

Curriculum Vitae

Damion Kareem Scott
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Education:

State University of New York, Stony Brook
PhD, Philosophy

Dissertation: Tractatus de Speculatione Obscura: Logics of Speculation on
Some 'Dark' Objects

Supervisor: Professor Harvey Cormier
Director: Professor Anne O'Byrne
Reader: Professor Edward Casey
External Reader: Professor Graham Harman

Areas of Specialization: Metaphysics, Aesthetics, Non-Western Philosophy, Philosophy of
Technology, Philosophical Logic, Philosophy of Race and Ethnicity

Areas of Competency: Pragmatism, Phenomenology, Africana Philosophy, East Asian
Philosophy, M. Delany, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, Existentialism

Columbia University in the City of New York
MA, African American Studies

University of London, Birkbeck College
MA, Philosophy

New York University
BA, Philosophy

Teaching:

Montclair State University, New Jersey - 2024 to Present
Department of Philosophy
Instructor

The State University of New York, Stony Brook - 2024 to 2025
Department of Philosophy
Teaching Fellow

The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art - 2024
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Adjunct Instructor

The City University of New York - 2023 to 2024
Brooklyn College, Department of Philosophy
Adjunct Instructor

Fordham University - 2022 to 2023
Department of Philosophy
Adjunct Lecturer

The State University of New York, Stony Brook - 2022
Department of Philosophy
Teaching Fellow

The City University of New York - 2021 to 2023
The City College of New York
Department of Philosophy
Adjunct Assistant Professor

The City University of New York - 2014 to 2021
The City College of New York
Department of Philosophy
Adjunct Lecturer

The City University of New York - 2013 to 2016
The John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Department of Africana Studies
Adjunct Lecturer

The City University of New York - 2012 to 2013
The John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Department of Philosophy
Adjunct Lecturer

The British Education College of Tokyo, Japan - 2005
Assistant Professor of Social Sciences and Humanities

Courses Taught:

Montclair State University:
PHIL 10201 Ethics and Community Engagement
PHIL 23101 American Philosophy
PHIL 292 Nietzsche

Cooper Union:
HUM 373 Philosophy of Race

Fordham University:
PHIL 3000 Philosophical Ethics

CUNY:

PHIL 3314 Moral Issues in Business
PHIL 20600 Philosophy of Science Fiction
PHIL 34400/ BLST 31920 African American Philosophy
PHIL 31906 American Pragmatism
PHIL 31125/BLST 31910 Philosophy and Afrofuturism
PHIL 30001 Honors Seminar: The Rational Animal
PHIL 10200 Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 11100 Critical Thinking
PHIL 231 Being, Knowing, Doing: Introduction to Philosophical Method
PHIL/LAW 310 Ethics and Law
AFR 320 Perspectives on Justice in the Africana Diaspora
AFR 125 Race and Ethnicity in America
AFR 123 Justice, The Individual and Struggle in the African-American Experience
AFR 140 Introduction to Africana Studies

SUNY:

PHI 108 Logic and Critical Reasoning
PHI 104 Moral Reasoning

As Teaching Assistant:

PHI 104 Moral Reasoning
PHI 108 Logic and Critical Reasoning (Gary Mar)
PHI 200 History of Ancient Philosophy (Roy Ben-Shai)
PHI 264 Jazz Aesthetics (Lorenzo Simpson)
PHI 353 Philosophy of Mind (Harvey Cormier)

Publications:

“Afrofuturism and Black Futurism: Some Ontological and Semantic Considerations” in *Critical Black Futures*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2021

Media:

Featured in the Paramount/Smithsonian Channel Documentary *The Origins of Afrofuturism*, directed by Alexis Aggrey, November 2022

<https://app.frame.io/presentations/6fa7aeb1-2855-4a90-97f7-42ff7048368b>

Honors and Awards:

SUNY-New York State Turner Fellowship

Columbia University African American Studies Departmental Scholarship

CUNY-John Jay College Department of Africana Studies-Excellence in Teaching

Award

United Kingdom Home Office-Department of Education-Hugh Gaitskell Grant Recipient

NYU College of Arts and Science Scholarship

Presentations and Conferences

Invited Speaker- The New School for Social Research Graduate Conference on Philosophy and 'Violence,' February 2025

Paper Title: "Fighting the Good (or Bad) Fight: Martin R Delany and Friedrich Nietzsche on Aspects of Race, War, and Violence"

Organizer and Presenter- Day of Afrofuturism Conference in conjunction with CCNY, St. Joseph's University, Temple University, and the Carnegie Hall Association, March 2022

Panel Discussant- Philosophy and Religion in the Africana Traditions 7th Annual Conference, October 2021

Paper Title: "A few Puzzles about Afrofuturism and Black Futurism"

Invited Speaker- Canadian-Bangladeshi Philosophical Society

Discussion of African American Philosophy and Conceptions of Justice, October 2021

Panel Discussant- American Philosophical Association: Colloquium on Moral Perception: Response to "*Moral Perception and the Phenomenology of Racialized Experience*" by Professor Peter A. Antich, January 2021

Invited Speaker- Brooklyn Public Library and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy- A Night of Philosophy and Ideas, February 2020

Discussion on Critical Race Theory and Intimacy

Invited Speaker-Brooklyn Public Library and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy "Ask a Philosopher" Event, February 2020

Invited Speaker-Brooklyn Public Library and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy-A Night of Philosophy and Ideas, February 2019

Discussion on Jury Duty and Justice Reform

Panel Discussant- American Philosophical Association: Radical Philosophy Association: Author Meets Critics- *Clinical Trials and the African Person: A Quest to Re-conceptualize Responsibility* by Professor Ike Valentine Iyioke, January 2019

Invited Speaker- Philosophy and Religion in the Africana Traditions 5th Annual Conference, October 2018

Paper Title: 'Cachinnate Yourself about Mental Slavery: A Freudian Approach to the Horrific Humor in *Get Out*'

Invited Speaker-The City College of New York Philosophy Club, October 2017

Paper Title: 'Relativistic Subject Naturalism'

Stony Brook Faculty/Graduate Student Colloquium Series

Panel Discussant- Professor Harvey Cormier, Presentation "DuBois, Race and American Experimentalism", September 2017

City College of New York WHCR Radio, September 2016

Discussion of Afrofuturistic Music

Invited Speaker- Society for the Study of Africana Philosophy, November 2015

Paper Title: 'Nietzsche, Martin Delany, Malcolm X and The Power of Violence'

Philosophy and Religion in Africana Traditions Annual 3rd Annual Conference. October 2015

Paper Title: 'The Importance of Pluralistic Naturalism for Black Humanity'

Invited Speaker- AfroFutures UK Annual Conference 2015- Manchester, United Kingdom, October 2015

Paper Title: 'Sonic Realism, Sonic Actualism, and Dark Music'

Invited Speaker- Emancipation: Challenges at the Intersection of American and European Philosophy Conference-The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, The Central European Pragmatist Forum, and the New York Pragmatist Forum, February 2015

Paper Title: 'The Ironic Liberational Value of Military Technology'

Panel Speaker- John Jay College of Criminal Justice, African Studies Department, Black History Month Panel Discussion, 'Do We Need a New Civil Rights Movement?', February 2015

Title: 'On Uncivil Rights'

Invited Presenter- 6th Annual Student Philosophy Conference: A Colloquium on Race, Philosophy Department at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, April 2014

Paper Title: 'Plural Worlds and Black Futurism'

Invited Speaker- Pennsylvania State University Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 2014

Paper Title: 'Subjectivity, Objectivity, and Genocide'

Invited Speaker- Society for the Study of Africana Philosophy, February 2014

Multimedia Presentation Title: "What Exactly is 'Black' about Black Futurism?" Dark Electronic Music, Black Sci Fi Film, and Possible Worlds

Invited Panel Discussion- Caribbean Philosophical Association meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 2013

Black Science Fiction Panel

Presentation Title: "A Dark Ontology: Black Futurism and Possible Worlds"

Invited Participant- Novartis Foundation Discussion Meeting, 'Making Sense of Brain Images: Philosophy of Mind, Phenomenology and Schizophrenia', November 1999

Invited Speaker on Graduate Students Panel- Rutgers University, New Jersey, Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, July 1999

Invited Speaker- Yale Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, April 1997

Paper Title: 'Physicalism and Theoretical Relativity'

Languages:

Passed SUNY French translation exam, Conversational in and Advanced Reading Knowledge of French, Conversational Japanese

Professional Affiliations:

American Philosophical Association, Society for the Study of Africana Philosophy, New York Pragmatist Forum

Academic References:

Professor Harvey Cormier (Stony Brook), Professor Graham Harman (Sci-Arc), Professor Ed Casey (Stony Brook), Professor Anne O'Byrne (Stony Brook), Professor Robert-Gooding Williams (Columbia), Professor John Richardson (NYU), Professor Howard McGary (Rutgers, retired), Dr. Christopher Janaway (Southampton), Dr. Kenneth Gemes (Birkbeck, London), Professor Thomas Nagel (NYU, retired)