

# EMILY ANNE PARKER

## Curriculum Vitae

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Towson University Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies  
Professor 2025-  
Associate Professor, 2019-2025  
Assistant Professor, 2013-2019

Santa Clara University Department of Philosophy  
Lecturer in Philosophy, 2009-2013

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Emory University  
Department of Philosophy, 2009  
Certificate in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, 2009

B.A. Hendrix College  
Department of English, 2000

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## AREAS OF MAJOR RESEARCH INTEREST

Social and Political Philosophy  
Feminist Philosophy and Theory  
Environmental Philosophy

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Monograph

*Elemental Difference and the Climate of the Body*  
Oxford University Press, 2021

- Book sessions at three annual meetings: Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, philoSOPHIA
- Reviewed in the following: *Radical Philosophy Review*, forthcoming online symposium in *Syndicate*

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### Edited Books

Forthcoming 2027. A new translation of *Pour une morale de l'ambiguïté: For an Ethics of Ambiguity* and "The Concept According to Leibniz" With co-editors Margaret Simons, Marybeth Timmerman, Laura Hengehold, and Juliana de Albuquerque, I have edited a new volume in the Beauvoir Series published by University of Illinois Press. The manuscript includes two early texts by Beauvoir, a new translation of her 1947 work *Pour une morale de l'ambiguïté* and a translation for the first time of a student essay on Leibniz. I have edited and am writing the introduction for the *Pour une morale de l'ambiguïté* section of the book.

*Differences: Rereading Beauvoir and Irigaray*

Oxford University Press, 2017

- Coedited with Anne van Leeuwen
- Reviewed in the following: *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

### Special Issue

Luce Irigaray: From Ecology to Elemental Difference, guest editor  
*Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*, Vol. 46, No. 2, 2015

### Peer Reviewed Articles

2021. Zoonosis and the Polis: COVID-19 and Frantz Fanon's Critique of the Modern Colony. *The International Journal of Critical Diversity Studies* Special Issue on Philosophies of Disability and the Global Pandemic 4.1: 58-73.

2018. On 'The Body' and the Human-Ecology Distinction: Reading Frantz Fanon After Bruno Latour. *philoSOPHIA: A Journal of Continental Feminism* 8.2: 59-84.

2018. The Human as Double Bind: Sylvia Wynter and the Genre of 'Man.' *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 32.3: 439-449.

with Rachel Jones. 2017. The Anthropocene and the Elemental. *English Language Notes*, special issue edited by Teresa A. Toulouse, Michael E. Zimmerman, and Jason Gladstone and entitled Environmental Trajectories: Modes, Debates, Reconfigurations 55.1.

2017. Precarity and Elemental Difference: On Butler's Re-writing of Irigarayan Difference. *Political Theory* 45.3: 319-341.

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2015. Singularity in Beauvoir's *The Ethics of Ambiguity*. *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 53.1: 1-16.

2014. Strange Freedom in Beauvoir and Nietzsche. *Trans-Humanities* 7.3: 47-65.

2012. Influence and Conversion. *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* 27.4: 936-942.

2010. Inter-dict and Alterity: Dialectic in Speculum of the Other Woman. *SPEP Supplement, Philosophy Today*, Selected Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy 35: 217-221.

2009. Rereading Simone de Beauvoir on the Question of Feminist Subjectivity. *SPEP Supplement, Philosophy Today*, Selected Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy 34: 121-129.

### Interview

2015. Cultivating a Living Belonging: An Interview with Luce Irigaray. *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 46.2: 109-116.

### Book Chapters

Forthcoming. Continental Ecology. In *Cambridge Handbook of Continental Philosophy*, edited by Karen Ng and Sacha Golob. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2017. Becoming Bodies. In *Blackwell Companion to Simone de Beauvoir*, edited by Nancy Bauer and Laura Hengehold. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell.

2017. Resisting Individuality. In *Passion in Philosophy: Essays in Honor of Alphonso Lingis*, edited by Randolph Wheeler. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

2017. Sexual Violence as Derivatization. In *Desire, Love, and Identity: Philosophy of Sex and Love*, edited by Gary Foster. Don Mills: Oxford University Press Canada.

2017. Toward a 'New and Possible Meeting': Ambiguity as Difference. In *Differences: Rereading Beauvoir and Irigaray*, edited by Emily Anne Parker and Anne van Leeuwen. New York: Oxford University Press.

2015. Becoming Two: This Existence Which is Not One. In *Building a New World*, edited by Michael Marder and Luce Irigaray. New York: Bloomsbury.

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Book Reviews and Other Short Published Pieces

Forthcoming. "Sylvia Wynter" Entry in *The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Black British Writing*.

Book Review of *Beauvoir and Belle: A Black Feminist Critique of The Second Sex*. Oxford University Press, 2024. Reviewed for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. Available here: <https://ndpr.nd.edu/reviews/beauvoir-and-belle-a-black-feminist-critique-of-the-second-sex/>.

2026. Book Review of *The Exhausted of the Earth: Politics in a Burning World*. Repeater Books, 2024. Reviewed in *Environmental Ethics* 47.4.

2024. Book Review of Nancy Tuana, *Racial Climates, Ecological Indifference: An Ecointersectional Analysis*. Oxford University Press, 2023. Reviewed for *Environmental Philosophy*.

2022. The Body Problem and the Climate Crisis. *Blog of the APA*. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2022/10/05/the-body-problem/>.

2018. Book Review of Fielding, Helen A. and Dorothea E. Olkowski. *Feminist Phenomenology Futures*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2017. Reviewed for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.

2014. Beyond Discipline: On the Status of Bodily Difference in Philosophy. *philoSOPHIA: A Journal of Continental Feminism* 4.2: 222-228.

2013. Book Review of Cahill, Ann J. *Overcoming Objectification: A Carnal Ethics*. New York: Routledge, 2011. Reviewed for *philoSOPHIA: A Journal of Continental Feminism* 3.2: 216-220.

2011 and 2012. Book Review of Beauvoir, Simone de. *The Second Sex*. Translated by Constance Borde and Sheila Malovany-Chevallier. New York: Knopf, 2010. Reviewed for *Philosophy Now* January/February 2011. And with Kristin Rodier reviewed for *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy* 16.1 (2012): 294-300.

2011. Book Review of Suchon, Gabrielle. *A Woman Who Defends All Persons of Her Sex: Selected Moral and Philosophical Writings*. Edited and translated by Domna C. Stanton and Rebecca M. Wilkin. Chicago-London:

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University of Chicago Press, 2010. Reviewed for *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 49.2: 256-257.

2009. Book Review of Zerilli, Linda M.G. *Feminism and the Abyss of Freedom*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2005. Reviewed for *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 23.1: 76-78.

### Current Project

Democracy or the Polis, a monograph. Democracies are under attack in numerous countries around the world. Many argue that what is needed is a recommitment to democracy. This book will argue that what is needed is a clarification of the concept of democracy and its historical development. In a previous work I argued that the polis is concept according to which one body is taken to be both the universal body of humankind as well as the rightful earthly agent. The polis is most clearly articulated in the work of Aristotle, and political philosophers for millennia have reached back to Aristotle for re-institution of the polis. Aristotle was famously opposed to democracy as a concept, as were virtually all political philosophers in the polis tradition until a couple of centuries ago. However, thinkers of the turn to democracy were inspired by the polis tradition. When democracy began to be redefined, the polis remained. This book argues that what is needed is a disambiguation of the polis tradition from the tradition of democracy. They have so far been synonymous, precisely because democracy was initially defined by the polis. Insofar as it means an identification with the polis, democracy tends toward a denial of elemental difference. I argue that while democracy would seem to be under attack, what is in fact happening is a resurgence of the democracy of the polis.

### Invited Talks

Democracy, The Polis, and Elemental Difference, Keynote Speaker for the Graduate Student Conference, Villanova Philosophy Department, April 11-12, 2025

The Body Figures the Denial of Matter of the Polis, Program for the Study Of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Johns Hopkins University, March 30, 2022

The Body Figures the Denial of Matter of the Polis, Women's & Gender Studies Caucus Sponsored Speaker, Northeast Modern Language Association, March 12, 2022

William J. Edwards Undergraduate Lecture, Emory University, October 3, 2019

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Irigaray's Critique of "The Body": An Ironic Illustration of Biocentrism,  
Plenary Speaker, The Irigaray Circle, Brock University, St. Catherines, Ontario,  
Canada, June 14-16, 2018

Member of a Panel on The Status of Women in Philosophy, Alvernia  
University, Philosophy Department, Alvernia, Pennsylvania, March 24, 2014  
[This presentation was published as Beyond Discipline: On the Status of  
Bodily Difference in Philosophy, see above.]

The Ethics of Materiality in Beauvoir and Irigaray, Invited Lecturer, California  
State University-Stanislaus, Philosophy Department, Stanislaus, California,  
October 12, 2012

The Existentialism Which is Not One: Irigaray's Encounter with Nietzsche,  
Invited Lecturer, California College of the Arts, Chalsty Aesthetics and  
Philosophy Forum, San Francisco, California, March 16, 2011

**Recent Selected Presentations**

Two Democracies, One Body Problem, Maryland Philosophy Conference,  
October 18, 2024

Panel Participant in "Bodies and Sexualities in Beauvoir's Thought," The  
International Simone de Beauvoir Society, Beauvoir Webinar Series, Online  
December 15, 2023

Rethinking Universal Sex, Sexual Difference, and the Sex-Gender Distinction,  
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Annual Meeting, Toronto,  
Ontario, October 12-14, 2023

Eastern APA Author Meets Critics Session on *Elemental Difference and the  
Climate of the Body*, January 2023

SPEP Book Session on *Elemental Difference and the Climate of the Body*,  
October 2022

philoSOPHIA Book Session on *Elemental Difference and the Climate of Body*,  
George Washington University, Washington DC, hybrid panel, June 4, 2022

On the Democracy of the Polis, The Irigaray Circle, Mercer University, Atlanta,  
Georgia, May 20-21, 2022

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Book Panel Comments on Fanny Söderbäck's *Revolutionary Time: On Time and Difference in Kristeva and Irigaray*, The Irigaray Circle, Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia, May 20-21, 2022

Frantz Fanon's Simultaneous Anticipation of Performativity and Political Ecology, Caribbean Philosophical Association XVII, The University of the Virgin Islands, Saint Croix, Virgin Islands, April 1-4, 2020 [Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic.]

"The Body" Between the Political and the Ecological, Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition Annual Meeting, Yosemite National Park, Yosemite Valley, October 4-7, 2018

"The Brain" of Man 2 in Michel Foucault and Sylvia Wynter, Member of a Workshop held at philoSOPHIA Annual Meeting, University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, March 22-24, 2018

The Human as Double Bind: Sylvia Wynter and the Genre of Man, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Annual Meeting, Memphis, Tennessee, October 19-21, 2017

Frantz Fanon on White Justice and the Ecological/Political Crisis, philoSOPHIA Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, Florida, March 30-April 2, 2017; EPTC, Toronto, Ontario, May 30-June 1, 2017

On Latour's Crisis: Bruno Latour, Sylvia Wynter, Ta-Nehisi Coates, Elon University, February 22, 2017

Human as Double Bind: Sylvia Wynter and the Genre of Man, Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition Annual Meeting, Hilo, Hawaii, September 15-18, 2016

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## GRANTS, AWARDS AND OTHER HONORS

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| 2022-2023 | Fellow, Institute of Contemporary Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis  |
| 2021      | Towson University Faculty Development and Research Committee Grant, "A New Scholarly Edition of Simone de Beauvoir's Classic <i>Pour une morale de l'ambiguïté</i> ." Applied for and was awarded \$4,365.90. |
| 2015-2016 | Towson University, Diversity and Inclusion Faculty Fellow   |

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- 2014 Best Beauvoir Paper by a Junior Scholar, Diverse Lineages of Existentialism Conference
- 2011 National Humanities Center Summer Institute Participant, Reading *The Golden Notebook*, led by Professor Toril Moi
- 2008-2009 Andrew W. Mellon Graduate Teaching Fellow at Clark Atlanta University
- 2008 Participant in Seminar directed by Luce Irigaray, King's College London
- 2006-2007 Emory University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Dean's Teaching Fellow
- 2004 Emory University Faculty Science Council, Fellow in Teaching and the Environment
- 2002-2006 Emory Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Student Fellowship Recipient
- 2001 Rhodes Scholarship Trust, Rhodes Scholarship Semi-Finalist

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## TEACHING

### Teaching Experience

At Towson University

For the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL 204: Philosophy of Race, Class, and Gender

PHIL 260: Philosophy and the Prison Industrial Complex

PHIL 332: Feminist Philosophy

PHIL 325: Twentieth Century Philosophy

PHIL 380: Philosophical Topics: Democracy

PHIL 440: Philosophical Systems: Sexual Difference and Detractors

PHIL 440: Philosophical Systems: Simone de Beauvoir

PHIL 460: Philosophy and the Anthropocene

For the Department of Women's and Gender Studies

WMST 231: Women in Perspective, Introduction to Gender Studies

WMST 338: Women and Sexuality

WMST 607: Advanced Feminist Theory

At Santa Clara University

PHIL 5: Ethical Issues in Society

PHIL 6: Ethical Issues in Business

PHIL 9: Ethical Issues and the Environment

PHIL 11: Cultures and Ideas I

PHIL 12: Cultures and Ideas II

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PHIL 115: Feminism and Ethics

PHIL 156: Philosophy of Race

PHIL 120: Ethics and Existentialism

PHIL 121: Classic Issues in Ethics

PHIL 199: Directed Reading, Jean-Paul Sartre, *Being and Nothingness*

PHIL 199: Directed Reading, Franz Kafka and Political Philosophy

### Master's Thesis Supervision

M. Graham, M.S. program, Women's and Gender Studies. In Fall of 2026, Graham will defend a thesis. Anticipated Graduation Date: Fall 2026.

Khouri Lassiter, M.S. program, Women's and Gender Studies. In Spring of 2026, Khouri will defend a thesis. Anticipated Graduation Date: Spring 2026.

Alexandria Gannett, M.S. program, Women's and Gender Studies. In April of 2018, Alex Gannett defended a thesis entitled *Dueling Masculinities: An Analysis of Mainstream Media and Fatal Police Violence*. Graduated Spring 2018.

Caitlin Leach, M.S. program, Women's and Gender Studies. In April of 2018, Caitlin Leach defended a thesis entitled *A Phenomenological Defense of Sexual Pharmacotherapy [sic]*. Graduated Spring 2018.

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## SERVICE

### To the Profession

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Book Selection Advisory Committee, October 2023- present

Panelist for a Session on Research and Publication, International Association for Environmental Philosophy, Scheduled for February 2023

Manuscript Reviewer for the following: Cambridge University Press, Polity Press, Bloomsbury, Routledge, *Continental Philosophy Review*, *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*, *Feminist Theory*, *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *philoSOPHIA: A Journal of TransContinental Feminism*, *Simone de Beauvoir Studies*, *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy*, *PhaenEx: A Journal of Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture*

Member of the DLE II Organizing Committee, Gail Weiss Conference Director, June 3-5, 2019. Nineteen philosophical organizations participated in this event.

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Member and Secretary of the Editorial Team for *PhaenEx: A Journal of Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture*, 2014-2017

Mentor in the Job Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy, 2015-2017

Conference Co-organizer with Anne Van Leeuwen, *A Matter of Distance: Beauvoir and Irigaray*, Jan Van Eyck Academie, Maastricht, Netherlands, March 2011. Speakers: Alia Al-Saji (McGill), Debra Bergoffen (George Mason), Penelope Deutscher (Northwestern), Sara Heinamaa (U of Helsinki), Dorothea Olkowski (U of Colorado, Colorado Springs)

Conference Co-Organizer with Stefanie Speanburg, Luce Irigaray Symposium with a keynote lecture by Professor Lynne Huffer, Emory University, February 27-28, 2009

Assistant Book Review Editor, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2007-2008

Assistant Book Review Editor, *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, 2007-2008

To the Department and the University (Selected)

Interim Director of Graduate Program in Women's and Gender Studies, Towson University, January to August 2023

Member of College of Liberal Arts Working Group on "Democracy Today," August 2021 to present

Towson University Open House, Philosophy and Religious Studies Representative, November 13, 2021

Chair, College of Liberal Arts Elections Committee, whose "purpose is to ensure fair and legitimate college-wide elections," according to the CLA Bylaws, Fall 2019-2020

Member of the College of Liberal Arts Elections Committee, August 2017 to May 2020

Library Representative for Towson University Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, August 2017 to May 2019

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## REFERENCES

Available upon request