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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### **Assistant Professor of Philosophy (2021—Present)**

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## EDUCATION

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### **Ph.D. in Philosophy and African American and Diaspora Studies (Dual-Title)**

The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA 2017—2021

Dissertation Co-Directors: Robert Bernasconi and Nancy Tuana

Dissertation Committee Sarah Clark Miller and Hil Malatino

Title: "Knowing While Black: Insidious Ignorance and Oppositional Knowledge"

**B.A., with Honors, in Philosophy**, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL 2013—2017

Senior Thesis: "On *Souls* and the Persistence of Double Consciousness in the New Era"

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Social Epistemology (Esp. Theories of Ignorance, Oppression, Resistance, and Violence)

Black American Feminist Philosophy (Esp. Knowledge Production, Ethics, and Politics)

African American and Black American Philosophy

Critical Philosophy of Race

Social and Political Philosophy

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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Africana Philosophy

Applied Ethics

Formal and Symbolic Logic

Women of Color Feminisms

African American Intellectual History (Esp. W.E.B. Du Bois and Malcolm X)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Nominated for the Lombra Graduate Student Research Award, 2020

Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, 2020-2021

Waddell Biggart Graduate Fellowship, 2019—2020

Charles E. Scott Graduate Award in Philosophy, 2018

Iris Marion Young Fellow, 2017

## PUBLICATIONS

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### PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

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2020. “Intersectionality and Epistemic Erasure: A Caution to Decolonial Feminism” *Hypatia*, 35 (3), 509-523.

### REVIEWS

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2020. “Re-Reading Kantian Cosmopolitanism Through Du Bois’ Transnationalism” *Journal of World Philosophies*, 5(2), 206–208.

### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

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“W.E.B. Du Bois and the Black Radical Tradition” (forthcoming in *African-American Activism and Political Engagement: An Encyclopedia of Empowerment* Spring 2022).

“Identity, Multiplicity, Oppressing ← → Resisting” in *Lugones Lexicon*, May 2018.

<https://sites.psu.edu/lugonesconference/files/2014/11/Lugones-Lexicon-25rjap6.pdf>; pgs. 14; 22-23

### UNDER REVIEW

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“Quaring the Intersection: Towards a Future of Black Quare Erotics and Thriving”

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“‘A Pain So Old and Black’: James Baldwin on How to Witness Black Grief and Trauma” (article).

“‘I Give it Back to You’: James Baldwin and the Problem with Neo-Liberal Anti-Racist Ideology” (article).

“W.E.B. Du Bois, William A. Dunning, and the Racial Legacy of Reconstruction in America” (article).  
*Insidious Ignorance: Race, Power, and Cultures of Ignorance* (monograph).

## PRESENTATIONS

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“The Creation of the Other: America’s “Sick Civilization” and Epistemic Silencing,” *American Philosophical Association—Central Division*, Panel, February 2022 (Invited)

“Talking Back and Counterstories: Black Feminist Narrative Ethics through bell hooks,” *American Philosophical Association—Eastern Division*, Symposium, January 2022

“Underrepresented Perspectives on Pursuing Academic Philosophy,” *American Philosophical*

Association, Panelist, June 2021

“Du Bois, Martin Luther King, and the Critique of Western Conceptions of Ethics,” *W.E.B. Du Bois and the Ancient Mediterranean*, Penn State University, May 2020 (Invited)

“Quaring the Intersection: Towards a Future of Black Thriving,” *American Philosophical Association* Philadelphia, PA, January 2020 (Invited)

“‘Until You Sicken and Die of Them’: Audre Lorde’s Rupture of Epistemic Silence,” *California Roundtable for Philosophy and Race*, Loyola University New Orleans, October 2018

“Reconceiving Du Boisian Double Consciousness,” *Caribbean Philosophical Association* Dakar, Senegal, June 2018

“Intersectionality and Epistemic Invisibility,” *UC Irvine Graduate Student Conference* University of California Irvine, May 2018

“In Defense of Intersectionality as a Decolonial Method,” *Towards a Decolonial Feminism Conference* Penn State University, May 2018

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE)**

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PHIL 207: Introduction to Philosophy through Cultural Diversity—Spring 2022 (2 Sections)

PHIL 319: Philosophy of Race and Racism—Fall 2021

PHIL 590/690: Fundamentals of Diversity—Fall 2021

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (PENN STATE)**

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##### COURSES TAUGHT

African American Women (100-level, 16 students) \_\_\_\_\_ Summer 2021

Love and Sex (0-level, 25 students) \_\_\_\_\_ Summer 2020

Malcolm X (100-level, 15 students) \_\_\_\_\_ Summer 2020

Environmental Ethics (100-level, 35 students) \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2019

Malcolm X (100-level, 15 students) \_\_\_\_\_ Summer 2019

Philosophy, Society, and Social Theory (0-level, 33 students) \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2019

Malcolm X (100-level, 18 students) \_\_\_\_\_ Summer 2018

##### COURSES ASSISTED

Living While Black (100-level, 60 students) \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2018

Philosophy of Law (100-level, 115 students) \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2018

African American Religions and Spiritualities (100-level, 45 students) \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2018

Introduction to Ethics (Writing Intensive, 100-level, 28 students) \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2018

Nature and the Environment (0-level, 35 students) \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2017

## **GRADUATE COURSEWORK, \*=Audit**

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### PHILOSOPHY

\*Critical Philosophy of Race—David Marriott, Fall 2019

“Du Bois and Racial Capital”—Independent Study with Robert Bernasconi, Spring 2019

Critical Philosophy of Race—Robert Bernasconi, Fall 2018

“Epistemologies of Ignorance”—Independent Study with Nancy Tuana, Fall 2018

Ethical Theory—John Christman, Fall 2018

\*Latina Feminist Philosophy—Mariana Ortega, Spring 2018

Phenomenology: The Works of Husserl and Heidegger—Nicolas de Warren, Spring 2018

Modern Philosophy (Leibniz, Kant, Spinoza, Hume, and Locke)—Emily Grosholz, Spring 2018

Africana Philosophy—Kathryn Belle (formerly Kathryn Gines), Spring 2018

Ancient Philosophy (Plato and Aristotle)—Mark Sentesy, Fall 2017

Feminism, Intersectionality, and Decolonialism—Nancy Tuana, Fall 2017

### AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

\*Mass Incarceration and Prisons—Linette Park, Fall 2020

Sexuality and Gender Politics in the African Diaspora—Independent Study with Melissa Wright, Spring 2019

Blacks and the African Diaspora—Cynthia Young, Spring 2019

Introduction to African American Studies—AnneMarie Mingo, Fall 2017

## **RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Research Assistant, Len Lawlor, Summer 2021

PIKSI (Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Institute) Graduate Assistant, Summer 2021

Organizer and Founder of the Roundtable for Black Feminist and Womanist Theory, 2020

Research Assistant, John Christman, Summer 2020

Research and Transcription Assistant, AnneMarie Mingo, May 2018, August 2018

## **DEPARTMENT SERVICE (PENN STATE)**

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Diversity Committee, Fall 2019—2021

Academic Requirements Committee, Fall 2018

## LANGUAGES

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### French

Reading\_\_\_\_\_working proficiency

Writing\_\_\_\_\_working proficiency

Speaking\_\_\_\_\_elementary proficiency

### Italian

Reading\_\_\_\_\_working proficiency

Writing\_\_\_\_\_working proficiency

Speaking\_\_\_\_\_elementary proficiency

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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African American Intellectual Historical Society

American Philosophical Association

Caribbean Philosophical Association

Social Epistemology Network

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

## REFERENCES

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