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Curriculum Vitae

I. EDUCATION

- 2014** Doctorate awarded in Philosophy (summa cum laude)
2011-2014 Doctoral studies in Philosophy at FREE UNIVERSITY (Berlin)
2005 Master of Arts in ›Philosophy‹ and ›Modern German Literature‹ at FREE UNIVERSITY (Berlin) (very good)
1998-2005 Studies in ›Philosophy‹ and ›Modern German Literature‹ at CHRISTIAN-ALBRECHTS-UNIVERSITY (Kiel) and FREE UNIVERSITY (Berlin)

II. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/SERVICE

- 2024-today** Adjunct English and Humanities at HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Maryland, USA
2024-today Section Editor for Africa for the WOMEN PHILOSOPHERS HERITAGE COLLECTION in collaboration with DE GRUTER and the HISTORY PHILOSOPHERS AND SCIENTISTS, UNIVERSITY OF PADERBORN, Germany, Series Editor Ruth Hagengruber
2023-2024 Visiting Assistant Professor for Philosophy at GETTYSBURG COLLEGE, Pennsylvania, United States of America
2022-2023 Lecturer in World Philosophy with SOAS (THE SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES) at the UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, United Kingdom
2023-today Member of the Editorial and Advisory Board of the JOURNAL OF WORLD RELIGIONS AND INTERFAITH HARMONY
2022-today Editor of APA STUDIES ON PHILOSOPHY AND THE BLACK EXPERIENCE
2022-today Editorial Advisory Board Member for INTELLECTUS. THE AFRICAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY
2022-today Co-Director and Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Project DEMOGRAPHICS IN PHILOSOPHY
2022-today Member of the Working Group WOMEN IN THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY of the GERMAN SOCIETY FOR PHILOSOPHY (DGPhil AG FRAUEN IN DER GESCHICHTE DER PHILOSOPHIE)
2021-2024 Appointed Committee Member for the STATUS OF BLACK PHILOSOPHERS at the AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION (APA)
2021-today Associated Researcher of the CENTER FOR THE HISTORY OF WOMEN PHILOSOPHERS AND SCIENTISTS (HWPS) at Paderborn University, Germany

2021-today	Editorial Consultant of the ARUMARUKA: JOURNAL OF CONVERSATIONAL THINKING for the areas of African/Africana, comparative and intercultural philosophy
2021-today	Member of the Editorial Board of PHILOSOPHIES IN CONVERSATION
2021-today	Consultant for the AFRICAN RESEARCHERS NETWORK for PHILOSOPHY AND RACIAL STUDIES
2020-today	Editor at DIVERSITY READING LIST
2019-2022	Independent scholar based in Knoxville, TN, U.S.A.
2018-today	Member of the Advisory Editorial Board of EWANLEN: A JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY (Ekpoma, Nigeria)
2018-today	National Delegate of Germany and member of the Editorial Board for FILOZOFSKI POGLEDI. PHILOSOPHICAL VIEWS, Belgrade, Serbia
2015-2019	Independent scholar based in Berlin, Germany
2006-2019	Full-time work as quality assurance engineer at THINK-CELL SALES GMBH & CO. KG (Berlin)

III. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- (1) »An Ingenious Revolution of Epistemology. A review of Abosede Priscilla Ipadeola's Feminist African Philosophy Women and the Politics of Difference«, in: APA Studies on Philosophy and the Black Experience 24.1, 2024, tba
- (2) »A Masterclass in Rewriting the History of African Philosophy. Some Remarks on Sophie Bọ̀ṣẹ̀dé Olayemi Olúwọ̀lé's milestone 'Socrates and Ọ̀rúnmilà.. Two Patron Saints of Classical Philosophy'«, in: APA Studies on Philosophy and the Black Experience 24.1, 2024, tba
- (3) »'Writing assures me I am.' A Review of Tsitsi Dangarembga's 'Black and Female'«, in: APA Studies on Philosophy and the Black Experience 24.1, 2024, tba
- (4) »Radicalizing Ubu-ntu. Some Critical Thoughts on Mogobe Ramose's Philosophy of Ubu-ntu and a Proposal for its Desuperiorization«, in: Kenneth Abudu, Kevin Behrens, Elvis Imafidon (eds.): »African Philosophy and Deep Ecology«, tba, 2024, tba
- (5) »Sophie Bọ̀ṣẹ̀dé Olúwọ̀lé on Yorùbá Philosophy, Knowing, not-Knowing and the Pain of Letting Go«, in: Ada Agada, Emmanuel Ofuasia, and Bruno Yammelian Ikuli (eds.): »Contemporary African Metaphysical Thought«, Routledge, tba, 2024, tba
- (6) »The Superhuman Fallacy and Desuperiorization«, in: The Co2libri collective (eds.): »Conceptual collaboration: living borderless research interaction«, Open Access Publication with de Gruyter Publishers, co-edited/coordinated by Andrea Fleschenberg, Kai Kresse, and N.N. further members of the collaborative collective, to be published as Volume 44 of ZMO-Studien, by de Gruyter, 2024, tba
- (7) »Andro*-Superiorism. Anti-female* Thought and the Superhuman Fallacy in Western canonical Philosophy«, in: Arumaruka: Journal of Conversational Thinking 4.1, 2024, 60-93, <https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/ajct.v4i1.4>
- (8) »Mythologie der Gynophobie. Eine philosophische und autobiographische Erkundung über den Andro-Superiorismus«, in: Vanessa Albus, Volker Haase (eds.): »Autobiographisches Philosophieren« (Philosophie und Bildung), Berlin, Lit, 2024, 126-143
- (9) »Some thoughts on Olúfẹ̀mi Táíwò's Against Decolonisation«, in: APA Studies. Philosophy and the Black Experience 23.1, Fall 2023, 12-15
- (10) »Handbook of African Philosophy« (in cooperation with Elvis Imafidon and Mpho Tshivhase), Springer, Cham, 2023, <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-25149-8>
- (11) »Onto-normative Monism in the ስተታ (hāteta) of Zera Yaqob: Insights into Ethiopian Epistemology and Lessons for the Problem of Superiorism«, in: Peter Aloysius Ikhane, Isaac E.

- Ukpokolo (eds.): »African Epistemology: Being and Knowledge«, Routledge, London, 2023, 145-158
- (12) »African Metaphysics or African Existentialism?: Some Critical Remarks on Aribia David Attie's "Groundwork for a new Kind of African Metaphysics"«, in: *Arūmarūka: Journal of Conversational Thinking* 2.2., 2022, 34-40, <https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/ajct.v2i2.3>
 - (13) »Eröffnende Bemerkungen zum 44. Sokratischen Treffen „Afrikanische Philosophie“«, in: *Mitteilungen der Sokratischen Gesellschaft* 61, 2022, 8-10
 - (14) »Contempt begets contempt«, *Striped Insights*, <https://aureliapangolini.substack.com/p/contempt-begets-contempt>, 27.1.2022
 - (15) »Decolonial Philosophical Praxis Exemplified Through Superiorist and Adseredative Understandings of Development«, in: Jonathan Okeke Chimakonam, Edwin Etieyibo, Ike Dimegwu (eds.) »Essays on contemporary Issues in African Philosophy«, Springer, Cham, 2022, 209-226, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-70436-0_14
 - (16) »What sayest thou of thyself? Some remarks on the entanglement of Life and Narration and its ethical implications for the philosophical canon«, in: Francis Ikhianosime, Gregory Ogbenika (eds.): »Formation of the Human Person in the 21st Century. Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference, Seminary of All Saints, Uhiele-Ekpoma, Edo, Nigeria (March 18th – 20th, 2020)«, Uhiele-Ekpoma, Floreat Systems Publications, 2021, 12-18
 - (17) »Quid aliud agat or How one should live. An analysis of the Jesuit drama of Georg Bernardt from the perspective of existential philosophy«, in: Malgorzata Lisecka, Magdalena Lisecka (eds.): »Jesuit Culture between Texts and Arts«, Wydawnictwo Naukowe Uniwersytetu Mikolaja Kopernika, Toruń 2021, 63-72
 - (18) »Desuperhumanizing Whiteness«, in: LaVada Taylor (ed.): »Implications of Race and Racism in Student Evaluations of Teaching: The Hate U Give Students«, Lexington, Lanham, Boulder, New York, London, 2021, 159-178
 - (19) »Embracing an Ethical Epistemological Approach in African Higher Education« (in cooperation with Yvette Freter), in: Siseko H. Kumalo (ed.): »Decolonisation as Democratisation. Global Insights into the South African Experience«, HSRC Press, Cape Town, 2021, 127-150
 - (20) »Decolonization of the West, Desuperiorisation of Thought, and Elative Ethics«, in: Elvis Imafidon (ed.): »Handbook of African Philosophy of Difference«, Springer, Cham, 2020, 105-127, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-04941-6_5-1
 - (21) »Veganismus als Anti-Nihilismus. Ein Beitrag zum kauntierlichen Superiorismus«, in: *Zeitschrift für Kritische Tierstudien* 2, 2019, 93-99
 - (22) »Das Drama vom Menschen, der nicht Mensch sein durfte. Tätige Aufklärung in Lessings »Emilia Galotti««, in: *Mitteilungen der Sokratischen Gesellschaft* 58, 2019, 68-78
 - (23) »The Metaphysics of Friendship. On Normativity as heightened vitality«, in: *Yearbook of the Irish Philosophical Society 2016/2017*, ed. by Haydn Gurmin and Susan Gottlöber, 2019, 12-24
 - (24) »Nursing as Accommodated Care. A Contribution to the Phenomenology of Care. Appeal – Concern – Volition – Practice«, in: Franziska Krause, Joachim Boldt (eds.): »Caring in Healthcare. Reflections on Theory and Practice«, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke, 2018, 36-49, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-61291-1_3
 - (25) »Democritus on Being and Ought. Some remarks on the existential side of early Greek Atomism«, in: *Akropolis: Journal of Hellenic Studies* 2, 2018, 67-84, <https://doi.org/10.35296/jhs.v2i0.23>
 - (26) »White Supremacy in Eurowestern Epistemologies. On the West's responsibility for its philosophical heritage«, in: *Synthesis Philosophica. Journal of the Croatian Philosophical Society* 33, 2018, 237-249, <https://doi.org/10.21464/sp33115>
 - (27) »Tolerance, Respect and Earnestness: An Examination of Material Difference and Formal Identity«, in: *Ewanlen. A Journal of Philosophical Inquiry* 1, 2017, 10-16

- (28) »Das Böse als Exzess der Selbstsorge. Ein Kapitel einer Phänomenologie der Normativität«, in: Ana Honnacker, Eicke Brock (eds.): »Das Böse erzählen. Perspektiven aus Philosophie, Film und Literatur« (Philosophie aktuell. Studien und Diskurse, Band 15), Lit-Verlag, Berlin, 2017, 41-61
- (29) »Substantialistische Übersetzung als humanistische Praxis. Zu Hölderlins Arbeit an Sophokles«, in: Beate Sommerfeld, Karolina Kęsicka, Małgorzata Korycińska-Wegner, Anna Fimiak-Chwilkowska (eds.): »Übersetzungskritisches Handeln. Modelle und Fallstudien« (Studien zur Germanistik, Skandinavistik und Übersetzungskultur, vol. 16, ed. Stefan H. Kaszyński, Andrzej Kątny, Maria Krysztofiak), Peter Lang, Frankfurt am Main, Bern, Bruxelles, New York, Oxford, Warszawa, Wien, 2017, 181-192
- (30) »Wirklichkeit und existentielle Praxis. Vorarbeiten zu einer Phänomenologie der Normativität entwickelt an narrativen Texten der altgriechischen, neutestamentlichen, mittelhoch-deutschen und klassischen deutschen Literatur« (Philosophie aktuell, vol. 14), Lit-Verlag, Berlin, 2016
- (31) »Andauernde Feier des Heiligen. Über Goethes panhierarchische Religiosität«, in: Agnieszka K. Haas, Dariusz Pakalski (eds.): »Religion und Philosophie in neuerer deutschsprachiger Literatur und Kunst. Erkundungen auf Haupt- und Nebenwegen« (Studia Germanica Gedanensia 34), Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdansk, 2016, 28-36
- (32) »Der arme Deutsche. Zur Argumentation der »Patriotischen Europäer gegen die Islamisierung des Abendlandes«, in: 360°. Studentisches Journal für Politik und Gesellschaft 10, 2015, 16-22, <https://doi.org/10.3224/360grad.v10i2.21803>
- (33) »On the Existential Situation of a Person with Dementia: The Drama of Mankind is repeated in the Drama of Dementia«, in: Journal of Health Science 3, 2015, 205-216, <https://doi.org/10.17265/2328-7136/2015.05.002>

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- (1) »A Comparative Introduction to the Philosophy of Non-Human Animals«, Reading Group Blueprint, Diversity Reading List, 2023, <https://diversityreadinglist.org/blueprints/>
- (2) »Superiorism«, Thoughts Podcast, Episode 29, hosted by Hamish Stewart and Alexandros Constantinou, November 1, 2021, <https://anchor.fm/thoughtsuofg/episodes/Episode-28--Superiorism-ft--Bjoern-Freter-e19josj/a-a6qd9b9>
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- (2) Lautner, Péter: »Wahrnehmung (Sinneswahrnehmung)«, in: Christian Tornau (ed.): Plotin-Handbuch. J. B. Metzler, Stuttgart, translated from English to German, 2024, 423-429