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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Africana Philosophy, Political Philosophy, Existentialism, Psychosocial Studies

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Phenomenology, Philosophy of History, Decolonial Studies

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2019-2020 **Assistant Professor.** Department of Philosophy. Muhlenberg College. Allentown, PA.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, 2019

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

Dissertation: “Approaching Cadavers: Suicide and Depression in the African Diaspora”

Short abstract: My dissertation explores how one can and should understand black wellbeing in a world structured by racism and coloniality. Through a social account of psychiatry or “sociodiagnostics,” this project examines depression and suicide within the African diaspora. Employing existential phenomenology, Africana philosophy, and psychiatric models, I argue that Afro-diasporic subjects face systematic un-wellness under “disordered” socio-political arrangements. By accounting for the exogenous causes and lived-experience of people with mental disorders, I then demonstrate how the treatment of depression demands not only psychiatric intervention but also social restructuring.

Committee: Lewis R. Gordon, Professor of Philosophy (Supervisor), Michael P. Lynch, Professor of Philosophy, Jane Anna Gordon, Associate Professor of Political Science, and Fred Lee, Assistant Professor of Political Science.

M.A., Philosophy, 2016

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

B.A., Philosophy, 2014

Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY.

Certificates: Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Graduate Certificate, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, 2019.

Teaching Fellow, Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute (PIKSI), Boston, MA, Summer 2016.

Philosophy Tutor, Counseling Program for Intercollegiate Athletes, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, 2014–2015.

Additional studies:

Participant, Caribbean Philosophical Association Summer School: 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Aerospace Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute: 2009.

DIALOGUE FACILITATOR EXPERIENCE

Facilitator, Encounter Series, Democracy and Dialogues Initiative, Storrs, CT, 2020–2021.

Facilitator, CTCORE-Organize Now!, New Haven, CT, 2021.

Facilitator, Encounter Series, Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project, Hartford, CT, 2017–2018.

Facilitator, Creating a Hospitable Atmosphere of Public and Educational Life (CHAPEL), St. Mark's Episcopal Chapel, Storrs, CT, Feb. 10, 2018.

Facilitator, Connecticut Civic Ambassador Summit, Hartford Public Library, Hartford, CT, Dec. 2, 2017.

Facilitator, Small Talks, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, Nov. 13, 2016.

PUBLICATIONS

“Signals Crossed: White Double Consciousness and the Critic,” *Philosophy of Education* 77:3 (2021).

“The Violence of Leadership in Black Lives Matter,” *The Movement for Black Lives: Philosophical Perspectives*. New York: Oxford University Press (2021).

“Acts of Reading: Diasporas, Loneliness, and Demons,” *Caliban's Readings* (June 18, 2021): <https://caribbeanphilosophy.org/blog/acts-of-reading>.

“Book Review: *Race and the Making of American Political Science*,” *The Journal of African American History* 106:2 (2021).

“Book Review: *Black Madness :: Mad Blackness*,” *Philosophy and Global Affairs* 1:1 (2021).

“Critical Commemorations,” *Journal of Global Ethics* 16:3 (2020).

“Fluid Memories, Static Monuments,” *Disegno: The Quarterly Journal of Design* 27 (2020).

“The Future of Alienation and the Possibilities of Fanonian Sociodiagnostics,” *EntreLetras* 11: 2 (2020).

“We All Fall Down,” *The APA Blog: Black Issues in Philosophy* (August 4, 2020): <https://blog.apaonline.org/2020/08/04/we-all-fall-down/>.

“Within the Shadow of Monuments,” *Blog of the APA* (March 26, 2019): <https://blog.apaonline.org/2019/03/26/within-the-shadow-of-monuments/>.

“Africana Philosophy and Depression,” *The APA Blog: Black Issues in Philosophy* (November 19, 2018): <https://blog.apaonline.org/2018/11/19/black-issues-in-philosophy-africana-philosophy-and-depression/>.

“Marx: The Historical Necessity of Slavery & Agriculture,” *Cosmos and History: The Journal of Natural and Social Philosophy* 13:1 (2017).

“Book Review: Tommy Curry's *The Man-Not*,” *The APA Blog: Black Issues in Philosophy* (November 14, 2017): <https://blog.apaonline.org/2017/11/14/reflections-on-tommy-curry/>.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Hierarchies of Foreignness: The Writing of Man in the New World,” *Journal of World Philosophies*, Forthcoming.

“Wretched Spaces: Manichean Divisions in the Arendtian Republic,” *Creolizing Arendt*, Forthcoming.

With Brendan Kane and Hilary Bogert-Winkler, “Encounters: The Handbook,” *Initiative on Campus Dialogues-University of Connecticut*. In Preparation.

PRESENTATIONS

“The Riot of Disorder,” People on Streets: Critical Phenomenologies of Embodied Resistance, Paderborn University, Paderborn, Germany, May 12-14, 2022. *Forthcoming*.

Panel Discussant: “Author-Meets-Critic for *Reconsidering Reparations: Worldmaking in the Age of Climate Crisis*,” American Philosophical Association’s Eastern Division, Baltimore, Maryland, January 5-8, 2022. *Forthcoming*.

Keynote Lecture: “Ecstatic Communities,” Winnie Mandela Speaker Series and Kwanzaa Celebration, Africa Scholars Forum, University of Massachusetts-Boston, December 10, 2021. *Forthcoming*.

“Terror is a Many-Splendored Thing,” Gender, Power, and Conflicts in 20th Century Colonial Africa, African Studies Association, November 16-20, 2021.

“Dreading Disaster: Bad Faith and Conviction in the Wake of Failure,” Radical Philosophy Association: Facing Catastrophe: Environment, Technology, and Media, Online Conference, November 11-13, 2021.

Panel Discussant: “Author-Meets-Critic for *Sartre on Contingency: Antiracist Racism and Embodiment*,” North American Sartre Society: “Existentialism and Embodiment,” Online Conference, October 29-30, 2021.

“Emotional Bodies & Degraded Worlds,” North American Sartre Society: “Existentialism and Embodiment,” Online Conference, October 29-30, 2021.

Panel Discussant: “White Virtue-Signaling,” Intersections: Discussing Race and Education, Virtual Series, October 21, 2021.

“The Loophole of Captivity: Conversations with Jacobs, Newton, and Abu-Jamal,” Caribbean Philosophical Association: Shifting the Geography of Reason XIX: Black Lives: Matter: Black American Resistance Through Thought, Online Conference, June 18-19, 2021.

Invited Talk: “Admission: The Subject as an Object of Study,” Midlands MAP Festival, Online Presentation, June 11, 2021.

“Repossession: The Ambiguity of Decolonization,” De Beauvoir: New Perspectives for the 21st Century Conference, Online Presentation, June 2-4, 2021.

Guest Lecture: “The Fire This Time: The Disasters of St. Vincent,” Bryn Mawr College and Haverford Environmental Studies, Online Presentation, April 23, 2021.

Response Paper: “Signals Crossed: White Double Consciousness and the Role of the Critic.” The Philosophy of Education Society Annual Meeting, Online Presentation, March 4, 2021.

Co-Organizer and Presenter: “Capitol Offense: The Symbols of Our Discontent,” Symbols and Sedition,

Applied Ethics Center, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Online Presentation, February 25, 2021.

Panel Discussant: “Worthy of study, worthy of honor?,” Rutgers Foundations of Probability Seminar, Rutgers University, Online Presentation, February 8, 2021.

Panel Discussant: “Is the University Colonial?: Critical Conversations on Its Present,” The University of Connecticut and University of Nottingham, Online Presentation, November 30, 2020.

Specialist: “Monuments and Democracy in Historical Perspective,” Connecticut Historical Society and Connecticut Humanities, Online Dialogue, October 14, 2020.

“The Riot of Disorder,” The Philosophy Salon: Speaker Series, Bard College, Online Presentation, October 2, 2020.

Co-Organizer and Presenter: “Monumental Errors: On the Use and Abuse of History,” The Ethics and Politics of Controversial Monuments and Memorials, Applied Ethics Center, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Online Presentation, September 22, 2020.

“The Order of Terror and the Things to Come,” Fanon at 95: A Twenty-Day Online Celebration, Caribbean Philosophical Association, Online Presentation, July 1-20, 2020.

“Diasporic Islands: On Indigenizing and Settling the Caribbean,” Caribbean Philosophical Association: Shifting the Geography of Reason XVII: Dignity, Power and Place in the Caribbean, The University of the Virgin Islands, Saint Croix, April 1-4, 2020 (Conference Cancelled).

“Caliban’s Treason: Culture and Development in the Global South,” Caliban’s Reason – 20 Years Strong Conferences, University of the West Indies-Mona Campus, Kingston, Jamaica, March 19-22, 2020 (Conference Cancelled).

“Theorizing Spatial Dis/appearance as a Middle Passage,” American Philosophical Association’s Eastern Division, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 8-11, 2020.

“Phenomenology & Psychopathology: Africana Perspectives,” American Philosophical Association’s Eastern Division, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 8-11, 2020.

“The Global South as Natural Scarcity,” Caribbean Philosophical Association: Shifting the Geography of Reason XVI: Resistance, Reparation, Renewal, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, June 6-8, 2019.

Panel Discussant: “Art, Museums, and Historical Justice,” Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 23, 2019.

Invited Symposium: “The Movement for Black Lives: Leadership and Tactics for Social Change,” American Philosophical Association’s Pacific Division, Vancouver, Canada, April 17–21, 2019.

“Intellectual Humility and Public Engagement – some lessons on linking research and practice,” Renewing Public Discourse: The Humility and Conviction in Public Life Capstone Workshop, The University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, April 4-5, 2019.

“The Theory and Practice of ‘Encounters: a forum for public dialogue,’” Eastern Region Campus Compact Biennial Conference: Education For Democracy, Providence, Rhode Island, March 25-27, 2019.

“Du Bois, Fanon, and Rawls: Constructing Well-Ordered Arrangements,” Society for the Advancement of

American Philosophy: Inclusive Communities, Columbus, Ohio, March 14-16, 2019.

Panel Discussant: “Should We Rename Faneuil Hall,” University of Massachusetts-Boston, Boston, Massachusetts, December 6, 2018.

“Unwanted Liberty: On Humility, Conviction and the Desire to Be Political,” National Voter Registration Day: Huskies Vote, The University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, September 25, 2018.

“Living Well Under Political Disarrangement,” Caribbean Philosophical Association: Shifting the Geography of Reason XV: Ways of Knowing, Past and Future, Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (UCAD), Dakar, Senegal, June 19–22, 2018.

“Timber Nigger: The Underside of Being Human,” Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, University of California-LA, Los Angeles, California, May 17–19, 2018.

Panel Discussant: “The Persistence of Racial Inequality in 21st Century America: A Symposium on the Work of Glenn Loury,” University of Massachusetts-Boston, Boston, Massachusetts, April 10, 2018.

“You Lead, I Follow: The Violence of Leadership in Black Lives Matter,” African American Intellectual History Society, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, March 30-31, 2018.

“The Territory of Terror,” Borderlands Critical Graduate Symposium: Cartographies of the Body, The University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, March 30-31, 2018.

Discussant: “They Mistook a Backlash for a Movement: Black Men and the Doom of Western Civilization,” Tommy Curry, Tough Talk Lecture Series, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, February 13, 2018.

“We Gonna Ill: Addressing Depression in the African Diaspora,” Society for the Study of Africana Philosophy, New York, New York, November 19, 2017.

“Humanities in Action: Academic Research and Public Dialogue,” National Humanities Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2–5, 2017.

“The Pursuit and Fugitivity of Freedom,” Caribbean Philosophical Association: Shifting the Geography of Reason XIV: Theorizing Livivity, Decolonizing Freedom, Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York, New York, June 22-24, 2017.

Discussant: “Indigenous Refusals of Settler-Capitalist Notions of Precarity and Aging: The Struggle for Indigenous Elsewheres,” Sandy Grande, The University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, November 15, 2016.

“Theorizing Spatial Dis/appearance as a Middle Passage,” Languages Graduate Student Association: Migration and Displacement in Literatures, Cultures and Languages, The University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, November 11, 2016.

“The Crisis of Black Appearance,” Philosophy Born of Struggle: Theorizing within Revolt: Black Power, Black Life, & Black Thought— The Role of Africana Philosophy in 21st Century Struggles, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, November 3–5, 2016.

“On Being, Illicit Appearance, and Publics,” Phenomenology Roundtable, The University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, June 20–21, 2016.

“Approaching Cadavers: Departure in the African(a) Diaspora,” Caribbean Philosophical Association: Shifting the Geography of Reason XIII: Theorizing from Small Places, The University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, June 16–18, 2016.

“Theorizing Spatial Dis/appearance as a Middle Passage,” Borderlands Critical Graduate Symposium: Beyond Bridges and Barbwire, The University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, April 29-30, 2016.

“Wretched Spaces: Manichean Divisions in the Arendtian Republic,” Work of Settler Colonialism Symposium, The CUNY Graduate Center, New York, New York, April 2, 2016.

“The Pitfalls of Constitutionalism,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities Conference, University of Connecticut Law School, Hartford, Connecticut, April 1–2, 2016.

“Unmoorings: Theorizing Spatial Disappearance as a Middle Passage,” In/Visibility: An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference, UMass Amherst, Amherst, Massachusetts, March 11–12, 2016.

“Hierarchies of Foreignness: The Writing of Humanity in the New World,” Urban (De)Coloniality & Literature: Comparative Literature Graduate Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, March 3, 2016.

“Wretched Spaces: Manichean Divisions in the Arendtian Republic,” Caribbean Philosophical Association: Shifting the Geography of Reason XII: Technologies of Liberation, Riviera Maya, Quintana Roo, Mexico, June 18–21, 2015.

Panel Discussant: “Freedom as Marronage,” Neil Roberts, The University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, April 28, 2015.

“Don’t fire until you see the whites of their eyes’: The Loss on Bunker Hill,” Virginia Humanities Conference: The Humanities and/in the Public Sphere, Marymount University, Arlington, Virginia, April 10–11, 2015.

“Depression & Suicide in the African Diaspora: An Ethics of Departure,” Transcending Borders and Disciplines: The Global Importance of Transnationalism, UMass Amherst, Amherst, Massachusetts, March 7, 2015.

“Don’t fire until you see the whites of their eyes’: The Loss on Bunker Hill,” Abiding Cities, Remnant Sites Conference, The CUNY Graduate Center, New York, New York, November 13–14, 2014.

MEDIA

Podcast, “Monuments, Racism and The Ethics of Public Memory: A Conversation with Dana Miranda,” Ethics in Action Podcast, University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston, Massachusetts, 2020:
<https://ethics.podbean.com/e/monuments-racism-and-the-ethics-of-public-memory-a-conversation-with-dana-miranda/>.

Podcast, “Should We Rename Faneuil Hall? A Conversation with Dana Miranda,” Ethics in Action Podcast, University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston, Massachusetts, 2018:
<https://www.podbean.com/media/share/pb-5wqwf-982113>.

Press Conference, “Civic Ambassador Program Launches: Engaging Students and Residents Throughout The State,” Connecticut Civic Ambassador Program, Connecticut Legislative Office Building; Hartford, Connecticut, September 18, 2017: <http://ct-n.com/ctnplayer.asp?odID=14551>.

Podcast, “A Conversation with Dana Miranda,” The Motivational Jumpstart, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, October 6, 2016: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OONf1P_Vb_k.

EDITORIAL & REVIEW WORK

1. Senior Editor, *Caliban’s Readings*, Caribbean Philosophical Association (2021–).
2. Editorial Board Member and Staff Writer, *The APA Blog: Black Issues in Philosophy* (2017–).
1. Reviewer, *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* (2020–); *Philosophy & Social Criticism* (2021–); *Journal of World Philosophies* (2021–).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Chair of Architectonics, Caribbean Philosophical Association	2014–
Secretary of Digital Outreach, Caribbean Philosophical Association	2019–
Member, Black Faculty, Staff, and Students Association, UMass Boston	2021–
Member, UMass Boston Faculty/Staff for Justice in Palestine	2021–
Faculty Fellow, Applied Ethics Center, University of Massachusetts Boston	2020–
Research Associate, Philosophy Department, University of Connecticut	2020–
Secretary of Graduate Student Outreach, Caribbean Philosophical Association	2014–2019
Member, American Philosophical Association	2016–
Member, UConn President’s Committee on Civil Discourse & Dialogue	2018–2019
Member, Deliberative Democracy Coalition	2019–2020
Junior Research Fellow, Applied Ethics Center, University of Massachusetts Boston	2018–2020
Project Scholar, The Ethics of Public Memory in Boston, Mass Humanities	2018–2019
Civic Ambassador, Connecticut Civic Ambassadors Initiative	2017–2019
Public Humanities Research Assistant, Humility and Conviction in Public Life	2016–2019
Election Committee Member, GEU-UAW Local 6950 UConn Graduate Employee Union	2015–2018
Steering Committee Member, “Togetherness: Confronting Racism,” Day of Metanoia	2017
President, University of Connecticut Graduate Students of Color Association	2015–2016
Graduate Initiative Fellow, The Graduate School, University of Connecticut	2015–2016
Research Assistantship (GA-R), University of Connecticut, Philosophy Department	2014–2015
Senator, University of Connecticut Graduate Students of Color Association	2014–2015

AWARDS

North Star Collective Faculty Fellowship, North Star Collective (NSC)	2022
Parents’ Fund, Trexler Library Committee, Muhlenberg College	2019
Crandall-Cordero Fellowship, University of Connecticut	2017–2019
Giolas-Harriott Fellowship, University of Connecticut	2014–2017
Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Connecticut	2019
Group Winner, President’s Award for Dialogue and Civility, University of Connecticut	2019
Africana/Indigeneity Study Group, Seed Grant, El Instituto, University of Connecticut	2018
Recipient, Predoctoral Fellowship, Philosophy Department, University of Connecticut	2018
Recipient, Graduate Student Senate Community Service Award, University of Connecticut	2018
Finalist, Edward Victor Gant Scholarship, University of Connecticut	2018
Whetten Latin American Studies Award, El Instituto, University of Connecticut	2018
2018 Doctoral Student Travel Award, Graduate School, University of Connecticut	2018

Mentoring the Mentors Workshop Travel Award, American Philosophical Association-Eastern	2017
Caribbean Interdisciplinary Research and Outreach Initiative (CIROI/CI) Research Stipend	2017
African American Faculty and Staff Book Scholarship, University of Connecticut	2017
100 Men of Color Honoree, Connecticut	2017
The Compact for Faculty Diversity Travel Scholarship, New England Scholar	2014, 2015, 2017

REFERENCES

Lewis R. Gordon
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 University of Connecticut
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Jane Anna Gordon
 Professor, Department of Political Science
 University of Connecticut
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