Areas of Specialization and Competence

AOS: Feminist Philosophy; Philosophy of Race; Environmental Philosophy; Continental Philosophy

AOC: Social and Political Philosophy; Ethics; History of Philosophy

Education

**University of Oregon** Eugene, OR

Ph.D. Candidate in Philosophy (Anticipated defense date: Spring 2024) Fall 2018-Current

Dissertation: *Critical Feminist Semiology: The Language, Myths, and Meta-myth We Inhabit and Embody*

Committee: Dr. Beata Stawarska (chair), Dr. Camisha Russell, Dr. Bonnie Mann, and Dr. Charise Cheney

**Gonzaga University** Spokane, WA

M.A. in Philosophy Fall 2016-Summer 2018

**University of Denver** Denver, CO

B.A. in Philosophy & English (Creative Writing) 2011-2015

Minor: Leadership

**University of Oxford: Blackfriars Hall Visiting Student** Oxford, England

Philosophy Tutorials: Plato, Aristotle, Wittgenstein 2013-2014

Publications

**Invited Articles:**

* Co-authored with Beata Stawarska, “Black Speaking Subjects: Frantz Fanon’s Critique of Coloniality of Language in Maurice Merleau-Ponty’s Phenomenology.” *Histoire Épistemologie Langage* (History Epistemology Language), 2023, 45 (1).
* “A Critique of Whiteness as Cleanliness." *Center for the Study of Women in Society 2022 Annual Review.*
* “Nature as Interlocutor: Dialogues with Our Landscapes.” *EPIS Journal of Psychoanalysis, Phenomenology & Critical Theory* 1 (2018): 43–67.

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:**

* In production: "Fanon & Soap Advertising: The Colonial Mythology of Cleanliness." *CLR James Journal* 2023.
* "The Art of Interpreting Landscapes: Nature Teaching Itself Through Its Own Expression." *Analecta Hermeneutica* 2022.

**Chapters:**

Contributing author, "Chapter 2: Conceptualizing the diverse values of nature and their contributions to people," In *Methodological Assessment Report of the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* (IPBES), Bonn, Germany, 2022, https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6493134

**Blog Posts:**

* “A Critique of the Colonial Cleanliness Crusade,” American Philosophical Association, Women in Philosophy Blog Post, November 3, 2021, https://blog.apaonline.org/2021/11/03/a-critique-of-the-colonial-cleanliness-crusade/

**Book Reviews:**

* Book review of *Philosophy in the American West: A Geography of Thought,* ed. Josh Hayes, Gerard Kuperus, and Brian Treanor, *Environmental Philosophy,* Fall 2021.

**Datasets, Assessment Reports, and Literature Reviews:**

* Literature Review project member and researcher, Ch. 2 Systematic review of Indigenous and local knowledge and philosophies, IPBES values assessment 2.2, DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.4396278
* Literature Review project member and researcher, Ch. 2 Systematic review of value types in academic literature, IPBES values assessment 2.3, DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.4396289

Invited Talks

**PHIL 507: Feminist Phenomenology (Bonnie Mann’s Graduate Class), 2023**

Guest Speaker: “Merleau-Ponty’s Importance to the field of Feminist Phenomenology”

**Environmental Arts and Humanities Graduate Conference, Oregon State University, 2023**

“Feminist Phenomenology of Language and Landscape: Conversations in the Flesh”

**Southern Journal of Philosophy Workshop: Fanon and Phenomenology, University of Memphis, 2023**

 “Fanon’s Sociogenic Phenomenology of Language”

**International Association for Environmental Philosophy Session at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Conference 2022**

 “Towards Dialogic Relations to Place: Merleau-Ponty and Plumwood Go For a Walk in the Flesh”

**American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Conference 2022**

Invited commentator for invited symposium session, “Archives and Primary Evidence.” Commented on Dr. Adebayo Oluwayomi’s “Radical Black Politics and the Beatification of Death—Archival Records as Praxis and Poesis” and Perry Zurn’s “The (An)Archive and the Stash”

**University of Oregon Philosophical Society, February 28, 2022**

Guest Speaker: “A Critique of the Whiteness as Cleanliness Praxes”

**University of Oregon Center for the Study of Women in Society, January 14, 2022**

Noon Talk: "The Myth of Whiteness as Cleanliness: A Settler Colonial, White Supremacist, and Patriarchal Construction."

**University of Oregon Teaching Effectiveness Program and the Common Reading Program, 2021**

Teaching Workshop: “Teaching with *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*”

Refereed Conference Presentations

**University of Oregon 2023 Graduate Research Forum**

Panel title: “What’s Missing in Feminist Philosophy: Three Critical Interventions”

Paper title: “A Sociogenic Feminist Semiology: White Femininity and Racial Hierarchies”

**Caribbean Philosophical Association, Shifting the Geography of Reason: Philosophy, Literature, Liberation 2022**

“Fanon on language and literature” (with Dr. Beata Stawarska)

**International Association for Environmental Philosophy Workshop 2022**

“Dialogical Relations to Place: Merleau-Ponty and Plumwood Go For a Walk”

**International Association for Environmental Philosophy 2021**

“Soap and the Skin Microbiome: Towards an Environmental Ethic of Cleanliness Practices”

**Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference 2021**

“Selling Whiteness: Soap Advertising, White Supremacy, and Hegemonic Femininity”

**Uehiro Foundation on Ethics Graduate Philosophy Conference: Cross Currents, The Environment 2021**

“Storytelling as Hermeneutic Environmental Philosophy”

**Embodied Voices: Phenomenological, Hermeneutical, and Psychoanalytic Approaches to Health 2021**

“Fanon & Soap Advertising: Colonial Mythologies of Cleanliness”

**International Association for Environmental Philosophy 2020**

“‘Earth Body’: The Confluence of Embodiment and Environment”

**North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics Conference 2019** Eugene, OR

“The Art of Interpreting Landscapes: Nature Teaching Itself Through Its Own Expression”

**Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture Conference 2019** Vancouver, B.C.

“The Primacy of Love or Culture: A Treatment of (De)coloniality in Levinasian and Merleau-Pontian Ethics”

**Northwestern University Critical Theory Graduate Conference 2019** Evanston, IL

“Is love reserved for cultureless aliens?: A consideration of Levinas’ ethics and the potential for ethics in Merleau-Ponty’s corpus”

**EPIS: Indigenous Roots and Encounters with Nature 2018** Spokane, WA

“Diné Philosophy of Language and Nature”

**Memorial European Summer School in Philosophy 2018** Galway,Ireland

“The Language of Our Landscapes: Conversations with the more-than-human-world”

**International Association for Environmental Philosophy 2017** Memphis, TN

“From ‘Being’ to ‘Going’: The Relational Language of Diné Ritual and Appearance of Nature as Sacred”

**Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences 2017** Memphis, TN

“The Appearance of the Sacred as Relational in Diné Language and Ritual”

**Memorial European Summer School in Philosophy 2017** Leuven, Belgium

“The Politics of Perception: Language and the Treatment of Nature on Diné Nation”

**Gonzaga Graduate Conference: Art, Nature, and the Sacred 2017** Spokane, WA
“The Power of Words and the Appearance of Lived Space in Diné Culture”

Selected Work Experience

**University of Oregon Graduate Employee October 2018-Present**

*Instructor of Record*

* PHIL 340: Environmental Philosophy, Summer 2023
* PHIL 130: Philosophy of Popular Culture, Winter 2022
* PHIL 315: Introduction to Feminist Philosophy, Fall 2021
* PHIL 211: Existentialism, Summer 2021

*Discussion Section Leader*

* Read and grade papers, exams, and quizzes; maintain and submit grading records
* Complete assigned readings and plan weekly discussion section; lead one hour of discussion per week for each section (two sections)
* Hold office hours (at least two per week), respond promptly to student emails; counsel, tutor, and hold special consultations by appointment
* Attend weekly meetings with the faculty instructor of record; attend lecture course; help with the construction of examination and quizzes; proctor exams.
* Section Assignments: Fall 2019: Human Nature; Winter 2020: Introduction to Feminist Philosophy; Spring 2020: Philosophy of Love and Sex; Fall 2020: Philosophical Problems; Winter 2021: Human Nature, Spring 2021: Critical Reasoning

*Hypatia Journal of Feminist Philosophy*

*Social Media Editor & Managing Editor Assistant* **March 2022-Present**

* Verify incoming manuscripts conform to submission requirements; guide articles through ScholarOne.
* Proofread manuscripts for quarterly issues.
* Oversee all aspects of Hypatia's online presence and social media outreach working closely with the Editorial Team and the Cambridge University Press marketing team in this effort.
* Maintain an active twitter account, an active Hypatia Facebook page, Hypatia's webpage, work with a CUP expert to develop and maintain the Cambridge Core website for Hypatia, expand and maintain Hypatia's email list.
* Social media outreach to and recruitment of Hypatia's broad national and international team—including recruiting new reviewers for and contributors to Hypatia, periodic recruitment of Associate Editor Board Members or Nonprofit Board Members, working to expand Hypatia's international reach through specific campaigns around themed curated collections of past Hypatia articles with new introductions by experts currently working in the area, the development of these themed curated collections, the development of promotional and outreach material for Hypatia more broadly, "reputational work"—i.e. the monitoring and correction of portrayals of the journal on websites and in social media that are not accurate or are reductive.
* Research related to any of the above responsibilities or to assist the Editorial Board in articulating the journal's purpose, history, or challenges, or promoting the journal.

*Research and Pedagogy Assistant* **June 2022-Spring 2023**

* Assist with designing a Philosophy of Language syllabus, compose student-engaging pedagogy and assignments

*Indexer* **June 2022-September 2022**

* Index book manuscript *Mind in Nature,* by Mark Johnson and Jay Schulkin, forthcoming from MIT Press

*Editorial Research Assistant* **March 2022-September 2023**

* Edit, proofread, and stylize a book manuscript on Reproductive Justice authored by Camisha Russell
* Format references and bibliography

*Black Thought Matters Initiative Graduate Employee* **March 2021-July 2021**

* Research and review materials on anti-oppressive pedagogy
* Organize and conduct focus groups with philosophy undergraduates; synthesize feedback from students of traditionally marginalized groups about their experiences in philosophy classes in a report; present the report to the department and the Diversity Committee, with proposed changes
* Conduct a curriculum review; meet with each faculty member of the philosophy department to review their current course offerings and syllabi; research, develop, and propose concrete changes to philosophy courses to include marginalized thinkers (especially black thinkers in particular) in course offerings and syllabi

*Research and Pedagogy Assistant* **June 2021-December 2021**

* Assist with designing a PHIL 110: Human Nature syllabus
* Lecture preparation for texts in Modern Philosophy (esp. Social Contract Theory), Existential Phenomenology, and Philosophy of Race
* Compose student-engaging pedagogy and assignments for a 300-student lecture course

*Editorial Assistant for Puncta Journal of Critical Phenomenology* **September 2019-December 2021**

* Edit and proofread manuscripts for the second inaugural issue; copyedit and fact check manuscript submissions; publicize and advertise journal.

*Undergraduate Advisor* **September 2020-April 2021**

* Hold designated advising office hours, meet with prospective philosophy undergraduate majors and minors, present the requirements for the philosophy program, assist with student registration planning, and respond to emails on advising questions.

*Research Assistant* **January 2020-April 2020**

* Assist with research related to a project on violence, focusing on Fanon, Genet, Arendt, and Freud.
* Edit book review manuscripts and a forthcoming manuscript on Saussure’s linguistics, phenomenology, and structuralism.

*Research Assistant* **June 2020-September 2020**

* Support literature reviews for an assessment report on the “Multiple Conceptualizations of the Diverse Values of Nature” for the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).
* Code and interpret international and regional policy documents and academic papers on different values of human-nature-relationships; identify and systematize recurring patterns, classify gaps and contradictions, highlight cross-references to environmental conflicts and policy interventions.
* Conduct a case study of different human-nature-relationships in the Klamath river valley.

**Portland State University September 2022-January 2023**

*Adjunct Instructor*

* PHIL 312/WGS 312: Feminist Philosophy, Fall 2022

**University of Oregon Office of Sustainability and the Student Sustainability Center, April 2021-December 2022**

*UO Common Reading Teaching Guide Developer for* Braiding Sweetgrass *by Robin Wall Kimmerer*

* Develop curriculum/a teaching guide for use by faculty and program leaders in varying disciplines
* Build community, enrich curriculum, and engage research across campus through a shared book
* Practice and develop pedagogical strategies to engage diverse students across academic disciplines
* Brainstorm, collaborate, and reach a consensus with a team; incorporate feedback from reviewers, project supervisors, and team members
* Teach, read, and discuss *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer; teach and host pedagogy workshops for professors, instructors, and community members on how to teach *Braiding Sweetgrass*
* Final version of the Teaching Guide available here: [Braiding Sweetgrass Teaching Guide](https://uoregon-my.sharepoint.com/%3Af%3A/r/personal/jvoelker_uoregon_edu/Documents/Braiding%20Sweetgrass%20Teaching%20Guide%20for%20UO%202021-2022/Braiding%20Sweetgrass%20Teaching%20Guide%20Final?csf=1&web=1&e=d8BWo2)

**Gonzaga University Department of Philosophy August 2016-June 2018**

*Graduate Assistant*

* Guest teach lower-division courses, in the areas of Ethics, Human Nature, and Critical Thinking
* Serve as a Teacher Assistant in select classes
* Edit book manuscripts for department faculty; compile and format bibliographies for publication
* Aid professors with research needs; conduct literature reviews
* Grade writing assignments, quizzes, and exams
* Assist with organizing, planning and the implementation of the annual Gonzaga Philosophy Graduate Conference 2017
* Organize, plan, and implement logistics of the 2018 Gonzaga Philosophy Graduate Conference; lead the Graduate Conference Committee meetings and delegate tasks; moderate the conference proceedings

**Gonzaga University Center for Cura Personalis August 2016-January 2018**

*Graduate Assistant: Health Promotion/AOD*

* Mastery of Motivational Interviewing techniques for one-on-one meetings with sanctioned students
* Teach Alcohol Skills Training Program classes to groups of students, focusing on a harm reduction approach to living a healthy and balanced lifestyle
* Administer evaluations after instruction, interpret feedback to evaluate effectiveness of class

Fellowships, Awards, Prizes, and Grants

* *2023 Center for the Study of Women in Society Graduate Student Research Grant*, University of Oregon, funding amount: $2,000
* *2023 Graduate Research Forum Winning Panel,* “What’s Missing in Feminist Philosophy: Three Critical Interventions,” paper titled, “A Sociogenic Feminist Semiology: White Femininity and Racial Hierarchies.”
* *2023 Professional Development Graduate Scholarship,* funding amount $1,500
* *2022-2023 University of Oregon Starr Scholarship*, funding amount: $3,600
* *2022 Baird Society Resident Scholar*, Smithsonian Libraries and Archives, Special Collections, “Whiteness as Cleanliness: A Genealogical Investigation into Cleanliness Practices Shaped By Race, Class, and Gender Discrimination” (Delayed due to COVID-19, residence: July-September 2023), funding amount: $10,500
* *2021-2022 Paideia Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*, University of Oregon, Philosophy Undergraduate Studies Committee, funding amount: $300
* *2022 American Philosophical Association,* “Mentoring the Mentors Workshop” participant, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation funding amount: $850
* *2022 Center for the Study of Women in Society Travel Grant*, funding amount: $300
* *2021 Best Graduate Student Essay International Association for Environmental Philosophy*, “Soap and the Skin Microbiome: Towards an Environmental Ethic of Cleanliness Practices,” funding amount: $300
* *2021-2022 Undergraduate Education and Student Success UO Common Reading Award*, awarded for developing and teaching the teaching guide for Robin Wall Kimmerer’s *Braiding Sweetgrass,* funding amount: $250
* *2021-2022* *Joseph K. Starr Scholarship*, University of Oregon, funding amount: $3,000
* *2021 Philosophy Matters Prize,* “Fanon & Soap Advertising: Colonial Mythologies of Cleanliness,” funding amount: $300
* *2021 Center for the Study of Women in Society Graduate Student Research Grant*, University of Oregon, funding amount: $3,000
* *2021 Understories Writers’ Workshop* awardee, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation & University of Oregon Center for Environmental Futures
* *2021 WriteNow Summer Session Scholarship* recipient, University of Oregon Graduate School
* *2018-2019 First Year Fellowship*, University of Oregon Graduate School, funding amount worth $46,660
* *2019 Creating Change Scholarship*, University of Oregon LGBTESS
* *2016-2018 Peter Tripp Scholarship*, Gonzaga University, funding amount worth $15,045
* *2017 and 2018 CURCI Scholarship*, Gonzaga University, funding amount: $1,000
* *2017 Graduate Student Council Travel Grant*, Gonzaga University, funding amount: $500
* 2015 Graduated *Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa* from University of Denver
* 2011-2013, 2014-2015 *Dean’s List*, University of Denver
* 2011-2012 *Hornbeck Scholar*, University of Denver

Selected Service Experience

**University of Oregon**

* Graduate Studies Committee Representative 2018-2020
* Diversity and Inclusivity Committee Representative 2019-2020
* Organizer of the Indigenous Philosophy Reading Group 2019-2020
* Co-founder and co-organizer of Philosophy in the Margins Reading Group 2019-2021
* Graduate Philosophy Club Organizing Board 2020-2021
* Committee of the Whole Graduate Representative 2020-2021
* Fred Vanden Heede Philosophical Library Donation Coordinator and Manager 2021-Present
* Organizer of the Environmental Philosophy Reading Group 2021-2022

**Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), University of Oregon Chapter, September 2019-January 2022**

*Cofounder, Discussion Section Leader of Reading Group, Event Programmer, Administrative Lead*

* Create a new MAP chapter, and serve as one of two graduate cofounding representatives
* Organize and implement events throughout the academic year to build community and support marginalized identities in the field of philosophy
* Organize, host, and lead weekly reading group covering the theme “Philosophy in the Margins” that meets with undergraduate and graduate students alike
* Create, organize, and maintain a MAP library for students to check out and read material
* Mentor students throughout their philosophical career at UO, both undergraduate and MA students
* Host weekly office hours for an open and safe space to discuss issues with diversity in philosophy
* Cofounder of a MAP board consisting of five members; board chair 2019-2021

**Conference Commentator**

* “Embodied Repair,” by Audrey Yap; Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture Conference 2019;Vancouver, B.C.
* Invited commentator for invited symposium session, “Archives and Primary Evidence” with Perry Zurn, Adebayo Oluwayomi, Wout Cornelissen, and William Parkhurst at the *APA Pacific Division* 2022 Conference

**Feminist Afterlives of Colonialism Conference Volunteer**

* Hosted at the University of Oregon, May 2023

**Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy**

* 40th Anniversary Conference Logistics and Volunteer Coordination Committee, March 2022-September 2023

References

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