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Academic Employment

- 2024 – Postdoctoral Scholar (DFG Walter Benjamin Program)
Project: Moral Opposition and Political Agency under Oppression
Institute of Philosophy, University of Hamburg, Germany
- 2024 Postdoctoral Research Associate in Social Philosophy
Free University Berlin, Germany
- 2021 – 2024 Postdoctoral Research Associate
Institute of Philosophy, University of Hamburg, Germany
- 2023 Visiting Scholar, Margherita von Brentano Center for Gender Studies
Free University Berlin, Germany

Research Areas

SPECIALIZATION

Social and Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, Ethics

COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Race and Racism, Continental Philosophy (19th and 20th Century), Philosophy of Gender and Sexuality

Education

- 2013 – 2020 PhD Philosophy
Stony Brook University (SUNY), Stony Brook, NY, USA
Dissertation: *Agency, Responsibility, and the Limits of Sexual Consent*
Committee: Megan Craig (advisor), Linda Martín Alcoff, Eva Feder Kittay,
Mary C. Rawlinson, Amia Srinivasan
- 2016 – 2017 Visiting Scholar, Institute for Philosophy
Free University Berlin
- 2016 Advanced Graduate Certificate in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Stony Brook University (SUNY)
- 2003 – 2007 BA Political Science (with High Honors)
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, USA

Publications

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. “Audre Lorde’s Erotic as Epistemic and Political Practice,” *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* 38, no. 4 (2023): 896–917
2. “Feeling, Knowledge, Self-Preservation: Audre Lorde’s Oppositional Agency and Some Implications for Ethics,” *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 6, no. 4 (2020): 463–482

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. “Theorizing Non-Ideal Agency,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Non-Ideal Theory*, ed. Hilkje C. Hänel and Johanna M. Müller (Routledge, forthcoming)
2. “The Ethical Significance of Being an Erotic Object” (first author, with Ellie Anderson), in *The Palgrave Handbook of Sexual Ethics*, ed. David Boonin (Palgrave, 2022), 55–71
3. “The Ethics of Eating as a Human Organism,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Food Ethics*, ed. Mary C. Rawlinson and Caleb Ward (Routledge, 2017), 48–58

VOLUMES EDITED

1. *The Routledge Handbook of Food Ethics* (co-edited with Mary C. Rawlinson), Routledge, 2017
2. *Global Food, Global Justice: Essays on Eating under Globalization* (co-edited with Mary C. Rawlinson), Cambridge Scholars, 2015

BOOK REVIEWS

1. Review of *When Time Warps: The Lived Experience of Gender, Race, and Sexual Violence*, by Megan Burke, in *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy* 20, no. 2 (2020), 30–33
2. Review of *What is Rape? Social Theory and Conceptual Analysis*, by Hilkje Charlotte Hänel, in *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy* 19, no. 1 (2019), 38–40

PUBLIC AUDIENCE AND TRADE PUBLICATIONS

1. “[Survival and Self in Audre Lorde](#),” *Blog of the American Philosophical Association*, February 18, 2022
2. “Liberal education and public health: surveying the landscape” (co-author with K. Hovland, B. A. Kirkwood, M. Osterweis, G. B. Silver), *Peer Review* 11, no. 3 (2009): 5–9

Manuscripts in Development

AUTHORED BOOK

The Unflinching Philosophy of Audre Lorde, under contract with Oxford University Press

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

“Audre Lorde on the Sacred Scale of Livability: Alexis Pauline Gumbs in Conversation with Caleb Ward,” for *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* (under review since Nov. 2023)

Talks

Refereed unless noted otherwise.

- 3/2024 “To Give Name to the Nameless: Poetry as Revolutionary Imagination”
PhiloSOPHIA: Society for Continental Feminism, Calgary, Canada
- 11/2023 “Imperial Conditioning: Audre Lorde against Complicity with Empire”
Roundtable for Black Feminist and Womanist Theory, Dartmouth Coll., USA
6/2023 PhiloSOPHIA: Society for Continental Feminism, Charlotte, USA
- 10/2023 “Revisiting the ‘Agency Dilemma’ for Political Agency under Oppression”
FEAST: Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory, online
- 10/2023 “A Faint Line in the Center of Our Foreheads: Generational Change and Inheriting
Resistance”
10/2023 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Toronto, Canada
6/2023 Caribbean Philosophical Association, online
10/2022 FEAST: Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory, Tampa, USA
- 7/2023 “Exploring the Limits of Agency Ascription” (invited)
Critical Agency Workshop, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany
- 6/2023 “Audre Lorde’s Vision through Poetry and Philosophy” (invited)
Visiting Scholars Workshop: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Gender Studies
Margherita von Brentano Zentrum, Free University Berlin, Germany
- 6/2022 “The Problem of the Face for Critical Phenomenology”
International Summer Conference in Continental Ethics: Levinas, online
9/2021 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, online
- 4/2022 “Pursuing Self-Preservation over Security: Audre Lorde and the Thick Necessity of
Survival” (Winner of the 2022 APA William James Prize)
WOGAP Workshop on Gender and Philosophy Berlin, Germany (invited)
1/2022 American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, online
11/2020 Roundtable for Black Feminist and Womanist Theory, online
- 11/2021 “Coalitional Distrust and Distortions of Difference” (invited)
Roundtable on Black German Political Organizing and Audre Lorde,
JFK Institute for North American Studies, Free University Berlin, Germany
- 9/2021 “Coalition-Building and Audre Lorde’s Erotic Practice”
MANCEPT Political Theory Workshop: Politics of Intimate Life, online
- 1/2020 “Consent, Feminist Structural Critique, and Responsibility to a Sexual Partner”
APA Eastern, Symposium, Philadelphia, USA
11/2019 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Pittsburgh, USA
5/2019 PhiloSOPHIA: Society for Continental Feminism, St. John’s, Canada
- “Living toward Self-Preservation: Audre Lorde’s Agency and Sexual Ethics”

- 11/2019 National Women’s Studies Association, San Francisco, USA
 10/2019 FEAST: Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory, Tampa, USA
 “Responsibility and Responding to Sexual Consent”
 1/2019 Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love, APA Eastern, New York, USA
 “Beyond Reciprocity: Levinas, Audre Lorde, and the Sexual Ethics of Alterity”
 10/2018 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Penn State U., USA
 10/2018 Hugh J. Silverman Award Lecture, Stony Brook University, USA (invited)
 “Limits of the Ideal of Consent for Sexual Ethics: Insights from Queer Phenomenology”
 9/2018 European Feminist Research Conference, Göttingen, Germany
 “Audre Lorde’s Erotic Ethics: Courage, Feeling, and Ambiguity”
 3/2016 PhiloSOPHIA: Society for Continental Feminism, Denver, USA
 “In the Name of Necessity: Sexual Desires and the Logic of Political Stability”
 11/2015 Cultural Analysis and Theory Conference, Stony Brook University, USA
 “Is Consent Commensurable with Desire? An Intervention into Sexual Ethics”
 6/2015 Public Philosophy Network, San Francisco, USA
 5/2015 Conference of *Hypatia: Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, Villanova U., USA
 5/2015 PhiloSOPHIA: Society for Continental Feminism, Emory University, USA

Grants and Fellowships

- 2024–2026 Walter Benjamin Program Grant, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (for project “Moral Opposition and Political Agency under Oppression”)
 2022 Project Grant, Joint Commission Gender and Diversity of Hamburg Universities (for interview series on Audre Lorde’s social theory)
 2021 Project Grant, Uni Hamburg Equal Opportunity Fund for the Humanities (for International Feminist Political Philosophy Speaker Series)
 2019 Joyce Turner Dissertation Fellowship Award (Stony Brook University, for outstanding research on race, class, gender, sexuality, or ethnicity)
 2016–2017 Max Kade Foundation Fellowship (funded research year in Germany)
 2013–2018 Graduate Council Fellowship (Stony Brook University, merit-based grant)

Teaching

UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG

- Social and Political Philosophy: *Sally Haslanger’s Social Constructionism* (BA/MA seminar, 2023–24)
 Feminist Philosophy: *Methods of Feminist Philosophy* (BA/MA seminar, 2023–24; 2022; online 2021)
 Epistemology: *Feeling and Knowing* (BA seminar, 2023)
 Social and Political Philosophy: *Social Movements* (BA/MA seminar, 2023)

Social and Political Philosophy: *Agency and Non-Ideal Theory* (BA seminar, 2022–23)
 Feminist Philosophy: *The Philosophy of Audre Lorde* (BA/MA seminar, 2022–23)
 Social and Political Philosophy: *Racism* (BA seminar, 2022)
 Social and Political Philosophy and Feminist Philosophy: *Feminist Coalitional Politics and Social Change* (MA/BA seminar, 2021–22)
 Feminist Philosophy: *Feminist Phenomenology* (BA seminar, 2021–22)
 Social and Political Philosophy: *Agency and Resistance to Overlapping Oppressions* (online MA/BA seminar, 2021)

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Ethics: *Intro to Moral Reasoning: Ethics of Equality and Ethics of Difference* (BA course, 2016)
 Ethics: *Intro to Moral Reasoning: From Autonomy to Ambiguity* (BA course, 2015)

Service

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

2022– Steering Committee Member, *FEAST: Assn. for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory*
 2022– Supporting Member, Society for Women in Philosophy Germany (SWIP Germany)
 2019– Referee (*Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *IJFAB*, Canadian Philosophical Association)
 2015– Supporting Member, New York Society for Women in Philosophy (NYSWIP)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE AND MENTORSHIP—UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG

2022– Advisor for BA Theses, Institute of Philosophy
 2023 Faculty Advisor, Student-Organized Conference for Structurally Disadvantaged Students in Philosophy
 2023 Organizer and public roundtable moderator, “Borders, Anti-Racism, and Abolition in Europe” with scholars and activists
 2023 Organizer, guest lectures on social movements, three events
 2022–2023 Organizer, Philosophy Institute Colloquium, seven events
 2022 Contributor to Dialog Day on Effective Teaching Practices (nominated by students)
 2021– Mentor for MA and BA Theses, Uni Hamburg Philosophy and PEP programs
 2022 Organizer, guest lectures on racism and Islamophobia, two events
 2021–2022 Organizer, Feminist Political Philosophy Speaker Series, six events
 2021 Presenter, public seminar on “Audre Lorde and Intersectional Resistance” for Uni Hamburg Diversity Days

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE—STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

2015–2016 Founding Member, Stony Brook Philosophy Committee for Inclusion and Parity
 2015–2016 Director of Graduate Colloquium in Philosophy (elected)
 2014–2015 Graduate Representative to the Doctoral History Exam Committee (elected)
 2014 Graduate Representative to the Philosophy Department (elected)
 2014 Safe Space Members Training Program (Stony Brook LGBTQ Services)

Membership in Professional Associations

American Philosophical Association
Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST)
Association for Political Theory
Caribbean Philosophical Association
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love

Languages

English: Native speaker
German: Intermediate reading and writing; upper-intermediate spoken (CEFR level B2/C1)