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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

DEGREES:

- PhD Fordham University, 1989, Philosophy
Dissertation: “Hannah Arendt on Political Action: From Theory to Practice,” James Marsh, Mentor.
- MA Fordham University, 1983, Philosophy
- MA Wayne State University, 2022, History. Specialization: World History.
- BA University of Detroit, 1981, Honors Program; Summa Cum Laude.
Majors: Philosophy, Religious Studies, English.

CERTIFICATES:

Graduate Certificate in World History, Wayne State University, 2016

Areas of Specialization: Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy in Africa, Philosophy of Peace and Nonviolence.

Areas of Competence: Comparative Philosophy, Ethics, History of Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, World History, African History, Latin American History.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

University of Detroit Mercy. Full Professor of Philosophy, August 2007–present. Department Chair, August 2009--2012 and 2024--present (rotating 3 year appointments in the dept).

University of Detroit Mercy. Affiliate Faculty, Department of History, 2022- present.

University of Detroit Mercy. Associate Professor of Philosophy, August 2003–2007.

University of Detroit Mercy. Assistant Professor of Philosophy, August 2000–2003.

University of Nairobi, Kenya. Fulbright Senior Scholar, Philosophy, 1998–2000.

Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York. Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1991–1998.

University of Nairobi, Kenya. Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy, July 1995–May 1996. Volunteer teaching during sabbatical.

Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT, Assistant Professor, Philosophy, 1989–1991

Iona College, New Rochelle, New York. Adjunct Instructor, Philosophy, 1988

Fordham University, Bronx, New York. Adjunct Instructor, Philosophy, 1986–1988
Fordham University, Bronx, New York. Teaching Fellow, Philosophy, 1983–1985

DIRECTORSHIPS and ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2002–present. University of Detroit Mercy: Director, James Carney Latin American Solidarity Archives. In charge of public programming on Latin American Peace and Justice issues (12 or more speakers yearly), planning and hosting art exhibits (bi-annually), collecting and overseeing cataloging of archival papers, and hosting an annual fundraiser dinner for the UCA Jesuit Martyrs Scholarship (University of Central America – El Salvador), editing and posting videos to the CLASA you tube channel. [See CLASA website.](#)

2023, Chair, Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit conference (appointed by the Academic Vice President and Provost). [See GLBD website.](#)

2023: Planned and administered the Fall 2023 conference, which had over 400 attendees and thirty sessions, with the help of a planning committee. Wrote a successful grant proposal to Fund for Equal Justice, to support the conference. Co-wrote, with Tim Hipkind, S.J., Chelsea Manning, and Prasad Venugopal, a successful grant to Sisters of Mercy of the Americas to provide funds for the 2023 conference in context of the *Laudato Si* seven year challenge. Administered a grant from Kellogg Foundation to cover the basic expenses of the conference. See a description of my ongoing responsibilities, below in 2021.

2020-2022, Co-Chair, Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit conference (appointed by the Academic Vice President and Provost). [See GLBD website.](#)

2022: Planned and administered the Fall 2022 conference, which had over 350 attendees, with help of a Co-Chair and a planning committee. Co-wrote (with Gloria Rivera, IHM) a successful grant proposal to Fund for Equal Justice, to support the conference. Co-wrote, with Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos and Grace Gamble, a successful grant to Sisters of Mercy of the Americas to provide funds for the 2022 conference in context of the *Laudato Si* seven year challenge. See a description of my ongoing responsibilities, below.

2021: Organized in-person conference for over 200 attendees, including recruiting and communicating with sponsors, planning the program and communicating with presenters and program design staff, reserving facilities on campus and buses, taking minutes of planning committee meetings and ensuring committee members had tasks to accomplish, organizing student volunteers, overseeing finances and accounts and completing paperwork, updating website and sending out (thousands of) emails.

2020: Planned, hosted, recorded, edited, oversaw captioning, and posted on you tube four videos for our virtual presentations (due to covid).

Albertus Magnus College: Founder and Director of Peace and Justice Studies Interdisciplinary Minor, 1990–1991. Created new curriculum; spearheaded having new minor approved, recruited and advised students in the minor, and taught core courses for the minor.

Fordham University: Co-Founder and Assistant Director for the Peace and Justice Studies Program, 1987-88. Co-authored proposal to begin the program, co-designed the new curriculum, and taught core courses for the certificate.

AWARDS

- 2018: Pax Christi Michigan Purple Ribbon for Peace Award.
- 2006: Mission Leadership Award, University of Detroit Mercy.
- 2003: Faculty Achievement Award, University of Detroit Mercy.
- 1994: Faculty Extraordinary Performance Award, Marist College.
- 1981: John C. Vismara Philosophy Award, University of Detroit.

GRANTS

Institutional grants – all grants below are authored, submitted, and awarded.

- 2023: Co-principal investigator, with Prasad Venugopal, Tim Hipskind, and Chelsea Manning, grant from Sisters of Mercy of the Americas to provide funds for the 2023 Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit conference in context of campus-wide efforts to fulfill year one of the *Laudato Si* seven year challenge
- 2023: Fund for Equal Justice (Buck Dinner) grant, to provide funding for the Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit conference.
- 2022: Co-principal investigator, with Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos (Prasad Venugopal) and Grace Gamble, grant to Sisters of Mercy of the Americas to provide funds for the 2022 Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit conference in context of campus-wide efforts to fulfill year one of the *Laudato Si* seven year challenge.
- 2022: Fund for Equal Justice (Buck Dinner) grant, to provide funding for the Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit conference. Co-written with Gloria Rivera, IHM.
- 2011: Micro-Mission Grant, to bring in two speakers to address peace and justice from Mercy and Jesuit perspectives, in conjunction with CLASA. Funded internally by UDM.
- 2005-06, 2006–2007, 2007-08, and 2008-09: Grant funded by the Jesuit Community at UDM to cover costs of running the James Carney Latin American Solidarity Archive (UDM) and its public programming.
- 2006–2007 and 2007-08: Grant funded by the Mercy Ministry Project to cover costs of running the James Carney Latin American Solidarity Archive (UDM) and its public programming.
- 2008: J. William Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence award, to enable University of Detroit Mercy to host a scholar from Kenya, Oriare Nyarwath of the Philosophy Department, University of Nairobi, for five months (January-May).
- 2000: Grant from the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, East Africa office, to cover costs of East African participants to the 6th International Society for African Philosophy and Studies (ISAPS) conference, University of Nairobi, April 2000. They also covered costs of publication of the book, *Thought and Practice in African Philosophy*.

Individual (research)

- 2023: Fulbright Hays Seminar Abroad award. The Mexico-USA Seminar Abroad is organized by the Mexico-U.S. Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange (COMEXUS).
- 2022: Women's and Gender Studies Feminist Teaching Grant, funded by U of Detroit Mercy.
- 2022: Paid Research Leave, for Winter 2022 semester, funded by U of Detroit Mercy.
- 2020: Paid Research Leave, for Fall 2020 semester, funded by U of Detroit Mercy.
- 2016: Fulbright Hays Group Study Abroad award for one month curricular research on Afro-Brazilian history and culture, Salvador, Bahia and Sao Luis, Maranhao, June-July 2016.
- 2015-16: Grant for the Advancement of Feminist Scholarship (GAFS), awarded by the Women's and Gender Studies Program (funded by U OF DETROIT MERCY).
- 2014-15: Paid Research Leave, for Winter 2015 semester, funded by U of Detroit Mercy.
- 2012-13: Paid Research Leave, for Winter 2013 semester, funded by U of Detroit Mercy.
- 2011-12: Research grant, awarded by MFA Internal Research Fund Committee (funded by U of Detroit Mercy).
- 2011: Grant for the Advancement of Feminist Scholarship (GAFS), awarded by the Women's and Gender Studies Program (funded by U of Detroit Mercy).
- 2010-11: Research grant, awarded by MFA Internal Research Fund Committee (funded by U of Detroit Mercy).
- 2009: Research grant, funded by University of Detroit Mercy Professors Union.
- 2008: Research Grant, funded by Mellon Funds for Humanistic Studies.
- 2008: Research grant, funded by University of Detroit Mercy Professors Union.
- 2007: Research Grant, funded by Mellon Funds for Humanistic Studies.
- 2006-2007: Paid Research Leave, University of Detroit Mercy, August 2006- May 2007.
- 2006: Research grant, funded by Mellon Funds for Humanistic Studies.
- 2005: J. William Fulbright Research award, "Gandhi's Ahimsa," 6 months (January-June), hosted by World Peace Center, Maharashtra Institute of Technology, Pune, India. Funded by Institute of International Education, Council on International Exchange of Scholars.
- 2001: Jesuit 100 Association Faculty Summer Stipend for Course Development, University of Detroit Mercy, funded by the Jesuit Community at Detroit Mercy.
- 1998-2000: J. William Fulbright Senior Scholar award (Lecturing and Research). Kenya, originally granted for ten months (1 September 1998-30 June 1999); renewed for a second ten months (1 September 1999-30 June 2000). Funded by the Institute of International Education, Council on International Exchange of Scholars
- 1997: Marist College Travel Grant, for South Africa (conference/research) 8 March-24 March. Funded by Marist College.
- 1995-1996: Marist College Sabbatical, funded by Marist College, 15 July 1995-14 July 1996.
- 1993: Marist College Summer Research Grant, for Kenya, 1 June-31 July, funded by Academic Vice President's office, Marist College.
- 1988-1989: Dissertation Fellowship, Fordham University, funded by Fordham University, September 1988-May 1989.
- 1983-1985: Teaching Fellowships, Fordham University, funded by Fordham University, 9/83-5/84; renewed for 9/84-5/85.
- 1981-1983: Graduate Assistantships, Fordham University, funded by Fordham University; September 1981-May 1982; renewed, September 1982-May 1983.

CERTIFICATES: not involving university credit-bearing coursework

- 2017: Meta Peace Team, Certificate of Completion, “Training for Trainers,” June 2017.
2016: The Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies, Wayne State University, Certificate of Recognition for Contributions to the Community. . . April 2016.
2015: Certificate of Completion of the Oral History Institute, Kenyon College, sponsored by Ohio Humanities and Kenyon College, June 2015.
2014: Peace and Justice Studies Association Recognition of Board Service with the PJSA, and Dedication to the Work of Peace and Justice, for Service Enhancing the Fields of Non-violence and Peace Studies
2002: Certificate of Appreciation, Kenya Students and Nationals Association–Michigan
1998: Certificate of Appreciation for Surpassing Service to the Marist College Praxis Project
1993: Certificate in Recognition of Outstanding Service Provided to the Marist Community
1992: New York State Certificate in Community Mediation
1992: Certificate, Nonviolent Conflict Resolution, Alternatives to Violence Program
1991: Certificate of Appreciation for Campus Volunteer Work, Albertus Magnus College Community Corner Project
1989: Certificate in Gandhian Studies, Gandhigram Rural University, Madurai, India
1988: Certificate in Peace and Justice Studies, Honoris Causa, Fordham University
1981: Certificate of Academic Excellence, University of Detroit

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

Gail M. Presbey, *The Life and Thought of H. Odera Orika: Pursuing Justice in Africa*. In *Bloomsbury Studies in World Philosophy* series. Foreword by Monika Kirloskar-Steinbach. London: Bloomsbury Publishers, 2023.

R. Greg Moses and Gail M. Presbey (Eds.), *Peace Philosophy and Public Life: Commitments, Crises, and Concepts for Engaged Thinking*, Value Inquiry Book Series, vol. 268, Rodopi Publishers, 2014. Ten chapters, approx. 200 pp. In addition to editing, I wrote the Preface (xvii-xviii), and Chapter 2, “Dorothy Day’s Pursuit of Public Peace Through Word and Action” (listed above). <https://doi.org/10.1163/9789401210522>

Gail M. Presbey, Editor, *Philosophical Perspectives on the “War on Terrorism.”* Value Inquiry Book Series vol. 188. New York: Rodopi Publishers, 2007. Twenty articles, 490 pp. In addition to editing, I wrote the preface (pp. xvii–xix), Introduction (pp. 1–19), and chapter 9 (listed above). <https://doi.org/10.1163/9789401204354> [[Online.](#)]

Gail M. Presbey, Daniel Smith, Pamela Abuya, and Oriare Nyarwath (Eds.), *Thought and Practice in African Philosophy*. Nairobi, Kenya: Konrad Adenauer Foundation, 2002. 25 chapters, 324 pp. In addition to editing, I wrote the Introduction, pp. xi–xxv, and chapter 23 (listed above). ([now online](#))

Gail M. Presbey, Karsten Struhl, and Richard Olsen (Eds.), *The Philosophical Quest: A Cross-Cultural Reader*, Second edition. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2000, 648 pp, which has over twenty-five percent new material. With co-authored Instructor's Guide (217 pp.). Overall input on the book, especially regarding selections on African, African-American, Islamic, Native American, and some South Asian and feminist philosophies. With special responsibility that included writing all introductory material for the chapters on Ethics, Meaning of Life, and Social Justice. [[Online.](#)]

Gail M. Presbey, Karsten Struhl, and Richard Olsen (Eds.), *The Philosophical Quest: A Cross-Cultural Reader*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1995.

Journal Articles, peer reviewed

“Trinidad’s Role in the Development of Nonviolent Strategies: Focus on C.L.R. James,” *Peace & Change: A Journal of Peace Research*, 50/1 (2025), 22-34. Feb. 5, 2025 - [Early view.](#)

“How Nonviolent Movements in the Caribbean Influenced Pan-Africanism,” *Peace & Change: A Journal of Peace Research*, 48/2 (2023), 103-116 [[abstract](#)], and [Online first](#), May 8, 2023.

“Women’s Rights in Kenya since Independence: The Complexities of Kenya’s Legal System and the Opportunities of Civic Engagement,” *Journal of Social Encounters*, thematic issue on Democracy and Political Change, 6/1 (2022), 32-48. [[full text](#)]

“Sophie Oluwole’s Contribution to African Philosophy,” *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, 35/2 (Spring/May 2020), 231-242. [[full text](#)] DOI: 10.1017/hyp.2020.6

“Bukusu and Amazonian Perspectives on Harmonious Relations with the Other,” *Budhi: A Journal of Ideas and Culture*, 23/1 (2019), 1-54. [[full text](#)]

“The Best of Both Worlds: Philosophy in African Languages and English Translation,” *APA Newsletter on Indigenous Philosophy* 16/2 (Spring 2017), 7-14. [[full text](#)]

“Gandhi, Dube and Abdurahman: Collaborations to end Injustice in South Africa,” in *World History Bulletin*, 32/1 (Spring 2016), 5-11. [[full text](#)]

“Odera Oruka and Mohandas Gandhi on Reconciliation,” *Polylog: Forum für interkulturelles Philosophieren*, 34/2 (2015), 187-208. [[full text](#)]

“Gandhi’s Many Influences and Collaborators,” in *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*, 35/2 (August 2015), 360-369. [[full text](#)] DOI: 10.1215/1089201x-3139144

“Globalization and the Crisis in Detroit,” in *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology*, 15/1-2 (2015), 261-277. DOI: 10.1163/15691497-12341344 [[full text](#)]

盖尔·普雷斯贝, 肯尼亚跨民族与跨世代的“国家文化”构建 (“Attempts to create an Inter-ethnic and Inter-generational ‘National Culture’ in Kenya,” 《第欧根尼》 (*Diogenes*), (Chinese translation of article published in French in 2011, see below), 60/2, 2014, 21-38. DOI: 10.1177/0392192113493726

“Attempts to create an Inter-ethnic and Inter-generational ‘National Culture’ in Kenya,” *Diogenes*, (English version of article published in French in 2011, see below), 59/3-4 (2014), 48-59. [[full text](#)]

“Women’s Empowerment: The Insights of Wangari Maathai,” *Journal of Global Ethics*, 9/3 (December 2013), 277-292. [[abstract](#)] [[full text](#)] DOI: 10.1080/17449626.2013.856640

“Evaluating the Legacy of Nonviolence in South Africa” (Revised and republished), *Journal of Natal and Zulu History*, Special Edition: 1913, Satyagraha, Passive Resistance and its Legacy, 31/2 (2013), 139-168.

“Kenyan Sages on Equality of Sexes,” *Thought and Practice: A Journal of the Philosophical Association of Kenya (PAK) Special Issue: Odera Orika Seventeen Years On*. New Series, 4/2, (December 2012), pp.111-145. <http://www.ajol.info/index.php/tp> or <http://www.ajol.info/index.php/tp/article/viewFile/88142/77779>

“Teaching ‘Philosophy of Feminism’ from a Global Perspective,” in *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, 12/1 (Fall 2012), 4-9.

“Bâtir une «culture nationale» interethnique et intergénérationnelle au Kenya”/ “Attempts to create ‘National Culture’ including Inter-ethnic and Inter-generational Community in Kenya,” *Diogène/Diogenes: Revue Internationale des Sciences Humaines* special issue on “Community and African Philosophy,” Vol. 59, issue # 235-236, 62-80, 2011/3. (The same article is online in the English version of the journal). DOI: 10.3917/dio.235.0060 [[full text](#)]

“Arendt on Language and Lying in Politics: Her Insights Applied to the ‘War on Terror’ and the U.S. Occupation of Iraq,” *Peace Studies Journal* 1/1 (November 2008), pp. 32-62. (See: <http://peaceconsortium.org/peace-studies-journal/archives>).

“Teaching about Racism and Sexism in Introduction to Philosophy Classes,” *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy* 7:2 (Spring 2008) pp. 5-13. See <http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.apaonline.org/resource/collection/D03EBDAB-82D7-4B28-B897-C050FDClACB4/v07n2Feminism.pdf>

“Sage Philosophy: Criteria that Distinguish it from Ethnophilosophy and Make It a Unique Approach within African Philosophy,” *Philosophia Africana*, 10:2 (August 2007), 127-160. DOI: 10.5840/philaficana20071023

- “Evaluating the Legacy of Nonviolence in South Africa,” *Peace and Change*, 31:2 (April 2006), pp. 141–174. DOI: 10.1111/j.1468-0130.2006.00351.x
- “Challenges of Founding a New Government in Iraq,” *Constellations: an International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*, 12:4 (December 2005), pp. 521–541. DOI: 10.1111/j.1351-0487.2005.00431.x
- “Scrutinizing Justifications for Increased Surveillance,” *Human Rights Global Focus*, 2:4 (December 2005), pp. 4–14.
- “Mahmood Mamdani’s Analysis of Colonialism Applied to the U.S.-led War on Iraq,” *Polylog: Forum for Intercultural Philosophy*, 5 (2004), <http://them.polylog.org/5/apgen.htm>
- “Sage Philosophy and Critical Thinking: Creatively Coping with Negative Emotions,” *International Journal of Philosophical Practice*, 2:1 (Spring 2004), pp. 1–20, found at: <http://npcassoc.org/journal/table-of-contents/vol-2-no-1>
- “The Struggle for Recognition in the Philosophy of Axel Honneth, Applied to the Current South African Situation and Its Call for an ‘African Renaissance,’” *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 29:5 (2003), pp. 537–561. DOI: 10.1177/01914537030295003
- “Conflict Resolution: Insights of Refugees at Dadaab Refugee Camp, Kenya,” *Acorn: Journal of the Gandhi-King Society*, XII:1 (2003). DOI: 10.5840/acorn20031215
- “Unfair Distribution of Resources in Africa: What Should Be Done about the Ethnicity Factor?” *Human Studies*, 26:1 (January 2003), 21–40. DOI: 10.1023/A:1022583716722
- “Arendt’s Politics of Disinterest: Can They Be Applied to the African Context?” *International Studies in Philosophy*, 35:1 (2003), 85–108.
- “Teaching and Research in African Philosophy,” (Republication), *Aitia: Philosophy-Humanities Magazine*, 24:3 (2003), pp. 6–23.
- “African Sage Philosophy and Socrates: Midwifery and Method,” *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 42:2, Issue 166 (June 2002), pp. 177–192. DOI: 10.5840/ipq20024223
- “Maasai Concepts of Personhood: The Roles of Recognition, Community, and Individuality,” *International Studies in Philosophy*, 34:2 (2002), pp. 57–82.
- “Akan Chiefs and Queen Mothers in Contemporary Ghana: Examples of Democracy, or Accountable Authority?” *International Journal of African Studies*, 3:1 (Fall 2001), 63–83.
- “H. Odera Oruka on Moral Reasoning,” *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 34:4 (December 2000), pp. 517–528. DOI: 10.1023/A:1004793415638

“On a Mission to Morally Improve Society: Odera Oruka’s African Sages and the Socratic Paradigm,” *International Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 14:2 (Fall 2000), pp. 225–240. DOI: 10.5840/ijap200014221

“Should Women Love ‘Wisdom’? Evaluating the Ethiopian Wisdom Tradition,” *Research in African Literatures*, 30:2 (Summer 1999), pp.165–181. DOI: 10.2979/ral.1999.30.2.165

“The Wisdom of African Sages.” *New Political Science* 21:1 (1999), pp. 89–102. DOI: 10.1080/07393149908429854

“*Akan-Häuptlinge und Königsmütter im heutigen Ghana: Beispiele für Demokratie und verantwortliche Autoritäten?*” (Akan Chiefs and Queen Mothers in Contemporary Ghana: Examples of Democracy, or Accountable Authority?), translated by Nausikaa Schirilla, *Polylog: Zeitschrift für interkulturelles Philosophieren*, 1:2 (1998), pp. 43–57. On the web at: <http://them.polylog.org/2/fpg-de.htm>

“Criticisms of Multiparty Democracy: Parallels between Wamba-dia-Wamba and Arendt,” *New Political Science*, 20:1 (1998), pp. 35–52. DOI: 10.1080/07393149808429811

“Who Counts as a Sage? Problems in the Further Implementation of Sage Philosophy,” *Quest: Philosophical Discussions*, XI:1&2 (1997), pp. 53–65. <http://www.quest-journal.net/1997.htm> See also the World Congress of Philosophy website: <http://www.bu.edu/wcp/Papers/Afri/AfriPres.htm> 10.5840/wcp20-paideia199823409

“*Zur Praxis der afrikanischen ‘Weisen’: H. Odera Orukas Herausforderung an die Selbstbeschränkung akademischer Philosophen* (African Sage-Philosophers in Action: H. Odera Oruka’s Challenges to the Narrowly Academic Role of the Philosopher), translated from English by Jadwiga Adamiak, *Widerspruch-Zeitschrift für Philosophie* (Munich, Germany) (May 1997), pp. 74–93.

“Ways in Which Oral Philosophy is Superior to Written Philosophy: A Look at Odera Oruka’s Rural Sages,” *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and the Black Experience* (Fall 1996), pp. 6–10.

“African Sage-Philosophers in Action: H. Odera Oruka’s Challenges to the Narrowly Academic Role of the Philosopher,” *Essence: An International Journal of Philosophy* (Nigeria), 1:1, (June 1996), pp. 29–41.

“Hannah Arendt on Power, Consent, and Coercion: Some Parallels to Gandhi” *Acorn: Journal of the Gandhi- King Society* (Fall–Winter 1992–1993), pp. 24–32. . [[abstract](#)] [[full text](#)]
DOI: 10.5840/acorn1992/1993729

Book Chapters, peer reviewed (list includes translations and invited republications of peer reviewed articles)

In press, “Ngaimarish ole Mulo: Wisdom, conflict Resolution, Peace.” Daniel Sasine, translator. In Mohammed Rustom (Ed.), *A Sourcebook in Global Philosophy*. Equinox, 2025.

“Gandhi’s Encounter with the British Suffrage Movement: Lessons Learned,” in Veena Howard (Ed.), *Gandhi's Global Legacy: Moral Methods and Modern Challenges*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2023, 87-106.

“Wisdom from Women in Africa,” in Kai Kresse and Oriare Nyarwath, Eds., *Rethinking African Sage Philosophy: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on and Beyond H. Odera Oruka*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2023, 99-122. The book also includes Appendix 2, “Interview with Julia Auma Ouko, Kamagambo, May 3, 1999,” by Gail Presbey and Humphrey Ojwang, 229-238, and Appendix 3, “Interview with Ntetia Nalamae, Olepolos, April 25, 1999,” by Gail Presbey and Daniel Sasine, 239-244.

“Gandhi,” in Christian Peterson, Charles F. Howlett, Deborah Buffton, and David Hostetter (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Peace History*. Oxford Academic. 2022. 538-558. Published [online first](#) in November 2022.

“The Challenge of Ubuntu Ethics and Humane Business Management in the Global Capitalist Context,” in Workineh Kelbessa and Tenna Dewo, Eds., *Philosophical Responses to Global Challenges with African Examples*. Ethiopian Philosophical Studies, II, in series, Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change Series II: African Philosophical Studies. Washington, D.C.: The Council for Research in Value and Philosophy, 2022, 207-260. ISBN 9781565183520 [\[full text\]](#)

“Defying Stereotypes: An Indian Woman Freedom Fighter,” in Lynée Lewis and Helen Gaillet (Eds.), *Remembering Women Differently: Refiguring Rhetorical Work*, University of South Carolina Press, 2019, 170-185.

“Philosophy of Nonviolence in Africa,” in Andrew Fiala (Ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Pacifism and Nonviolence*, 2018, 64-79. Part of DOI: 10.4324/9781315638751

“Odera Oruka on Culture Philosophy and its role in the S.M. Otieno Burial Trial” in *Odera Oruka in the Twenty-First Century*, ed. by Reginald M. J. Oduor, Oriare Nyarwath and Francis Owakah. Washington, D.C.: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2018, 99-118. [\[full text\]](#)

“Crisis, Dispossession and Activism to Reclaim Detroit,” in *Philosophy and Crisis: Responding to the Challenges to Ways of Life in the Contemporary World*, Volume One, Golfo Maggini, Vasiliki Solomou-Papanikolaou, Helen Karabatzaki, and Konstantinos D. Koskeridis (Eds.), Washington, D.C.: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2017, 121-129. [\[online full text, see p. 121+\]](#)

“Oruka and Sage Philosophy: New Insights in Sagacious Reasoning,” in Toyin Falola and Adeshina Afolayan (Eds.), *Handbook of African Philosophy*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2017, 75-96.

- “Women’s Empowerment: The Insights of Wangari Maathai” (Republication), in Eric Palmer, ed. *Gender Justice and Development: Vulnerability and Empowerment, Volume II*. Routledge, March 2015. ISBN: 978-1-138-85259-4
- “Evaluating the Legacy of Nonviolence in South Africa” (Republished as book chapter), in *1913, Satyagraha, Passive Resistance and its Legacy*, Devarakshanam (Betty) Govinden and Kalpana Hiralal (Eds.), New Delhi: Manohar Publishers, 2015, 215-256.
- “Dorothy Day’s Pursuit of Public Peace Through Word and Action,” in R. Greg Moses and Gail Presbey (Eds.), *Peace Philosophy and Public Life: Commitments, Crises, and Concepts for Engaged Thinking*, Value Inquiry Book Series, vol. 268, Rodopi Publishers, 2014, 17-40. DOI: 10.1163/9789401210522_004
- “The Role of Nonviolent Resistance in Ghana’s Independence Movement (1890s-1950s),” in Maciej Bartkowski (Ed.), *Rediscovering Nonviolent History: Civil Resistance in Liberation Struggles and Nation-Making*, Lynne Rienner, 2013, 51-70.
- “Gandhi: The Grandfather of Conflict Transformation,” in Emiko Noma, Tom Hastings, and Rhea DuMont (Eds.), *Conflict Transformation: New Voices, New Directions*, McFarland Press, 2013, pp. 213-224. [[abstract](#)] [[full text](#)]
- “Martin Luther King, Jr. on Vietnam: King’s Message Applied to the U.S. Occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan,” in Robert Birt (Ed.), *The Liberatory Philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr.: Critical Essays on the Philosopher, King*, Lexington Books, 2012, 215-242.
- “Government by Fear, and How Activists of Faith Resist Fear,” in Anna J. Brown and James Marsh (Eds.), *Faith, Resistance, and the Future: Daniel Berrigan's Challenge to Catholic Social Thought*, Fordham University Press, 2012, pp. 209-236, 363-66.
- “Should Women Love ‘Wisdom’?” (republishation), in Gutema, Bekele and Charles Verharen (eds.), *African Philosophy in Ethiopia (Philosophy in Africa Now series)*. Addis Ababa: Addis Ababa University Philosophical Studies, 2012, pp. 159-181. The same reprint appears in a U.S. published version of the book, by Gutema, Bekele and Charles Verharen (eds.), *African Philosophy in Ethiopia: Ethiopian Philosophical Studies, II*. Washington, D.C.: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2013, 139-158, available in print and at: <http://www.crvp.org/publications/Series-II/15-Contents.pdf>
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“Questions of Methodology regarding interviewing wise elders in East and West Africa,” presented during a Roundtable, “Intercultural Research: Current Topics and Problems,” at

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Gave a presentation on “The Work of the Sisters of Mercy on Immigration,” at Mercy Higher Education Roundtable on Immigration, St. Xavier University, June 2025. See <https://mercyhighered.org/dc-roundtable/roundtable-presentations-2025/>

Presented “Parallels Between Descartes and al-Ghazali: Exploring the Ideas of Ignacio Gotz,” at the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP) conference, Philosophy House, Fujairah UAE, February 2025.

Presented and responded at Author Meets Critics panel on the book, *The Life and Thought of H. Odera Oruka: Pursuing Justice in Africa*, Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, February 2025.

Panel presenter and Chair for “Sharing Ideas on How to Teach Peace and Social Justice in University Courses,” at the Peace and Justice Studies Association conference, Niagara University, October 2024

Presented a powerpoint, “Conflict Resolution Across Boundaries of Race, Class, Ethnicity and Gender: in Defense of Water Rights in Detroit, Michigan” for the North American Society for Social Philosophy panel at the World Congress of Philosophy, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy, August 9, 2024.

Presented a paper, “The Debate Over Whether Anthropology Can Provide Helpful Tools for Philosophizing,” For World Congress of Philosophy, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy, Indigenous Philosophy theme, August 6, 2024.

Presented a paper, “The Use of War Metaphors for the Struggle to Attain Peace: Pros and Cons” for CRVP roundtable, “Conquering Peace,” Sapienza University, Rome, Italy, August 5, 2024.

Presented a powerpoint talk for CRVP panel entitled “Concern for the Environment: Insights from Africa regarding the Colonial Legacy of Environmental Destruction, Redressing Past and Current Wrongs.” For the “Philosophy and Ecology: Addressing Contemporary (Global) Concerns” Roundtable at the World Congress of Philosophy, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy, August 3, 2024.

Presented a paper, “Thoreau and Eastern Philosophy: Early American Philosophizing Across Boundaries” for the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy Pre-World Congress Conference on “Discerning Boundaries: Philosophy Across Cultures,” Sapienza University Philosophy Department, ‘Villa Mirafiori,’ Rome, Italy, July 2024.

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- Presented a paper, “Insights from interviews with Maasai sages: the relationships between humans and non-human animals and plants,” for the “11th Asixoxe (Let’s Talk!) Conference on African Philosophy, The Non-Human Animal in African Philosophy: A Reconfiguration of Humanity and the Non-Human from an African perspective,” Department of Political Philosophy and Globalization Research of the Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences (Prague) and Centre of African Philosophy, University of Bayreuth (Germany), hybrid conference, June 2024.
- Presented a paper, “Conflict Resolution Processes Among the Maasai” at the “Ujamaa, Ubuntu, and New Panafricanisms: the Future of World Peace” Post-Conference seminar in Mwanza, African Peace and Development Network, St. Augustine University of Tanzania (in person and online), May 2024.
- Presented a paper, “The Contributions of Brinsley Samaroo to the field of Peace History, with a focus on Trinidad and Tobago,” at the 1st International Conference on Peace Research (Peace History theme), Peace and Conflict Institute, University of Granada, Spain, November 2023.
- Presented a paper, “Catholics Supporting the Cuban Revolution: Dorothy Day in 1962, Betty Campbell and Peter Hinde in 1989,” at the Peace History Society conference, Gwynedd Mercy University, October 2023.
- Presented a paper, “Alice Lakwena as Peace Philosopher: Her Criticisms of War and Greed,” at “The Status of Oral Traditions in the History of Philosophy: Methodological Considerations,” University of Hildesheim, Kulturcampus Domäne Marienburg, September, 2023.
- Presented a paper, “How Nonviolent Movements in the Caribbean Influenced Pan-Africanism: Focus on C.L.R. James,” the European Conference on Philosophical Research, Charles University, Prague, Czechia, September 2023.
- Presented a paper, “Trinidad's Role in the Development of Nonviolent Strategies to Address Injustice: Focus on the 1930s,” at the International Peace Research Association (IPRA) conference, “Rooted Futures: Visions of Peace & Justice,” Hilton Trinidad and Tobago, May 2023. At the same conference, presented on a panel, “Generating an Ecological Peace Paradigm,” with Janet Gerson, Vanessa Meng, and Jeff Warnke.
- Presented a paper, “Reflections on Malcolm Ferdinand’s Intertwining of both Decolonizing and Defending the Environment” to the Ninth Annual Conference of Philosophy and Religion in Africana Traditions (PRAT): Climate Change and the Future of Humanity, sponsored by The Center for Place, Culture and Politics, Graduate Center, City University of New York. October 2022 (presentation [on zoom](#)).
- Presented a paper, “Odera Oruka and Malcom Ferdinand on the Environmental Crisis and the need for Decolonial Ecology: A Dialog across the Decades,” at the Concerned Philoso-

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Gave a Plenary presentation on “Nonviolent Action in Defense of Water Rights in Michigan,” International Institute of Peace Educators [2022 Institute](#) “Weaving Together Intercultural Peacemaking” with Colectivo Tomate at Casa Xitla, in Mexico City, July 2022.

Presented a paper, “The Human Rights situation in Honduras: Hope under a new Presidency and ongoing challenges as understood by Ismael Moreno Coto, S.J. (“Padre Melo”) at the International Development Ethics Association conference, “Development in Times of Conflict: ethical pathways towards peace and justice,” UNAULA, Medellin, Colombia, July 2022.

Presented a paper, “Catholics Supporting the Cuban Revolution: Dorothy Day in 1962, Betty Campbell and Peter Hinde in 1989,” at a conference on “Construction of socialism in theory and practice,” Havana University Institute of Philosophy and Martin Luther King Center, Havana, Cuba, June 2022.

Presented a paper, “Retrospective on the War in DRC: Grappling with the Loss of Lives,” for the 9th Asixoxe (Let’s Talk!) Conference on African Philosophy, “The Genre of Reality: Conflicts, Violence, and War in Africa,” June 2022, University of Bayreuth.

Presented a paper, “The Effects of Violence and Injustice on the Honduran People and their Environment, and their Struggle for Land and Justice.” Concerned Philosophers for Peace virtual conference, “Fragile Lands, Power Politics: Effects of Violence and Injustice on People, Politics, and the Environment,” U. of Notre Dame and Pellissippi State Community College, Oct. 2021.

Presented a paper, “How Nonviolent Movements in the Caribbean Influenced Pan-Africanism,” for Peace History Society conference, “Struggling for Justice, Struggling for Peace,” Kennesaw State University, October 21-23, 2021.

Presented a paper, “*Vamos a la Milpa:* A project in Honduras Addressing Environment, Health, community, and the roots of the Migration Crisis,” Peace and Justice Studies Association conference, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Oct. 8-10, 2021.

Presented paper, “The Problem of using Anger as a Motivator for Social Change,” on the panel, “Anger’s Role in Peace and Justice,” Central Division, American Philosophical Association conference, on Zoom, February 25, 2021.

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- Panel commentator (invited) for “Pragmatist Feminism, Hospitality and Pedagogy” at the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy conference on Inter-American Philosophy at Hacienda Santa Clara (Texas A and M), San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, March 2020.
- Panel co-organizer and Roundtable participant, for Roundtable: Sophie Bøşedé Olúwólé: Life and Legacy, African Studies Association conference, Boston, MA November 2019.
- Presented a paper, “Commemorations of Gandhi’s Salt March of 1930,” at Peace History Society conference, “Commemorating Violent Conflict: Building Sustainable Peace,” Kent State University, October 2019.
- Plenary speaker on the topic of “Women’s Contribution to the Development of Gandhi’s Nonviolent Resistance Tactics in South Africa” at “Gandhi’s Global Legacy – International Conference,” California State University – Fresno, October 2019.
- Presented a paper, “Contemporary Neocolonialism and Dispossession and the Response of the Poor People’s Campaign,” at a “Philosophy in the City” conference, held at University of Detroit Mercy, October 2019.
- Presented a paper, “1968 Detroit as a Global City: Kenyans at Wayne State University,” World History Association conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 2019.
- Presented a paper, “Teaching Introduction to Philosophy with van Norden’s *Taking Back Philosophy*,” at the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy conference, Bath Spa University, Bath, England, June 2019.
- Presented a paper, “Positive Action as proposed in Nkrumah’s Newspapers,” on the panel, “Pan-Africanism between Unity and Divergence (His07),” at the European Conference on African Studies, University of Edinburgh, June 2019.
- Presented a paper, “Contemporary Neocolonialism and Dispossession” for the Concerned Philosophers for Peace conference, University of Colorado at Boulder, October 2018.
- Presented a paper on a Roundtable, “Re-learning to be Human For/in Global Times: A Feminist Perspective. World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing, China, August 2018.
- Presented a paper on “Harmonious Relations with others and the insights of Indigenous Philosophy: Bukusu and Amazonian perspectives” for the panel, “The Value of a Relational Concept of Being Human, in an Intercultural Perspective.” World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing, China, August 2018.

Presented a paper, “Oruka and Momoh on Techniques of Interviewing Sages on Philosophical topics,” panel entitled “African Intellectual Traditions in Conversation,” African Studies Association 60th Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, November 2017.

Roundtable/ Author Meets Critics panel participant for book by Omedi Ochieng, *Groundwork for the Practice of the Good Life: Politics and Ethics at the Intersection of the North Atlantic and African Philosophy*. African Studies Association 60th Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, November 2017.

Presented a paper, “Reflections on Du Bois’ Analysis of the Causes of World War One, and his plan for World Peace,” Peace History Society conference, “Remembering Muted Voices: Conscience, Dissent, Resistance and Civil Liberties in World War I Through Today,” World War One Museum, October 2017.

Presented a paper, “The Development of Padmore and James’ Pan-African Liberation Strategy: Their Reflections on Striking Oil workers in Trinidad, 1937.” World History Association conference, Northeastern University, June 2017.

Presented a paper, “Brazil’s *Filhos de Gandhi Afoxé* Addresses Sexism, Homophobia and other Contemporary Issues” at *La Academia del Pueblo* Research Conference, “Charting New Futures: Rethinking Race and Gender in LatinX USA and Beyond.” Wayne State University, April 2017.

Presenter at a panel on book of Chike Jeffers (Ed.), *Listening to Ourselves: A Multilingual Anthology of African Philosophy*. Panel sponsored by the Committee on Indigenous Philosophers, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division conference, Baltimore MD, January 2017.

Presented paper, “The Philosophy of Brazilian ‘Filhos de Gandhi’: African and Indian influences, for panel on Lusophone African philosophy, African Studies Association conference, Washington D.C., December 2016.

Plenary Speaker, “Ecological Ethics Modeled on the Family: The Question of Women’s Status,” International Colloquium on Marginalization in African Philosophy: Women and Environment, a collaboration of University of Calabar, Nigeria and University of Johannesburg, South Africa, partnering with Bassey Andah Institute for African and Asian Studies and Calabar School of Philosophy, Calabar, Nigeria, September 2016.

Presented paper, “Remembering and Recounting Religious Experience: An Interview with Alice Lakwena,” for conference on “Memory and Remembrance in Africa and the Diaspora,” International Society for the Oral Literature of Africa (ISOLA), University of Florida-Gainesville, May 2016.

Presented paper, “Insights for Today from the Amuesha of Peru regarding Ethics, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation,” 7th Annual La Academia del Pueblo Latino/a and Latin American

Research Conference, “Decolonizing the Mind: Knowledge from the Margins,” Wayne State University, April 2016.

Presented paper, “Women’s Rights and Citizenship in Kenya Since Independence,” at Wayne State University’s Center for the Study of Citizenship conference on “Gender Sexuality, and Citizenship,” April 2016.

Presented paper, “The Ethics of Compassion of the Amuesha of Peru Compared and Contrasted to Mohism and Daoism of Ancient China,” Annual Conference of The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, theme: “Inter-American Philosophy,” Panel co-sponsored by the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Portland State University/ Benson Hotel, Portland Oregon, March 2016.

Presented paper, “The Wide Variety of Influences on Odera Oruka’s Political Philosophy,” at the African Studies Association conference, San Diego CA, November 2015.

Presented paper, “Ethics of Compassion: East African Ethics compared to the Amuesha of Peru,” International Society for African Philosophy and Studies (ISAPS) conference, Howard University, November 2015.

Presented a paper, “Gandhi’s views on Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism during the British Rule of India,” Peace History Association conference, University of St. Joseph, Hartford CT, October 2015.

Presented paper, “The role of the British suffragettes in influencing women’s nonviolent protest in South Africa, 1907-1913,” Midwest Conference on British Studies, Wayne State University, September 2015.

Presented paper, “Nkrumah’s Newspapers: Giving Voice to a Local Variation of a Global Non-violent Movement of Liberation,” World History Association conference, Savannah GA, July 2015.

Presented power point, “Nonviolent Protest of South African Pass Laws, 1913: Transformation and Tactics,” on roundtable, “Assertion and Contention along the Color Line in the Early Twentieth-Century World,” Southeast World History Association conference, Savannah GA, June 2015.

Presented paper, “Conceptions of Self as Individual or Relational: Its impact on Acceptance of Economic Democracy,” at the Global Studies Association conference, “Globalization: The Urban Crisis and Economic Democracy,” University of Toledo, June 2015.

Invited keynote address, “Odera Oruka and Mohandas Gandhi on reconciliation,” at Reconciliation and Justice: 5th Intercultural Interdisciplinary Colloquium at the Institute for Science and Art (IWK) in cooperation with Viennese Society for Intercultural Philosophy (WiGiP), Institute of Philosophy at the University of Vienna, and Forum Scientiarum at the University of Tübingen, Vienna, May 2015.

- “Thoreau, the Bhagavad Gita and Gandhi,” paper presented at Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy 42nd annual conference (on “Sustainability”), Grand Valley State University, March 2015.
- “Crisis, Dispossession, and Activism to Reclaim Detroit,” paper presented at Radical Philosophy Association conference on “Spaces of Control: Confronting Austerity and Repression,” Stony Brook University, November 2014.
- “Gandhi’s Followers: Interviews with Lifelong Gandhi Activists,” paper presented at the Peace and Justice Studies Association conference on “Courageous Presence: Shifting Stories and Practices of Peace,” University of San Diego, October 2014.
- “Nkrumah’s Newspapers: Popularizing Nonviolent Action,” paper presented at Southeastern World History Association Conference, “Peace and Human Rights in World History,” Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton FL, October 2014.
- Presentation (power point), “Kenyan and Ethiopian Sages on Good Governance and Conflict Resolution,” at the conference, “Challenges of Good Governance and Leadership for Sustainable Development of African States” hosted by the Center for African Development Policy Research (CADPR) at Western Michigan University, August 2014.
- Presented paper, “A Study of Moral Ambivalence (as described by David Wong) Regarding Individualism and Communitarian Values as Articulated in the Works of African Philosophers,” Society for Asian and Contemporary Philosophy 49th annual conference on “Universality and Particularity,” Binghamton University (SUNY), June 2014.
- Presented paper, “Teaching Ethics from a Global Studies perspective,” at the Global Studies Association conference, Loyola University Chicago, June 2014.
- Presented paper, “The Development of Padmore and James’ Pan-African Liberation Strategy: Their Reflections on Striking Oil workers in Trinidad, 1937, and Striking Dockworkers in Kingston, Jamaica, 1938,” presented at “Toward a New Pan-Africanism,” University of West Indies – Mona campus, Jamaica, April 2014.
- Presented paper, “Odera Oruka’s Position on the Equality of Women: The Kenyan Context,” and participant on a special panel, “Discussion of H. Odera Oruka’s *Sage Philosophy*,” Symposium on H. Odera Oruka, Goethe-Institut and University of Nairobi, Kenya, November, 2013.
- “John Lennon and Yoko Ono's Campaigns for Peace Compared and Contrasted to Gandhi’s Methods of Nonviolent Action,” presented at “Peace Studies between Tradition and Innovation,” Peace and Justice Studies Association conference, Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, October 2013.

“Concepts and Practices of Women’s Empowerment in East Africa,” presented at “Kenya at 50: Lessons for the Future” conference, Kenya Scholars and Studies Association (KESSA), Bowling Green State University, September 2013.

“Globalizing Philosophy,” (Invited) panel participant, and “Women Philosophers and the Enrichment of Philosophy,” roundtable presenter (Invited). Both presentations at XXIII World Congress of Philosophy, “Philosophy and Inquiry as a Way of Life,” University of Athens, School of Philosophy, August 2013.

“Nonviolence as a Way of Life: India and Africa,” paper presented at conference, “Culture and Philosophy as Ways of Life in Times of Global Change,” Council for Research and Values in Philosophy, University of Athens, School of Philosophy, August 2013.

Presented paper, “Crisis, Opportunity, and Community in Detroit,” at conference, “Philosophy and Crisis,” University of Ioannina, Greece, August 2013.

“Dorothy Day’s Pursuit of Public Peace Through Word and Action,” Concerned Philosophers for Peace session, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division conference, Atlanta GA, December 2012. Also chaired the second CPP session at the same conference, “Assessing the Philosopher King: Reflections on themes from the book *The Liberatory Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.*”

“Ways of Philosophizing: Global Challenges,” roundtable panelist, Conference of Philosophical Societies panel at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division conference, Atlanta GA, December 2012.

“Expanding Research Frontiers in African Philosophy,” Roundtable Discussant, African Studies Association conference, “Research Frontiers in the Study of Africa,” Philadelphia PA, November-December 2012.

“Revolution and/or Evolution? Reflections on Grace Lee Boggs’ *The Next American Revolution: Sustainable Activism for the Twenty-first Century*,” Radical Philosophy Association conference on “What is Radical Philosophy Today?,” Canisius College, Buffalo NY, October 2012.

“Carbon Credits Displace Honduran Campesinos: An Update on the Honduran Situation,” Peace and Justice Studies Association conference on “Anticipating Climate Disruption: Sustaining Justice, Greening Peace,” Tufts University, October 2012.

“Gandhi’s Vow of Nonviolence and the Problem of Unattainable Perfection,” Plenary Address (Invited), Indian Council of Philosophical Research conference “Gandhirama 2012,” Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, August 2012.

“Challenges of Civic Society in Africa: Philosophical and Novelistic Explorations,” at the North American Society for Social Philosophy’s 29th Annual Social Philosophy conference, en-

titled "Civic Virtues, Divided Societies, and Democratic Dilemmas," Northeastern University, Boston MA, July 2012.

"Philosopher and Public Intellectual: Compatible Roles?" Concerned Philosophers for Peace conference, "Peace and the Public Life," Austin Community College, Texas, Nov. 2011.

"Father James 'Guadalupe' Carney: An Example of a Man Who is Not Afraid of Challenges," Peace and Justice Studies Association/ Gandhi-King Conference, Christian Brothers University, Memphis TN, October 2011.

Co-organized with Anke Graness a double-session panel on "Henry Odera Orika: Sagacious Reasoning," and presented paper, "Sage Philosophy's Roots in the Uppsala University and University of Nairobi Contexts," at the 4th European Conference of African Studies (ECAS), "African Engagements: On Whose Terms?," Uppsala University, Sweden, June 2011.

Presented paper, "Gender Justice and Marriage Practices in Africa" at the International Development Ethics Association (IDEA) conference on *Gender Justice and Development: Local and Global*, Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, June 2011.

Presented paper, "The Problem of Using Anger as a Motivator for Social Change," at "Sustainability and Interdependence" conference, Society for Asian and Contemporary Philosophy, University of Hawaii at Manoa, May 2011.

Presented paper "Immigration and Education in the United States: a Challenge to the Values Implicit in Arizona's Law Against Teaching Ethnic Studies," at "Value and Values: Economics and Justice in an Age of Global Interdependence" conference, Tenth East-West Philosophers conference, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 2011.

Presented paper, "Kwame Nkrumah, Positive Action, and the Debate with Fanon on Violence," at "Violence and Representation in Africa and the African Diaspora," the 17th Annual International Society for African Philosophy and Studies (ISAPS) conference, Ohio State University, April 2011.

Presented paper, "First-person Voice, Present, Absent, or Mediated: Debates in Biography and Autobiography," at African Literature Association 37th Annual Conference, Ohio University, April 2011.

Co-organized panel (with R. Greg Moses), "Conceptualizing Communication as Intercultural" and presented paper, "Intercultural Communication and the Case of Arizona's Ban on Ethnic Studies," at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Program, Minneapolis, MN, April 2011.

Roundtable participant, "Planting Pan-African Seeds: The Life and Legacy of Mzee Bill Sutherland," African Studies Association conference on "African Diaspora and Diasporas in Africa," San Francisco CA, November 2010.

Presented paper, "Strategic Nonviolence as Expressed in the Manifesto of the Fifth Pan-African Congress in Manchester, England, 1945," at the Radical Philosophy Association conference, "Violence: Systemic, Symbolic, and Foundational," University of Oregon, Eugene OR, November 2010.

Organized plenary panel on Kai Kresse's book, *Philosophizing in Mombasa*, and presented a paper, "Can Philosophy and Anthropology Combine to Carefully Understand Philosophical Thoughts Cross-Culturally? Reflections on Kai Kresse's *Philosophizing in Mombasa*," International Society for the Oral Literature of Africa conference, Mombasa Kenya, July 2010.

Presented paper, "Teaching African Aesthetics in a Philosophy of Art Class," African Literature Association conference, Tucson, Arizona, March 2010.

Presidential Address (Invited), "Gandhian Nonviolence and Pan-Africanism," Concerned Philosophers for Peace conference, University of Dayton, November 2009.

Presented "George Padmore and C.L.R. James on Strategic Nonviolence in the Ghanaian Independence Movement," Caribbean Philosophical Association conference, University of Miami, August 2009.

Presented "Attempts to Create National Culture in Kenya," European Conference on African Studies, University of Leipzig, June 2009.

Presented "Using Oral Literatures, Interviews, and Autobiographies from Africa in Teaching Philosophy of Religion from a Cross-Cultural Perspective" at African Literature Association Conference, Burlington, VT, April 2009.

Presented paper, "Are Philosophy and Anthropology Antagonists or Collaborators?: In Favor of an Interdisciplinary Approach," at African Studies Association conference, Chicago, November 2008.

Presented "War is Over/ All You Need is Love: Insights from John Lennon and Yoko Ono's Campaigns for Peace in 1969." At Art and Social Transformation Radical Philosophy Association conference, San Francisco State University, November 2008.

Presidential Address (Invited), "Gandhi on the Problem of Violence within the Indian Struggle for Independence," at "Resisting War, Educating for Peace" Concerned Philosophers for Peace conference, SUNY Cortland, November 2008.

Panel organizer and participant, "The Importance of Teaching African Philosophy, Including Student Experience of Africa, in African American Studies Programs and/or as Part of a Philosophy-Specific and/or Campus Wide Requirement" and paper presentation, "I Know How You Feel': Challenges of Limited Perspectives When Teaching About Race

in a Philosophy Course,” at Philosophy and African American Studies 15th Annual Philosophy Born of Struggle conference, Michigan State University, October 2008.

Presented paper, “Overcoming Fear: The Role of Reason and Compassion,” for “Reason, Activism and Change” conference, Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, University of Windsor, October 2008.

Presented “Maintaining Nonviolent Discipline: Examples from Gandhi,” Building Cultures of Peace, Peace and Justice Studies Association conference, Portland State University, September 2008.

Presented papers, “Arendt on Propaganda and Truth Telling;” “Secularism and Rationality in Odera Oruka’s Sage Philosophy Project;” Roundtable speaker for “Philosophy Emerging from African Culture” and “Rethinking Globalization from the Position of Multipolarity,” World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, July-August 2008.

Plenary commentator (Invited) on “Challenges and Opportunities for Philosophy in the Global Interaction of Cultures and Civilizations;” presented paper, “Wise Elders in African and the Tradition-Innovation Tensions Within African Culture,” at the Pre-Conference on Philosophy Emerging from Culture, Council for Research in Values and Philosophy and Soongsil University, Seoul, South Korea, July 2008.

Presentation (Power Point), “Teaching about Homelessness in an Introduction to Philosophy Service Learning Class,” Mercy Higher Education “Symposium of Service Learning and Civic Engagement,” Georgian Court University, NJ, June 2008.

“Attempts to Create ‘National Culture’ in Kenya,” conference on “Nationalism and Globalization in Conflict and Transition,” Global Studies Association, Pace University, New York, June 2008.

“The Logic of the ‘War on Terrorism:’ From Manipulation of Fear to Rational Risk Analysis,” The Human Condition Series Conference on “Terror,” Laurentian University at Georgian College, Barrie, Ontario, Canada, May 2008.

“Reflections on Charles W. Mills’ ‘White Ignorance:’ Its Challenge to How We Teach Philosophy on U.S. Campuses.” Conference on “Knowledge, Violence, Discipline: (Re)Thinking Politics and the University,” sponsored by the Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture program, Binghamton University, April 2008.

“Governments That Instill Fear and the Civil Resisters that Resist Fear,” Radical Philosophy Association panel entitled “Leaps of Faith” at American Philosophical Association, Baltimore MD, December 2007. At same conference, respondent for panel on “Contemporary Arab Cultural Critique,” Society for Arab, Persian, and Islamic Philosophy, APA, December 2007.

“Assumptions About Fear and Courage, and How These Assumptions are Challenged by Daniel Berrigan, S.J.” Concerned Philosophers for Peace conference, Manchester College, IN, November 2007.

“Marriage Practices in East and West Africa: Feminist Critiques, Pro and Con,” African Studies Association Conference, New York City, October 2007.

Difficulties Involved in a Project to Create a ‘National Culture’ in Ghana,” Peace and Justice Studies Association conference, Elizabethtown College, PA, September 2007.

“Civil Disobedience: An Expression of Citizenship?” Citizenship, Identity and Social Justice conference, University of Windsor, May 2007.

“Divergent Views of Aurobindo Ghose and Mohandas Gandhi regarding the Use of Terrorism in a Liberation Movement,” American Philosophical Association Central Division, Chicago, April 2007.

“Kenyan Sages and Philosophical Counseling,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Washington D.C., December 2006.

Presented keynote address (Invited), “The Language of the Global War on Terror,” for Central New York Peace Studies Consortium conference “The Language of Violence: Thinking Critically about War and Peace,” SUNY Cortland, November 2006.

“Scrutinizing Justifications for Increased Surveillance” at Radical Philosophy Association conference, Creighton University, November 2006.

Presented keynote address (Invited), “Walking with Gandhi: 100 Years of Satyagraha,” as well as regular session paper, “Gandhi’s Nonviolent Army,” at Concerned Philosophers for Peace conference, St. Bonaventure University, October 2006.

“Service Learning and Introductory Philosophy Courses” for Peace and Justice Studies Association conference on “The Common Good” at Manhattan College, October 2006.

“Kenyan Sages and the Moral Traditionalist- Innovator Debate,” Caribbean Philosophy Association, Concordia University, Montreal Canada, August 2006.

“Gandhi’s Ahimsa, in the Context of Hindu, Jain, and Buddhist concepts.” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, Ill., April 2006.

“Philosophers at the Global Crossroads: How Can Philosophers Make a Difference?: Concerned Philosophers for Peace,” for panel sponsored by Conference on Philosophical Societies, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division conference, New York City, December 2005.

- “Grappling With Gandhi’s Ethics of Ahimsa,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division conference, New York City, December 2005.
- “Gandhi on Conflict Resolution,” at Concerned Philosophers for Peace conference, California State University–Chico, CA, November 2005.
- “Gandhi’s Nonviolent Army: Reflections on the Salt March, then and now” at Gandhi Conference, Christian Brothers University, Memphis Tenn., October 2005.
- “Simone Weil on the Dignity of Labor,” at “Women and Globalization” conference, Institute for Global Justice, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, July–August 2005.
- “How Did Gandhi Resolve Conflicts?” at conference “Path to Peace in a World of Violence” sponsored by Gandhian Studies Program, University of Mumbai, Colena Campus, February 2005.
- “Gandhi’s Ahimsa” at the National conference on the “Role of India in Promoting World Peace,” February 2005, World Peace Center, Maharashtra Institute of Technology, Pune, India.
- “Is the Iraq War Part of the ‘War on Terror?’” presented at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Boston, Mass., December 2004.
- “Hannah Arendt on Founding new Government: The Iraq Case,” Radical Philosophy Association conference, Howard University, Washington D.C., November 2004.
- “Simone Weil on Labor,” Concerned Philosophers for Peace conference, Charlotte N.C., October 2004.
- “The Success of Political Action in South Africa: Credit to Gandhi or Not?” Gandhi conference, Christian Brothers and Rhodes Universities, Memphis, Tenn., October 2004.
- “Simone Weil on Labor,” International Philosophers for Peace conference, Radford University, Radford, Va., May 2004.
- “Hannah Arendt on Founding new Government: The Iraq Case,” Hannah Arendt Circle, Central Division, American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Ill., April 2004.
- “Sage Philosophy and the Equality of the Sexes,” Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture conference, Binghamton University, Binghamton, N.Y., April 2004.
- “Nonviolence in South Africa’s struggle against apartheid,” Social Justice mini-conference, Pacific Division, American Philosophical Association, Pasadena, Calif., March 2004.
- “Surveillance and benevolence: questions raised by the film “Black River” and “Combat Zones That See” (CTS) technology,” Concerned Philosophers for Peace conference, Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon, October 2003.

- “African Sage Philosophy and Compassion.” Third European Congress of Dialogue and Universalism, Warsaw University, Poland, August 2003.
- “Response to F. Ochieng’-Odhiambo’s analysis of the philosophy of H. Odera Oruka,” World Congress of Philosophy, Philosophy in Africa session, Istanbul, Turkey, August 2003.
- “U.S. Foreign Policy and the ideal of a ‘Good Empire’: A Critique.” World Congress of Philosophy, Concerned Philosophers for Peace/ Russian Philosophical Association panel, Istanbul, August 2003.
- “The Role of Neocolonialism in the U.S. “War on Terror:” Mahmood Mamdani’s Insight into the Current Crisis,” Middle States African Studies Association Conference, theme: “Legacy of Empire: War, Famine, and Poverty in Africa in the Diaspora.” West Virginia State College, Institute, W. Va. May 2003.
- “H. Odera Oruka on Compassion and Justice,” Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture Thirteenth Annual conference, Binghamton University, Binghamton, N.Y., April 2003.
- “Black Hawk Down: Somali and U.S. Perspectives on the “Day of the Rangers,” Africana Studies/ RPA conference, Brown University, Providence, R.I., November 2002.
- “The Role of Neocolonialism in the U.S. “War on Terror:” Mahmood Mamdani’s Insight into the Current Crisis,” Concerned Philosophers for Peace conference, Walsh University, North Canton Ohio, October 2002.
- “Belief in Male Superiority among Kenyan Sages: Cultural Determinism, Lack of Moral Imagination, or Self-Deception?” XVIII International Biennial Conference, African Studies Association in Germany (VAD e.V.), University of Hamburg, Germany, May 2002.
- “Conflict Resolution: Insights of Refugees at Dadaab Refugee Camp, Kenya,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division conference, Chicago, Ill., April 2002. Panel sponsored by the APA Committee for International Cooperation.
- “Arendt’s Politics of Disinterest: Can They be Applied to the African Context?,” Philosophy, Interpretation and Culture conference, Binghamton University, April 2002.
- “The Role of Neocolonialism in Shaping Arab Critics of the U.S.: Mahmood Mamdani’s Insight into the Current Crisis,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Seattle, Wash., March 2002. Panel sponsored by Concerned Philosophers for Peace.
- “Political Action and Strategic Nonviolence in Africa,” Concerned Philosophers for Peace conference, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, N.Y., October 2001.
- “Philosophic Sages Debate Ethnicity’s Role in Politics,” at “Ethnicity in an age of globalization” conference, Ugandan Martyr’s University, Kampala, Uganda, September 2001.

- “Maasai Concepts of Personhood: The Roles of Recognition, Community, and Individuality,” Philosophy, Interpretation and Culture Conference, Binghamton University, Binghamton, N.Y., April 2001.
- “Hannah Arendt on Love and Justice,” American Philosophical Association, panel sponsored by Gandhi-King Society, New York City, December 2000.
- “The Struggle for Peace and Justice in Africa,” Loyola University of Chicago, Radical Philosophy Association National Conference, November 2000.
- “Philosophers on Development: H. Odera Oruka and Segun Gbadegesin.” Sixth Annual International Society for African Studies and Philosophy conference, Nairobi, Kenya, March 2000.
- “H. Odera Oruka on Compassion,” keynote speaker (Invited) for Fourth Annual H. Odera Oruka Memorial Symposium, Nairobi, Kenya, December 1999.
- “The Struggle for Recognition in the Philosophy of Axel Honneth applied to the African Renaissance.” Seminar, “The African and European origins of the Renaissance and their contribution to human development,” Goethe Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa, October 1999.
- “Teaching and Research in African Philosophy.” Spring Lecture Series, University of the North, South Africa, September 1999.
- “Sage Philosophy and the Issue of Equality of the Sexes.” Quotidian Ethics conference, University of Cape Town, South Africa, August 1999.
- “Sages Debate Ethnicity and Politics in Kenya.” Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, Racism and Multiculturalism Conference. June 1999.
- “Sage Philosophy and Critical Thinking: Creatively Coping with Witchcraft and Jealousy.” Loyola University, Chicago, International Society for African Philosophy and Studies, 5th annual conference, March 1999.
- “African Politics from the Political Angle of Hannah Arendt.” Conference on “German and African Philosophies of Communities in Transition.” Goethe Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa, October 1998.
- “H. Odera Oruka on Moral Reasoning and Projecting Future Consequences: Roots in East African Prophetic Tradition.” University of the North, South Africa, Spring Lecture Series on the “African Renaissance,” September 1998.
- “Who Counts as a Sage? Problems in the Further Implementation of Sage Philosophy.” World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, Mass., August 1998.

- “H. Odera Oruka on Moral Reasoning and Projecting Future Consequences: Roots in East African Prophetic Tradition.” At Northeastern University, Boston, Mass., in conjunction with the World Congress of Philosophy, Boston MA, panel sponsored by International Philosophers for the Prevention of Nuclear and Other Disasters, August 1998.
- “Culture, Identity, and Development: The Case of the Maasai,” at the International Social Philosophy conference, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, North Adams, Mass., August 1998.
- “Should Women Love ‘Wisdom’? Evaluating the Ethiopian Wisdom Tradition,” SOFPHIA (Socialist Feminist Philosophers), City University of New York Graduate Center, May 1998.
- “Are Akan Chiefs and Queen Mothers in Contemporary Ghana Examples of Democracy? An Evaluation of Wiredu and Gyekye.” New York State African Studies Association, Binghamton University, April 1998.
- “Hannah Arendt and Frantz Fanon on the Question of Violence.” At Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture conference, Binghamton University, April 1998.
- “Contemporary African Sages and Queen Mothers,” Cultural Diversity conference, Northern Colorado State University, Greeley, Colo., April 1998.
- “H. Odera Oruka on Moral Reasoning and Projecting Future Consequences: Roots in East African Prophetic Tradition.” At American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, main program, Berkeley, California, March 1998.
- “Teaching African Philosophy.” At American Philosophical Association conference, Eastern Division, Philadelphia, Penn., December 1997. Panel sponsored by the American Association of Philosophy Teachers.
- “Are Akan Chiefs and Queen Mothers in Contemporary Ghana Examples of Democracy? An Evaluation of Wiredu and Gyekye,” Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Estes Park, Colo., August 1997.
- “Criticisms of Multiparty systems: Parallels regarding Political Action in the Works of Hannah Arendt and Ernest Wamba-dia-Wamba,” North American Society for Social Philosophy, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, July 1997.
- “Should Women Love ‘Wisdom’? A look at the Ethiopian Wisdom Tradition.” Women and Society Conference, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., June 1997.
- “The Wisdom of African Sages,” at “International Philosophy Conference: Metaphysics, Knowledge and Value,” Hunter College, New York, May 1997. Also, panel participant in “Symposium on Methodology in Africana Philosophy,” presented critical review of D.A. Masolo’s African Philosophy in Search of Identity.

- “Who Counts as a Sage? Problems in the Further Implementation of Sage Philosophy,” International Society for African and African Diaspora Philosophy and Studies Conference in honor of H. Odera Oruka, University of the North, Pietersburg, South Africa, March 1997.
- “Broad” and “Strict” Distinctions in Claude Sumner’s Works in Ethiopian and African Philosophy.” Also, Chair for “Sage Philosophy,” and “the Relevance of Language in African Thought” sessions. Pan-African Symposium on “Problematics of an African Philosophy: Twenty Years After (1976-1996).” Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, December 1996.
- “Should Women Love ‘Wisdom’? Looking at the Ethiopian Wisdom Tradition,” at “Multicultural Dimensions of Ancient and Medieval Thought” conference, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy and the Institute for Global Cultural Studies, Binghamton University, Binghamton, N.Y., October 1996.
- “Kenyan Sages and Socrates: Parallels and Contrasts,” at Jacobsen Philosophy Conference, University of Zimbabwe, Harare, 29 February-3 March, 1996.
- “The Colonialist Goal of a Docile Labor Force in Africa: Its Implications for Development,” at “The Prosperity of Africa,” Third Annual Symposium of the Baha’i Study Association, Nairobi Kenya, November 1995.
- “Development and Culture” at World Futures Studies Association conference on African Futures Beyond Poverty, Kenyan National Museum, Nairobi, July 1995.
- “Arendt and Weil on the Status of Labor” at Women and Society Conference, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., June 1995.
- Commentator upon a book, *Bad Faith and Antiracist Racism* by Lewis Gordon, panel/roundtable at SOFPHIA conference (Socialist Feminist Philosophers), University of Massachusetts–Amherst, May 1995.
- “Fanon on the Role of Violence in Liberation: An Appraisal,” at “Fanon Today: Rereadings, Confrontations, Engagements,” Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., March 1995.
- “Socrates and Sage Philosophy: Midwifery and Method,” at “Global and Multicultural Dimensions of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy,” Institute for Global Cultural Studies and the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Binghamton University, Binghamton, N.Y., October 1994. DOI: 10.5840/ipq20024223
- “African Philosophy and Sage Philosophy,” at “Philosophy and Cultural Diversity” conference, Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Estes Park, Colo., August 1994.
- Discussant in workshop on “African Philosophy” with Kibujjo Kalumba of Ball State University, at American Association of Philosophy Teachers’ conference, McGill University and Marianapolis College, Montreal, Canada, August 1994.

Commentator on paper by Tom Wartenburg, “En-racing Class: Spike Lee’s ‘Jungle Fever.’”
Sofphia conference, Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass, May 1994.

“Arendt’s Critique of Frantz Fanon on the Use of Violence by the Oppressed,” Institute for Global
Cultural Studies conference, Binghamton University, Binghamton, N.Y., October 1993.

“The Armed Forces Caught in a Web: Both Victims and Perpetrators of Violence,” Concerned
Philosophers for Peace, Hamline University and Macalester College, Minneapolis/St.
Paul, Minn., October 1993.

Plenary speaker, “Participatory Democracy: Its Role in Workers’ Self-Management,” at “The
Future of Socialism,” Academy of Labor, Moscow, Russia, June 1993.

“Social Freedom Contrasted to Individual Freedom and Social Determinism,” at “Social and
Economic Aspects of Democratization of Contemporary Society” conference, Moscow
State University, Moscow, Russia, June 1993.

“Hannah Arendt on Political Action and Revolution,” Eastern Pennsylvania Philosophical Asso-
ciation, University of Scranton, Penn. May 1993.

“Hannah Arendt on the Distinction Between Power and Domination,” Concerned Philosophers
for Peace, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, October 1992.

“Hannah Arendt on Women in Politics,” Women and Society Conference, Marist College,
Poughkeepsie, N.Y., June 1992.

“Hannah Arendt on Nonviolence and Political Action,” at Nonviolence: Social and Psychologi-
cal Issues conference, SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome, N.Y., May 1992.

Participated in panel discussion: “Enlarging the Spheres: Women and the Public/Private Distinc-
tion,” New York State Political Science Association, Buffalo, N.Y., April 1992.

“Hannah Arendt on the Nuclear Arms Race,” Radical Philosophy Association conference on
“Technology,” Brecht Forum, New York City, November 1989.

Invited Guest Lecturer

Invited lecture, “Gandhi in Africa Philosophy,” invited by the Department of Anthropology and
Vidya Bhavana (Dr. Sipoy Sarveswar, Convenor), Visva-Bharati University, Santiniket-
an, Bolpur, West Bengal, India, March 2025.

Interviewed on my book, *The Life and Thought of H. Odera Orika: Pursuing Justice in Africa*
(Bloomsbury, 2023), for the online program Book Chat on Feb. 6, 2025. Interviewed by

Kole Odutola, Ph.D., who is a Yoruba Associate Instructional Professor in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at University of Florida. [[online.](#)]

Presented a talk via Zoom, “The Philosophy of H. Odera Oruka” for the speaker series Global Peace Studies for Sustainable Development Africa Peace and Development Network (Mtandao wa Amani na Maendeleo Afrika (MAMA), hosted by George Mutalemwa. [[online](#)]

Invited lecture/ luncheon discussion, “Teaching Ethics: Incorporating African philosophers in courses addressing Contemporary Ethical Issues,” Villanova University, October 2023.

Presenter at Book launch, for *The Life and Thought of H. Odera Oruka: Pursuing Justice in Africa* (Bloomsbury, 2023), at University of Hildesheim conference on “The Status of Oral Traditions in the History of Philosophy: Methodological Considerations,” Kulturcampus Domäne Marienburg, September, 2023.

Invited panel participant, along with D.A. Masolo, Ndumiso Dladla, and Reginald M. Oduor, Actuvirtual Symposium on ‘Africa beyond Liberal Democracy: In Search of Context-Relevant Models of Democracy for the Twenty-First Century’, moderated and hosted by Fazil Moradi, [zoom panel](#) hosted by Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Studies. September, 2022. [Recording available.](#)

Guest lecture, African Philosophy Conversations series for Prof. Bruce B. Janz course in African philosophy, University of Central Florida, Feb. 3, 2022. [African Philosophy Conversations: Dr. Gail Presbey interview](#)

Invited panel participant, panel of Co-editors of the journal *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence*. Hosted by Oxford Public Philosophy, Dec. 2, 2021. Topic: “Sunrises,” especially, how H. Odera Oruka of Kenya began his interest in studying philosophy, especially social and political philosophy and African philosophy. [turn 2 *launch*: Tadhg Kwasi & ACORN editors Greg Moses, Anthony Sean Neal, and Gail Presbey](#)

Invited panel participant, “Theories of (Non)Violent Revolution: Black liberation,” with Anthony Neal. Oxford Public Philosophy, invited by People for Womxn* in Philosophy and Oxford PPE Society, Susmita Dave and Emma Weitzmann. Recorded Feb. 18, 2021, Posted on March 2, 2021. Online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jntAtmnlno4>

Presented a paper/ power point presentation, “How Gandhi drew inspiration and learned nonviolent resistance techniques from women,” a webinar organized at the instance of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Visva-Bharati Central University, Santiniketan, India, on 30 August 2020 at 5.30pm (IST) via Zoom. Part 1: My talk begins around 1 hr 29 mins into the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsOu6y-0jQQ> Part 2: Q and A session, begins about 45 mins into the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrn5aZViYBw&feature=youtu.be>

Invited lectures for the Acorn Symposium, Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University (San Marcos), “How Black Lives Mattered to Gandhi” and “Women’s Nonviolent Activism in South Africa,” February and March, 2018.

Invited lecture, “Sages, Proverbs, Myths and Philosophy: Recording the Breadth of Sagacious Wisdom,” and Invited Presenter, “Interviewing Women Sages,” for “Revisiting Sage Philosophy” workshop, Department of Middle East, South Asian and African Studies, Columbia University, December 2017.

Invited presenter, “Interviewing Alice Lakwena: Oral History Methodology,” Wayne State University, November 2017, to Oral History graduate students, invited by Dr. May Seikaly.

Special Lecture, Third Distinguished Calabar School of Philosophy Scholarly Lecture Series, “Wangari Maathai on Women’s Empowerment,” at the Bassey Andah Institute for African and Asian Studies, University of Calabar, Nigeria, September 2016.

Seminar Guest Speaker, “The Philosophical Value of Sages’ Insights: The Views of Odera Oruka and C.S. Momoh,” Department of Philosophy, University of Lagos, Nigeria, September 2016.

Public lecture, “Wangari Maathai on Women's Empowerment and Environmental Activism,” Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma WA, March 2016. Invited by the Department of Philosophy.

Public lecture, “Hannah Arendt and Edward Snowden: on Truth and Lying in Politics,” Philosophy department, University of Vienna, May 2015.

Guest lecture, “H. Odera Oruka and the Sage Philosophy Project,” for postgraduate course “Sage Philosophy: The Root of African Philosophy and Religion” at the Maryknoll Institute of African Studies of Saint Mary's University (MIASMU), Tangaza College, Nairobi, Kenya, November 2013.

Public lecture, “The Gandhian Philosophy of Nonviolence in African Liberation Movements: Lessons for Our Time,” Philosophical Forum Spring 2013, Frostburg State University, MD, invited by the Philosophy Department, April 2013.

Guest lecture, “Nonviolence in the Ghanaian Independence Struggle,” University of California – Berkeley, class on “Gandhi and the Civil Rights Movement,” invited by Dr. Purushottama Bilimoria, March 2013.

Public lecture in honor of World Philosophy Day, “Revolution and/or Evolution? Grace Lee Boggs’ Sustainable Activism for Detroit,” University of Windsor Philosophy Department and Philosophical Association of Windsor event held at Phog Lounge, Windsor, November 2012. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuHi-n7BAo>

Public lecture, “Martin Luther King, Jr. on Vietnam: King's Message Applied to the U.S. Occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan,” University of Kentucky – Lexington, and, discussion, “King Today: On Peace, Community and Democracy,” MLK Cultural Center, University of Kentucky – Lexington, October 2011.

Panelist on topic, “Are Religions Inherently Violent?,” Eastern Michigan University, invited by EMU Office of Multicultural Affairs, September 2011.

Guest lecturer in class, “Critical Social Thought,” spoke on C.L.R. James, invited by Anatole Anton, San Francisco State University, November 2010.

Presented lecture/ power point presentation, “Gandhi’s Salt March: Contemporary Implications” to Peace and Conflict class, Portland Community College, Sylvania campus, OR, November 2010.

Presented paper, “Gandhi on Conflict Resolution,” Conflict Resolution program, Portland State University, Portland OR, November 2010.

Presented lecture, Sage Philosophy: Investigating Its Past and Speculating on Its Future,” University of Nairobi Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, July 2010.

Presented three talks, “Fr. James Carney, S.J.: A Man Who is not Afraid of Challenges;” “Dorothy Day on Courage;” “Gandhi and Nonviolence.” Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine, May 2009.

Public talk, “Retracing Gandhi,” Marist Praxis Forum for Public Citizenship, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY, April 2008.

Public talk, “Professor Henry Odera Oruka of Kenya: An Intellectual History” to the Philosophy Department and Africana Studies Dept., Wayne State University, April 2008.

Presented a paper, “Martin Luther King, Jr. on Vietnam: King’s Message Applied to the U.S. Occupation of Iraq,” Butler University, October 2007.

Presented a paper, “Gandhi on Terrorism and Nonviolence,” Michigan State University Philosophy dept., Lansing MI, April 2007.

Classroom lecture, “Feminist Issues in African Philosophy” to a class on African Philosophy, Michigan State University, Lansing MI, April 2007.

Public talk, “Odera Oruka’s sage philosophy project: recent developments,” Gesellschaft für Afrikanische Philosophie, Afrika Haus, Berlin, Germany, June 2006.

“Democratic Philosophy in Akan Chieftancy,” Tamale Institute for Cross Cultural Studies, Tamale, Ghana, June 2006.

Presented talk, "Models of Democracy in Africa," Rochester College, Mich., April 2006.

"The Goal of Sage Philosophy," Philosophy Dept. seminar, Central Florida University, Orlando, Fla., March 2006.

"Arendt on Founding New Government: The Iraq Case," public lecture, San Francisco State University, Calif., November 2005.

Presented "Strategic Nonviolence in Africa: reasons for its embrace and later abandonment by Nkrumah, Nyerere, and Kaunda," African History class, Dr. Heather Hoag, Also presented paper, "Arendt on Founding New Government: The Iraq Case," Conflict Resolution class, Dr. Stephen Zunes, University of San Francisco, Calif., November 2005.

Guest lecture, African Philosophy and the work of H. Odera Orika, University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, November 2005.

Presented a paper on "Gandhi's Nonviolent Strategy," History Department colloquia, University of Mumbai (Bombay), India, June 2005.

Presented paper "The Non-Violent Army: Reflections on Gandhi's Salt March" at Mani Bhavan (Gandhi Museum and Library), Mumbai (Bombay), May 2005.

Spoke on panel for Women's Day, March 8, 2005, World Peace Center, Maharashtra Institute of Technology, Pune, India.

"Response to F. Ochieng'-Odhiambo's analysis of the philosophy of H. Odera Orika," Philosophy Dept., George Washington University, Washington D.C. November 2004.

Presented "Oruka's Sage Philosophy: A Feminist Critique," Ethics Center, University of North Carolina Charlotte, October 2004.

"Ethics of Care, Ethics of Justice in the philosophy of H. Odera Orika." Philosophy Dept. Symposium series, open to the public, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo., February 2003.

"Maasai Culture: The Voices of the Sages," with Daniel Sasine, Montclair State University, Montclair, N.J., spoke to anthropology students. November 2002.

"The Wisdom of African Sages," presentation with slides, Wayne County Community College, Detroit Mich., April 2001.

"Philosophers on Development: H. Odera Orika and Segun Gbadegesin," for faculty symposium, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya, June 2000.

Guest lecture series, "The Concept of Development," for Master's Degree Program in Development, University of the North, South Africa, February and May 2000.

Guest lecture series, “Gender and Communication,” Institute of African Studies, postgraduate program in Gender Studies, University of Nairobi, Kenya, March–April 2000.

“Is there an African Philosophy?” Paper presented at Daystar University, Nairobi, Kenya, March 2000.

“Hannah Arendt on Political Philosophy and Ideology,” lecture for “Political Ideologies and Political Philosophy” course, University of the North, South Africa, November, 1999.

“Sage Philosophy” lecture to two sections of Introduction to Philosophy course; “Philosophy of Religion regarding African Religions” lecture in Philosophy of Religion course, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, May 1999.

“The Wisdom of African Sages,” public lecture with slides, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, March 1999.

“Philosophy and Critical Thinking: Creatively Coping with Witchcraft and Jealousy.” Invited guest lecturer to Introduction to Philosophy course. Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya, February 1999.

“Contemporary African Sages and Queen Mothers: Their Leadership Role in Conflict Resolution,” Third year honors philosophy course, also open to the public. University of the North, South Africa, September 1998.

“An Introduction to the Political Philosophy of Hannah Arendt.” John Jay College, City University of New York, April 1998.

“Are Akan Chiefs and Queen Mothers in Contemporary Ghana Examples of Democracy? An Evaluation of Wiredu and Gyekye.” Public lecture sponsored by the Philosophy Graduate Program, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo., April 1998.

“Should Women Love ‘Wisdom’? Evaluating the Ethiopian Wisdom Tradition,” University of Southern Maine, public lecture sponsored by Philosophy Dept., Portland, Maine, February 1998.

“Contemporary African Sages and Queen Mothers: Their Leadership Roles in Conflict Resolution.” Philosophy Dept. Lecture Series, San Francisco State University, Calif., October 1997.

“Human Rights: Universal or Culture Specific?” lecture at University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, March 1997.

“The Wisdom of African Sages,” paper, Research Unit on African Philosophy, UNISA (University of South Africa), Pretoria, South Africa, March 1997.

“Kant’s Ethics and his critics: Hannah Arendt and Carol Gilligan,” lecture, Graduate course on “Logic and Moral Reasoning.” University of Cape Coast, Ghana, May 1996.

“P.M. Dikirr’s Study of the Maasai Conception of a Person, Framed in the Larger Menkiti-Gyekye Debate on Philosophy of Person in Africa,” lecture, “African Philosophy” class, Trinity College, Accra, Ghana, May 1996.

Lectured for “Social and Political Philosophy” course, on Bentham and Mill’s Utilitarianism. Lectured for “Theories of Justice” course, on John Rawls. Lectured for “Ethics” course on Women’s Rights as Human Rights. Invited by Dr. Joseph Osei of the Philosophy Dept., University of Ghana at Legon, May-July 1996.

Sabbatical visit: lectures for Social Philosophy, on major figures; for Philosophy of Religion, on Anselm, Aquinas, Hume, Freud and Feyerbach; for History of Modern Philosophy, on Rationalists and Empiricists. Lectures for “Oriental Philosophy” course, and “Epistemology.” Covered Southeast and South Asia: on Confucius, Mencius, Hsun Tzu; Taoists Lao Tzu and Chuang Tzu; the Bhagavad-Gita; the debate between Nagarjuna and the Nyaya School; and Shankara’s Monism. University of Nairobi, Kenya, July 1995–May 1996.

“African Sages in Action and Interaction: H. Odera Oruka’s Challenges to the Academic Role of the Philosopher,” paper, public lecture, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, April 1996.

“African Philosophy: From its Beginnings to Contemporary Times.” Lecture, Capuchin Franciscan Institute of Philosophy and Theology. Invited by Dr. Samuel Wolde-Yohannis and Fr. Haile Gabriel. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, April 1996.

“African Philosophy: From its Beginnings to Contemporary Times.” Lecture to over 200 Philosophy students. Invited by Mr. Workineh Kelbessa. Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, April 1996.

“Gandhi’s Activism in South Africa, 1893-1914.” Lecture for class, “The History of Africa.” Invited by Dr. Neil McHugh, Fulbright Historian. Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, April 1996.

“The Afrocentric Challenge to Eurocentric Philosophy,” lecture, invited by Joe Ndaba. University of Zululand, South Africa, March 1996.

“Critics of Boers or Africans? Arendt’s Treatment of South Africa in Origins of Totalitarianism,” and “Fanon on the Role of Violence in Liberation: A Comparison to Gandhi and Mandela,” seminar papers. Invited by Dr. Joe Teffo (President of the South African Philosophical Association). University of the North, Pietersburg, South Africa, March 1996.

“On a Mission to Morally Improve One’s Society: Odera Oruka’s African Sages and the Socratic Paradigm,” paper. Invited by Dr. Kosie Abrahams. University of the Western Cape, Bellville, South Africa, February 1996.

- “Critics of Boers or Africans? Arendt’s Treatment of South Africa in Origins of Totalitarianism,” paper. Invited by Wilhelm Verwoerd. Participated in a two-day seminar for Master’s Philosophy students on Applied Ethics. University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, February 1996.
- “From Khoikhoi Herdsmen to Maasai Pastoralists: Colonial and Post-Colonial Attempts to Change Labor into Wage Labor,” lecture, Anthropology students. Invited by Dr. N.S. Jansen van Rensburg. Potchefstroom University, South Africa, February 1996.
- “Ways in Which Oral Philosophy is Superior to Written Philosophy: A Look at Odera Oruka’s Rural Sages,” paper, Research Unit on African Philosophy. Invited by Dr. M.E.S. van den Berg. UNISA (University of South Africa), Pretoria, South Africa, February 1996.
- “Social and Political Philosophy,” taught by Dr. E. Beyaraaza, taught two classes on Hannah Arendt’s criticisms of the political philosophies of Plato and Aristotle. For “Ethics,” taught by Prof. A. Dalfovo, gave a lecture on “African Ethics.” For a graduate course in “Research Methodology,” taught by Prof. Dalfovo, presented a lecture on Prof. H. Odera Oruka’s Sage Philosophy Method, and the surrounding controversy. For A. Byaruhanga’s class on “The History of Philosophy,” gave a lecture on Aristotle’s Ethics and Politics. For Dr. J. Kigongo’s class on “Introduction to Philosophy,” lectured on “The Problem of Eurocentric Perspective in Philosophy.” Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, January 1996.
- “Gender and Morality” graduate course, Wafula Jackson, prof. Three topics: “The Origins of Gender Inequality,” October 1995; “Alternatives to Gender Inequality,” November 1995; and “Gender Equality in Africa,” Catholic University of East Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, December 1995.
- “Fanon and Gandhi: The Use of Medical Metaphors in Describing Political Action,” lecture, “African Social and Political Thought” course, Dr. Maria Kente, Prof., University of Dar Es Saalam, Tanzania, December 1995.
- “Marx and Gandhi on Political Action,” lecture, “Comparative Philosophy” course, Wafula Jackson, Prof., United States International University, Nairobi, Kenya. December 1995.
- “The Multiculturalist Challenge to Eurocentrism in the Field of Philosophy,” lecture, “Pluralism and Diversity” course, Dr. Larry Riddick, Prof. Rockland Community College, State University of New York, Monsey, November, 1994.
- “Hannah Arendt’s Political Philosophy,” lecture, “Women and the Revolution” course, Summer Scholars Program, Anna Brown, prof. Lehman College, City University of New York, Bronx, July 1994.
- “African Philosophy and Sage Philosophy,” paper, Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus, Brookville, N.Y., April 1994.

“Nonviolence and Political Action in the Thought of Hannah Arendt,” paper, University of Nairobi, Kenya, July 1993.

Community/Non-academic Speaking Engagements

Youth and Adult Learnshop: “How Climate Change and Central American Migration to the U.S. are Connected,” Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit conference, University of Detroit Mercy, Oct. 18, 2024.

Presented a talk (via Zoom) “Historical Background for the Causes of Central American Migration,” for Our Mother of Perpetual Help and Christ Our Light Parishes, MI, July, 2020.

Presented a talk (via Zoom) on “The History of U.S. Policy with Central America” for a program, “The Immigration Crisis and our Faith,” sponsored by Alianza Americas, Strangers No Longer – Michigan and CLASA, June 2020.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWbF-j63Kmo>

Presented a talk on "The Cultural, Social and Economic Causes of Central American Migration" to parishioners at Saint's John & Paul's Parish, Washington, MI, September 2019.

Presented a workshop and power point on understanding justice issues in Central America, at the National Jesuit Student Leadership conference, University of Detroit Mercy, July 2019.

Presentation on our Human Rights delegation to Honduras, Pax Christi Marygrove, Marygrove College, June 2018.

Presentation, “Brazilian Social Movements,” Center for Global Justice, San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico, August 2017.

Presentation, “Gandhi and the South African Women of Nonviolence,” for Citizens for Peace, Unity of Livonia, May 2017.

Four presentations for Pax Christi Michigan retreat, “Reflections and Renewal for the Long Haul: Conversations with Gail Presbey,” on the topic of women activists for peace and justice. Ralph MacMullan conference center, Higgins Lake, MI, October 2015.

Week-long course on African History, six sessions, July 6-11, 2015, Great Huts, Port Antonio, Jamaica. Find radio interview about the course with “Sista P” (Pauline Petinaud) of “Spiritual Vibrations” show, STYLESFM radio, July 9, 2015,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-jZckUvDBI>

“Do You Speak Derrida?” – invited as one of four panelists for roundtable discussion at North End Studios, Detroit, MI, August 2012.

- “Reflections on Experiences of the SOA Watch Delegation to Honduras,” Bishop Gumbleton Pax Christi group, St. Leo’s Parish, Detroit MI, August 2011.
- “Standing in Solidarity with the Teachers of Honduras: A Report from the SOA Watch Delegation to Honduras,” United Auto Workers Solidarity House, Detroit MI, June 2011.
- “Insights from Dorothy Day and Mother Maria Skobtsova,” Bishop Gumbleton Pax Christi, St. Leo’s Parish, Detroit MI, June 2009.
- “Somalia and the War on Terrorism,” luncheon discussion, Center for the Modern Orient, Berlin, June 2009.
- “Walking in the Footsteps of Gandhi,” workshop at Pax Christi Michigan annual conference, Marygrove College, April 2009.
- “Torture and the War on Terrorism,” Oakland Pax Christi meeting, Sylvan Lake MI, April 2008.
- “The Wisdom of Kenyan Sages,” talk to senior citizens at Hannan House, Detroit, Mich., February 2008.
- Gave talk on the experience of walking 100 Miles on the Salt March 2005 (75th anniversary of the march of 1930) to students attending Gandhi Summer Camp, at the Gandhi Memorial, Aga Khan Palace, Pune, India, 17 April 2005.
- “Catholic Approaches to Peace and Justice,” St. Blase Church, Sterling Heights, Mich., February 2004.
- Keynote Address, 40th anniversary of Kenya’s independence, Kenyan Students and Nationals of Michigan, Livonia MI, November 2003.
- “St. Therese of Liseux,” St. Mary Queen of Creation parish, New Baltimore, Mich., November 2003.
- “Black Hawk Down: What the Film Won’t Tell You,” Green House, Ferndale, Mich., May 2002.
- “The Wisdom of African Sages,” Keynote Address, Poughkeepsie High School Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., May 1998.
- “Arendt and Weil: Divergent Views of Labor” at the Catholic Worker, New York City, May 1998.
- “The Wisdom of African Sages,” paper, Ubuntu School of Philosophy public gathering in Mellville, Johannesburg, South Africa, March 1997.
- “The Wisdom of African Elders,” lecture, Catholic Worker Friday Night Lecture Series, New York City, January 1997.

Keynote Speaker, “A Philosophical Perspective on Culturally-Sensitive Development.” Workshop on the “Reconstruction and Development Programme,” sponsored by the Ubuntu School of Philosophy. Johannesburg, South Africa, February 1996.

“Hannah Arendt on Nonviolence and Revolution.” Friday Night Lecture Series, The Catholic Worker, New York City, May 1992.

“Conflict Resolution,” sermon, at Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship, New York, January 1992.

“Hannah Arendt on Political Action.” Friday Night Lecture Series, The Catholic Worker, New York City, February, 1988.

GUEST SPEAKING / PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AT UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY

Panelist for a talk back session after the play performance, “Unheard Voices: Afro-Brazilian Diaspora,” Marlene Boll Theatre, April 2023.

Invited Presenter for the Annual Honors Symposium, on the topic of “environmental/ sustainability issues and the challenges they present,” along with Dr. Amy Bauer.

Presentation for Founder’s Week, along with Sr. Mary Kay Dobrovolny, R.S.M. and Mary Anne Perrone, “Mercy Doing Justice: A View From Honduras,” Webinar, Sept. 20, 2021.

Powerpoint presentation, with Sr. Mary Ellen Brody, R.S.M., “Honduras Human Rights Delegation 2018,” event sponsored by the Carney Latin American Solidarity Archive, Oct. 10, 2018.

Presentation to participants in the Fulbright Brazil Educators’ group, on “Women/Gender in Brazil,” invited by Lara Wasner and Ann Eskridge, June 2018.

Presentation to “Women and Folklore” class, invited by Ann Eskridge, on Amuesha Folktales, Feb. 2018.

Public presentation, “The role of the British suffragettes in inspiring women’s nonviolent protest in South Africa, 1907-1913,” invited by the Women’s and Gender Studies Program of University of Detroit Mercy, November 2017.

Guest speaker, “What I learned about Afro-Brazilian history and culture: Reflections on U.S. – Brazil experiences of discrimination and police violence,” for Introduction to Sociology class, University of Detroit Mercy, November 2017, invited by Dr. Chaunda Scott.

Two guest lectures for Comparative Civilizations (Dr. Diane Robinson-Dunn). On Pontecorvo’s film, Battle of Algiers, No. 2017; on Mayan History, Art, Religion and Philosophy, September 2017.

Presentation on Filhos de Gandhi (the Samba Society in Salvador, Bahia), for a panel on Brazil at Faculty Development Days, University of Detroit Mercy, August 2016.

Guest lecture, "Women, Slavery and Resistance in Cuba and Brazil," University of Detroit Mercy, History department course on "Women, Slavery and Resistance," invited by Prof. Roy Finkenbine, December 2015.

Two guest lectures, "The History of Slavery and its Abolition in Cuba," and "Women in Cuba," for University of Detroit Mercy course, "Spanish/ Latin American Culture," in Cuba, May 2015.

University Philosophy Courses Taught, with some Religious Studies and History courses (and number of times taught if more than once)
Over forty years of experience, 1983–2023

(Post-)Graduate Courses:

University of Nairobi:

Ethics and Social Philosophy (2); African Philosophy (2)

University of Detroit Mercy, Master's of Arts in Liberal Studies Degree Program:

Seminar in the History of Ideas, a special topics course, offered on the graduate level in different semesters focusing on: Latino/as in the U.S. (W2017, W2019); Latinx History and Philosophy (W2019); African Philosophy (W2014); Peace and Social Justice (F2012); Advanced Topics in Philosophy: Terrorism (F2009)

Undergraduate Courses

Social and Political Philosophy and Related Topics:

Peace and Social Justice (8); Social and Political Philosophy (4); Special Topics: Revolution, Violent or Nonviolent? (2); Philosophy of Nonviolence; Religion and Social Concerns (2); Catholic Approaches to Peace and Justice; Philosophy of Feminism (4); Special Topics: Democracy or Authoritarianism?; Catholic Social Thought; Topics in Philosophy: Terrorism (2); Latin American Liberation Theology.

Ethics and Related Topics:

Introduction to Ethics (over 25 times); Business Ethics; Religion and Sexual Morality; Social Ethics

Non-Western or Multicultural Philosophy

African Philosophy (6); Comparative Philosophy (2); World Views and Values; Special Topics: Spiritual Autobiographies; Special Topics: International Film and Cultural Studies; Latino/a History and Philosophy.

Other - Philosophy:

Introduction to Philosophy (more than 25); Theory of Knowledge (5); Philosophy of Education (4); Introduction to Metaphysics (2); Philosophy of History; Philosophy of Religion (3); The Human Person; Aesthetics (4); Classical Philosophy; Medieval Philosophy and Theology; Contemporary Philosophy (2).

Other teaching – outside of Philosophy (and Religious Studies):

Politics in Africa (2); History of Modern Africa (2); Postgraduate course, Seminar in the History of Ideas – Politics in Africa; History of Modern Latin America (3);

Doctoral Thesis Supervision or Official Reader:

Renate Schepen, “Intercultural Philosophy and the Quest for Epistemic Justice: A Study on Heinz Kimmerle and Beyond,” University of Vienna, Examiner, Defense on September 28, 2021.

Murilo Seabra, “Reinventing Philosophy in Brazil: Epistemic Justice and Cognitive Bias in Brazilian Academic Philosophy.” LaTrobe University, Australia. External examiner. Report submitted July 2018.

Oritsegbubemi Anthony Oyowe, (University of KwaZulu-Natal), External examiner, PhD thesis, “Personhood and Human Rights: A Critical Study of the African Communitarian and Normative Conception of Self,” 2013.

Master’s Thesis Supervision or Official Reader:

C. C. Mokobane (University of the North, South Africa), External Examiner, MA thesis, “Freedom from Colonialism: Critical Reflections on Fanon,” 2001.

Joseph Kamau (University of Nairobi), Supervisor, MA thesis, “Environmental Exploitation and the Obligation to Future Generations,” 2000.

C.I. Okello, (University of Nairobi), Supervisor, M.A. Thesis, “Marxism as Feminism: A philosophical Examination of Marxist theory in search for Gender Equality,” 2000.

M.A. Utwolo (University of Nairobi), Supervisor, “The Ethical Principles Regarding the Practice of Capital Punishment in Africa,” 2000.

James Kimani Kimuhu (University of Nairobi), Supervisor, MA thesis, “An Inquiry into the Philosophical Reasons for the Socio-Cultural Factor in Development,” 1999.

Grace Bosiboi Ezekiel, (University of Nairobi), Reader, MA thesis, “Popular Religion: A Study of Some Lunch Hour Religious Assemblies in Nairobi,” 1995.

Graduate Courses Taken for credit toward a Masters degree in World History, Wayne State University, Graduation, May 2022, 4.0 GPA (all classes at WSU unless otherwise noted):

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2023-present, President, Peace History Society (elected).
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2015 –2017, Program Committee for the African Studies Association conference (Philosophy theme Co-Chair), San Diego (2015), Washington D.C. (2016), Chicago (2017) and Boston (2019).
2012- 2014: Board of Directors, Peace and Justice Studies Association (elected), Liaison to Activists
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University of Detroit Mercy:

- 2024-present. Ad-Hoc committee to form a Latinx and Latin American Studies program.
- 2022: Presidential Search Faculty Committee (elected).
- 2019-present, African American Studies Program Advisory Committee (appointed).
- 2019-2020, University of Detroit Mercy Professors Union Board Member.
- 2018-2020, College of Liberal Arts and Education Tenure and Promotion Committee (elected).
- 2019: Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit Conference Planning Committee (in charge of sponsors and exhibitors), volunteer.

2011-17: Chair, Ad-hoc committee to form a Global Studies Program (appointed).
2016-17: University of Detroit Mercy Professor's Union Membership Engagement Committee, (volunteer).
2013-14: University of Detroit Mercy Professor's Union Crisis Committee (volunteer).
2012-2013: Promotion and Tenure Task Force (elected).
2011-2012: CLAE Ad-hoc Committee on Academic Integrity (appointed).
2010-2012: Mission, Urban and Social Justice Team (elected).
2008-2010: Mission, Urban and Social Justice Team (appointed).
2006-2011: African American Studies Steering Committee (appointed).
2007-08: University of Detroit Mercy Professor's Union, Negotiating Committee (elected).
2005-2006: McNichols Faculty Assembly (elected position)
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Marist College:

1996-1998: Chair of Sabbaticals and Research Grants Committee
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1994-1995: Library Committee
1994: CORE Curriculum Committee on Human Rights and Responsibilities
1993-1994: Faculty Hospitality and Social Action Committee
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