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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization: Afro-Caribbean Philosophy, Critical Philosophy of Race, Latin American Philosophy, Genealogy (Nietzsche & Foucault), Women of Color Feminism, Black Feminism and Decolonial Feminism

Areas of Competence: Feminist Philosophy, Ethics, Continental Philosophy, Socio-Political Philosophy, Modern Political Philosophy, Social Epistemology, and Caribbean Existentialism

EDUCATION

July 2024 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Oregon
May 2019 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Puerto Rico at Río Piedras
Summa Cum Laude
June 2014 B.A. in Political Science, University of Puerto Rico at Río Piedras
Magna Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviews:

“Questioning the Role of Anti-Blackness in Quijano’s Theory of Coloniality of Power,”
Radical Philosophy Review, vol. 26, no., pp.205-223, Fall 2023.
doi.org/10.5840/radphilrev2023915137

“El giro epistémico decolonial: Crítica de la colonialidad-modernidad hacia un proyecto transmoderno,” *Diálogos*, no. 99, pp.127-138, March 2018.
<https://revistas.upr.edu/index.php/dialogos/article/view/13169>

Book Reviews:

Review of Rocío Zambrana, *Colonial debts: The Case of Puerto Rico*, *Centro Journal*, Hunter College, CUNY, vol. 43, no. 3, Fall 2022.

Review of Walter D. Mignolo and Catherine Walsh, *On Decoloniality: concepts, analytics, praxis*, *Radical Philosophy Review*, vol. 22 issue 1, 2019.

Conference Proceedings:

“El cuerpo histórico: encuentro entre poderes y resistencias,” In Chamorro Sánchez, Emmanuel, *Michel Foucault y los sistemas de pensamiento. Una mirada histórica*. CENALTES Ediciones, Viña del Mar, 2017.

Translations:

With Dr. Etienne Helmer, translation from French to Spanish “Del hombre gregario al animal gregario” of M. Dixsaut, *Diálogos*, no. 98, Philosophy Department, University of Puerto Rico, August 2015.

Work In-Progress:

“Sociogenesis of Proto-Racial Archetypes: Towards a Racial Long Durée,” recipient of the Inter-American Philosophy award, *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming).

Chapter: “Reproduction of Life at the Counter-Plantation” for an upcoming anthology entitled *Philosophy of Black Experience(s): Caribbean and Latin American Perspectives* (under review), Stephanie Rivera Berruz and Sergio Gallegos (editors), Palgrave/Macmillan.

Chapter: “Caribbean Decolonial Philosophy and Epistemology,” co-author with Stephanie Rivera Berruz for an upcoming edited volume *Critical Caribbean Studies: Discipline, Heuristic or Methodology*, Shelene Gomes and Yolanda Martínez San Miguel (editors), Rutgers University Press’ Critical Caribbean Studies series. (under review)

CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

Conference Presentations:

“Rethinking Racial Alienation with Frantz Fanon and Paulette Nardal,” *North-American Sartre Society*, La Verne, California, September 26-27, 2025.

“Towards a Sociogenesis of Proto-Racial Archetypes,” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Conference, Howard University, Washington D.C., March 2025.

“From Proto-Racial Archetypes to the ‘Invention of the Negro’ or ‘Black Metamorphosis’,” *Caribbean Philosophy Association*, Quintana Roo, México, June 2024.

“Rethinking Coloniality from the Black Caribbean Experience,” *Philosophy of the Black Experience Conference*, Howard University, Washington D.C., March 2024.

“Racismo antinegro y blanqueamiento en el discurso del mestizaje: hacia una filosofía crítica de la creolización,” *Caribbean Philosophy Association Conference*, Michigan State University, October 2022.

“Antiblackness and Whiteness as the Ontological Base of Coloniality of Power,” *Caribbean Philosophy Association* (Virtual Conference), June 2021

“The quest for Antilleanness in the midst of alienation and colonial legacies,” *Latin American Studies Association* (Virtual Conference), May 2021

“Decolonial Critiques to the Sea of Whiteness,” *Philosophy of Liberation Encuentro II* (Virtual Conference), Asociación de Filosofía y Liberación, Bowie State University, September 2020.

“Neoliberal and neocolonial coloniality and resistance: the case of Puerto Rico summer 2019 protest,” *American Sociology Association Annual Meeting* (Virtual Conference), August 2020.

“Reflexiones desde la herida colonial: afirmación y defensa de la vida y los muertos de María en el verano de protesta 2019,” *Critical Puerto Rican Studies Forum*: Plaza Pública Virtual: Diálogos sobre el Verano del 19 (Virtual Event), July 2020.

“Marginal resistance: delinking by remembering and rewriting collective memories of struggle: the case of marronage,” *43rd Annual Conference on the Political Economy of the World-System* (PEWS), Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg, Germany, April 2019.

“Limits and Paradoxes of Foucault’s Nietzschean Genealogy: Towards a Life-Affirming Body and Ethics,” *19th Annual Meeting of the Foucault Circle*, Stonehill College, North Easton, MA, April 2019.

“Marginal resistances: reconstructing the social imaginary by remembering and rewriting collective memories of struggle,” *Resistant Imaginations Conference*, University of Oregon, February 2019.

“Genealogía crítica de Foucault: “Cuestionamiento epistemo-político en Vigilar y Castigar,” *V Congreso Internacional: la Actualidad de Michel Foucault. Foucault y la Historia de la Filosofía*, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain, March 2018.

“El cuerpo como intersticio entre el poder y la resistencia,” *IV Congreso Internacional: la Actualidad de Michel Foucault*, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain, May, 2016.

“Irrupción-Interrupción de la imagen dialéctica,” *Día Mundial de la Filosofía* Conference, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, December 2015.

“Explosión discursiva de la sexualidad como mecanismo de poder en Foucault,” *Día Mundial de la Filosofía* Conference, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, December 2014.

Invited Talks & Lectures:

“Racial Long Durée: A Fractured Ontology.” Talk in the James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference, Emory University, April 21, 2025.

“Decoding the Colonial Documents: The Hidden History of Women in Slavery in Puerto Rico,” *CLLAS Graduate Research Series*, University of Oregon, April 10th, 2024.

“Challenges of doing Caribbean Philosophy,” Guest Lecture, PHIL 342 Introduction to Latin American Philosophy, University of Oregon, February 20th, 2024.

“Questioning the Role of Anti-Blackness in Quijano’s Theory of Coloniality of Power”, Online Invited Talk, *Race, Religion, and Secularism Network*, Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands, February 5th, 2024.

“Egresados/as de la MA en Filosofía: retos, consejos, y alternativas académicas,” Invited Guest Panel, *Día Mundial de la Filosofía* Conference, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, December 2023.

“Racialization, anti-Blackness and whitening in Latin America and Spanish Caribbean,” Guest Lecture, PHIL 452 Philosophy of Race, University of Oregon, Spring 2023.

“Questioning the British-American centric and late modern origins of anti-Black racism”, Invited Talk, *Winter Sociology Colloquium*, Sociology Department, University of Oregon, March 3, 2023.

“Slavery as the foundation of racial capitalism,” Virtual Guest Lecture, *GESTSOC - Science, Technology, and Society* course, College of Liberal Arts, De La Salle University, Philippines, September 2022.

AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIP

March 2025	Pedagogy Mini-grant, ECAS Office of Faculty, Emory University
March 2025	Inter-American Philosophy Award, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Conference
August 2024 – May 2025	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at the James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference, Emory University.
Summer 2023	Center for Latino/a & Latin American Studies (CLLAS) Graduate Student 2023 Research Grants
Summer 2023	Center for the Study of Women in Society, Graduate Research Grant
December 2022	American Philosophy Association (APA) Small Grant, Funding for <i>Feminist Afterlives of Colonialism</i> Conference.
2022-2023	Research Interest Group Funding, Center for the Study of Women in Society (CSWS), Funding for <i>Feminist Afterlives of Colonialism</i> Conference.
2022-2023	Research Interest Group Funding, Oregon Humanities Center (OHC), Funding for <i>Feminist of Afterlives of Colonialism</i> Conference.
Summer 2019	Gary E. Smith Summer Professional Development Award 2019.
September 2018-June 2019	Raymond Fellowship 2018-2019.
September 2018-June 2019	Promising Scholar Fellowship 2018-2019.

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Instructor of Record:

PHIL 220: Existentialism, Fall 2025

IAH 211c: Area Studies and Multicultural Civilizations: The Americas (D), Fall 2025

AAS 285: Racial and Gender Formation in Caribbean and Latin America, Spring 2025

ES 254: Introduction to Latinx/Chicanx Studies, Fall 2023 & Spring 2024

PHIL 102: Ethics, Summer 2023

PHIL 315: Introduction to Feminist Philosophy, Summer 2022

PHIL 110: Human Nature, Winter 2022

PHIL 216: Philosophy & Cultural Diversity, Fall 2021

Teaching Assistant:

ES 101: Introduction to Ethnic Studies, Spring 2023 & Winter 2024

ES 310: Race and Sex in Hip Hop, Winter 2023

PHIL 342: Introduction to Latin American Philosophy, Fall 2022

PHIL 312: History of Modern Philosophy II, Spring 2022

PHIL 103: Critical Thinking, Spring 2021

PHIL 311: History of Modern Philosophy I, Winter 2021

PHIL 123: Internet & Society, Fall 2020

PHIL 170: Love & Sex, Spring 2020

PHIL 102: Ethics, Winter 2020

PHIL 110: Human Nature, Fall 2019

Professional Development:

Book Proposal Working Group, Center for Faculty Development and Excellence and Office of Scholarly Communications, Emory University. Spring 2025.

2024 Graduate Writing Program, Organized and Sponsored by: Division of Graduate Studies, the Teaching Engagement Program (TEP), and the Center on Diversity & Community (CoDaC), University of Oregon, Winter 2024 & Spring 2024.

Certificate *Prácticas Educativas y Enseñanza de la Filosofía (Educational Practices and the Teaching of Philosophy)*, Philosophy Department and the División de Educación Continua y Estudios Profesionales (DECEP), University of Puerto Rico, June 2015.

SERVICE

Organization and Support of Academic Events:

Organization of Book Presentation: *Afroalgoritmos* by Yolanda Arroyo Pizarro. Emory University, April 2025.

Live Translation (Spanish to English), *Hypatia 40th Anniversary Conference*, Decolonial Feminism in Latin América Panel, University of Oregon, September 2023.

Organization of the two-day *Conference Feminist Afterlives of Colonialism*, Decolonial Philosophies Collaboratory, University of Oregon, May 2023.

Technological support for “Whose Heritage? What Heritage? Caribbean Black and Decolonial Feminist Confrontations against White and Heteropatriarchal Supremacies” (Virtual Event), organized by *El Instituto: Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies*, University of Connecticut, December 2020.

Organization of the student conference *La Actualidad de los hispanohablantes en EEUU*, Williams College, December 2017.

Proposal and organization of the student Conference *Hablar y Pensar en Español*, Williams College, December 2016.

Organization of graduate and undergraduate student's Conference *Día Mundial de la Filosofía*, University of Puerto Rico, December 2014 & December 2015.

Volunteer work to support logistics of *Caribbean Philosophical Association* Conference, Center for Advanced Studies on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 21-24, 2013.

Diversity Initiatives:

"Black Thought Matters" Initiative, Curriculum Review, Philosophy Department, University of Oregon, Fall 2021-Winter 2022.

Participation in MAP (Minorities & Philosophy), University of Oregon, 2019-2021.

Philosophy Department Service:

Graduate Studies Committee Co-Representative, Philosophy Department, University of Oregon, 2020-2021.

Diversity Co-Representative, Philosophy Department, University of Oregon, 2018-2019.

Organization of Research & Reading Groups:

Co-Founder, Sylvia Wynter Reading Group, Winter 2023-Fall 2024

Participant, Africana Philosophy Reading Group, Winter 2022-Spring 2022

Co-Founder, *Decolonial Philosophies Collaboratory*, Interdisciplinary Research-Interest Group, Summer 2020-2024.

Organizer, Black Feminist Reading Group, Spring 2020-Spring 2021

Review work in Journals:

Referee, *Diálogos*, 2022

Translation Review, *Hypatia*, 2021

LANGUAGES

1. **Spanish:** Native
2. **English:** Advance
3. **French:** Intermediate
4. **Portuguese:** Basic

WORK EXPERIENCE

Fall 2025	Assistant Professor (fixed term), Philosophy Department, Michigan State University
Fall 2024- Spring 2025	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at the James Weldon Johnson Institute, Emory University
Winter 2023- Spring 2024	Grader, Teaching Assistant and Solo-Instructor for the Indigenous, Race, Ethnic Studies Department, University of Oregon.
Fall 2019- Fall 2022	Teaching Assistant and Solo-Instructor for the Philosophy Department, University of Oregon.
Fall 2016- Spring 2018	Spanish Teaching Associate at the <i>Center for Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures</i> , Williams College.
September 2014-May 2016	Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant, Philosophy Department, University of Puerto Rico.

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Dr. Andra Gillespie, Associate Professor of Political Science, Director of the James Weldon Johnson Institute, Emory University

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