

# AMY NIGH

## *Curriculum Vitae*

Department of Philosophy  
University of Memphis

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### SPECIALIZATIONS

AOS: Social Epistemology, Latin American Philosophy, Continental Philosophy

AOC: Feminist Philosophy, Bioethics, History of Modern Philosophy

### EDUCATION

2025 (expected) PhD Philosophy, University of Memphis

**Dissertation Title:** Epistemic Environments and the Spread of Disinformation

**Committee:** Deborah Peron Tollefsen (Director), Shaun Gallagher, Michael Monahan

This dissertation explores the epistemology of misinformation looking specifically at fake news and conspiracy theories. Chapter one provides an historical overview of debates about conspiracy theory in Anglo-American philosophy, beginning with Karl Popper. Chapter two engages Feminist Standpoint Theory to answer the question of why fake news spreads. Chapter three locates a theory of power in C. Thi Nguyen's account of epistemic bubbles and echo chambers and proposes an alternative, Foucauldian reading. Chapter four seeks resources from Information Theory to propose a new framework for understanding disinformation.

2018 MA Philosophy, University of Oregon

Thesis Title: "Genealogy Through the Decolonial Turn: Cultivating Critical Attitudes"

Committee: Colin Koopman (Director), Rocío Zambrana

2009 BA Hispanic Languages and Literatures, Goucher College

### LANGUAGES

Spanish: C2 Fluent

French: B1 Intermediate

Italian: C1 Advanced

Portuguese: B2 Advanced Intermediate

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

"How Method Travels: Genealogy in Foucault and Castro-Gómez." (2020) With Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson. *Inquiry*, 67(7), 2147-2174.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2020.1762726>

"Genealogy." (2020), with Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Literature*. Oxford University Press. 1-28.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190201098.013.978>

### Public Philosophy

"History Lessons from Macondo: Magical Realism from Cólera to COVID." (2021) *Philosophy World Democracy*.

<https://www.philosophy-world-democracy.org/history-lessons-from-macondo>

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Criticalizing Decolonial Thought: What Eurocentrism and World History Have in Common" 50 Años Después de Adorno (50 Years After Adorno), Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, November 2019.

"How Method Travels: Genealogy in Foucault and Castro-Gómez" with Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson, Critical Genealogies Workshop, University of Oregon, May 2019.

"Doing Non-Histories with Non-Methods: On Decolonial Praxis and Non-Historical Histories" Resistant Imaginations Conference, University of Oregon, February 2019.

"The Foreigner and Parrisia: (Re)Examining Structures of Exclusion and Belonging" Eastern Society for Women in Philosophy Annual Meeting, University of Texas at Houston, April 2016.

"Somos igual de diferentes: El peligro de la ficción igualitaria" Maestría de Estudios Interdisciplinarios de la Subjetividad Annual Conference, Universidad de Buenos Aires Argentina, November 2013.

"Universal Equilibrium: Sociopolitical Aspects of the Rhetoric of Chemistry," International Association of Women Philosophers (IAPH), University of Western Ontario, June 2010.

## COMMENTARIES

Bonnie Sheehey "The Necropolitics of Predictive Risk Assessment and Resistant Practices of Mourning" Critical Genealogies Workshop, Zoom, December 2020.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Instructor of Record (Christian Brothers University)

Social and Political Philosophy (PHIL 219)                      Fall, 2024

### Instructor of Record (University of Memphis)

Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 1101)                      Fall, 2021  
Fall, 2020 (*online*)

Introduction to Ethics (PHIL 1102)                      Spring, 2024  
Spring, 2021 (*online*)

Biomedical Ethics (PHIL 3514)                      Summer, 2024 (*online*)  
Fall, 2023  
Spring, 2023  
Fall, 2022

History of Modern Philosophy (PHIL 3002)                      Summer, 2021 (*online*)

### Teaching Assistant (University of Memphis)

History of Modern Philosophy                      Spring, 2020 (*hybrid*)  
Philosophy and Film                      Fall, 2019  
Biomedical Ethics                      Spring, 2019  
Introduction to Philosophy                      Fall, 2018

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2024 *Graduate Student Teacher Award*, University of Memphis

2019 *Bornbloom Travel Fund*, Department of Philosophy, University of Memphis

2019 *Center for Arts and Humanities Travel Enrichment Fund*, University of Memphis

## SERVICE

### Journal Refereeing:

Article Manuscript Referee for *Foucault Studies*

### Event and Conference Organization:

Graduate Student Conference "What is Democracy?" University of Oregon, 2017

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

### Continental Philosophy

Contemporary Continental (Mader)  
Deleuze (Mader)  
Heidegger (Bahoh)  
Derrida (Saghafi)  
Derrida (Stawarska)  
Freedom/Responsibility (Warnek)  
Data Genealogy (Koopman)  
Hermeneutics (Gallagher)

### Social/Political Philosophy

Social Epistemology (Tollefsen)  
Speech Act Theory (Tollefsen)  
Pragmatism (Stewart)  
Terrorism (Erlenbusch-Anderson)  
History of Political Philosophy (Zack)  
Aristotle's *Politics* (Roche)

### Feminist Philosophy

Beauvoir (Mann)

### Latin American Philosophy

Rodolfo Kusch (Vallega)

### History of Philosophy

Descartes and Locke (Zack)  
Social Contract Theory (Stewart)  
German Ideology (Smith)  
Hegel (Monahan)  
Marx (Zambrana)  
Peripatetic/Stoic Ethics (Roche)  
Global Historiography (Daily)

### Other

Advanced Logic (Pratt)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association

## REFERENCES

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Michael Monahan, Professor of Philosophy, University of Memphis  
[Mike.Monahan@memphis.edu](mailto:Mike.Monahan@memphis.edu)

Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Syracuse University  
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