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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Race and Gender, Social and Political Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Normative Ethics and Metaethics

EMPLOYMENT

- 2022 – 2023 **Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow**, *Princeton University*
- 2019 – present **Assistant Professor of Philosophy**, *Claremont McKenna College*
- 2018 – 2019 **Post-Doctoral Research Fellow**, *Baruch College-CUNY*
Inaugural Weissman School of Arts and Sciences Fellow

EDUCATION

- 2013 – 2018 **PhD in Philosophy**, *University of Texas at Austin*
Dissertation Title: Knowledge and Social Identity
- 2017 – 2018 **Visiting Scholar**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
Funded by the Diversity Predoctoral Fellowship
- 2010 – 2011 **Master of Arts in Philosophy**, *University of Sheffield*
(with distinction)
- 2006 – 2010 **Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy**, *Florida State University*
(Magna Cum Laude)

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming. “Standpoint Epistemology and Epistemic Peerhood: A Defense of Epistemic Privilege”,
Journal of the American Philosophical Association
2022. “Objectivity in Feminist Epistemology”, *Philosophy Compass*
2022. “Demarginalizing Standpoint Epistemology”, *Episteme*, 19(1), 47 – 65.
2021. “Recent Work in Standpoint Epistemology”, *Analysis*, 81(2), 338 – 350.
2021. “What Lies Beneath: The Epistemic Roots of White Supremacy” in Elizabeth Edenberg
and Michael Hannon (eds.), *Politics & Truth: New Perspectives in Political*
Epistemology. Oxford University Press. 76 – 94.

2021. “Believing is Seeing: Feminist Philosophy, Knowledge, and Perception” in Elly Vintiadis (ed.), *Philosophy by Women: 22 Philosophers Reflect on Philosophy and Its Value*. Routledge. 161 – 168.
2021. “Corrupt the Youth Residential Summer Philosophy Camp: Building a Camp with a Strong Culture”, with Alex Hargroder, in Claire Katz (ed.), *Philosophy Camps for Youth: Everything You Wanted to Know about Starting, Organizing, and Running a Philosophy Camp*. Rowman and Littlefield. 87 – 96.
- 2019 “From Standpoint Epistemology to Epistemic Oppression”, *Hypatia*, 34(4), 598 – 618.
- 2019 “Masculine Foes, Feminist Woes: A response to *Down Girl*”, *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, 18(2), 10 – 14.

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- Spring 2022 “Objectivity”
The Philosopher, 110(2), 35 – 39
- Feb 2022 Panel on Public Philosophy, Education, and Social Justice
PLATO, Public Philosophy Network, and Kegley Institute of Ethics
- June 2021 “Identity and Knowledge”
The UnMute Podcast, June 201
- Nov 2020 “From Where We Stand”
Many Minds Podcast, November 2020
- Oct 2020 “On Language, Identity, and Corrupting the Youth”
The Ethicist’s Corner, Kegley Institute of Ethics, October 2020
- Feb 2020 “Radical Social Imaginaries and How to Live Them”
A Night of Ideas, Brooklyn Public Library, New York
- June 2019 “Is Believing Seeing? And other lessons from standpoint epistemology”
Think Olio Public Lecture, New York
- June 2019 Corrupt the Youth Summer Philosophy Camp
Camp Director, University of Texas at Austin
- Oct 2018 “Identity Matters: Standpoint Epistemology with Briana Toole”
Examining Ethics Podcast, October 2018
- Oct 2018 Faculty Panel on Activism and Public Philosophy
MAP Oppression and Resistance Conference, New York
- April 2018 “Corrupting the Public: Philosophy for the People”
MIT Day of Action, Public Session

- Sept 2016 “The problem of diversity in philosophy: a US perspective,”
Times Higher Education, September 2016
- 2015 – Present Corrupt the Youth Philosophy Outreach Program, 501(c)(3)
Founder and Executive Director
- 2014 – 2015 Writer for the Humanities Minutes Podcast Project, UT Austin College of Liberal Arts
“You Didn’t Start the Fire”, “Corrupt the Youth”, “Thought Experiments”,
“The Battle of the Sexes”, “Color Concepts”, “The Black Man’s Cogito”

PRESENTATIONS

TALKS

- *INVITED TALK †CANCELLED – PANDEMIC
- “Trojan Horse Speech and Coded Discourse”**
Dec 2022 Political Epistemology Network Conference (Amsterdam)*
Nov 2022 University of California, Berkeley*
Oct 2022 University of Connecticut*
- “Objectivity’s Dark Purpose”**
May 2022 Boston University*
- “The Vanishing Self: Consciousness-Raising as an Epistemic Transformation”**
March 2022 University of Michigan (virtual)*
- “What Standpoint Epistemology is Not”**
Feb 2022 APA Central Division, Invited Symposium*
- “Varieties of Objectivity”**
Oct 2021 Series on Ideal and Non-Ideal Epistemology (virtual)*
- “The Not-So-Rational Racist: Articulating a New Epistemic Duty”**
April 2021 APA Pacific Division, Colloquium (rescheduled from April 2020)
- “Standpoint Epistemology as Ideology Critique”**
Nov 2020 Social Criticism and Political Thought Series, Princeton University (virtual)*
- “You Took the Words Right Out of My Mouth: Why Some Words Don’t Belong to You”**
Oct 2020 Kegley Institute of Ethics (virtual)*
- PPE in a Time of Pandemic: Protests, Civil Disobedience and Resistance**
June 2020 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (virtual)*
Feb 2020 Boston University*
May 2019 CUNY Graduate Center*

- “How to talk about rape in the public sphere”**
 March 2020 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Meeting†
 Nov 2019 Young Philosophers Lecture Series, DePauw University
- “Believing is Seeing: and other lessons from women philosophers”**
 Nov 2019 University of Southern California, GPS*
- “Holding Resistance Hostage: When Resistance is Futile”**
 April 2019 The Ethics of Public Discourse, Bowling Green State University
 March 2019 Black Women Philosophers Conference, CUNY*
 March 2019 University of Sheffield*
- “Rethinking Traditional Epistemology”**
 April 2019 Society for Analytic Feminism, APA, Pacific Division, Vancouver
 Feb 2019 Claremont McKenna College*
- “On Social Identity and Epistemic Peerhood: In Defense of Epistemic Privilege”**
 April 2018 University of Miami – Inclusiveness Conference*
 March 2018 Bates College*
 Jan 2018 Claremont McKenna College*
- “Demarginalizing Standpoint Epistemology”**
 Nov 2017 Princeton University*
 April 2017 Epistemology Reading Group, University of Texas at Austin
- “Standpoint Epistemology and Hidden Ontologies”**
 May 2017 Toronto Philosophy Graduate Conference
- “Through the Looking Glass: A Deeper Look at Standpoint Epistemology”**
 Oct 2016 Graduate Colloquium Series, University of Texas at Austin
- “Perceptual Farce and Epistemic Blame”**
 Feb 2016 Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference
 Feb 2016 USC/UCLA Graduate Conference
 March 2015 University of Texas at Austin MLK Conference
- “How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Disagreement”**
 April 2015 APA Pacific Division, Symposium, Vancouver
 Dec 2014 Western Michigan University Graduate Conference
 Nov 2014 Epistemology Reading Group, University of Texas at Austin
- “The Causal Theory and Fictional Names”**
 Jan 2014 University of Texas at Austin MLK Conference
- “Fictional Entities: A Case for Neo-Meinongism”**
 April 2011 Indiana Philosophical Association

COMMENTS

- Oct 2022 **Alex Broadbent's "Was the Lockdown Racist?"**
DeCamp Seminar, Princeton University
- Nov 2019 **Emmalon Davis's "Procreative Justice Reconceived: Undermining Propaganda and Averting the Moral Gaze"**
Dartmouth Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop
- March 2018 **Jessie Munton's "What's Wrong with Accurate Statistical Generalizations?"**
APA, Pacific Division, San Diego
- Feb 2018 **Rima Basu's "What We Epistemically Owe to Each Other"**
Princeton Workshop in Social Philosophy
- Aug 2017 **Kathryn Pogin's "Confronting the Epistepocalypse with Faith"**
Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference
- Aug 2015 **Cat Wade's "Expert Sexists': Unjust Perception and the Prediction Error Minimization Account of Mind"**
Workshop on Bayesian Theories of Perception and Epistemology

GRANTS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2022 – 2023 Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2020 Gould Center grant for the development of the Corrupt the Youth Digital Media Initiative (\$2700)
- 2019 APA/PDC Prize for Excellence and Innovation in Philosophy Programs for Corrupt the Youth
- 2019 Young Alumni Award, Florida State University
- 2018 APA Diversity and Inclusiveness Grant for the Corrupt the Youth Summer Philosophy Pilot (\$20,000)
- 2018 PLATO Philosophy Fund Grant for the Corrupt the Youth Summer Philosophy Pilot (\$5660)
- 2017 – 2018 Diversity Predoctoral Fellowship and Visiting Scholar Appointment. Linguistics and Philosophy Department, School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2017 Dissertation Boot Camp Fellowship. Awarded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- 2014- 2017 Graduate Student Professional Development Award. UT Austin (x3)
- 2017 Pal-Make a Difference Award for Corrupt the Youth. UT Austin
- 2015 – 2017 Graduate Student Travel Award. Awarded by the University of Texas Philosophy Department (x4)
- 2015 Departmental Nominee for the Livingston Award in Graduate Teaching Excellence
- 2013 – 2016 Royal Fellowship. Awarded by the University of Texas Philosophy Department
- 2013 Graduate School Recruitment Fellowship. UT Austin

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

AT CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

- Spring 2022 PHIL 134: Black Feminist and Alternative Epistemologies
 PHIL 036: Introduction to Philosophy of Religion
- Fall 2021 PHIL 198: Advanced Seminar – Ideology and World-Making
 PHIL 038(H): Introduction to Reason and Reality (Honors)
- Spring 2021 PHIL 192: Feminism for Men
This course is taught through the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program in partnership with the California Rehabilitation Center.
 PHIL 181: Philosophy through Black Literature
- Fall 2020 PHIL 038: Introduction to Reason and Reality (x2)
- Spring 2020 PHIL 134: Feminist Epistemologies
 PHIL 036: Introduction to Philosophy of Religion
- Fall 2019 PHIL 036: Introduction to Philosophy of Religion (x2)

AT BARUCH COLLEGE

- Spring 2019 PHI 3990: Special Studies – Philosophy through Black Literature, Baruch College
 PHI 4905: Feminism for Men, or: How to Make a Feminist, Baruch College
- Fall 2018 PHI 4900: Contemporary Debates in Epistemology, Baruch College
 PHI 4905: Race and Gender in Metaphysics and Epistemology, Baruch College

AT UT-AUSTIN

- Spring 2017 PHL 310: Knowledge and Reality, UT Austin

AT HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY

- 2013 – 2016 PHIL 2301: Philosophy and Ethics, Huston-Tillotson University (x7)
Huston-Tillotson is an historically black college/university (HBCU) located in east Austin, Texas and serves ~1000 students. I taught as part of the adult-education program, which grants degrees to non-traditional students pursuing their bachelor's degree.

AT DUKE TIP

Summer 2015 Philosophy of Time, Duke TIP East Campus
The Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP) is a summer residential program for high school students identified as talented or gifted. I taught 20 students and supervised a teaching assistant.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Fall 2016 PHL 610QA: Problems of Knowledge and Valuation, UT Austin
Spring 2016 PHL 301: Introduction to Philosophy, UT Austin
Spring 2015 PHL 301L: Early Modern Philosophy, UT Austin
2014 – 2015 UGS 303: Medical Ethics UT Austin (x2)
Spring 2014 PHL 304: Contemporary Moral Problems, UT Austin

PEDAGOGY

Spring 2021 International Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program Training Institute for Instructors
Summer 2020 Minerva Schools Workshop: How to facilitate engaged learning in a virtual class
Fall 2015 Teaching in Philosophy (Michael Tye)
Spring 2014 Teaching Fundamentals (Laura Beerits)
Member American Association of Philosophy Teachers

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE

2019 – present Referee (*Analysis, Hypatia, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Ethics, Ergo, Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*)
2017 – 2019 Appointed Member, APA Graduate Student Council
Summer 2017 Dissertation Boot Camp
2017 – Present Society for Analytical Feminism, Member
2016 – 2017 President, UT Austin's Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter
2015 – 2016 Organizer, Graduate Colloquium Series – UT Austin Department of Philosophy
2015 – 2016 Undergraduate Liaison, UT Austin's MAP Chapter
2015 Founder, MAP – UT Austin Chapter
2013 – Present American Philosophy Association, Member

WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER INSTITUTES

2022 Diverse Intelligences Summer Institute, Faculty
University of California, Los Angeles/University of St. Andrews

2022 Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project
University of Southern California

2021 Diverse Intelligences Summer Institute, Faculty
University of California, Los Angeles (virtual)

- 2020 Diverse Intelligences Summer Institute, Faculty
University of California, Los Angeles (virtual)
- 2019 Young Philosopher Lecture Series
The Prindle Institute for Ethics at DePauw University
- 2019 Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop
Ethics Institute at Dartmouth University
- 2019 Political Epistemology Writing Workshop
Michigan State University
- 2019 Mentoring Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy
Boston University
- 2019 Bowling Green Workshop in Applied Ethics and Public Policy
Bowling Green State University
- 2018 Applied Epistemology Research Retreat and Workshop
The Prindle Institute for Ethics at DePauw University
- 2018 Princeton Workshop in Social Philosophy (PWISP)
Princeton University
- 2017 Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference (formerly the Bellingham Summer
Philosophy Conference)
University of British Columbia
- 2016 Athena in Action: Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Student Women in
Philosophy
Princeton University
- 2015 Workshop on Bayesian Theories of Perception and Epistemology
Cornell University
- 2011 Workshop on Agency and Responsibility (NOWAR)
The Murphy Institute at Tulane University

REFERENCES

Sinan Dogramaci

Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin

Thi Nguyen

Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Utah

Sally Haslanger

Professor of Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology