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### Employment

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#### Virginia Tech

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy	2020-current
Affiliate, Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	2020-current
Affiliate, Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought	2023-current

### Areas of Specialization

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History of African American Political Thought, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Race

### Areas of Competence

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Early Modern Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, Ethics and Moral Philosophy

### Education

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#### Columbia University

PhD in Philosophy	2020
Dissertation: <i>To Reforge the Nation: Emancipatory Politics and Antebellum Black Abolitionism</i>	
Committee: Robert Gooding-Williams (Chair), Frederick Neuhouser, Dhananjay Jagannathan, Miranda Fricker, Karuna Mantena	
MPhil in Philosophy	2019
MA in Philosophy	2017

#### University of Chicago

BA (Honors), Philosophy and Medieval Studies (Special Honors)	2014
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### Publications

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#### Books

*Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass's Abolitionist Republicanism*. In production at Oxford University Press

#### Journal Articles

“Why Does Possessing Standing to Blame Matter?” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 54, no. 1 (2025): 59-73. <https://doi.org/10.1017/can.2024.50>

“Two Varieties of White Ignorance,” *The Journal of Politics* 86, no. 3 (2024): 920-933. <https://doi.org/10.1086/729937>

- Summary blog post: “How to be humble in antiracist politics,” *The Journal of Politics Blog*, June 24, 2024: <https://jop.blogs.uni-hamburg.de/how-to-be-humble-in-antiracist-politics/>

“Hope and Despair in the Political Thought of David Walker.” *The Pluralist* 19, no. 1 (2024): 14-22. <https://www.muse.jhu.edu/article/920616>

- Awarded Joseph L. Blau Prize at Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy 2023 Annual Meeting

“On Plantation Politics: Citizenship and Antislavery Resistance in Douglass’s *My Bondage and My Freedom*.” *Philosophical Studies* 180, no. 3 (2023): 871-891 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-022-01877-4>

- Special issue on best and most notable work from APA Pacific Division 2020/2021 meeting

“Declaration in Douglass’s *My Bondage and My Freedom*.” *American Political Thought* 9, no. 4 (2020): 513–41. <https://doi.org/10.1086/710756>

“Deliberation and Emancipation: Some Critical Remarks.” *Ethics* 129, no. 1 (2018): 8–38. <https://doi.org/10.1086/698731>

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

“Sympathy in Struggle against Servitude: Maria Stewart’s Black Civic Republicanism,” in *Women and the History of Republicanism*. Sandrine Bergès and Alan Coffee (eds.), Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

### Review Essays

“The Contingency of Despair.” *American Political Thought* 12, no. 3 (2023): 453-462. <https://doi.org/10.1086/725848>.

### Book Reviews

Review of Leslie M. Alexander, *Fear of a Black Republic: Haiti and the Birth of Black Internationalism in the United States*, University of Illinois Press, in *Journal of the Civil War Era* 14, no. 2 (2024): 252-254. <https://doi.org/10.1353/cwe.2024.a928946>

Review of Tunde Adeleke, *In the Service of God and Humanity: Conscience, Reason, and the Mind of Martin R. Delany*, University of South Carolina Press, in *Civil War Book Review* 23, iss. 2 (2021). <https://digitalcommons.lsu.edu/cwbr/vol23/iss2/11/>.

Review of Keneshia N. Grant, *The Great Migration and the Democratic Party: Black Voters and the Realignment of American Politics in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*, Temple University Press, in *New Political Science* 43, no. 3 (2021): 372-374. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07393148.2021.1957315>

### Interviews

“Frederick Douglass’s Political Philosophy.” *New Voices: Extending New Narratives in the History of Philosophy* Season 2, Episode 6 (2022). <https://www.newnarrativesinphilosophy.net/podcast.html>

### Work in Progress

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A monograph on interracial solidarity and organizing in the American labor movement, provisionally entitled *Transformative Organizing* (in progress)

An article on interracial solidarity in the political thought of Tyree Scott and the United Construction Workers Association, part of *Transformative Organizing* book project for journal publication (in progress)

A book chapter on Frederick Douglass’s concept of Black Solidarity, for *The Oxford Handbook on Frederick Douglass* (in progress)

An article on epistemic humility in Locke’s *Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (in progress)

An article on the relationship between owning one’s self and owning one’s labor in Locke’s *Second Treatise* (in progress)

A book review of James Davidson Hunter, *Democracy and Solidarity: The Cultural Roots of America’s Political Crisis* for *American Political Thought* (in production)

A book review of Keidrick Roy, *American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism* for *Political Theory* (in progress)

A book review of Derick Darby and Eduardo J. Martinez, *Boxed In: Making Identities Safe for Democracy* for *Ethics* (in progress)

### **Grants, Honors, and Awards**

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Kluge Fellow, John W. Kluge Center of the Library of Congress (\$55,000) For <i>Transformative Organizing: Race, Gender, and the American Labor Movement</i>	2025-26
Research Fellowship, Virginia Tech Center for PPE (\$3000) For <i>Crusading or Calculating: The Organizing Theories of Operation Dixie</i>	2025-26
Virginia Tech Center for Humanities Summer Stipend (\$4000) For <i>Transformative Organizing: Race, Gender, and the American Labor Movement</i>	2025
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend (\$6,000) For <i>Transformative Organizing: Race, Gender, and the American Labor Movement</i>	2024
Virginia Tech Faculty Research Grant (\$3,000) For <i>Transformative Organizing: Race, Gender, and the American Labor Movement</i>	2024
Virginia Tech Nominee for NEH Summer Stipend For <i>Transformative Organizing: Race, Gender, and the American Labor Movement</i>	2023
Research Fellowship, Center for PPE Virginia Tech (\$3,000) For <i>Transformative Organizing: Race, Gender, and the American Labor Movement</i>	2023-24
Juneteenth Faculty Scholar, Virginia Tech (\$9,000) For <i>Confrontational Comrades: Interracial Solidarity in the American Labor Movement</i>	2023-2024
Joseph L. Blau Prize, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy For “Hope and Despair in the Political Thought of David Walker” Awarded to annual meeting paper that “makes the most significant contribution to the history of American Philosophy”	2023
Institute for Humane Studies Hayek Fund for Scholars Research Grant (\$750) For “‘No Separate Peace:’ Race and Solidarity in the United Construction Workers Association”	2022
Niles Research Grant, Virginia Tech (\$5,000) For <i>Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass’s Abolitionist Republicanism</i>	2022

International Social Ontology Society Workshop Grant (\$500)	2022
Institute for Humane Studies Hayek Fund for Scholars Research Grant (\$750) For “‘This Multiform Composite Nationality:’ On Frederick Douglass’s Pan-American Republic”	2022
Juneteenth Faculty Scholar, Virginia Tech (\$7,000) For <i>Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass’s Abolitionist Republicanism</i>	2021-22
Research Associate, Virginia Tech Center for Humanities For <i>Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass’s Abolitionist Republicanism</i>	2021-22
New Faculty Mentoring Grant, Virginia Tech (\$1,500)	2021
Institute for Humane Studies Hayek Fund for Scholars Research Grant (\$3,000) For <i>Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass’s Abolitionist Republicanism</i>	2021
Research Fellowship, Center for PPE, Virginia Tech (\$3,795) For <i>Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass’s Abolitionist Republicanism</i>	2021
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for Ethics in Society, Stanford University (declined)	2020
Mellow Prize, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, for “On Plantation Politics: Citizenship and Antislavery Resistance in Douglass’s <i>My Bondage and My Freedom</i> ”	2020
Benjamin Wolstein Fellowship, Columbia University	2017-18
Dean's Fellowship, Columbia University	2018-20 2015-17
Lee Family Prize for Highest Philosophy GPA, University of Chicago	2014
Phi Beta Kappa (Elected as Junior)	2013
Dean’s List, University of Chicago	2013-14
Dunn Research Fellowship, University of Chicago	2013
Dean’s Fund Grant, University of Chicago	2013
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PRISM Research Grant, University of Chicago	2012
Undergraduate Student Essay Contest, Winner, Illinois Philosophical Association	2011

**Talks (^ = keynote, \* = invited, otherwise peer-reviewed)**

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<u>Crusading or Calculating: Organizing Interracial Solidarity in Operation Dixie</u>	
Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting	(scheduled) 2025
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	(scheduled) 2025
<u>“Unhopeful Hope in Black Abolitionist Thought”</u>	
Contemporary Civilization Faculty Meeting, Columbia University*	2025
<u>“Transformative Organizing”</u>	
Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting	2024
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting	2024
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2024
<u>“Contesting the Common Good: School Desegregation and the Boston School Bus Drivers Union”</u>	

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2024
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting	2023
Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting	2023
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	(canceled) 2023
<i>Canceled due to labor actions at APSA Meeting Hotels</i>	
<u>“Hope and Despair in the Political Thought of David Walker”</u>	
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy	2023
<u>“‘No Separate Peace:’ Race and Solidarity in the United Construction Workers Association”</u>	
Princeton Political Epistemology Workshop	2024
Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics*	2023
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2023
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2022
Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting	2022
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting	2022
<u>“Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass’s Abolitionist Republicanism”</u>	
13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, William and Mary College <sup>^</sup>	2023
Tocqueville Lecture Series, Jacksonville State University*	2023
Society for the History of the Early Republic Annual Meeting	2022
Center for Humanities, Virginia Tech*	2022
Association for Political Theory Annual Conference	2021
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2021
International Social Ontology Society Annual Meeting	2021
<u>“Hope and Despair in Abolitionist Political Thought”</u>	
Contemporary Civilization Faculty Meeting, Columbia University*	2022
<u>“‘This Multiform Composite Nationality:’ On Frederick Douglass’s Pan-American Republic”</u>	
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2022
Social Ontologies of Oppression, Solidarity, and Care (Social Philosophy Workshop)*	2022
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting	2022
<u>“Hope and Despair in the Political Thought of David Walker and Frederick Douglass”</u>	
Contemporary Civilization Faculty Meeting, Columbia University*	2020
<u>“Humility and Empathy in Emancipatory Politics”</u>	
Extending New Narratives in the History of Philosophy Workshop	2020
Association for Political Theory Annual Conference	2020
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2020
<u>“On Plantation Politics: Citizenship and Antislavery Resistance in Douglass’s <i>My Bondage and My Freedom</i>”</u>	
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (Symposium)	2021
Politics of the Ordinary: UChicago Graduate Conference in Political Theory	2020
New York Pragmatist Forum, Fordham University*	(canceled) 2020
<i>Canceled due to COVID-19 lockdowns</i>	
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy	2020
Stanford Graduate Conference in Political Theory	2020
Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Oxford University	2019
Political Epistemologies Conference, Villanova University	2019

<u>“Declaration in Frederick Douglass’s <i>My Bondage and My Freedom</i>”</u>	
American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Symposium)	2020
Harvard/MIT Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Harvard University	2019
<u>“The Limits of Empathy in Emancipatory Politics”</u>	
Feminist-Pragmatist Colloquium, St. John Fisher College	2019
<u>"Campus Protest and Democratic Values" Teach-in, with Helen Zhao</u>	
Princeton Workshop in Social Philosophy, Princeton University	2018
<u>"Common Sense and Democratic Deliberation"</u>	
Dewey and Critical Philosophies for Critical Political Times, University College Dublin	2017
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On “A Fichtean Dilemma,” Thimo Heisenberg	2025
Social Philosophy Workshop at Vassar College	
On “The Paradox of Resistance,” Briana Toole	2025
Princeton Political Epistemology Workshop at Princeton University	
On “Social/Political Imagination and Untestable Social Hypotheses,” Sofia Ortiz-Hinojosa	2024
Social Philosophy Workshop at Bard College	
On “Why am I Black?: Frederick Douglass, Charles Mills, and the Case for Identity-Aware Liberalism,” Keidrick Roy	
Social Philosophy Workshop at Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University	2023
On <i>A Duboisian Democracy: On Method, Practice, and Revolution</i> ,” Elvira Basevich	
Book Manuscript Workshop at University Center for Human Values, Princeton University	2023
On “Policing and Traditional Political Philosophy: Why Most Accounts Do Not Justify Modern Policing,” Itzel Aurora Garcia	
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division	2022
On <i>W.E.B. Du Bois: The Lost and the Found</i> , Elvira Basevich	2021
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Annual Meeting	
On “States of Self-Rule” Panel: Dawn Herrera, Manjeet Ramgotra, Ariel Tang	2020
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	
On “John Toland’s Extreme Epistemic Egoism,” Kenneth L. Pearce	
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division	2020
On “On Reading David Walker’s <i>Appeal</i> as a Work of Political Theory,” Melvin Rogers	
New Narrative in Philosophy Symposium, Columbia University	2019
On "The Pragmatics of Protest as Positive Propaganda," Michael Barnes	
Columbia-NYU Graduate Philosophy Conference, Columbia University	2018
On “An Expressive Defense of Ideal Theory,” Jennifer Morton	
1 <sup>st</sup> Latinx Philosophers’ Conference, Columbia University	2016
On “Cultivating Civic Capacity Under Domination: Rethinking Booker T. Washington and Uplift Politics in the Era of Jim Crow,” Desmond Jagmohan	
Center for Race, Philosophy, and Social Justice, Columbia University	2015

## Courses Taught

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### Virginia Tech

Solidarity (graduate seminar)  
Black Abolitionist Thought (graduate & undergraduate seminar)  
History of African-American Political Thought (graduate & undergraduate seminar)  
Metaphysics and Epistemology in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century (graduate seminar)  
History of Modern Philosophy (intermediate undergraduate lecture)  
Morality and Justice (introductory undergraduate lecture)

### Columbia University

History of Philosophy II: Early Modern (intermediate undergraduate seminar)  
Social and Political Philosophy (advanced undergraduate seminar)

## MA Thesis Committees

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### Primary Advisor

- Poorna Rathi, on the non-instrumental value of solidarity (current)
- Zhenru Yang, on solidarity, disability, and identity (current)
- Lauren Roe, “The Duty to Grieve Strangers” (2025)  
Placed in Philosophy PhD at University of Southern California
- Jason Wong, “‘Twoness,’ Identity, and Agency in Du Bois’s *Souls*” (2025)  
Placed in Philosophy PhD at University of Virginia
- Luis Cantu, “Making White Guilt Fitting” (2024)  
Placed in Philosophy PhD at Yale University
- Aisling O’Leary, “Margaret Cavendish on Inconceivability” (2024)  
Placed in Philosophy PhD at Harvard University
- Spencer Cardwell, “Reason, Utility, and Right Action in Hume’s Moral Philosophy” (2023)  
Placed in Philosophy PhD at University of Colorado Boulder
- Samuel Curtis, “A Theory of Individual Domination Cannot Ground a Theory of State Domination” (2022)
- Kordell Dixon, “Self-Respect and the Obligation to Resist Oppression” (2022)
- Colleen Malley, “Douglass, Jacobs, and Freedom Found in Resistance” (2022)  
Placed in JD at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Dane Stocks, “Structural Injustice: Toward a General Model of the Responsibilities of the Oppressed” (2022)  
Placed in Philosophy PhD at Princeton University

### Committee Member

- Yash Agarwal, on testimonial injustice and epistemic culpability (2025)  
Place in Philosophy PhD at University of Massachusetts, Amherst

## Undergraduate Advising

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### Honors College Coursework Projects

- Cea Reksulak, on the value of forgiveness (2025)

## Professional Service

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## **Institutional**

### Virginia Tech

- Graduate Committee – 2020-current  
Graduate Admissions Co-Director – 2023-current
- Faculty Council Representative – 2022-current
- Department Colloquium Organizer – 2021-2025
- Faculty Research Grant Review Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – 2024
- VT Ethics Bowl Judge – 2022, 2024, 2025
- Future Faculty Diversity Program Departmental Committee – 2021

### Columbia University

- Minorities and Philosophy Co-Organizer – 2015-18
- Graduate Workshop Co-Organizer – 2017-18
- Columbia-NYU Graduate Philosophy Conference Co-Organizer – 2016

## **Professional Societies**

- Association for Political Theory Program Committee – 2021, 2023, 2025
- Section Chair for Political Theory: Critical and Normative, Western Political Science Association – 2024
- Social Philosophy Workshop: Explanation, Imagination, Transformation, Co-Organizer – 2024
- Social Philosophy Workshop: Identity, Alienation, Emancipation, Co-Organizer – 2023
- Social Ontologies of Oppression, Solidarity, and Care Workshop, Co-Organizer – 2022
- Oppression and Resistance Conference, Minorities and Philosophy-NYC, Co-Organizer – 2018

## **Referee**

- American Journal of Political Science
- American Political Science Review
- American Political Thought
- Contemporary Political Theory
- Ethical Theory and Moral Practice
- Ergo
- Journal of the American Philosophical Association
- Journal of Philosophy
- Journal of Politics
- Political Theory
- New York History
- Nous
- Res Philosophica

## **Professional Affiliations**

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American Philosophical Association, American Political Science Association, American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy, Association for Political Theory, Western Political Science Association

## **References**

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