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**EDUCATION**

***University of Oregon***, Eugene, OR 2014 – 2021

PhD in Philosophy

***American University***,Washington, DC 2013

MA in Philosophy and Social Policy

***Delaware State University***, Dover, DE 2011

BA in Political Science, Minors: Philosophy, Economics

**DISSERTATION**

**Title:** Decolonizing Silences: Toward a Critical Phenomenology of Deep Silences with Gloria Anzaldúa and Maurice Merleau-Ponty

**Supervisors:** Dr. Beata Stawarska (Philosophy, Oregon), Dr. Bonnie Mann (Philosophy, Oregon), Dr. Daniela Vallega-Neu (Philosophy, Oregon), Dr. Anita Chari (Political Science, Oregon)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

**Areas of Specialization:** 19th and 20th Century Continental Philosophy (esp. phenomenology), Decolonial Philosophy (from a Latinx perspective), Feminist Philosophy, Aesthetics

**Areas of Competence:** History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Race, Social-Political Philosophy, Ethics

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2018 – 19 Eric Englund Research Fellowship for best dissertation researchin American literature, history, or philosophy

2018 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy’s Iris Marion Young Prize for best paper in feminist philosophy

Paideia Prize, Department of Philosophy, University of Oregon, for excellence in graduate teaching

2017 Merleau-Ponty Circle’s M.C. Dillon Award for best graduate student paper

2016 – 17 Oregon Humanities Center Research Interest Group Support Grant

2016 – 17 Center for the Study of Women and Society Research Interest Group Innovation Funding

2016 Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy’s Graduate Student Essay Prize

2016 Admission to the *Collegium Phaenomenologicum*

2016 University of Oregon Graduate School’s Gray Smith Professional Development Award

2015 PhiloSOPHIA’s Travel Award

2015 University of Oregon’s Graduate Student Association Travel Award

2015 – 16 Center for the Study of Women and Society Research Interest Group Innovation Funding

2015 Southwestern Philosophical Society’s President’s Prize for best graduate student paper

2015 Merleau-Ponty Circle’s M.C. Dillon Award for best graduate student paper

2015 Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy’s Graduate Student Essay Prize

2014 – 19 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of Oregon

2011 – 13 Graduate Merit Award, Department of Philosophy, American University

2013 Graduate Student Mellon Travel Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, American University

**PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

**Peer-Reviewed Articles**

“Bearing Witness Beyond Colonial Epistemologies: Silvia Rivera Cusicanqui’s Critical Phenomenology of Deep Silence,” *Chiasmi International*’s Special Issue: “La phénoménologie critique après Merleau-Ponty,” *forthcoming*.

“Gloria Anzaldúa’s Decolonial Aesthetics: On Silence and Bearing Witness,” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, 34(3), 2020, pp. 323-338.

# “Questions of Silence: On the Emancipatory Limits of Voice and the Coloniality of Silence,” *Hypatia*’s Special Issue: “Indigenizing and Decolonizing Feminist Philosophy,” 2019.

“Poietic Transspatiality: Merleau-Ponty, Normativity, and the Latent *Sens* of Nature,” *Chiasmi International* 20, 2018, pp. 385-99.

*“An-Archic* Past: Rethinking Negativity with Bergson,” *Symposium* 21(2), 2017, pp. 230-49.

“The Immemorial Time of Gender: Merleau-Ponty’s Polymorphic Matrix of Original Past,” *Chiasmi International* 18, 2017, pp. 281-92.

“Transgressive Freedom: On Beauvoir’s Hegelian Philosophy of Action,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 32(1), January 2016, pp. 93-104.

“Unreflexive Medicine: The Unspoken ‘Goodness’ of the Normal in the Case of Conjoined Twins’ Separation,” *IJFB: International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics* 8(1), Spring 2015, pp. 138-55.

**Edited Volumes**

*On ne naît pas femme : on le devient – The Life of a Sentence*, edited with Bonnie Mann, Oxford University Press (2017).

**Reviews**

Review of Leah Kalmanson, *Cross-Cultural Existentialism* (Bloomsbury Academic 2021), *Philosophy East West* 72(1), 2022, pp. 535-554ß.

Judith Butler, *Senses of the Subject* (Fordham University Press, 2015), *Chiasmi International* 19, 2017, pp. 475-84.

**Other Publications**

“Editors’ Introduction,” co-authored with Devin Fitzpatrick, Shannon Hayes, Sarah McLay, Kaja Rathe Jennsen, and Amie Zimmer. *Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology* 1, 2018, pp. 1-7.

**Under Review**

“Toward a Phenomenology of Temporal Harm,” co-authored with Megan Burke and Bonnie Mann, *Signs.*

**RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

**Full Fluency** (native or native-level mastery)

English and Italian.

**Research Proficiency** (ability to read original manuscripts)

French, Spanish, and German.

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Refereed Conference Presentations**

2020-2021

“La Llorona’s Spectral Witnessing: On the Silences of a Decolonial Aesthetics,” accepted for the 59th meeting for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Toronto, October 8-10, 2020; conference and presentation postposed to 2021.

“Anzaldúa’s *Historias*: Myth, Sense, and Silence in Border Thinking,” accepted for the 14th annual conference of philoSOPHIA, Nashville, May 14-17, 2020; conference and presentation postposed to 2021.

2020

“Gloria Anzaldúa’s Decolonizing Aesthetics: On Silence, Sense, and the Imaginary,” presented virtually at the 5th Latinx Philosophy Conference, University of Denver, October 30-31, 2020 (originally scheduled for April 23-25, 2020).

2019

“Decolonizing Silence: On the Coloniality of Silence and Silent Sense,” 58th annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Pittsburg, October 31-November 2, 2019.

“The Laboring of Deep Silence: ‘Conceptless Opening(s), the Suspension of the Familiar, and the Dismemberment of the Ego,” presented at the 44th Annual Meeting of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle, Fordham University, September 12-14, 2019.

“Questions of Silence: On the Emancipatory Limits of Voice,” presented at Diverse Lineages of Existentialism II, Washington DC, June 3-5, 2019.

2018

“Decolonizing Silence: On the Coloniality of Silence and Silent Sense,” 57th annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), State College, October 18-20, 2018 (unable to attend for personal reasons).

“Silence and a Lived Metaphysics of Radical Contingency: Commentary on Invited Symposium: Merleau-Ponty and 21st Century Science: Nature, Agency, and Being,” presented at the Pacific American Philosophical Association (APA), San Diego, March 28-Apil 1, 2018.

2017

“Poietic Transspatiality: Merleau-Ponty, Normativity, and the Latent *Sens* of Nature,” presented at the 42th Annual Meeting of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle, Albuquerque, November 2-4, 2017.

“The Silence of Excess: Nietzsche, “Woman,” and the Fecund Limits of Self-Overcoming,” presented at the 56th annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Memphis, October 19-21, 2017.

“Poietic Transspatiality: Merleau-Ponty, Normativity, and the Latent *Sens* of Nature,” presented at the Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy, Toronto, September 29-October 1, 2017.

“Poietic Transspatiality: Merleau-Ponty and the *Sens* of Nature,” presented at the Pacific American Philosophical Association (APA), Seattle, April 12-15, 2017.

2016

“A Tale of Fear: Racialization and Temporal Oppression in Coates’ *Between the World and Me*,” presented at the 55th annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Salt Lake City, October 20-22, 2016.

“*An-Archic* Past: Rethinking Negativity with Bergson,” presented at the Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy, Halifax, September 29-October 1, 2016.

“Merleau-Ponty’s and Irigaray’s Interlocking Lips: On Female Anatomy and Pleasure,” presented at the 10th annual conference of philoSOPHIA, Denver, March 11-12, 2016.

“Toward a Philosophical Unison: Mary Parker Follett’s Relational Ontology,” presented at the 2016 meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP), Portland, March 4-6, 2016

“The Lesbian Style,” presented at the Central American Philosophical Association (APA), Chicago, March 3, 2016.

2015

“Transgressive Freedom: On Beauvoir’s Hegelian Philosophy of Action,” presented at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society (SWPS), Nashville, November 6-8, 2015.

“The Immemorial Time of Gender: Merleau-Ponty’s Polymorphic Matrix of Original Past,” presented at the Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy, Montreal, October 29-31, 2015.

“The Lesbian Style,” presented at the U.S. Midwest Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP), Chestertown, October 7-9, 2015.

“The Immemorial Time of Gender: Merleau-Ponty’s Polymorphic Matrix of Original Past,” presented at the 40th Annual Meeting of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle: The Twenty-First Century Body: Thinking Merleau-Ponty In and Out of Time, Worcester, October 1-3, 2015.

2013

“Unreflexive Medicine: The Unspoken ‘Goodness’ of the Normal in the Case of Conjoined Twins’ Separation,” presented at the 14th Annual Michigan State University Graduate Conference in Philosophy on “Power, Oppression, and Social Change,” Lansing, March 28-29, 2013.

**Invited Talks**

2020

Workshop on “Feminist Perspectives on Sexual Violence,” John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio, April 19, 2020.

Colloquium Series on “Critical Feminist Phenomenology of Time – Haunting: The Past in the Future,” University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, February 20, 2020.

2018

“Questions of Silence: On the Emancipatory Limits of Voice,” Gender I Seksualność w polskiej nauce I praktyce spolecnej, Istytut Filozofii I Socjologii Polskiej Akademii Nauk, Warsaw, Poland, October 10, 2018.

2016

Seminar on Merleau-Ponty and Gender, Concordia University, February 29, 2016.

**EDITING, INDEXING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

Coordinator of Student outreach and Recruitment, Oregon State University (2021-present)

Undergraduate Advisor (AY 2020-2021)

Instructional Assistant for the Graduate School Diversity and Inclusion (Summer 2020)

Index, David Morris’s *Merleau-Ponty’s Developmental Ontology*, Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press (2018)

Co-editor, *On ne naît pas femme : on le devient – The Life of a Sentence,* New York, NY: Oxford University Press (2017); with Bonnie Mann

Co-editor, *Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology* (2016 – )

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

***Solo Teaching***

*As Instructor at the University of Oregon*, Eugene, OR

Cultural Diversity (PHIL 216) Fall 2019

Medical Ethics (PHIL 335) Summer 2019

Decolonial Feminism (WGS 351) Summer 2018

Global Justice (PHIL 309) Fall 2017

Human Nature (PHIL 110) Spring 2017

Ethics (PHIL 102) Winter 2017; Spring 2018

Philosophy of Love and Sex (PHIL 170) Fall 2016

Feminist Philosophy (PHIL 315) Winter 2016

*As Adjunct Instructor at American University,*Washington, DC

Do the Right Thing (PHIL 102) Fall 2020; Spring 2021; Fall 2021

Moral Philosophy (PHIL 220) Fall 2013; Spring 2014; Spring 2021

Western Philosophy (PHIL 105) Spring 2014

***Teaching Assistant***

*As Graduate Employee at the University of Oregon*, Eugene, OR

World Religions: Near East (REL 102), Dr. Colby Spring 2021

Humanities II (HUM 102) Dr. Laskaya Winter 2021

World Religions: Asian Tradition (REL 101), Dr. Unno Fall 2020

19th Century Philosophy (PHIL 312), Dr. Marren Spring 2020

Logic (PHIL 225), Dr. Brence Winter 2020

Environmental Philosophy (PHIL 340), Dr. Brence Winter 2018

Philosophy of Film (PHIL 322), Dr. Brence Spring 2016

Feminist Philosophy (PHIL 315), Dr. Stocker Fall 2015

Philosophy of Love and Sex (PHIL 170), Dr. Mann Spring 2015

Ethics (PHIL 102), Dr. Alfano Winter 2015

Human Nature (PHIL 110), Dr. Morar Fall 2014

*As Teaching Assistant at American University*, Washington, DC

Western Philosophy (PHIL 105), Dr. Feder Spring 2013

Moral Philosophy (PHIL 220), Dr. Feder Fall 2012

Forms of the Sacred (RELG 185), Dr. Greenberg Spring 2012

Religious Thought (RELG 220), Dr. Greenberg Fall 2011

***Teaching Development***

February 2017. Completed the University of Oregon’s “Practicing Resistance: Becoming an Ally,” a Center for the Study of Women in Society-run training to improve intervention in and facilitation of racist, sexist, xenophobic remarks in the classroom

2014 – 2015. Completed the University of Oregon’s “Teaching Seminar,” a Department-run course to improve teaching skills and pedagogy

***Other Research Experience and Professional Development***

Collegium Phaenomenologicum (Città di Castello, Italy) July 11-29, 2016

*Embodying Temporalities: Deep Time, Genealogy, Exile*

American University, Washington, DC

*Research Assistant for Dr. Ellen Feder*  September 2012 – May 2013

**SERVICE**

**Service in the Department (elected positions)**

2019 – 2020 Graduate Philosophy Club

2018 – 2019 Committee of the Whole Representative

2017 – 2019 Graduate Program Revision Committee

2016 – 2018 Co-founder and Co-organizer of Critical Phenomenology Research Interest Group

2017 – 2018 Graduate Studies Committee Member

2016 – 2017 Committee of the Whole Representative (Alternate)

2014 – 2017 Co-organizer of the Feminist Research Interest Group

2014 – 2015 Philosophy Department Graduate Teaching Fellow Federation Steward

**Service in the Profession**

2016 – Editor and Co-Founder of *Puncta: Journal of Critical Phenomenology*

Fall 2016 Reviewer for Southwestern Philosophical Society

May 2016 Moderator for the Trans\* Experience Conference, Eugene OR

**Service in the Community**

2012 – 2014 Member of the Ethics Committee at the Children’s National Medical Center,Washington, DC

Fall 2012 High School Teams’ Ethics Coach, Ethics Bowl,Washington, DC

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILICATIONS**

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy 2016 –

Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy 2015 –

Merleau-Ponty Circle 2015 –

SouthWestern Philosophical Society 2015 –

American Philosophical Association 2015 –

**REERENCES**

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