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EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Ph.D., Department of Philosophy

Affiliated with the Mellon Cluster Fellowship in Critical Theory

Evanston, IL

2024-2029 (expected)

Morehouse College

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Philosophy and Political Science, Phi Beta Kappa

Atlanta, GA

2021-2024

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization: Africana Philosophy; Aesthetics; Critical Theory; Social Epistemology; Social and Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Law; Philosophy of Race

PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH ARTICLES

Bell III, Calvin. In press. "Epistemic Striking: Resisting Epistemic Fatigue and Epistemic Overburden and Forging Communal Solidarity Among the Oppressed." *Social Epistemology*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02691728.2026.2751085>.

Bell III, Calvin R. 2022. "Reimagining the Carceral Landscape: From Discipline and Punishment to Social Reckoning and Radical Love in Academic Spaces." *The Macksey Journal* 3 (1).

BOOK CHAPTERS

Bell III, Calvin, and Keon L. Gilbert. 2026. "Restoring the Social Contract: Environmental Justice, Racial Equity, and the Fight for Democratic Renewal." In *De Gruyter Handbook of Urban Planning and Social Justice*, edited by Robert Mark Silverman. De Gruyter. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111670799-011>.

Bell III, Calvin. 2023. "What's In A Name?: Finding Self-Identity in the Midst of Paternal Uncertainty." In *Black Children of Incarcerated Parents Speak Truth to Power: Social Revolution*, edited by Britany J. Gatewood, et al. Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003301011-3>.

PUBLIC WRITING & CREATIVE WORKS

Bell III, Calvin, Sofia Aklog, and Flavio Papa, prods. 2026. *Rhythmic Exodus*. Audiovisual Essay. The Block Museum of Art. Digital, 6:00.

Bell III, Calvin. 2025. "A Call to Public Scholars During Turbulent Times." *American Philosophical Association (APA)*.

Busette, Camille, Keon L. Gilbert, and **Calvin Bell**. 2025. "Community Perspectives on Well-being for Black Boys." *The Brookings Institution*.

Gilbert, Keon L., and **Calvin Bell**. 2024. "Banning Critical Race Theory Could Hinder the Pursuit of Environmental Justice." *The Brookings Institution*.

Gilbert, Keon L., and **Calvin Bell**. 2024. "Olympic Transformation of Metropolitan Cities—for Better or for Worse." *The Brookings Institution*.

DEPARTMENTAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2026

Introduction to Political Philosophy (PHIL 261); Instructor: Grad. Candidate Dominique Codija

Spring 2026

Introduction to Political Philosophy (PHIL 261); Instructor: Asst. Professor Pascal Brixel

Winter 2026

Philosophy, Race, and Racism (PHIL 224); Instructor: Assoc. Professor Corey Barnes

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

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| 2026 | Mellon Mays Predoctoral Research Development Grant, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) |
| 2026 | Dissertation Proposal Development Program, Northwestern University |
| 2026 | Critical Theory Cluster Graduate Student Conference Grant, Northwestern University |
| 2025-2026 | Alice Kaplan Institute Public Humanities Graduate Practicum Fellow, Northwestern University |
| 2025 | Qualitative Methods Enrichment Scholarship, UNC Odum Institute for Research in Social Science |
| 2025 | The Graduate School Interdisciplinary Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern University |
| 2025 | Graduate Student Travel Grant, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP) |
| 2025 | Graduate Fellowship in Legal Studies, Northwestern University |
| 2025 | Philosophy Graduate Student Travel Grant, Northwestern University |
| 2024-2029 | Beinecke Scholarship Program Recipient, The Sperry Fund |
| 2024 | Otis Moss Jr. and Otis Moss III Oratorical Contest First Place Recipient |
| 2023 | Rhodes Scholarship Finalist |
| 2023 | Morehouse Advocacy Reaching Capitol Hill (MARCH) Program |
| 2023 | White House HBCU Recognition Scholar |
| 2023 | Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation Finalist |
| 2023 | Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society (Political Science) |
| 2022 | Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society (Philosophy) |
| 2022 | Gloucester County NAACP Next Generation Award |
| 2022 | UNCF Macy's Brighter Futures Scholarship |

- 2022** Social Justice and Leadership Innovation Award, Morehouse Andrew Young Center for Global Leadership
- 2022** Luard Morse Scholarship Finalist, English-Speaking Union
- 2021** Harvard Kennedy School Public Policy Leadership Conference (PPLC) Fellow

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SYMPOSIA

- “Radical Protest as Liberal Democratic Praxis: Reassessing Alain Locke’s Political Dispositions.” July 2026. Charles Taylor Annual Summer Institute on Democratic Agendas, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, Serbia.
- “To Steal the Self, To Be Stolen: Capturing Black Performance and Cultural Appropriation in the Archive of Enjoyment.” March 2026. Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy 53rd Annual Meeting, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- “On Epistemic Fatigue, Epistemic Overburden, and Forging Futures of Horizontal Resistance.” November 2025. Roundtable for Black Feminist and Womanist Theory 6th Annual Meeting, Virtual.
- “To Steal the Self, To Be Stolen: Capturing Black Performance and Cultural Appropriation in the Archive of Enjoyment.” October 2025. Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy 63rd Annual Meeting, Virtual.
- “On Epistemic Fatigue, Epistemic Overburden, and Forging Futures of Horizontal Resistance.” October 2025. Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, University of Dayton.
- “Rhythmic Exodus.” July 2025. Summer Institute for Audiovisual Criticism, Goethe University Frankfurt.
- “On Protest: In Search of a Liberal Democracy.” March 2025. Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy 52nd Annual Meeting, Howard University.

INVITED PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- “‘Why America May Go to Hell’: The Black Prophetic Tradition as America’s Last Hope.” January 2026. The Dean’s Forum, Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel, Morehouse College.
- “Rehearsals in Black Studies Workshop: Comments on William Paris’s *Race, Time, and Utopia*.” November 2025. Critical Theory Cluster, Northwestern University.
- “Critical Theory Workshop: Comments on Fumi Okiji’s *Billie’s Bent Elbow*.” March 2025. Critical Theory Cluster, Northwestern University.

MEDIA AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Bell, Calvin.** Interview with Jessica Castellani. May 2025. *APA Member Interview: Calvin Roosevelt Bell III*, American Philosophical Association (APA).
- Bell, Calvin.** Interview with Brianna Carr. September 2024. *We Expect Nothing Less: The Benjamin E. Mays Story*, WABE.
- Bell, Calvin.** Interview with Denise Cooper. September 2024. *Wellness in Black Life*, The Brookings Institution.
- Bell, Calvin** and Kipton Jensen. Interview with The Morehouse Office of Strategic Marketing &

Communications. May 2024. *On Topic: Discussing the Higher Education in Prisons Initiative at the Andrew Young Center for Global Leadership (AYCGL)*, Morehouse College.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2026 Senior Public Policy and Environmental Justice Researcher**
LS Whitehead Group (LSWG), LLC
- Developed a policy report for the National Black Child Development Institute's (NBCDI) Food & Care Justice Initiative
 - Supervisor: LaToria Whitehead, Ph.D., MPH, Founder & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of LS Whitehead Group (LSWG), LLC
- 2025 Research Assistant**
Department of Philosophy, Northwestern University
- Indexed *The Oxford Handbook on Social Epistemology* (2025)
 - Supervisor: Jennifer Lackey, Ph.D., Wayne and Elizabeth Jones Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Law
- 2024 Research Intern**
The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.
Governance Studies; Race, Prosperity, and Inclusion Initiative (RPII)
- Published several articles on the How We Rise blog, focusing on varying social and political issues
 - Developed a facilitator model for the Wellness in Black Life project, and carried out interviews on police reforms in St. Louis and Baltimore for the Policing Project
 - Supervisor: Keon Gilbert, Dr.P.H., Director of RPII & Governance Studies Senior Fellow

COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- 2026** Teaching Resource Coordinator, Philosophy Graduate Student Association, Northwestern University
- 2026** Organizer, Post-Kantian and Continental Philosophy Workshop, Northwestern University
- 2026** Reviewer, Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP), Northwestern University
- 2025-2026** Graduate Peer Mentor, Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Success, Northwestern University
- 2024-2027** Social Chair; Communications Chair, Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA), Northwestern University
- 2024-2025** Graduate Representative, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), Northwestern University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association
American Studies Association
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy