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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization: Moral Psychology, Social and Political Philosophy, & Philosophy of Race

Areas of Competence: Africana Philosophy and Feminist Philosophy

EDUCATION

University of Illinois, Chicago Ph.D. Philosophy 2018

Dissertation: *The Nature and Appropriateness of Forgiveness Requests*

Committee: Samuel Fleischacker (advisor); Anthony Laden;
Anne Eaton; Alice MacLachlan; and Charles Mills.

University of Illinois, Chicago M.A. Philosophy 2017

Howard University Masters of Divinity

Morgan State University B.A. Philosophy

POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Philosophy University of California, Riverside 2018-present

Fellow Hutchins Center for African and
African-American Research,
Harvard University FALL 2017

Graduate Fellow Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics,
Harvard University 2016-17

Santayana Fellow,
Philosophy Dept. @Harvard 2016-18

BOOKS

1. **The Failures of Forgiveness.** (Princeton University Press: September 2023: Current Stage: In Production)

The book is an attempt to change our personal and social relationships with forgiveness for the

better. In the first half of the book, I explain how a more expansive view of forgiveness can improve our roles as forgivers, withholders, and requestors in ways that make moral repair more likely. Likewise, I show how the common, narrow view can negatively impact us in these roles. In the second half, I use the framework that these roles provide to show how they function at home, at work, and in the wider world.

- Featured in *Macleans Magazine*
2. **The Case for Rage: Why Anger is Essential to Anti-Racist Struggle**, Oxford University Press: October 2021.
 - Reviewed in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (Mary Carman); MIND (Laura Silva); ETHICS (Tyler Paytas)
 - Reviewed in *Los Angeles Review of Books*; *Publishers Weekly*; and *Kirkus Review*.
 - Profile & Excerpts in *The New Yorker*; *The Atlantic*; *Literary Hub*; *Publisher's Weekly*
 - Honors: "The Best Philosophy Books of 2021" *Five Books*
 - Author Meets Critics: Pacific APA, April 2022 (Critics: Alice MacLachlan, Nic Bommarito, and Meena Krishnamurthy)
 3. **UnMuted: Conversations on Prejudice, Oppression, and Social Justice**. Oxford University Press: 2019.
 - Reviewed in *Teaching Philosophy* (Catlyn Keenan)
 4. **The Moral Psychology of Anger** (Co-edited with Owen Flanagan). Rowman & Littlefield: 2018.
 - Reviewed in *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (Lyn Radke)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

1. "Feeling Revengeful." Forthcoming. *Passion: Journal of the European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions*.
2. "Black People Look Up and Down, White People Look Away": Charles Mills, James Baldwin, and White Ignorance" (2022), *Radical Philosophy Review*. DOI: 10.5840/radphilrev2022111012
3. "Political Anger." (2022), *Philosophy Compass*. DOI:10.1111/phc3.12811
4. "On James Baldwin and Black Rage" (2022), *Critical Philosophy of Race Journal*, Vol 10. No. 1.
5. "In Defense of Anti-Racist Training" (2022). *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement*, 91, 15-24. DOI:10.1017/S1358246122000054 Also published as *A Philosophers' Manifesto: Ideas and Arguments to Change the World*. Julian Baggini (ed).
6. "Afro-American Revolutionary Christianity" in Cornel West's *Prophesy Deliverance: 40th Anniversary Expanded Edition*. Westminster John Knox Press: Nov. 2022. (Continuing and expanding on the revolutionary discourses that West introduced in the first published work, my essay provides a nuanced lens for thinking about movements of liberation in today's African American communities.)

7. **“Racialized Forgiveness”** (2021), *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, Vol 36, No.4.
8. **“On the Cultivation of Civic Friendship”** (2021), *Journal of Philosophical Research*, Vol. 46.
9. **“Value-Based Protest Slogans: An Argument for Reorientation”** in Hogan, B.; Cholbi, M.; Yost, B. ; and Madva, A. (eds.) *The Movement for Black Lives: Philosophical Perspectives*. Oxford Univ. Press. Nov. 2021.
10. **“Solidarity Care”** (2020), *Public Philosophy Journal*. Vol. 3, No. 1.
11. **“Anger: Embracing the Medusa Trope as a Form of Resistance”** in Melissa Shew and Kim Garchar's (eds.) *Philosophy for Girls*. Oxford University Press: Sept. 2020.
12. **“Love, Anger, and Racial Injustice”** (2019), in Adrienne Martin's (ed.) *Routledge Handbook of Love in Philosophy*. Routledge Press.
13. **“Gendered Failures in Extrinsic Emotional Regulation; Or, Why Telling a Woman to “Relax” or a Young Boy to “Stop Crying Like a Girl” Is Not a Good Idea”** (2019), *Philosophical Topics*, Vol, 47, No. 2.
14. **“Handling Matters of Friendship”** (2019), in Levinson, Meira,; and Fay, Jacob, (eds.) *Democratic Discord in Schools: Cases and Commentaries in Educational Ethics*. Harvard University Press.
15. **“The Interplay between Resentment, Motivation, and Performance”** (2019), *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*, Volume 46: 2, 147-161.
16. **“Liberatory Dialogue”** (2019), *Precollege Philosophy and Public Practice*, Volume 1:1, 4-15.
17. **“The Errors and Limitations of our Anger-Evaluating Ways”** (2018), in Cherry and Flanagan's (eds) *The Moral Psychology of Anger*. Rowman and Littlefield.
18. **“What an [En]tangled Web We Weave: Emotions, Motivation, and Rethinking Us and the “Other”** (2017), *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, Volume 32(2), 439–451.
19. **“Forgiveness, Exemplars and the Oppressed”** (2017), in Kathryn Norlock's (ed.) *The Moral Psychology of Forgiveness*. Rowman and Littlefield.
20. **“State Racism, State Violence, and Vulnerable Solidarity”** (2017), in Naomi Zack's (ed.) *Oxford University Press Handbook of Philosophy and Race*.
21. **“Coming Out of the Shade”** (2017), in Damien Broderick and Russell Blackford (eds.) *Philosophy's Future: The Problem of Philosophical Progress*. Wiley-Blackwell.
22. **“The Color and Content of Their Fears: A Brief Analysis of Police Brutality”** (2016), *Radical Philosophy Review*, Book Symposium on Naomi Zack's “White Privilege and Black Rights,” Volume 19, Issue 3.
23. **“If You're Not White, You're Missing Out and Other Thoughts on Privilege”** (2016), in Mark Ralkowski's (ed) *Louis C.K. and Philosophy*. Open Court: Chicago.
24. **“Whose Messing with Your Mind”** (2015), in Richard Greene and Rachel Robison (eds.) *Orange Is the New Black and Philosophy*. Open Court: Chicago.
25. **“What is the State of Blacks in Philosophy?”** (2014), with Botts, Tina F. ; Bright, Liam K. ;

Mallarangeng, Guntur & Spencer, Quayshawn. *Critical Philosophy of Race*, Vol, 2 (2):224-42.

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

BOOK REVIEW

1. *Review of* Tommie Shelby and Brandon Terry (eds.) **To Shape a New World: Essays on the Political Writings of Martin Luther King, Jr.** (2019) *MIND*. DOI: 10.1093/mind/fzz033.

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY ESSAYS (Selected)

1. **“Anger Can Build a Better World”** *The Atlantic*. Aug. 25, 2020.
<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/08/how-anger-can-build-better-world/615625/>
2. **“More Important Things”** *Boston Review, Forum: On Anger* in response to A. Callard, 2020.
3. **“Why We Fight”** *New Philosopher Magazine*, Winter 2019.
4. **“Black Feminism is for Everybody”** *WomanKind Magazine*, Spring 2019.
5. **“Power Scripts”** *New Philosopher Magazine*, Fall 2018.
6. **“Whose Life Matters”** *New Philosopher Magazine*, Spring 2018.
7. **“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>
8. **“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

On James Baldwin and Black Rage

University of Toronto, Centre of Ethics Lecture, Feb. 2022

University of Texas, Austin: Feb. 2022

College of William and Mary, April 2022

Memphis University, April 2022

Whittier College, April 2022

Georgetown University, May 2022

University of Southern California, Oct. 2022

Racialized Forgiveness

McGill University, Philosophy Colloquium, March 2021
Iowa University, Philosophy Colloquium, March 2021
Rutgers University, Climate Lecture Keynote Speaker, March 2021
Middlebury College, Philosophy Colloquium, March 2021
Carleton University, Philosophy Colloquium, March 2021
California Lutheran University, Philosophy Colloquium, Feb. 2021
Union College, Philosophy Colloquium, Feb. 2021
Florida International University, Philosophy Colloquium, Jan. 2021
Northwestern University, Philosophy Colloquium, Jan. 2021
Duke University, Philosophy Colloquium, Oct. 2020
Temple University, Philosophy Colloquium, Nov. 2020
York University, Philosophy Colloquium, Nov. 2020
Fordham University, Philosophy Colloquium, Nov. 2020
Arizona State University, Philosophy Colloquium, Nov. 2020

Rage Renegades

University of Texas, Austin, Philosophy Colloquium, Feb. 2022
Vanderbilt University, Philosophy Colloquium, Nov. 2021
University of Georgia, Philosophy Colloquium, Nov. 2021
Tulane University, Murphy Institute's Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, Nov. 2021
Weber State University, Distinguished Lecture in Philosophy, Nov. 2021
Hofstra University, Keynote Speaker, Nov. 2021
Southern Illinois University, Undergraduate Conf. Keynote Speaker, Oct. 2021
Skidmore College, Charles N. Dowd Lecture Speaker, Oct. 2021
CUNY Graduate Seminar, Philosophy Colloquium, Oct. 2021
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Conference, Invited Symposium:
The Ethics of Anger, April 2021

Value-Based Protest Slogans

Penn State University, Interdisciplinary Feminist Conference, Feb. 2021
Princeton University, Political Theory Colloquium, October 2021
University of California Santa Cruz, Philosophy Colloquium, Nov. 2019

Painting Anger in Broad Strokes

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Political Theory Workshop, Invited, April 2019
Claremont McKenna College, Philosophy Colloquium, Nov. 2018
MIT PIKSI Program, Featured Speaker, June 2018

Breaking Racial Rules through Rage

Wits University, South Africa, Spring Colloquium talk, Sept. 2019
Elon University, Reynolds Lecture, April 2019
Cal State Bakersfield, Colloquia Series, Keynote Speaker, April 2019
CUNY Grad. Center, *Black Woman Philosophers Conference*, Featured Speaker, March 2019
Cal State LA, Ann Gary/Sharon Bishop Feminist Endowed Lecture Speaker, Feb. 2019
UC Riverside, Graduate Conference, Keynote Speaker, Feb. 2019
Buffalo State University, Grunbaum Keynote Speaker, Feb. 2019

Anger Management: An Alternative View

Wits University, South Africa, Department Colloquium talk, Sept. 2019
Stellenbosch University, South Africa, Department talk, Sept. 2019
Penn State University, PIKSI Program, Featured Speaker, June 2019
UC San Diego, Moral and Political Philosophy Seminar Series, Oct. 2018
Brown University, MAP Talk, April 2018

On Conversations

University of Alabama, Keynote Speaker, March 2021
St. Marys College, Keynote, October, 2020
Stanford University, Center for Ethics in Society, Keynote Speaker, May 2019
University of Idaho, Philosophy Book Talk, Keynote Speaker, April 2019
UCLA, MAP Conference, Keynote Speaker, April 2019
University of Michigan, MAP Talk, March 2019
University of Pittsburgh, MAP Talk, March 2019
Morgan State University, Philosophy Department Talk, March 2019

Anger and the Brain Walk into a Bar

Boston University Public Philosophy Conference, Featured Speaker, Oct. 2019
Society of Philosophy and Psychology @UCSD, Featured Speaker, July 2019

Can you find it in your heart to forgive?: Race, Requests, and Superficial Repair

Boston University, Department Colloquium Talk, April 2018
Brooklyn College, MAP Talk, March 2018
Washington University of St. Louis, Prejudice Conference, Featured speaker, Nov. 2017
Wits University, Johannesburg, South Africa, Department Colloquium talk, Oct. 2016

Seven Lessons Learned from doing Public Philosophy

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Public Philosophy Workshop, Featured Speaker, May 2018

Moral Anger as an Expression of Agape Love

Marquette University, Graduate Conference, Keynote Speaker, March 2018
Princeton University, MAP Talk. March 2017
Wesleyan University, Social Justice Series' Keynote Speaker, Nov. 2016

Solidarity Care: How to Take Care of Each Other in Times of Struggle

Harvard Divinity School, Harvard Black Religion, Spirituality, & Culture Conference
Religion & Wellness Panel Speaker, March 2018
University of Washington, Race and Health Conference, Keynote Speaker, March 2017
Michigan State University, Public Philosophy Conference, Keynote Speaker, 2019

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

“Internet Hate Speech, Fake News, and Armies of Trolls”

Princeton University, Free Speech Now Series, March 2017

“Teaching Philosophy to the Formerly Incarcerated”

Central APA: Philosophy in Prisons Panel, March 2017

“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, Savannah, Georgia, Nov. 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 for Justice”

Central APA 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 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”

Mentoring Early Career Black Philosophers Session, 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, CUNY Grad Center, July 2012

TALKS AND PANELS FOR A GENERAL AUDIENCE

“The Interplay between Resentment, Motivation, and Performance”

The House of Beautiful Business Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, Nov. 2018

“Transcending the Tower: Writing on Mind, Brain & Behavior in the Public Sphere

Harvard University, April 2018

“Who Are We Talking to?: The Humanities, the Public, and the Streets

MIT, Day of Action Conference, April 2018

“Open Forum on Baltimore DOJ Police Report and Open Consent”

Morgan State University, April 2017

“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 California, Riverside

Moral Psychology of Anger, Graduate Seminar (Fall 2018)
Feminist Philosophy and Politics of Negative Affect, Graduate Seminar (Fall 2019)
The Nature and Limits of Forgiveness, Graduate Seminar (Fall 2020)
Forward Looking Attitudes, Graduate Seminar (Winter 2022)
Philosophy of Race (Winter 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
Race and Gender (Spring 2020, 2021)
Political Philosophy (Spring 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

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: 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: Department of History and Philosophy: Adjunct Lecturer 2009-2013

Phil 103: Intro to Philosophy (3 sections)
CLDV 210: Western Civilization (11 Sections)

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, 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

Hellman Fellowship, University of California at Riverside (2021-22)
Advancing Equity in Research Fellow at Hutchins Center for African and African-American Research, Harvard University (Fall 2017)
Edmonds J. Safra Center for Ethics Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University (2016-2017)
Santayana Fellowship, Philosophy Department: Harvard University (2016-2018)
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 (2014-2018)
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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Director: Emotion and Society Lab (2023)

Refereed Journals: Ethics, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Ergo, The Southern

Journal of Philosophy, The Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplements, Hypatia, Critical Philosophy of Race, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, and Res Philosophia

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

APA Committee Member: Committee for the Status of Black Philosophers and The Society for Analytical Feminism

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