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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization: Moral Psychology and Social and Political Philosophy
Areas of Competence: 17th and 18th Century Sentimentalism and African-American Philosophy

EDUCATION

University of Illinois, Chicago	Ph.D. Philosophy	In Progress
	Dissertation: <i>Can You Find It in Your Heart to Forgive?: Race, Forgiveness, and Superficial Repair</i>	
	Committee: Samuel Fleischacker (advisor); Anthony Laden; Anne Eaton; and Tommie Shelby.	
Howard University	Masters of Divinity	2003
Morgan State University	B.A. Philosophy	2000

CURRENT POSITION

Visiting Edmond J. Safra Graduate Fellow in Ethics and a Santayana Fellow in the Harvard Department of Philosophy 2016-2017

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING ACADEMIC PAPERS

- “What is the State of Blacks in Philosophy?” with Botts, Tina F. ; Bright, Liam K. ; Mallarangeng, Guntur & Spencer, Quayshawn (2014). *Critical Philosophy of Race* 2 (2):224-242.
- “Twitter Trolls and the Refusal to be Silenced”, in James S Miller’s (ed) *The Real World Reader*. 1st. Edition. Oxford University Press. 2015.
- “The Color and Content of Their Fears: A Brief Analysis of Police Brutality”. *Radical Philosophy Review*. Book Symposium on Naomi Zack’s “White Privilege and Black Rights”. Volume 19, Issue 3, 2016.
- “State Racism, State Violence, and Vulnerable Solidarity” in Naomi Zack (ed) *Oxford University Press Handbook of Philosophy and Race*. 2017.
- “What an [En]tangled Web We Weave: Emotions, Motivation, and Rethinking Us and the “Other”. Book Symposium on Lori Gruen’s “Entangled Empathy.” *Hypatia*. Forthcoming.
- “Forgiveness, Exemplars and the Oppressed” in Kathryn Norlock’s (ed) *The Moral Psychology of Forgiveness*. Rowman and Littlefield. Forthcoming
- “Love, Anger, and Racial Injustice” Adrienne Martin’s Routledge *Handbook of Love in Philosophy*. Routledge Press. Forthcoming.
- “Coming Out of the Shade” forthcoming in Damien Broderick and Russell Blackford (eds.). *Philosophy’s*

Future: The Problem of Philosophical Progress. Wiley-Blackwell.

PUBLISHED PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY PAPERS

“Stop Snitching, Stop the System” in Bzdak, Crosby, and Vannatta, Seth (eds) *The Wire and Philosophy*. Open Court. 2013.

“Whose Messing with Your Mind” in Richard Greene and Rachel Robison. (eds) *Orange Is the New Black and Philosophy*. Open Court. 2015.

“If You’re Not White, You’re Missing Out and Other Thoughts on Privilege” in Mark Ralkowski (ed) *Louis C.K. and Philosophy*. Open Court. 2016.

BOOK IN PROGRESS

I am currently co-editing a collected volume with Owen Flannigan (Duke) titled *The Moral Psychology of Anger* as part of the Moral Psychology of Emotion Series. It is under contract at Rowman and Littlefield.

SELECTED PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY OP-EDS

“Like the Oscars, #PhilosophySoWhite” with Eric Eric Schwitzgebel in *The Los Angeles Times*. March 6, 2016. <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-0306-schwitzgebel-cherry-philosophy-so-white-20160306-story.html>

“Why Love is Not All We Need” in *The Huffington Post*. September 27, 2014. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/myisha-cherry/why-love-is-not-all-we-ne_b_5614573.html

“Why Privilege is So Hard to Give Up” in *Salon*. August 2013. http://www.salon.com/2013/08/01/why_privilege_is_so_hard_to_give_up/

INVITED TALKS

“Moral Anger as an Expression of Agape Love”
Wesleyan University, Social Justice Series. Nov. 2016.

“Making Sense of Public Requests for Forgiveness”
Wits University, Johannesburg, South Africa. Oct. 2016.

“The Curious Case of Black Rage and the Forgiving Heart”
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MAPS Chapter Event. Sept. 2015.

“Black Rage and the Moral Anger Police”
Harvard University, MAPS Chapter Event. May 2015.

“We Fired Up”
7th Annual Student Philosophy Conference on Intersectionality
University of North Carolina, Charlotte. April 2015

“Acting Mean: Queering Hegemonic Masculinity through a Cultivation of Virtues”
Brooklyn Public Philosophers, Brooklyn Main Library. March 2014

PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

- “Race and Teaching in Philosophy and the History of Philosophy Panel”
University of Wits, Johannesburg, South Africa Oct. 2016
- “The Revolution Will Not Be Journal(ized)”
Pacific APA: Race and Pedagogy Panel April 2016
- “Real Philosophy?”
Central APA: Public Philosophy Panel March 2016
- “Drama and Empathy in the Selma Movement”
American Society for Aesthetics (ASA) Annual Meeting, Savanna, Georgia Nov. 2015
- “Why Love is Not All We Need for Justice”
University of Illinois, Chicago Graduate College Fellows Colloquium Feb. 2015
- “A Threat Now and Then: Hume, Moral Psychology, and Religion’s Moral Failings”
Hume, Morality and Religion Conference, University of Antwerp, Belgium May 2015
- “Coming Out of the Shade: Philosophy’s Embrace of Empirical Studies as an Embrace of the World”
Central APA Committee Session: Empirical Studies and Philosophy, Feb. 2015
- “Love is Not All We Need”
Central APA 2015 Committee Session: Love and the State Panel, Feb. 2015
University of Illinois, Chicago Graduate College Fellows Colloquium Feb. 2015
- “Man Up, Man Down: Django Unchained and Black Masculinity”
American Society for Aesthetics (ASA) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 2014
- “The TEXTnology Classroom”
SXSWedu, Austin, Texas March 2014
Long Island University, Teaching Technology Institute, June 2013
- “Acting Mean: Queering Hegemonic Masculinity through a Cultivation of Virtue”
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Denver, Colorado (March 2014)
- “State Racism and Mass Incarceration”
The Society for the Study of Africana Philosophy, Harlem, NY. (December 2013)
- “The Permissibility of Feminine Bisexuality in Homophobic Hip-Hop”
Gender, Race, and Sexuality Conference, Tulane University (December 2013)
- “The Burden of Queer Explanation”
Philosopher’s Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa (May 2013)
New York Society of Women in Philosophy’s SWIPshop, CUNY Grad Center (July 2013)
- “Status of Black Women in Philosophy”
Committee Session: Mentoring Early Career Black Philosophers, APA Eastern, Dec 2013
University of Dayton, Diversity in Philosophy Conference, May 2013
- “In Defense of Moral Anger: A Response to Pettigrove”
New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association Conference, Bergen Community College, Meadowlands Nov. 2012
- “Forgiveness, Resentment and Reclaiming of Rage for Social Justice”
New York Society of Women in Philosophy’s SWIPshop, City of New York Graduate Center July 2012

TALKS AND PANELS FOR A GENERAL AUDIENCE

“Blacks, Animals, Respect, and the Rest of Others”
Leftist Forum, John Jay College May 2016

“Anger is Not a Bad Word”
TEDx Talk at University of Illinois, Chicago. May 2015.

“Behind Bars: A Conversation on Life in Prison”
NewAmerica NYC Panel, Aug. 2013

“Legal Issues and Societal Changes: Collateral Consequences Panel”
Lehman College, Oct. 2013

“Why I Think Philosophy Is Awesome and You Should Too”
Fortune Society, Long Island City NY (June 2013)
The Fortune Academy, Harlem, NY (June 2013)

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois, Chicago:

Instructor
Introduction to Philosophy (Summer 2016)

Teaching Assistant
Death (Spring 2016)
What is Religion? (Fall 2015)

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York City: Department of Philosophy: Adjunct Lecturer 2010-2014

Phil 310: Ethics and Law (1 section)
Phil. 231: Doing, Being and Knowing (15 sections) Phil 224: Death, Dying, and Society (2 sections)
Phil 322: Judicial and Correctional Ethics (3 sections)

Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus: Department of Philosophy: Adjunct Asst. Professor 2010-2013

Phil 64: Philosophy of Religion (2 sections)
Phil 61: Philosophical Explorations Part 1 (6 sections)
Phil 62: Philosophical Explorations Part 2 (4 sections)

York College, Queens, New York City: Department of History and Philosophy: Adjunct Lecturer 2009-2013

Phil 103: Intro to Philosophy (3 sections) CLDV 210: Western Civilization (11 Sections)
A Writing Intensive Course that explores the philosophical, theological, and political work that has influenced the Western World

St. Johns University, Queens Campus: Department of Philosophy: Adjunct Lecturer 2011-2012

Philosophy of Persons: 1000c (1 section)
Ethics: 2200c (1 section)

St. Francis College, Brooklyn: Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies: Adjunct Lecturer 2011-2012

Survey of the World's Religion (2 sections)

University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Maryland: Adjunct Lecturer 2005

Introduction to Philosophy: (2 sections)
Introduction to Ethics: (1 section)

Community College of Baltimore County: Catonsville: Adjunct Lecturer 2004-2006

Introduction to World Religion (3 sections)

Ethics: (1 section)

Introduction to Philosophy (2 sections)

Howard University School of Divinity: Teaching Assistant 2001-2002

Psychology of Religion

NON-UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Liberty Leads at Bank Street College of Education, New York City: Instructor Summer 2014,2015

Debate and Political Science (3 sections)

Columbia University, Upward Bound Program, New York City: Instructor Summer 2013

Critical Thinking (3 sections)

The Fortune Society: New York City: Instructor 2009-2010

Literacy Through a Social, Literary, and Philosophical Lens:

A creative interdisciplinary Adult Education course taught to adults students re-entering society from prison and young adults seeking alternatives to incarceration

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Edmonds J. Safra Center for Ethics Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University (2016-2017)

Santayana Fellowship, Harvard University (2016-2017)

Provost Award, University of Illinois, Chicago (April 2015)

University of Illinois' Liberal Arts and Sciences PhD Travel Grant (February 2015)

Travel Grant, American Society of Aesthetics (November 2014)

Abraham Lincoln Fellowship, University of Illinois, Chicago (Fall 2014)

Turner Fellowship, Stony Brook University (2014, Declined)

Adjunct/CET Professional Development Grant, (Fall 2013)

The Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention (2013)

Travel Grant, Conference on Diversity in Philosophy, Univ. of Dayton (May 2013)

Evans Crawford Fellowship 2002

Most Outstanding Morgan Woman 2003

Golden Key National Honor Society United Negro College Fund Recipient 1995

Phi Sigma Tau International Philosophy Honor Society 1999

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Host and Producer: The UnMute Podcast (2015-Present)

Committee Member: Committee for the Status of Black Philosophers

Graduate Mentor, Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute, Penn State University (June 2015)

Graduate Mentor, Rutgers' Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy (July 2014)

Election Committee and Web Committee: Society of Young Black Philosophers

Faculty Associate: Institute for Criminal Justice Ethics at John Jay College (Fall 2012-Spring 2013)

***Creator/Organizer of ICJE Summer Philosophy Seminar for the Formerly Incarcerated*

***Organizer: The Shadow of Incarceration Stigma, John Jay College,*

ASSOCIATIONS

Society of Young Black Philosophers
Society for the Study of Africana Philosophy
The Society of the Philosophy of Sex and Love
American Philosophical Association