Emory University, USA

Grants and Fellowships

- 2019 Joyce Turner Dissertation Fellowship Award (Stony Brook University, for outstanding research on race, class, gender, sexuality, or ethnicity)
- 2016–2017 Max Kade Foundation Fellowship (funded research year in Germany)

2013–2018 Graduate Council Fellowship (Stony Brook University, merit-based grant and TA stipend supplement)

Teaching

INSTRUCTOR

Racism (Uni Hamburg, BA seminar, 2022)

Methods of Feminist Philosophy (Uni Hamburg, BA/MA seminar, 2022, and BA seminar, 2021, online)

Coalitional Politics and Social Change (Uni Hamburg, MA/BA seminar, 2021–22)

Feminist Phenomenology (Uni Hamburg, BA seminar, 2021–22)

Agency and Resistance to Overlapping Oppressions (Uni Hamburg, MA/BA seminar, 2021, online)

Introduction to Moral Reasoning: Ethics of Equality and Ethics of Difference (Stony Brook University, BA course, 2016)

Introduction to Moral Reasoning: From Autonomy to Ambiguity (Stony Brook University, BA course, 2015)

TEACHING ASSISTANT (ALL STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY)

Ancient Philosophy (Timothy Hyde, BA lecture, 2015)

Existentialism (Eduardo Mendieta, BA lecture, 2014)

Politics and Society (Serene Khader, BA lecture, 2014)

Introduction to Modern Philosophy (Jeffrey Edwards, BA lecture, 2013)

Relevant Non-Academic Employment

Association of American Colleges and Universities, Washington, DC

2010–2013 Program Associate for Student Engagement, Inclusion, and Success

2007–2009 Program Assistant for Diversity, Equity, and Global Initiatives

Project management to develop faculty partnerships and networks, grant proposals and reports, budget management, conference planning, interdisciplinary curriculum design, with special attention on serving students from diverse backgrounds and community college transfer students.

Service

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

2022– Steering Committee Member, *FEAST: Assn. for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory*

2022– Supporting Member, Society for Women in Philosophy Germany (SWIP Germany)

2019– Referee (*Journal of Politics*, *IJFAB*, Canadian Philosophical Association)

2015– Supporting Member, New York Society for Women in Philosophy (NYSWIP)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE AND MENTORSHIP—UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG

2022–2023 Organizer, Philosophy Institute Colloquium, seven events

2022 Contributor to Dialog Day on Effective Teaching Practices (nominated by students)

- 2022 Secondary Evaluator, Master’s Thesis, Uni Hamburg Philosophy
 2021– Mentor for MA and BA Theses, Uni Hamburg Philosophy and PEP programs
 2022 Organizer, guest lecture, “Are Race and Rasse the Same? Comparing Race
 Conceptions in the US and Germany” by HHU-Düsseldorf *Rasse* project
 2022 Organizer, guest lecture for Uni Hamburg Diversity Days, “Cultural Racism and
 Muslim Veiling” by Alia Al-Saji
 2021–2022 Organizer, Feminist Political Philosophy Speaker Series, six events
 2021 Presenter, public seminar on “Audre Lorde and Intersectional Resistance” for Uni
 Hamburg Diversity Days

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE—STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

- 2015–2016 Founding Member, Stony Brook Philosophy Committee for Inclusion and Parity
 2015–2016 Director of Stony Brook Graduate Colloquium in Philosophy (elected)
 2014–2015 Graduate Representative to the Doctoral History Exam Committee (elected)
 2014 Graduate Representative to the Stony Brook Philosophy Department (elected)
 2014 Safe Space Members Training Program (Stony Brook University LGBTQ Services)

Membership in Professional Associations

- American Philosophical Association
 American Political Science Association
 Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST)
 Association for Political Theory
 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
 Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love

Languages

- English: Native speaker
 German: Intermediate reading and writing; upper-intermediate spoken (CEFR level C1)