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## Education

**Ph.D.** Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, August 2011

**B.A.** Philosophy, Earlham College, 2002

## Professional Experience

Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado Denver 2018-present

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado Denver 2012-2018

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University 2011-2012

## Books

*Where are the Women? Why Expanding the Archive Makes Philosophy Better*, (New York: Columbia University Press, 2018).

*Philosophy Imprisoned: The Love of Wisdom in the Age of Mass Incarceration*, co-edited with Joshua Hall, (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2014).

## Refereed Journal Articles

“Feminism and the Carceral State: Gender-Responsive Justice, Community Accountability, and the Epistemology of Antiviolence,” co-authored with Brady Heiner, *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*, 3.1 (2017): 1-36.

“Experiments in Responsibility: Pocket Parks, Radical Anti-Violence Work, and the Social Ontology of Safety,” *Radical Philosophy Review*, 17.2 (2014): 421-434.

“From the Exclusion of Women to the Transformation of Philosophy: Reclamation and Its Possibilities,” *Metaphilosophy* 45.1 (2014): 1-19.

“Reclamation from Absence? Luce Irigaray and Women in the History of Philosophy,” *Hypatia* 28.3 (2013): 483-498.

## Refereed Book Chapters

“The Heart of the Other?” in *Deconstructing the Death Penalty: Essays on Derrida’s Death Penalty Seminars* edited by Kelly Oliver and Stephanie Straub, (New York: Fordham University Press, 2018).

“Prison Abolition and a Culture of Sexual Difference,” in *Death and Other Penalties: Philosophy in a Time of Mass Incarceration* edited by Geoffrey Adelsberg, Lisa Guenther, and Scott Zeman,

(New York: Fordham University Press, 2015): 210-224.

### **Invited Book Chapters**

“Feminism, Violence, and the Carceral State,” in *The Palgrave Handbook of Philosophy and Public Policy* edited by David Boonin, (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018).

### **Non-Refereed Book Reviews**

Book Review. Kelly Oliver, *Carceral Humanitarianism: Logics of Refugee Detention*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2017. *Contemporary Political Theory*, (2017): 1-4.

Book Review. Cynthia Kaufman, *Getting Past Capitalism: History, Vision, Hope*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2012. *Radical Philosophy Review*, 17.2 (2014): 503-506.

Book Review. Christine de Pizan, *The Book of Peace*. Edited by Karen Green, Constant Mews, and Janice Pinder, University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2008. *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Philosophy and Feminism* 11.1 (2011): 27-28.

### **Refereed Presentations at Meetings**

Settler Colonialism in *The Origins of Totalitarianism* and *On Revolution*, The Arendt Circle, Davis, CA, April 13, 2018

“Philosophy Imprisoned: Prison Writers and the Limits of Public Philosophy” with Andrew Dilts, Public Philosophy Network, San Francisco, CA, June 11-13, 2015.

“Twelve Years a Slave: Narrative Fetish or National Reckoning?” American Studies Association, Los Angeles, CA, November 6-9, 2014.

“The Safety of Prison,” philoSOPHIA, State College, PA, May 1-3, 2014.

“When Life Is Death: Derrida and Life without Parole,” American Comparative Literature Association, New York, NY, March 20-23, 2014.

“Beyond Sacrifice: Luce Irigaray and Community Accountability,” Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, Eugene, OR, October 24-16, 2013.

“Thinking Beyond Prisons: Feminism, Violence, and Mass Incarceration,” Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World, Estes Park, CO, July 19-23, 2013.

“Precarious Safety: Toward Noncarceral Communities,” Rethinking Prisons, Nashville, TN, May 3-5, 2013.

“‘The System is the Same’: Redressing Feminist Complicity with Mass Incarceration,” Radical Philosophy Association, Buffalo, NY, October 11-14, 2012.

"How Should We Claim They Were Philosophers? Reclamation Reconsidered," APA Pacific Division, Main Program, Seattle, WA, April 4-7, 2012.

### **Invited Talks**

"Sharing Resentment, Rewriting Scripts: Alternative Responses to the Stanford Rape Trial," Colorado College Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, Colorado Springs, CO, September 7, 2017.

"Sharing Resentment, Rewriting Scripts: Alternative Responses to the Stanford Rape Trial," 22nd Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Union Annual Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, March 17, 2017.

"Philosophy Matters," 2016 Symposium on Prisoner Justice: Reimagining Punishment in America, University of Denver, Denver, CO, April 2, 2016.

"Feminist Complicity with Mass Incarceration," Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR, April 24, 2015.

"Mass Incarceration and the Construction of Femininity," Stetson University, DeLand, FL, March 13, 2015.

"Book Panel on Philosophy, Mass Incarceration, and Capital Punishment: Philosophy Imprisoned and Death and Other Penalties," Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, January 30, 2015.

"Can we be safe?" Leon S. Peters Lecture Series, The Ethics Center, California State University Fresno, Fresno, CA, November 13, 2014.

"Feminist Complicity with Mass Incarceration," The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Cal State Fullerton Philosophy Symposium, Rethinking Mass Incarceration: Gender, Race, and the Prison Industrial Complex, Fullerton, CA, April 10-11, 2014.

"Feminist Complicity with Mass Incarceration," Women and Gender Studies Speaker Series, University of Colorado Boulder, November 13, 2013.

"Feminism and Incarceration: Reimagining the Machinery with Adrienne Rich," Philosophy Department Speaker Series, University of Colorado Denver, November 7, 2012.

"Mass Incarceration and the Construction of Femininity," APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA, March 27-31, 2013.

### **Non-Refereed Presentations at Meetings/Conferences**

Comments on "Historic Injustice, Collective Agency, and Compensatory Duties" by Thomas Carnes, Southwest Philosophical Society, Denver, CO, November 10, 2018

Respondent at SPEP, Salt Lake City, UT, October 20-22, 2016 to:

“Mapping the Material Conditions for the ‘Niggerization’ of Black Bodies: How Black Urban Ghettos and Prison Industrial Complex Maintain the Color Line,” Joe Smith, Southern Illinois University Carbondale and  
“Undisciplined Gestures: The Gestural Precarity of Black and Brown Lives under Mass Incarceration,” Jasmine Wallace, Villanova University

## **Courses Taught**

### **University of Colorado Denver**

Contemporary Feminist Thought, co-taught with Gillian Silverman  
Culture and Ideology: Racism and Sexism  
Environmental Ethics  
Feminist Philosophy  
Gender and Sexuality  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Prisons, Punishment, and Social Justice  
Reclaiming Women Philosophers  
The Woman Question

### **Vanderbilt University**

Contemporary Continental Philosophy  
Gender and Sexuality  
General Logic  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Introduction to Philosophy: Writing Intensive

## **Service**

### **Department**

Speaker Series	2013-present
Climate Committee	2013-present
Philosophy Club Advisor	2013-2018
Prisons in Society Reading Group Advisor	2013-2014

### **Service**

#### **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, UCD**

Strategic Planning Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion	2018
Council on Diversity and Inclusion	2018-present
CLAS Council	2017-present
Committee on the Status of Women	2018-present
Women’s Issues Committee	2013-2016
Women and Gender Studies Affiliated Faculty	2012-present
Research and Creative Activities Symposium Judge	2013

### **Service**

### **Professional**

Session Chair, SPEP 2016

Local host philoSOPHIA annual conference, “Poetry, Politics, and Feminist Theory,” 2016

Session Chair, philoSOPHIA 2015

philoSOPHIA Executive Committee Member 2014-present

Session Chair, SPEP 2014

Radical Philosophy Association Program Committee Member 2012

Session Chair, Radical Philosophy Association 2012

Session Chair, Rethinking Prisons 2013

Session Chair, Kristeva Circle 2014

Ethics Bowl Judge 2012

### **Service to the Community**

Prison and Theory Working Group (PTWG) founding member 2014 - present

The PTWG is committed to decarcerating theory and using theory to decarcerate society.

Webs of Support Domestic Violence Prevention Program Leader 2015 – 2018

In 2015, I helped establish and became the program leader of a new initiative to teach domestic violence prevention and community organizing at the Denver Women’s Correctional Facility.

Elephant Circle (EC) Domestic Violence Prevention Educator 2013 – 2015

EC is an organization dedicated to supporting strong people in vulnerable times.

Through EC, I taught a class in the Denver Women’s Correctional Facility on domestic violence prevention and community organizing.

Green Dot Bystander Training Facilitator 2009-2011

A program that reduces sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking violence through bystander intervention.

Reciprocal Education and Community Healing (REACH) Coalition Member 2012 to present

A group begun in a philosophy class on Tennessee’s death row that promotes education and healing through in-reach to people on death row and outreach to people on the outside.

### **Recognitions, Honors, Fellowships etc.**

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on the theme of “Diverse Philosophical Approaches to Sexual Violence” participant, Elon University, 2017

President’s Diversity Award, University of Colorado Denver, 2015

Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities Graduate Fellow, Vanderbilt University, 2010-2011

Franklin J. Machette Teaching Excellence Award in Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 2010

Berry Graduate Student Teaching Prize in Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 2009

Muliebrity Award (award for leadership in promoting gender equity), Vanderbilt University, 2011

### **Professional Organizations**

American Philosophical Association

philoSOPHIA

Radical Philosophy Association

Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy

**Other Indicators of Scholarly and Creative Activity**

University of Colorado President's Fund for the Humanities Grant 2015

CU Denver Office of Research Services Small Grant 2015

CU Denver Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives Fund Grant 2014

CU Denver YUMPS Grant 2017

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CU Denver YUMPs Grant 2012