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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. – Philosophy, Penn State University, University Park, PA, December 2015

M.A. – Philosophy, Penn State University, University Park, PA, August 2012

B.A. – Philosophy and Religion, Paine College, Augusta, GA, May 2009
Salutatorian, *Summa Cum Laude*

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, GA, Fall 2014—Present

Coordinator of Africana Studies, Georgia College and State University, Fall 2016—Present

Areas of Specialization

Modern Philosophy (Immanuel Kant); Critical Philosophy of Race; African American Philosophy; Black Feminist Philosophy

Areas of Competence

History of Social and Political Philosophy; History of Ethics

Dissertation

Committee: Robert Bernasconi (Chair)

Kathryn Gines, Sarah Clark Miller, Daniel Purdy

Kantian Cosmopolitanism and the Racial Hierarchy

My dissertation offers an account of Kant's concept of race in the context of his cosmopolitan theory. This account is framed as a critical response to two widely accepted claims: the claim that Kant's work can be separated into distinct periods before and after he changed his thinking about race, and the claim that Kant's views on race are marginal, having no systematic implications for the rest of his philosophy. I contend that the concept of race is an integral part of what Kant sets out to accomplish in the 1790s. His understanding of cosmopolitan society is built on the theory of inequality, and that theory in turn is organized by the concept of race in two ways. First, it provides Kant a methodology for understanding the purpose of inheritable differences in nature. Second, racial difference supplies Kant with the contours of an explanation for why differences exist in human nature. He integrates these two ways of looking at race into a theory of inequality that has a decisive impact on his cosmopolitanism. In turn, my critical approach to the marginalization of Kant's concept of race in recent scholarship is thematic: I examine Kant's texts

on race, teleology, and cosmopolitanism as a part of a single coherent narrative about the purpose of race.

Publications

Books

Racism and Kantian Cosmopolitanism (Submitted for Initial Review).

Articles

"Legitimizing Blacks in Philosophy," *Journal of World Philosophies* (Forthcoming, Winter 2017).

"Our Mothers' Gardens" Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal of Harvard University, 2008.

Book Reviews

"Reimagining the Impossible in Africana Philosophy," *Radical Philosophy Review*, Volume 20, Issue 2, (2017), 397-400.

Invited Presentations and Lectures

"In the Spirit of the Lion," Honors Day Convocation, Paine College, Augusta, GA, Spring 2017.

Commentary on Daniel Smith's "Kant, Hegel, and the Formation of the Philosophical Canon," American Philosophical Society Pacific Division, Seattle, WA, Spring 2017.

"Universalism and Postraciality," Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, Fall 2016.

"The Illusion of Equality in Kantian Cosmopolitanism," Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, Fall 2016.

"The Illusion of Equality in Kantian Cosmopolitanism," The University of The Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, Fall 2016.

"Cosmopolitanism," Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, Summer 2016.

Commentary on Lucy Allais' "Kant's Racism," American Philosophical Society Central Division, Chicago, IL, Spring 2016.

"Kant and the Concept of Race," Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, PA, Spring 2014.

"The Right to Think," Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD, Spring 2014.

Panel Presentations

Mentoring Panel, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture Summer Institute, New York City, NY, Summer 2018, Discussant (Forthcoming).

Mentoring Panel, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture Summer Institute, New York City, NY, Summer 2017, Discussant.

Mentoring Panel, United Negro College Fund/Mellon-Mays Summer Institute, Atlanta, GA, Summer 2017, Discussant.

Teaching Race in the History of Philosophy Panel, The University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, Fall 2016, Discussant.

Conference on Historically Black Colleges and Philosophy, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD, Fall 2012, Discussant.

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

"The Illusion of Equality in Kantian Cosmopolitanism," Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory/Congress, Toronto, Canada, Summer 2017.

"Universalism and White Supremacy," Philosophy and Religion in Africana Traditions, City University of New York, New York City, NY, Fall 2016

"Universalism and White Supremacy," Africa and the Global Atlantic World Conference, Kent State University, Kent, OH, Spring 2016

"Kantian Ethics, Race, and Methodology," Philosophy Born of Struggle 20th Anniversary Conference, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, Fall 2012.

"We are Home: Intersectionality and African American Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender (LGBT) Identity," Ralph Bunche Summer Humanities Institute, University of California, Los Angeles, Summer 2009.

"Cultivating Our Mothers' Gardens," Ida B. Wells Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, Fall 2008.

Awards, Fellowships, and Institutes

Diversity Mini-Grant (on behalf of Africana Studies), Office of Inclusive Excellence, Georgia College and State University, Fall 2016

Institute for the History of Philosophy (Kant's Political Writings), Emory University, Summer 2016

Critical Philosophy of Race Initiative, Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State University, 2013—2014, Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Robert Bernasconi

Program on Philosophy After Apartheid, Penn State University, 2011—2012, Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Paul Taylor

Rock Ethics Institute Fellow, Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State University, 2013—2014

Mellon-Mays Social Science Research Council Pre-Doctoral Research Grant, 2012—2014

Travel Grant, Penn State University Philosophy Department, Fall 2012

Bunton-Waller Graduate Assistantship, Penn State University, Fall 2009—2014

Ralph Bunche Summer Humanities Institute Fellow, University of California of Los Angeles, Summer 2009

Schomburg-Mellon Undergraduate Fellowship, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Harlem, New York, Summer 2008

Rutgers Institute for Diversity in Philosophy Student, Rutgers University, Summer 2008

Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, 2007—2009

Articles and Interviews

“Diversifying a Discipline,” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 2016 Issue
 (http://www.chronicle.com/article/Diversifying-a-Discipline/235851/?key=AbOIeQX_HBxiKkanXmqfjBo-cyhIA255msYxcrz_WTFJU3FISVhVZGl_CR0ZwQm44QS1WVIJCTTJpSGwtNGRmeUFGTnlvZ2Y0ajVz)

Teaching Experience

As Instructor (Georgia College and State University)

Introduction to Black Studies, 2017—2018, 1 Section

African-American Philosophy, 2016—2017, 1 Section

Race Theory, 2015—2018, 2 Sections

America’s Diverse Cultural Heritage (Online), 2015—2018, 3 Sections

The Philosophy of Love and Sex, 2014—2017, 2 Sections

Survey of Philosophy (Honors), 2015—2016, 1 Section

Survey of Philosophy, 2014—2018, 28 Sections

As Instructor (Penn State University)

Ethics, 2011—2012, 2 Sections

Ethics (Online), 2011—2012, 5 sections

Bioethics, 2012—2013, 4 Sections

Ethical Leadership, 2011—2012, 2 sections

Philosophy of Love and Sex (Online), 2012—2013, 1 Section

Critical Thinking, 2011—2012, 1 Section

As Teaching Assistant (Penn State University)

Basic Problems of Philosophy, for Professor Christian Becker, 2009—2010

Grading responsibilities and leadership of discussion sections

Ethics 103, for Professor Philip McReynolds, 2009—2010

Graded student assignments and exams

Tutor and Peer Mentor (Paine College)

Paine College General Education Support Services, 2008—2009

Tutored both high school and first-year college students in various academic subjects. Advised students regarding academic and career decisions.

Teacher Training/Certification

Online Teaching Certificate, Penn State University, World Campus, 2013—2014

Teaching Practicum; *Shannon Sullivan*, 2009—2010

Professional Memberships

North American Kant Society, 2014—Present
 Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD), 2014—Present
 Golden Key International Honor Society, 2010—Present
 Collegium of Black Women in Philosophy, 2007—Present

Service to the Profession

Critical Philosophy of Race, Fall 2016, Summer 2017, Reviewer
Journal of the History of Philosophy, Fall 2016, Reviewer
 Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Institute, Summer 2013, Graduate Assistant
 Rutgers University Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, Summer 2012, Graduate Assistant

Service to Georgia College and State University

University

Diversity Leadership Team, Fall 2016—Present, Representative for Philosophy and Liberal Studies Department
 Symposium on Performance of the African Diaspora, Spring 2016, Hospitality Chair
 Search Committee (Assistant Professor of Scholarly Communications), Fall 2015, Member
 She's the First, Fall 2015—Present, Faculty Advisor
 Africana Studies Programming Committee, Fall 2014— Spring 2015, Co-Chair

Department

Search Committee (Lecturer of Buddhism), Fall 2016, Chair
 Philosophy Club, Fall 2016, Co-Advisor
 Search Committee (Assistant Professor of Feminist Philosophy), Fall 2015, Member
 Search Committee (Lecturer in Philosophy), Fall 2014, Member

Service to Penn State University

Black Graduate Students in Philosophy Seminars, 2011—2012, Founder and Coordinator

Graduate Coursework

Modern Philosophy (Descartes to Hegel)

- PHIL 502: Immanuel Kant's First Critique (*The Critique of Pure Reason*, Kant's Pre-Critical Works), *Jennifer Mensch*
- PHIL 556: Hegel (*The Phenomenology of Spirit*), *Brady Bowman*
- PHIL 556: Hegel and Kant (Hegel's *Aesthetics* Books 1&2, Kant's *The Critique of Judgment*), *Dennis Schmidt*
- PHIL 473: German Idealism (Kant's *The Critique of Judgment*, Goethe, Schelling, Buffon), *Jennifer Mensch*
- PHIL 555: Baruch Spinoza's *Ethics* (*The Ethics*, *The Theological-Political Treatise*), *Veronique Foti*
- PHIL 555: Early Modern Philosophy (David Hume, G.W. Leibniz, Descartes, Berkeley, Locke), *Emily Grosholz*

Feminist Philosophy

- PHIL 538: Feminist Philosophy (Luce Irigaray, Judith Butler), *Shannon Sullivan*

- Political Science 583: Feminism and Global Justice (Martha Nussbaum, John Rawls), *John Christman*

Ancient Philosophy

- PHIL 497A: The History of the Philosophy of Nature (Aristotle's *Physics*, Plato's *Timaeus*, The Presocratics), *Dennis Schmidt*
- PHIL 553: Ancient Philosophy (Plato's *Protagoras* and *Gorgias*), *Christopher Long*

History of Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy

- PHIL 474: Immanuel Kant's Ethics and Social and Political Philosophy (*The Critique of Practical Reason*, *The Metaphysics of Morals*), *Jennifer Mensch*
- PHIL 418: Ethics (Kant's *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Hume's *Inquiries*), *John Christman*
- Political Science 583: Feminism and Global Justice (Martha Nussbaum, John Rawls), *John Christman*
- PHIL 479: Critical Theory (Horkheimer and Adorno, Marcuse), *Christopher Long*
- PHIL 516: African American Philosophy (DuBois, Paul Gilroy's *The Black Atlantic*), *Paul Taylor*
- PHIL 596: German Reading and Translation of Hegel's *Aesthetics*, *Dennis Schmidt*
- PHIL 555: Modern Political Philosophy (Hobbes, Locke, Montesquieu, Kant), *Robert Bernasconi*
- PHIL 539: Philosophy of Race (Critical Philosophy of Race, Philosophers and African Slavery), *Robert Bernasconi*

References

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 Sarah Clark Miller, The Pennsylvania State University, 814-865-6969, scm24@psu.edu
 Kathryn Gines, The Pennsylvania State University, 814-865-1652, ktg3@psu.edu
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