

Eli B. Lichtenstein

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Lewis & Clark College

Assistant Professor with Term of Philosophy, 2024 - (*On leave 2025 - 2026 and based in the UK*)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2022 - 2024

RESEARCH AREAS

Areas of Specialization: Continental Philosophy (especially Foucault and Marx); Critical Theory; Critical Philosophy of Race

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Law; Modern Philosophy; History of Political Thought

EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, Northwestern University, 2022

Thesis: *Sovereignty, Violence, and Critique: Foucault's Early Genealogies of Power*

Committee: Penelope Deutscher (Chair), Cristina Lafont, José Medina,

Peter E. Gordon (Harvard)

MA in Philosophy, The New School for Social Research, 2016

BA in Philosophy (with Honors), Eugene Lang College, The New School, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Partisan Genealogy: Foucault's Critique of Penal Power, forthcoming with The State University of New York Press, Fall 2026.

Refereed Journal Articles

- “Foucault and Marx on historical transformations of thought,” forthcoming in *Angelaki: journal of the theoretical humanities* 33, no. 5.
- 2025 “Biopolitics, Capital, and Carcerality in Foucault’s Unfinished Account of the Racial State,” *Critical Philosophy of Race* 13, no. 1, 75-94, DOI: [10.5325/critphilrace.13.1.0075](https://doi.org/10.5325/critphilrace.13.1.0075).
- 2023 “Explanation and evaluation in Foucault’s genealogy of morality,” *European Journal of Philosophy* 31, no. 3, 731-747, DOI: [10.1111/ejop.12809](https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.12809).
- 2023 “Adorno, Marx, and abstract domination,” *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 49, no. 8, 998-1023, DOI: [10.1177/01914537211059508](https://doi.org/10.1177/01914537211059508).
- 2022 “Sovereignty, Genealogy, and the Critique of State Violence,” *Constellations* 29, no. 2, 214-228, DOI: [10.1111/1467-8675.12577](https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-8675.12577).
- 2021 “Foucault’s Analytics of Sovereignty,” *Critical Horizons* 22, no. 3, 287-305, DOI: [10.1080/14409917.2021.1953750](https://doi.org/10.1080/14409917.2021.1953750).
- 2020 “On the Ways of Writing the History of the State,” *Foucault Studies*, no. 28, 71-95, DOI:

[10.22439/fs.v1i28.6074](https://doi.org/10.22439/fs.v1i28.6074).

Book Reviews

- 2025 “Tuomo Tuusala, *Power and Freedom in the Space of Reasons: Elaborating Foucault’s Pragmatism*,” *European Journal of Philosophy* 33, no. 2, 832-836, DOI: [10.1111/ejop.13064](https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.13064).
- 2020 “Deborah Cook, *Adorno, Foucault and the Critique of the West*,” *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 41, no. 1, 319-322, DOI: [10.5840/gfpj202041112](https://doi.org/10.5840/gfpj202041112).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record - Lewis & Clark College

Critical Theory (PHIL 217) - Spring '25, Fall '23
Ethics (PHIL 103) - Spring '25, Fall '24
Philosophy of Race and Racism (PHIL 217) - Fall '24, Spring '23
Philosophy of Law (PHIL 214) - Fall '24
Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 102) - Spring '24, Fall '23, Spring '23
Power and Resistance (CORE 120) - Fall '23
Ideology, Illusion, and Critical Theory (CORE 120) - Spring '23, Fall '22
- CORE 120 is a mandatory, writing-intensive first-year seminar course

Other Teaching Experience - Lewis & Clark College

Independent study supervision:
- Critical Aesthetics (PHIL 499) - Fall '24
- Foucault and Sexuality (PHIL 499) - Spring '24
Palestine and Israel: Contexts, Convictions and Commitments (MENA 299) - Fall '24
- 1 credit, co-taught class

Teaching Assistant - Northwestern University

Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 110) - Fall '18
Introduction to Critical Theory (PHIL 220) - Spring '18
Kant’s *Critique* I (PHIL 313) - Winter '18
Introduction to Pragmatism (PHIL 216)- Fall '17

Certificates and Trainings

Executive Function and Student Success Workshop, Lewis & Clark College, May 2023
Teaching Certificate, Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching, June 2022
- Certificate awarded after completion of year-long pedagogical development course at Northwestern University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Article Referee

Acta Academica: Critical views on society, culture and politics
Chiasma: A Site For Thought
Constellations
Journal of Social Philosophy
The Philosophical Forum

Book Manuscript Proposal Referee

Anthem Press
Bloomsbury Academic
Routledge

 INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 “Non-Discursive Practices in *The Birth of the Clinic*,” Workshop on Foucault’s *The Birth of the Clinic*, University of Oregon, Eugene, Jun. 9, 2025.
- 2025 “Genealogical Problem-Solving as Critique: Foucault and the Problem of Prisons,” Fourth Annual Jeffrey Douglas Jones Memorial Talk, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Apr. 24, 2025.
- 2025 “Political Struggle and Genealogical Problem-Solving.” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Critical Genealogies Workshop Group Session, San Francisco, Apr. 16-20, 2025.
- 2024 “Genealogy, Political Commitment, and Critique.” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Critical Genealogies Workshop Group Session, Portland, Mar. 20-23, 2024.
- 2023 “Genealogy and Political Struggles.” Lewis & Clark College Philosophy Colloquium Series, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Mar. 17, 2023.
- 2022 “On *Théories et institutions pénales*.” Causeries Critiques - Séminaire Doctoral, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3, Paris, Apr. 1, 2022.

 CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 “Juridical Forms and Experimentation in Revolutionary Transition.” Historical Materialism London, SOAS, London, Nov. 6-9, 2025.
- 2024 “Genealogy, Struggle, and Critique.” 2024 Critical Genealogies Workshop, Syracuse University, Syracuse, Apr. 26-27, 2024.
- 2023 “Foucault, Partisan Genealogy, and the Problem of Repression.” 30th Critical Theory Roundtable, University of California, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, Nov. 3-4, 2023.
- 2022 “Foucault, Genealogy, and Normativity.” 73rd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oct. 29, 2022.
- 2022 “Benjamin and the Counter-History of Sovereignty.” 14th International Critical Theory Conference of Rome, Rome Center of Loyola University Chicago, Rome, May 18, 2022.
- 2022 “Arendt, Hobbes, and the Concept of Sovereignty.” 15th Annual Meeting of the Hannah Arendt Circle, Loyola University, Chicago, Mar. 26, 2022.
- 2021 “Sovereignty as Claim.” Frankfurt-Northwestern Dissertation Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, Apr. 30, 2021.
- 2020 “Foucault’s Analytics of Sovereignty.” Dissertation Research Seminar, Northwestern University, Evanston, May 18, 2020.
- 2020 “Logics of Violence in Adorno and Agamben.” 13th International Critical Theory Conference of Rome, Rome Center of Loyola University Chicago, Rome, May 2020. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 “Foucault and the State: A Genealogy of Political Modernity.” The 58th Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy,” Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2019.
- 2019 “Genealogy, the Genetic Fallacy, and Foucault’s Critique of Class Justice.” 27th Critical Theory Roundtable, McMaster University, Hamilton, Oct. 3-5, 2019.

- 2019 “Integration and Expulsion: Two Logics of Social Death.” UNM Philosophy Graduate Conference, “The Liberal Subject: Decay, Demise, & Deliverance,” University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, May 17-18, 2019.
- 2019 “Two Answers to the Aporia of Disciplinary Society.” Dissertation Research Seminar, Northwestern University, Evanston, Apr. 1, 2019.
- 2019 “Foucault’s Nominalist Analytics of the State.” LSE Political Theory Graduate Conference, London School of Economics, London, Mar. 14-15, 2019.
- 2017 “Suffering Resistance and the Critique of Capital in Adorno.” 2017 Graduate Student Conference, “Resistance, Radicalisms, and Aesthetics,” Department of French and Italian, Northwestern University, Evanston, Jun. 1-2, 2017.
- 2017 “Adorno’s (Natural-historical) Critique of Labor.” Historical Materialism New York 2017, “Historical Materialism: Research in Critical Marxist Theory,” New York University, New York, Apr. 21-23, 2017.
- 2015 “The Althusserian whole: Towards a totality of difference.” Coloquio Internacional, “Un mundo sin fundaciones: Política, sociedad e historia en el pensamiento post-fundacional,” Universidad de Diego Portales, Santiago de Chile, Sept. 23-24, 2015.
- 2015 “Utopia as truth: Class formation and the everyday.” 10th Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference, “Utopias,” Centre for Applied Philosophy, Politics and Ethics, University of Brighton, UK, Sept. 2-4, 2015.
- 2015 “Grids of Intelligibility, Neoliberal Selves: Subject Production in The Birth of Biopolitics.” The 22nd Annual DePaul University Graduate Student Conference, “Affective Encounters: Philosophy, History, Politics,” DePaul University, Chicago, Mar. 13-14, 2015.

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| 2020-21 | Fellow, Paris Program in Critical Theory, Northwestern University |
| 2018 | Tuition grant, School of Criticism and Theory at Cornell University |
| 2015-16 | Provost’s Scholarship, New School for Social Research |
| 2015 | Conference travel grant, Universidad de Diego Portales, Chile |

CONFERENCE AND EVENT ACTIVITY

Comments on Conference Papers

- 2024 Comment on Chris Penfield, “Foucault’s Virtual Force Ontology.” Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Nov. 1-2, 2024.
- 2024 Comment on Katherine Davies, “A Genealogy of Racialized Family Separations.” 2024 Critical Genealogies Workshop, Syracuse University, Syracuse, April 26-27, 2024.
- 2024 Comment on Matt Kelley and Jessica Martinez Cruz, “Rethinking Subjugated Knowledge: Theorizing Knowledge Withheld in the Nicaraguan Health Modernization.” 2024 Critical Genealogies Workshop, Syracuse University, Syracuse, April 26-27, 2024.
- 2022 Comment on Albert R. Spencer, “The Vampire Foucault.” Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, October 29, 2022.
- 2021 Comment on Christoph Menke, *Critique of Rights*. “Workshop on *Critique of Rights*,”

Northwestern University, Evanston, Sep. 20, 2021.

- 2018 Comment on Thomas Cantone, “Language and the Logic of Literary Form in Adorno's *Notes to Literature*.” “Critical Theories Workshop: Adorno and Foucault,” DePaul University, Chicago, Apr. 20-1, 2018.
- 2017 Comment on Christoph Menke, *Law and Violence*. “Benjamin’s *Critique of Violence*: A German and Latin American Critical Theory Cooperation Event,” Northwestern University, Evanston, Nov. 8, 2017.

Event Organizing and Participation

- 2025 Chair - Symposium at American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, April 16-20, 2025.
- 2024 Chair - Session at American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Portland, March 20-23, 2024.
- 2019-21 Organizer - After-Life of Phenomenology Workshop, Northwestern University.
- 2020 Organizer - Northwestern University Graduate Critical Theory Conference (Keynotes: Cinzia Arruzza and Daniel Loick), Northwestern University, Apr. 24-25, 2020. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 Organizer - Northwestern University Graduate Critical Theory Conference (Keynote: Alia Al-Saji), Northwestern University, Feb. 16, 2019.
- 2018 Organizer - Neoliberal Coloniality Workshop (Rocío Zambrana), Northwestern University, May 3, 2018.
- 2017 Organizer - “Adorno’s *Aesthetic Theory*” (Christoph Menke in dialogue with graduate students), Northwestern University, Nov. 9, 2017.
- 2017 Organizer - “Christoph Menke: Benjamin’s ‘Critique of Violence’” (Christoph Menke in dialogue with María del Rosario Acosta, Ronald Mendoza-de Jesús, Rocío Zambrana, and graduate students), Northwestern University, Nov. 8, 2017.
- 2017 Organizer - “Revisiting Adorno and Black Expression” (Fumi Okiji in dialogue with Anna Parkinson and Alex Weheliye), Northwestern University, Feb. 7, 2017.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Lewis & Clark College

Faculty advisor, Jewish Student Association, 2024 - 2025

Faculty representative, Investment Discussion Group, 2024 - 2025

LANGUAGES

French: advanced in reading, speaking, and writing

Spanish: advanced in reading, intermediate in speaking

Urdu and Hindi: intermediate in reading and speaking

German: intermediate in reading

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

British Society for the History of Philosophy

Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought
American Philosophical Association
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

REFERENCES

Available upon request.