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### Education

Harvard University, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2008

Ph.D. Thesis: *What Lies Within: Essays on Phenomenology, Psychology, and Self-Knowledge*.

Advisors: Richard Moran (Chair), Susanna Siegel, Michael Martin, Alex Byrne

Harvard University, M.A. in Philosophy, 2002

M.A. Thesis: *Slow-Switching: Knowledge of Reference and Reference Change*. Advisor: James Pryor

Columbia University, B.A. in Philosophy, minor in Linguistics, 1997

Honors Thesis: *Events, Objects, Tropes, and Explanation*. Advisor: Achille Varzi

### Employment

The University of Memphis, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, January 2017—Present

Affiliate, Institute for Intelligent Systems, January 2017—Present

Colgate University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2013—2016

Affiliate, Africana and Latin American Studies Program, 2013—2016

Vanderbilt University, Mellon Assistant Professor (non-tenure track), 2010—2013

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry (Secondary Appointment),

Affiliate, African American and Diaspora Studies,

Investigator, Center for Integrative and Cognitive Neuroscience

Texas Tech University, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2009—2010

New College of Florida, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2008—2009

### Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Race and Racism

### Areas of Competence

African American Philosophy, Artificial Intelligence Ethics, Logic, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science (General, Evolutionary Biology, and Cognitive Science)

### Publications

Public Facing

“Critical Race Theory: What it is and What it isn’t”, *The Conversation*. June 30th, 2021.

<https://theconversation.com/critical-race-theory-what-it-is-and-what-it-isnt-162752>

“Tennessee's critical race theory ban is a false attempt to defeat a 'fictitious villain'.” *The Commercial Appeal*. May 5th, 2021.

<https://www.commercialappeal.com/story/opinion/2021/05/19/tennessee-leaders-have-turned-critical-race-theory-into-fictitious-villain/5146967001/>

“Racial Ontology: A guide for the Perplexed. Part I: General Problems”. Video for WiPhi Open Access Philosophy. <http://www.wi-phi.com/video/racial-ontology>

- “Racial Ontology: A guide for the Perplexed. Part II: Naturalist Accounts of Race”. Video for WiPhi Open Access Philosophy. <http://www.wi-phi.com/video/naturalist-theories-race>
- “Racial Ontology: A guide for the Perplexed. Part IIIA: Socio-historical Accounts of Race: Artifacts and Naturally-based Kinds”. Video for WiPhi Open Access Philosophy. <http://www.wi-phi.com/video/sociohistorical-theories-race>
- “Racial Ontology: A guide for the Perplexed. Part IIIB: Socio-historical Accounts of Race: Socio-historical theories”. <http://www.wi-phi.com/>
- “Failing to Ascribe Thought and Motion: Part I” at Imperfect Cognitions  
<https://imperfectcognitions.blogspot.com.au/2016/06/failing-to-self-ascribe-thought-and.html>
- “Failing to Ascribe Thought and Motion: Part II” at Imperfect Cognitions  
[https://imperfectcognitions.blogspot.com.au/2016/06/failing-to-self-ascribe-thought-and\\_88.html](https://imperfectcognitions.blogspot.com.au/2016/06/failing-to-self-ascribe-thought-and_88.html)

#### Journal Articles

- “Aspiration and Self-Realization: The Ameliorative Projects of Steve Biko.” *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*. (Early Access) DOI: 10.1177/0048393122115048.
- “Social Ontologies of Race and Their Development”. *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, (Early Access: September 2022). DOI: 10.1111/sjp.12481.
- “Introduction to Charles Mills’s “The Wretched of Middle-Earth: An Orkish Manifesto” (with Chike Jeffers). *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, (Early Access: September 2022). DOI: 10.1111/sjp.12476. Second Author.
- “Naturalism, Disease, and Levels of Functional Description” (with Somogy Varga). *Journal of Philosophy and Medicine*. Vol. 47:3. June 2022. 482-493. DOI: 10.1093/jmp/jhac005. (6k words) Second Author.
- “Linguistic Disobedience” (with Ben Lennertz). *Philosophers’ Imprint*. Vol. 20: 21. August 2020. 1-16. Handle: <http://hdl.handle.net/2027/spo.3521354.0020.021>. First Author.
- “Counting-ish Creatures and Conceptual Content” *Mind*. Vol. 123: 492. October 2014. 1141-1146. DOI: 10.1093/mind/fzu152.
- “Failing to Self-Ascribe Thought and Motion: Towards a Three-Factor Account of Passivity Symptoms in Schizophrenia” *Schizophrenia Research*. 152: 1. January 2014. 28-32. DOI: 10.1016/j.schres.2013.06.031.
- “Racial Norms: A Reinterpretation of Du Bois’ ‘The Conservation of Races’” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*. 51: 4. December 2013. 465-487. DOI: 10.1111/sjp.12043. (Winner of the 2012 APA William James Prize).
- “How Specific Can You Get? Troubles for Cognitive Phenomenology” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 29: 1. January 2013. 163-172. DOI: 10.5840/swphilreview201329118.
- “HOT: Keeping up Appearances?” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 28: 1. January 2012. 155-163. DOI: 10.5840/swphilreview201228116.

#### Edited Journal Issue

- “New Ontologies of Race” 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Spindel Supplement, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, September 2022. Volume 60: 1. 1-136. DOI: [10.1111/sjp.12419](https://doi.org/10.1111/sjp.12419)

## Book Reviews

- "Racial Nonbeing" Symposium on Harfouch's *Another Mind-Body Problem: A History of Racial Non-Being*. *Syndicate Philosophy*. Summer 2020.  
<https://syndicate.network/symposia/philosophy/another-mind-body-problem/#david-miguel-gray>.

## In Progress

### Journal Articles

- "Pluralism for Pejoratives: Prospects and Problems"
- "Conceptual Amelioration, Linguistic Disobedience, and the Emancipatory Goals of Du Bois' Descripto-Normative Theory of Race"
- "On Ascribing Thoughts to Others"
- "Slurs and Quotation"
- "Cognitive Phenomenology and the Ascription of Thought"

## Refereed Presentations

- "Racial Objects"  
 -Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality, University of Vienna, August 24, 2022  
 -Social Ontology Conference, Tufts University, August 25, 2018
- "Amelioration, Descriptivism, and Black Consciousness: Goal-oriented theories of race in Haslanger, Biko, and Du Bois"  
 -Philosophy of Social Science Round Table, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, April 1, 2022
- "Linguistic Disobedience"  
 -Language: Uses and Misuses. Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium, June 18, 2021
- "An Agentive Phenomenology that is a Cognitive Phenomenology"  
 -Recent Work on Phenomenal Intentionality, Eastern APA, January 8, 2020
- "Pluralisms for Pejoratives: Prospects and Problems"  
 -Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- "Attempts to appropriate Slurs and Grice's First Maxim of Quality"  
 -Post-Truth Workshop, German Linguistic Society (DGfS), March 6, 2019
- "Linguistic Disobedience: Epithets, Appropriation, and Civil Disobedience"  
 -Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- "Racial Objects"  
 -Race and Racism, Oxford University, June 28, 2016
- "Cognitive Phenomenology and the Ascription of Thought"  
 -Phenomenology of Cognitive Experiences, Dublin, Ireland, November 5-7, 2014
- "Racial Norms: A Reinterpretation of Du Bois' 'The Conservation of Races'"  
 -(Symposium) American Philosophical Association Eastern Division—December 27-30, 2012  
*William James Prize Winner*, 2012
- "How Specific Can You Get? Troubles for Cognitive Phenomenology"  
 -Southwestern Philosophical Society – November 10, 2012

“HOT: Keeping up Appearances?”

- American Philosophical Association Pacific Division– April 4, 2012
- Southwestern Philosophical Society – November 19, 2011

“Slow-Switching and the Self-Ascription of Knowledge”

- Semantics and Philosophy in Europe 4, Ruhr – University of Bochum – September 30, 2011

“Cognitive Phenomenology”

- Western Michigan University – December 1, 2007

“Phenomenal Warrant and the Ascription of Belief”

- City University of New York Graduate Center – February 25, 2006

### Invited Presentations

“Research In Progress”

- The University of Memphis, Department of Philosophy, September 8, 2023

“Digital Citizenship in the Age of AI”

- STEM Professional Development series, West TN STEM Hub (<https://westtnstemhub.org>), Spring 2023

“Conceptual Amelioration, Linguistic Disobedience, and the Emancipatory Goals of Normative Theories of Race”

- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Auburn Philosophy Conference: Language & Value, March 16-17, 2023.

Chair of Author Meets Critics Panel “Ron Mallon’s The Construction of Human Kinds”

- Central Division Meeting of the APA, February 21st, 2018

"Linguistic Disobedience"

- Keynote for University of Kansas Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, April 7, 2018

“Linguistic Disobedience: Epithets, Appropriation, and Civil Disobedience”

- Department of Philosophy, The University of Mississippi, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

“Cognitive Architecture and Related Issues”

- Fed Ex Institute of Intelligent Systems, The University of Memphis, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

“Racial Ontology”

- Philosophy Department Brown Bag, Colgate University, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

“Malcolm X’s Political Philosophy”

- Challenges of Modernity Workshop, Colgate University, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

“Racial Objects”

- Tanner Workshop on Metaphysics and Epistemology, Boston University, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

“Cognitive Phenomenology and the Ascription of Thought”

- Department of Philosophy, George Washington University, October 31, 2014

“Racial Norms: A Reinterpretation of Du Bois’ ‘The Conservation of Races’”

- Dean's Lecture Series in the Humanities, George Washington University, October 31, 2014
- Social Political Workshop, Vanderbilt University – October 14, 2011

“Du Bois and Philosophy”

- Humanities Series, Colgate University – April 11, 2014

- “Phenomenology and the Ascription of Thought”  
-Centre College – October 25, 2012
- “ ‘Freedom Now’ and ‘Black Power’: Re-Envisioning Black Solidarity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”  
-Martin Luther King Day Teach-In, Vanderbilt University – January 16, 2012
- “Towards a Three-Factor Account of Monothematic Delusions: How to Characterize Abnormal Experience in Thought Insertion and Alien Control”  
-Clinical Brown Bag, Department of Psychology, Vanderbilt University – March 29, 2011
- “Thought Insertion: From Phenomenology to Delusions”  
-Oxford University – June 17, 2009
- “Thought Insertion, Self-Blindness, and Immunity to Error through Misidentification”  
-Mind, Brain, and Behavior Group, Harvard University – March 10, 2005
- “Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence”  
-Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard Law School, Harvard University – February 3, 2005

### Commentaries & Chairing

- Comments on Eblings' "The Physicalist's Dilemma and the Burden of Proof"  
Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2019
- Chair of Author Meets Critics Panel “Ron Mallon’s *The Construction of Human Kinds*”  
-Central Division Meeting of the APA, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- Chair of Panel “From Freedom Summer to Ferguson: The Ongoing Struggle for Civil Rights”  
-Colgate University – October 1, 2014
- Comments on Chambliss’ “Metacognitive Experiences as Cognitive Phenomenology?”  
-Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology – February 8, 2014
- Comments on Anderson’s “‘Why So Serious: An Enquiry on Racist Jokes’”  
-American Philosophical Association Central Division – February 18, 2012

### Teaching

- Artificial Intelligence Ethics (Graduate)  
-The University of Memphis - Institute of Intelligent Systems – Fall 2022
- Introduction to Philosophy  
-The University of Memphis – Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2021 (Honors), Fall 2021, Spring 2022  
-Colgate University, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015
- Philosophy of Mind  
-The University of Memphis (Graduate) – Spring 2021  
-Vanderbilt University (Undergraduate) – Fall 2011
- Seminar in Metaphysics: Social and Racial Ontologies  
-The University of Memphis (Graduate) – Fall 2020  
-Colgate University (Undergraduate) – Fall 2016
- Nature, Mind, and Knowledge  
-The University of Memphis – Fall 2020

Philosophy of Film

-The University of Memphis – Fall 2019

Philosophy of Science

-The University of Memphis – Fall 2018

-Vanderbilt University – Fall 2012

-Texas Tech University – Spring 2010

Philosophy of Race and Racism

-The University of Memphis, Spring 2018 (Graduate Seminar)

-The University of Memphis, Spring 2017, Fall 2018

-Colgate University, Spring 2014, Spring 2015

-Vanderbilt University – Spring 2011, Spring 2013 (Graduate Seminar)

-New College of Florida – Fall 2008

-Harvard University – Fall 2004

Intermediate Logic

-The University of Memphis – Fall 2017

-Vanderbilt University – Spring 2012, Spring 2013

-Texas Tech University – Spring 2010, Fall 2009

Racial Ontology

-Colgate University, Fall 2016

Race, Implicit Attitudes, and Racial Cognition (Psychology Department)

-Colgate University, Spring 2015

Topics in African American Philosophy

-Colgate University, Fall 2014

Challenges of Modernity

-Colgate University, Fall 2014, Fall 2016

Consciousness

-Vanderbilt University – Fall 2012

Philosophy of Language

-Vanderbilt University – Spring 2012

Philosophy of Mind

-Vanderbilt University – Fall 2011

Philosophy of Mind: Mental Phenomena

-Vanderbilt University – Spring 2011

Metaphysics

-Vanderbilt University – Fall 2010

Race, Racism, and Revolution

-Vanderbilt University – Fall 2010

-Queens College – City University New York – Fall 2007

Philosophy of Psychology (Graduate Seminar)

-Texas Tech University – Fall 2009

Self-Knowledge and Introspection (Graduate Seminar)

-Texas Tech University – Fall 2009

Philosophical Theories of Perception

-New College of Florida – Spring 2009

- Philosophy of Psychology
  - New College of Florida – Spring 2009
- Self-Deception and Moral Responsibility
  - Harvard University – Spring 2006
- Paradoxes and Knowledge
  - Harvard University – Spring 2005
- Self-Knowledge and Externalism
  - Harvard University – Fall 2002

### Dissertation Advising

- Zachary Auwerda, (Social Ontology), Spring 2021—Present
- Zachariah A. Neemeh, *The Cultural Mind*, (Philosophy of Mind, Cognitive Science) Spring 2019—Spring 2022
- Michael Ardoline, *Difference and Necessity: Dispositionalism, Deleuze, and the Finite Genesis of Transfinite Truths*, (Analytic Metaphysics, Continental Philosophy), Ph.D. Spring 2021, Morton Dissertation Prize (Top Ph.D. in all fields at The University of Memphis)

### The University of Memphis Service

- Senate Committee on Budget and Finance, Fall 2021—Present
- Ph.D. Research Tool in Logic Coordinator, Spring 2017—Present
- Library Liaison for the Philosophy Department Fall 2021—Present
- Philosophy Undergraduate Curriculum Revision, Spring 2017—Present
- Organizer, Institute of Intelligent System Cognitive Science Speaker Series: The Ethics of AI, Fall 2021-Spring 2022
- Conference Organizer, Spindel Fall 2021
- University of Memphis Research Council – Taskforce on T&P, Spring 2021—Summer 2021
- University of Memphis Research Council, Fall 2020—Summer 2021
- Chair, Senate Committee on Research Policies, Summer 2020—Spring 2021
- Pre-Law Advisor, Fall 2019—Summer 2021
- Senate Committee on Research Policies, Fall 2017—Spring 2021
- Conference Organizer, SIMCO Lecture and Tienson Memorial Conference, Fall 2020
- Programming Coordinator, Fall 2017—Spring 2020
- Accounting Risk Assessment Committee, Spring 2020
- Bornblum Committee, Spring 2017—2019
- Job Market Advisor, Spring 2017

### Other Academic Service

- Occasional Reviewer: *Analysis*, Elsevier Press (Psychology), *Ergo*, *Ethics*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Studies*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*.
- Member, Imperfect Cognitions Network 2016—Present
- Category Editor, *Philosophical Papers* (Implicit Bias, Conceptions of Race, Racism) 2012—Present
- President, Tennessee Philosophical Association, Fall 2017—Fall 2018
- Member, APA Committee on International Cooperation, 2012—2015
- Participant, Implicit Bias and Philosophy International Research Project, 2011—2012
- Tutor, Prisoner Education Program, Suffolk County House of Corrections, 2003—2004

### **Prizes and Fellowships**

Nomination, Alumni Teaching Award, The University of Memphis, Fall 2021  
Faculty Fellow, Marcus Orr Center for the Humanities, (College-Wide), Spring 2020  
Summer University Admittance, Cognitive Phenomenology Central European University 2019  
NEH Institute Award: African American Struggles for Freedom and Civil Rights 2013  
William James Prize, American Philosophical Association 2012  
Postdoctoral Fellowship, New College of Florida 2008-2009  
Martin Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2006-2007  
Graduate Prize Fellowship, Harvard University, 1999-2006

### **Organizations**

American Philosophical Association  
International Social Ontology Society  
Metaphysical Society of America  
Tennessee Philosophical Association

### **References**

David Pitt, Professor of Philosophy, California State University – Los Angeles  
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Sohee Park, Gertrude Conway Professor of Psychology, Vanderbilt University  
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Somogy Varga, Professor of Philosophy, Aarhus University, varga@cas.au.dk

#### Dissertation Committee

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