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## RESEARCH AREAS

### Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Race, Social and Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy

### Areas of Competence

Ethics & Moral Philosophy, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> C. Continental Philosophy

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 2023

Dissertation: *Toward a Theory of Whiteness and Racial Habit*

Committee: Paul C. Taylor (chair), Karen Ng, Robert B. Talisse, Linda Martín Alcoff

M.A. Philosophy, University of Nevada, Reno, 2016

Additional Graduate Certification: Gender, Race, & Identity Program

Thesis: *Global Migration and the Ethics of Hospitality*

Committee: Deborah Achtenberg (chair), Piotr Hoffman, David Rondel, Deborah Boehm

B.A. Philosophy/French Language & Literatures (Dual Major), University of Nevada, Reno, 2011

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023–2026 University of California, Los Angeles  
**Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Philosophy**

2020–2023 University of San Francisco  
**Adjunct Lecturer in Philosophy**

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

1. Madura, Lisa. 2025. “A Challenge to the Distributive Paradigm of Testimonial Injustice,” *Social Epistemology*, 1–18. <http://doi.org/10.1080/02691728.2025.2566122>.
2. Madura, Lisa. 2026. “Race, Anti-Social Habit, and Critical Disruption,” *Topoi*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11245-025-10349-3>.
3. Taylor, Paul C., **Lisa Madura**, and Eric MacPhail (forthcoming). “Post-Race” in *Routledge Resources Online – Race and Racism*, edited by John Solomos.
4. Taylor, Paul C., **Lisa Madura**, Takunda Matose, and Eric MacPhail (forthcoming). “The Philosophy of Race” in *Cambridge Handbook of Analytic Philosophy*, edited by Marcus Rossberg.

5. Madura, Lisa and Paul C. Taylor. 2023. "Racial Habit" in *Routledge International Handbook of New Critical Race and Whiteness Studies*, edited by Rikke Andreassen, Catrin Lündstrom, Suvi Keskinen, Shirley Ann Tate. Routledge University Press: 295–307.
6. Madura, Lisa. 2019. "Hospitality and the Political Economy of Care" in *Refugees Now: Rethinking Borders, Hospitality, and Citizenship*, eds. Kelly Oliver, Lisa Madura, and Sabeen Ahmed. Rowman & Littlefield: 63–80.

### Commentaries:

7. Madura, Lisa (forthcoming). "The Personal is Philosophical: On *Faux Feminism's* Radical Orientation," *Social Philosophy Today*, Volume 42.
8. Madura, Lisa. 2025. "The Excesses of Testimonial Injustice," *Social Philosophy Today*, Volume 41.
9. Madura, Lisa. 2019. "A Distinction Without a Difference: On Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson's Conception of Synthetic Terrorism," *Syndicate Philosophy*.  
<https://syndicate.network/symposia/philosophy/genealogies-of-terrorism/>
10. Madura, Lisa. 2019. "Government of the People, By the People, For the Best: A Challenge to the Possibility of Nietzschean Democracy," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 35(2): 5–7.

### Edited Volumes:

11. Oliver, Kelly, Sabeen Ahmed, and **Lisa Madura** (eds.). 2019. *Refugees Now: Rethinking Borders, Hospitality, and Citizenship*. Rowman & Littlefield.

### Works in Progress:

12. Madura, Lisa. "Merleau-Ponty and Race Theory," *Under Review*.
13. Taylor, Paul C. and **Lisa Madura**. "Toward a Philosophy of DEI" *Under Review*.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Keynotes

- 2025 "What are the Prospects for an Abolitionist Philosophy of (Im)migration? Or On the Perfect Uselessness of Having the Right Answer to the Wrong Question"  
- *Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum: The Challenges of Migration in the 21<sup>st</sup> C.* Villanova University.

## Workshops

- 2025 “Toward a Philosophy of DEI”  
- *Race, Politics, and Ethics Workshop*, Arizona State University.
- 2025 “Evidentialism, Relationality, and Testimonial Injustice: Against the Distributive Paradigm”  
- *NASSP Social Philosophy Workshop*, Virtual.
- 2023 “A Critical Phenomenology of Racial Habit”  
- *Queen’s University Critical Phenomenology Workshop*, Virtual.

## Refereed Conference Presentations

- 2025 “Habit, Normativity, and Oppression”  
- *North American Society for Social Philosophy*, University of Texas at El Paso / Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez
- 2025 “Against Distributive Testimonial Injustice”  
- *American Philosophical Association*, Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 2023 “Generative Crisis: A Critical Phenomenology of Habit Disruption”  
- *North American Society for Social Philosophy*, University of Portland, OR.
- 2021 “Can Phenomenology Be Critical?: Reconsidering the Value of Merleau-Ponty for Race Theory”  
- *Clemson Embodiment and Race Conference*, Virtual.
- 2021 “Blowing Up Your Spot: Addressing the Backlash to #MeToo Through a Phenomenology of Productive Discomfort”  
- *North American Society for Social Philosophy*, Virtual.
- 2020 “Giving Weight to Reasons: Toward a Feminist Conception of Deliberation”  
- *American Philosophical Association*, Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

### Also given at:

- *UT Graduate Conference: The Moral and Political Challenges of Speech*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (2019).
- *Tennessee Philosophical Association*, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (2018).

- 2019 “Racial Hegemony and The Ambivalence of Home”  
- *North American Society for Social Philosophy*, University of San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 “Anti-Social Habit and Critical Disruption”  
- *Embodiment and Race Conference*, Clemson University, NC.

### Also given at:

- *PhiloSOPHIA*, Memorial University, St. John’s, NL (2019).
- *Midwest Society for Women in Philosophy*, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (2018).

- 2017 “Hospitality and the Political Economy of Care”  
- *Vienna Refugee Workshop*, University of Vienna, Austria.
- 2014 “The Etiology of Eating Disorders: An Existential Perspective”  
- *UNR College of Liberal Arts Graduate Symposium*, University of Nevada, Reno.
- 2013 “Authenticating the Ironist: A Pragmatist Defense of Selfhood in the Age of Irony”  
- *UNR College of Liberal Arts Graduate Symposium*, University of Nevada, Reno.

### Invited Commentaries

- 2025 “Individual and Structural Critiques: Situating the Problem of Race-Based Desire,” comments on Yixuan Wu, “Racializing Perception and Vicarious Desire.”  
- *American Philosophical Association*, Eastern Division Meeting, New York City.
- 2019 “Aesthetics, Politics, and Ethically Saturated Perception: Moving into ‘The Break,’” comments on Paul C. Taylor, *Black is Beautiful*, Author Meets Critics.  
- *Vanderbilt University Community Book Panel*, Nashville, TN.
- 2018 “A Distinction Without a Difference: On the Concept of Synthetic Terrorism,” comments on Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson, *Genealogies of Terrorism*, Author Meets Critics.  
- *Tennessee Philosophical Association*, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.
- 2018 “Government of the People, By the People, For the *Best*,” comments on Gabriel Zamosc-Regueros, “Democracy and the Nietzschean Pathos of Distance.”  
- *Southwestern Philosophical Society*, University of Colorado, Denver.
- 2017 “Disclosure, Not Dissociation,” comments on Ryan McCoy, “Heidegger, Science, and the Objectivity of the Present-at-Hand.”  
- *Tennessee Philosophical Association*, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

## TEACHING

### University of San Francisco

Social and Political Philosophy – Fall 2023  
 Ethics – Spring & Fall 2021, Spring & Fall 2022, Spring & Fall 2023  
 Philosophy of the Human Person – Fall 2022, Spring 2023  
 Existentialism – Fall 2020, Fall 2021  
 Great Philosophical Questions – Fall 2020, Summer 2023

### Vanderbilt University

#### Instructor of Record:

General Logic – Spring 2020  
 Introduction to Philosophy – Spring, Summer, & Fall 2018, Spring & Fall 2019, Summer 2020

Teaching Assistant

Social and Political Philosophy – Fall 2017

Ethics – Spring 2017

**University of Nevada, Reno**

PH = *Philosophy dept.*, WGS = *Women's & Gender Studies dept.*, CH = *Core Humanities dept.*

Instructor of Record:

PH: Introduction to Philosophy – Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2016

PH: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy – Spring 2014

CH: The Modern World – Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring & Summer 2016

Teaching Assistant:

PH: Philosophy of the Arts – Fall 2015

CH: The Modern World – Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2014, Fall 2015

WGS: Introduction to Women's Studies – Fall 2015, Spring 2016

**SERVICE**

**Professional Associations**

*North American Society for Social Philosophy*

2025–2026 Book Award Committee (chair)

2024–2025 Book Award Committee

2023–2024 Book Award Committee

**Departmental Service**

*Vanderbilt University*

2019–2020 Vice President, *Philosophy Graduate Student Association*

2019–2020 Chairperson, Minorities and Philosophy

2016–2020 Chairperson, Programming Committee

2018–2019 Director, Graduate Student Reading Group

2017–2018 Chairperson, Research and Professionalization Committee

*University of Nevada, Reno*

2014–2015 President, *Philosophy Graduate Student Association*

2013–2014 Vice President, *Philosophy Graduate Student Association*

Oct. 2015 Founding Organizer, Second Annual UNR Graduate Philosophy Conference

Oct. 2014 Founding Organizer, First Annual UNR Graduate Philosophy Conference

**Manuscript Referee (Journals)**

*Hypatia*; *APA Studies on Feminism and Philosophy*; *Topoi*; *Studies in the Maternal*

**Professional Affiliations**

American Philosophical Association

North American Society for Social Philosophy

## AWARDS

Vanderbilt Berry Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award, 2018

Vanderbilt Berry Graduate Student Departmental Service Award, 2017

University of Nevada, Reno, Distinguished Teaching Assistant, 2014

UNR Leonard Graduate Scholarship for Academic Excellence, 2014

## FELLOWSHIPS

Mellon Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Race and Social Ethics, 2023–2026

Marc Sanders Foundation Philosophy in Media Fellow, 2025

Vanderbilt Graduate Philosophy Teaching Fellowship, 2016–2022

University of Nevada, Reno Philosophy Teaching Fellowship, 2012–2015

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Research Assistant under the direction of Professor Paul C. Taylor, 2022–2023

Research Assistant under the direction of Professor Kelly Oliver, 2020–2022

Research Assistant under the direction of Professor Robert B. Talisse, 2017–2020

Online Course Design Institute, *Vanderbilt University*, Center for Teaching, Summer 2020

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