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**Education:**

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh, 1998  
Certificate in Cultural Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 1998  
B.A. in Philosophy, Florida A & M University, 1990

**Academic Appointments:**

Caldwell Titcomb Professor of African & African American Studies and Professor of Philosophy, Harvard University, 2013-  
Professor of African & African American Studies and Professor of Philosophy, Harvard University, 2007-2013  
Mellon Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of the Witwatersrand, Spring 2010  
John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences, Harvard University, 2004-2007  
Assistant Professor of African and African American Studies and of Social Studies, Harvard University, 2000-2004  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Ohio State University, 1998–2000

**Areas of Specialization:**

Social and Political Philosophy; Africana Philosophy; Social Theory

**Areas of Competence:**

Ethics; Philosophy of Law; Philosophy of Social Science

**Publications:**

**Books**

- *Dark Ghettos: Injustice, Dissent, and Reform* (Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2016).
  - David and Elaine Spitz Prize for best book in liberal and/or democratic theory.
  - North American Society for Social Philosophy Book Award.
  - *A Choice* Outstanding Academic Title.

- *We Who Are Dark: The Philosophical Foundations of Black Solidarity* (Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2005).
  - A *New York Times* Editors Choice
  - A *New York Magazine* Best Academic Book

### Edited Collections

- *To Shape a New World: Essays on the Political Philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr.*, edited with Brandon M. Terry (Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2018).
- *Hip Hop and Philosophy: Rhyme 2 Reason*, edited with Derrick Darby (Chicago: Open Court, 2005).
  - Translated by Martha Malvezzi Leal into Portuguese as *Hip Hop e a Filosofia: Da Rima à Razão* (Sao Paulo, Brazil: Madras, 2006).

### Journal Articles

- "Ghetto Abolition and Political Philosophy: Response to Hayward, Threadcraft, and Lebron," *Political Theory* 47 (2019): 549-558.
- "The Ethics of Ghetto Abolitionism: Response to Commentaries," *Social Philosophy Today* 34 (2018): 175-181.
- "Inequality, Integration, and Imperatives of Justice: A Review Essay," *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 42 (Summer 2014): 253-285.
- "Racism, Moralism, and Social Criticism," *Du Bois Review* 11.1 (2014): 57-74.
- "Racial Realities and Corrective Justice: A Reply to Charles Mills," *Critical Philosophy of Race* 1.2 (2013): 145-162.
- "Justice, Work, and the Ghetto Poor," *Law & Ethics of Human Rights* 6 (2012): 70-96.
- "The Ethics of Uncle Tom's Children," *Critical Inquiry* 38 (Spring 2012): 513-532.
- "Justice and Racial Conciliation: Two Visions," *Daedalus* 140 (Winter 2011): 95-107.
- "Reparations, Leadership, and Democracy: A Comment on Balfour and Gooding-Williams," *Du Bois Review* 8:2 (2011): 395-399.

- “Reflections on Boxill's *Blacks and Social Justice*,” *Journal of Social Philosophy* 41 (Fall 2010): 343-353.
- “Racism, Identity, and Latinos: Comment on Linda Martín Alcoff,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 47 (2009): 129-136. (Spindel Symposium on Race, Racism, and Liberalism).
- “Justice, Deviance, and the Dark Ghetto,” *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 35 (Spring 2007): 126-160.
- “Blackness and Blood: Interpreting African American Identity,” (with Lionel K. McPherson) *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 32 (March 2004): 171-192.
- “Race and Social Justice: Rawlsian Considerations,” *Fordham Law Review* 72 (2004): 1697-1714. (Symposium on John Rawls and the Law)
  - Reprinted in *Procedural Justice*, ed. Larry May and Paul Morrow (UK: Ashgate, 2012).
- “Two Conceptions of Black Nationalism: Martin Delany on the Meaning of Black Political Solidarity,” *Political Theory* 31 (October 2003): 664-692.
- “Ideology, Racism, and Critical Social Theory,” *Philosophical Forum* 34 (Summer 2003): 153-188.
- “Parasites, Pimps, and Capitalists: A Naturalistic Conception of Exploitation,” *Social Theory and Practice* 28 (July 2002): 381-418.
- “Foundations of Black Solidarity: Collective Identity or Common Oppression?” *Ethics* 112 (January 2002): 231-266.
- “Is Racism in the ‘Heart’?” *Journal of Social Philosophy* 33 (Fall 2002): 411-420.
  - Reprinted and translated into German as “Ist Rassismus eine Sache des ‘Herzens’?,” in *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 67.4, 604–618.
  - Reprinted in *Disputed Moral Issues: A Reader, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*, ed. Mark Timmons (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013).
  - Reprinted in *The Philosophy of Race*, ed. Paul C. Taylor (London: Routledge, 2011).

- Reprinted in *Twenty Questions: An Introduction to Philosophy, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition*, ed. G. Lee Bowie, Robert C. Solomon, and Meredith W. Michaels (Independence, KY: Cengage Learning, 2010).

### Book Chapters

- “Army of the Wronged: Autobiography, Political Prisoners, and Black Radicalism,” in *Cannons and Codes: Law, Literature, and America’s Wars*, ed. Alison LaCroix, Jonathan Masur, Martha Nussbaum, and Laura Weinrib (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
- “Freedom in a Godless and Unhappy World: Wright as Outsider,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Richard Wright*, ed. Glenda R. Carpio (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019), pp. 121-138.
- “Richard Wright: Realizing the Promise of the West,” in *African American Political Thought: A Collected History*, ed. Melvin Rogers and Jack Turner (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, forthcoming).
- “Prisons of the Forgotten: Ghettos and Economic Injustice,” in *To Shape a New World: Essays on the Political Philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr.*, ed. Tommie Shelby and Brandon M. Terry (Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2018), pp. 187-204.
- “Justification, Learning, and Human Flourishing,” in Danielle Allen, *Education and Equality* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2016), pp. 51-61.
- “Impure Dissent: Hip Hop and the Political Ethics of Marginalized Black Urban Youth,” in *From Voice to Influence: Understanding Citizenship in a Digital Age*, ed. Danielle Allen and Jennifer S. Light (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015), pp. 59-79.
- “Liberalism, Self-Respect, and Troubling Cultural Patterns in Ghettos,” in *The Cultural Matrix: Understanding Black Youth*, ed. Orlando Patterson and Ethan Fosse (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2015), pp. 498-532.
- “Race” in *The Oxford Handbook of Political Philosophy*, ed. David Estlund (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), pp. 336-353.
- “White Supremacy and Black Solidarity: David Walker’s Appeal” in *A New Literary History of America*, ed. Greil Marcus and Werner Sollors (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2009), pp. 196-201.

- “Race, Culture, and Black Self-Determination” in *Pragmatism, Nation, and Race: Community in the Age of Empire*, ed. Chad Kautzer and Eduardo Mendieta (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2009).
- “Comment on Glenn Loury” in Glenn C. Loury, *Race, Incarceration, and American Values* (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2008).
- “Ain’t (Just) ‘bout da Booty: Funky Reflections on Love,” in *Hip Hop and Philosophy: Rhyme 2 Reason*, ed. Derrick Darby and Tommie Shelby (Chicago: Open Court, 2005), pp. 14-26.

### Book Reviews

- Review of Jacqueline Jones, *A Dreadful Deceit: The Myth of Race from the Colonial Era to Obama’s America*. *New York Times Book Review* (February 16, 2014).
- Review of Charles W. Mills, *From Class to Race: Essays in White Marxism and Black Radicalism*. *Perspectives on Politics* 2 (September 2004): 576-577.
- Review of Lawrence Blum, “I’m not a Racist, but...”: *The Moral Quandary of Race*. *Philosophical Review* 112 (January 2003): 124-126.
- Book Note on David Ingram, *Group Rights*. *Ethics* 112 (January 2002): 422-423.

### Other Publications

- “Thinking about Race, Responding to Racial Inequality,” *The Harvard Review of Philosophy* 26 (2019): 1-5.
- [“Want to Honor Martin Luther King’s Memory? Help Abolish Ghettos,”](#) *Boston Globe Magazine* (March 30, 2018).
- “Fear and Courage: An Interview with Cornel West,” *Transition* 123 (2017): 104-117.
- [“A Blow to Ghettoization,”](#) *Boston Review Forum* 2 (Work, Inequality, Basic Income), (2017): 41-46.
- “Camera Ministry: An Interview with Khalik Allah,” *Transition* 120 (2016).
- [“Liner Notes: Nas, \*Illmatic\* \(1996\),”](#) Harvard Hiphop Research Institute and Archive Classic Crates Project (2016).

- “The Challenge of Responding to Injustice,” in *Dilemmas of Educational Justice: Cases and Commentaries*, ed. Meira Levinson and Jacob Fay (Cambridge: Harvard Education Press, 2016).
- “Introduction to Kwame Anthony Appiah,” in *Political Philosophy: The Essential Texts*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, ed. Steven Cahn (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014).
- “Appiah, Kwame Anthony,” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, ed. Robert Audi (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015).
- ["Precis of Chike Jeffers's 'The Cultural Theory of Race'"](#) *PEA Soup* (January 5, 2013).
- ["Solidarity Meets Cooperation: A Response to Michael Dawson's 'The Future of Black Politics,'"](#) *Boston Review* (January/February 2012).
- ["I Didn't Lose Faith. I Just Don't Have It,"](#) *The Root* (December 8, 2011).
- “From Africa to the ‘Global Black’: An Interview with Wole Soyinka,” *Transition* 106 (2011): 34-44.
- “Cosmopolitanism, Blackness, and Utopia: An Interview with Paul Gilroy,” *Transition* 98 (2008): 116-135.
- “A Misdiagnosis of the Problem: Comment on Walter Benn Michaels,” *Chronicle of Higher Education* 53 (December 2006).
- “Blackness and Philosophy: Reply to Gannett, Outlaw, Taylor, and Velazco y Trianosky,” (with Lionel K. McPherson) *Symposia on Gender, Race and Philosophy* 1 (May 2005). [Link to PDF](#)
- “Black Nationalism” in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy On-Line*, ed. Edward Craig (Routledge, 2005).

### **Fellowships, Scholarships, Honors, and Awards:**

Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2019-

Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, 2017-2018

David and Elaine Spitz Prize for best book in liberal and/or democratic theory for *Dark Ghettos*

Harvard College Professor, 2017-2022 (in recognition for excellence in teaching)

North American Society for Social Philosophy Book Award for *Dark Ghettos*

Senior Scholar in Ethics, Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, 2009-2010

Laurence S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellowship, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2005-2006

Editor's Choice *New York Times*'s Book Review for *We Who Are Dark*

*New York Magazine* Best Academic Book of 2005 for *We Who Are Dark*

Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship for Minorities, 2002-2003

College of Humanities Minority Dissertation Fellowship, Ohio State University, 1996-1998

Michael R. Bennett Essay Prize in Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh, 1996

Provost Development Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 1995-1996

Cultural Studies Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 1993-1994

Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship in Philosophy, Florida A & M University, 1988-1990

**Lectures, Seminars, and Conferences** [not up to date]:

"Prisons of the Forgotten: King on Ghettos and Economic Injustice"

- Inequality and Social Policy Seminar; Harvard University; Cambridge, MA; October 3, 2016.
- Bryn Mawr/Haverford Philosophy Colloquium; Haverford, PA; September 29, 2016.

"Reproductive Responsibility and the Ghetto Poor," Society for Analytical Feminism (Keynote); UMass Lowell; September 17, 2016.

"Racism and Racial Discrimination: A Philosophical Approach to the Topics"

- Race and Racism in International Perspective Conference; University of Geneva; Geneva, Switzerland; October 28-29, 2016.
- Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute; MIT; Cambridge, MA; July 20, 2016.
- Department of Philosophy; Emerson College; Boston, MA; October 27, 2015.

"Richard Wright: Realizing the Promise of the West"

- Joyce Mitchell Cook Conference; Yale University; New Haven, CT; December 4, 2015.
- Black Political Thought Conference; UCLA; Los Angeles, CA; May 15, 2015.
- Center for Race, Philosophy, and Social Justice; Columbia University; New York, NY; February 2, 2015.

"Procreation and Parental Responsibility: Rethinking Child Support Enforcement"

- Law and Philosophy Workshop; University of Chicago; Chicago, IL; October 12, 2015.
- Department of Philosophy; University of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia, PA; April 10, 2015.
- Political Theory Workshop; Brown University; Providence, RI; March 2, 2015.
- Department of Philosophy; Stanford University; Palo Alto, CA; February 20, 2015.
- The Roger Mudd Center for Ethics; Washington and Lee University; Lexington, VA; January 22, 2015.
- Department of Philosophy; Colorado University; Boulder, CO; November 14, 2014.

“Injustice, Segregation, and Ghetto Poverty”

- Department of Philosophy; Kansas State University; Manhattan, KS; February 28, 2014.
- Department of African and African American Studies; Washington University; St. Louis, MO; November 6, 2013
- Lindner Lecture; Department of Philosophy; Wooster College; Wooster, OH; October 23, 2013.

“Punishment, Condemnation, and Social Injustice”

- Program in Ethics and Public Affairs; Princeton University; Princeton, NJ; February 18, 2016.
- Philosophy and Punishment Conference; University of Michigan Law School; Ann Arbor; MI; November 13, 2015.
- Legal Theory Workshop; Columbia University; New York, NY; November 2, 2015.
- International Political Science Association; Montreal, Canada; July 24.
- Department of Philosophy; MIT; Cambridge, MA; April 11, 2014.
- Political Theory Workshop; Vanderbilt University; Nashville, TN; March 14, 2014.
- Department of Philosophy; Duke University; Durham, NC; January 31, 2014.



- Department of Philosophy; UCLA; Los Angeles, CA; November 22, 2013
- Clough Distinguished Lecture in Jurisprudence; School of Law; Boston College; Newton, MA; November 19, 2013
- Department of Philosophy; Washington University; St. Louis, MO; November 7, 2013
- Department of Philosophy; Georgetown University; Washington, DC; October 11, 2013
- International Conference on the Philosophy of Criminal Punishment (keynote address); Chinese University of Hong Kong; Hong Kong, China; June 20, 2013

“Comment on David Lyons”; Symposium on *Confronting Injustice*; Boston University Law School; Boston, MA; September 30, 2013.

“Impure Dissent: Hip Hop and the Political Ethics of Marginalized Black Urban Youth”

- Department of Bioethics; National Institutes of Health; Bethesda, MD; April 15, 2013
- Department of Black Studies; Amherst College; Amherst, MA; December 6, 2012
- Havens Center; University of Wisconsin Madison; November 29, 2012
- Keynote Lecture at Conference on Philosophy at Historically Black Colleges and Universities; Morgan State University; Baltimore, MD; November 10, 2012.

“Black Solidarity and Class Division,”

- American Philosophical Association (Eastern); Philadelphia, PA; December 27, 2014.
- Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism; University of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia, PA; April 29, 2011.

“Commentary on Gooding-Williams, *In the Shadow of Du Bois*”; Roundtable on Philosophy and Race; University of Kansas; October 29, 2010.

“Reparations, Leadership, and Democracy,” American Political Science Association; Washington, DC; September 4, 2010.

“Injustice and Oppression as Paradigms for Social Critique,” American Political Science Association; Washington, DC; September 3, 2010.

“Justice, Work, and the Ghetto Poor”

- American Political Science Association; Seattle, WA; September 1, 2011.
- Political Theory Workshop; University of Virginia; Charlottesville, VA; March 25, 2011.
- Conference on Rights and Reciprocity; Center for Law and Business; Tel Aviv, Israel; January 6, 2011.
- Political Theory Workshop; Stanford University; Stanford, CA; May 7, 2010.
- Justice, Welfare, and Economics Program; Harvard University; Cambridge, MA; February 4, 2010.
- American Philosophical Association (Eastern); New York, NY; December 29, 2009.
- Center for Ethics; Harvard University; Cambridge, MA; December 8, 2009.

“Justice, Self-Respect, and the Culture of Poverty”

- Department of Philosophy; Emory University; Atlanta, GA; January 24, 2013
- Havens Center; University of Wisconsin Madison; November 28, 2012
- MillerCom Distinguished Lecture; University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign; Urbana, IL; March 30, 2012.
- Department of Philosophy; University of Michigan; Ann Arbor, MI; November 4, 2011.
- Department of Philosophy; Michigan State University; East Lansing, MI; September 23, 2011.
- Race and Culture Workshop; Harvard University; Cambridge, MA; March 11, 2011.
- Political Theory Workshop; Yale University; New Haven, CT; February 23, 2011.
- Conference on Justice, Charity, and Poverty; University of the Witwatersrand; Johannesburg, South Africa; March 12, 2010.
- Department of Philosophy; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill, NC; January 15, 2010.
- Center for Ethics; Harvard University; Cambridge, MA; December 1, 2009.

- Harris Lecture; Department of Philosophy; Miami University; Oxford, OH; October 22, 2009.
- Conference on Justice and the American Metropolis; Washington University; St. Louis, MO; May 8-9, 2009.

“The Ethics of the Oppressed: Lessons from *Uncle Tom’s Children*”

- Department of African American Studies; Yale University; New Haven, CT; February 23, 2011.
- Department of Philosophy; University of Cape Town; Cape Town, South Africa; March 16, 2010.
- Department of Philosophy; University of the Witwatersrand; Johannesburg, South Africa; March 11, 2010.
- Horowitz Memorial Lecture; Department of Philosophy; University of Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh, PA; April 24, 2009.
- Department of Philosophy; Northwestern University; Evanston, IL; March 13, 2009.
- Department of Philosophy; Vanderbilt University; Nashville, TN; October 10, 2008.
- Richard Wright Centennial Conference; American University of Paris; Paris, France; June 19-21, 2008.
- Building Coalitions Across Difference Conference (Keynote Lecture); University of Dayton; Dayton, OH; March 6-8, 2008.
- Collegium for African American Research Conference; Madrid, Spain; April 21, 2007.

“Racism, Identity, and Latinos: A Comment on Alcoff”; Spindel Symposium on Race, Racism, and Liberalism; The University of Memphis; Memphis, TN; September 27, 2008.

Author Meets Critics Session on *We Who Are Dark* with Linda Alcoff, Lucius Outlaw, and Ronald Sundstrom; American Philosophical Association (Pacific); Pasadena, CA; March 21, 2008.

“Race, Identity, and the Obligation Thesis: Comment on David Wilkins”; American Association of Law Schools; New York, NY; January 3, 2008.

Comment on Glenn Loury, "Racial Stigma, Mass Incarceration, and American Values" (Tanner Lectures on Human Values); Stanford University; Stanford, CA; April 6, 2007.

"Racism, Morality, and Social Criticism"

- Department of Philosophy; University of the Witwatersrand; Johannesburg, South Africa; March 4, 2010.
- Department of Philosophy; Miami University; Oxford, OH; October 23, 2009.
- American Studies Program; Cornell University; Ithaca, NY; November 14, 2008.
- American Political Science Association; Chicago, IL; September 1, 2007.
- North American Society for Social Philosophy (Keynote Lecture); Millersville, PA; July 14, 2007.
- Department of Philosophy; Ohio State University; Columbus, OH; May 4, 2007.
- Department of Philosophy; University of California at Berkeley; Berkeley, CA; March 5, 2007.
- Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; UCLA; Los Angeles, CA; March 1, 2007.
- The Complexities of Race in American Society Lecture Series; Sarah Lawrence College; Bronxville, NY; February 8, 2007.
- Black History Month Convocation Keynote Lecture; Williams College; Williamstown, MA; Feb. 3, 2007.
- Department of Philosophy; University of Toronto; Toronto, Canada; November 17, 2006.

Authors Meet Authors Critically: Symposium Discussion with Paul C. Taylor and Anna Stubblefield focused on our three recent books; American Philosophical Association (Central); Sponsored by the APA Committee on Blacks in Philosophy; Chicago, IL; April 27, 2006.

"Race and Contemporary Political Theory"; Symposium Discussion with Lewis R. Gordon, moderated by Neil Roberts; Johns Hopkins University; Baltimore, MD; April 10, 2006

"Interpreting 'Black Nationalism': Reply to Pittman and Wilson"; Alain L. Locke Conference; Howard University; Washington, DC; April 7, 2006

“Justice, Deviance, and the Dark Ghetto”

- Centre for Ethics; University of Toronto; Toronto, Canada; November 20, 2006.
- Moral Philosophy Conference sponsored by Ohio State University, University of Maribor, and University of Rijeka; Inter-University Centre; Dubrovnik, Croatia; May 22-26, 2006
- Society for the Study of Africana Philosophy; New York, NY; April 23, 2006
- Department of Philosophy; Columbia University; New York, NY; March 21, 2006
- Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory; UC Berkeley; Berkeley School of Law, CA; February 16, 2006

“Race, Science, and Common Sense: Comment on Anthony Appiah and Philip Kitcher”; Symposium on Race and Natural Kinds; American Philosophical Association (Eastern); New York, NY; December 30, 2005.

“Race, Class, and Shame: Du Bois on Black Solidarity”

- Department of African American Studies; Northeastern University; Boston, MA; December 6, 2006.
- Department of African American Studies; Boston College; Chestnut Hill, MA; Oct. 18, 2006.
- Parr Center for Ethics; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill, NC; March 7, 2006
- Department of Philosophy; Tufts University; Medford, MA; November 4, 2005
- Annual American Culture and Politics Lecture; Oregon State University; Corvallis, OR; October 17, 2005

Comment on Charles W. Mills, *From Class to Race: Essays on White Marxism and Black Radicalism*; Author Meets Critics Session; American Philosophical Association (Central); Chicago, IL; April 28, 2005.

Comment on Lawrence Blum, *“I’m not a Racist, but...”: The Moral Quandary of Race*; Author Meets Critics Session; American Philosophical Association (Pacific); San Francisco, CA; March 26, 2005.

Comment on Gregg Santori, "The Civilization Imperative"; Conference on Du Bois and the Scientific Study of Race; Yale University, New Haven, CT; March 4, 2005

"Black Solidarity after Black Power."

- Colloquium in Legal, Political, and Social Philosophy; NYU Law School; New York, NY; October 27, 2005.
- Association for Political Theory Conference; St. Louis, MO; October 21-22, 2005.
- Collegium for African American Research Biennial Conference; Tours, France; April 21, 2005.
- Legal Theory Workshop; UCLA Law School; Los Angeles, CA; November 18, 2004.
- Luncheon Seminar; Safra Foundation Center for Ethics; Harvard University; Cambridge, MA; October 18, 2004.
- Panel on "Political Theory and the Problem of the Color Line"; American Political Science Association; Chicago, IL; September 2, 2004.
- Workshop on Critical Race Studies; Center for the Humanities; Northwestern University; Evanston, IL; May 7, 2004.

"The Ideal of Racial Justice." Panel on "Equal Citizenship: Race and Ethnicity"; Symposium on Rawls and the Law; Fordham School of Law; New York, NY; November 7-8, 2003.

"Du Bois on Black Solidarity and the Educated Elite."

- Conference on Du Bois and the Scientific Study of Race; Yale University, New Haven, CT; March 4, 2005
- Special roundtable to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of W. E. B. Du Bois's *The Souls of Black Folk*; American Political Science Association; Philadelphia, PA; August 28-31, 2003

"The Ideal of Black Cultural Self-Determination." Symposium on Pragmatism and Nationalism; SUNY Stony Brook; Stony Brook, NY; April 25-26, 2003.

"The Ideal of Black Self-Determination."

- College of the Holy Cross; Department of Philosophy; Worcester, MA; April 10, 2003.
- Conference on Racism and Philosophy; Baruch College; New York, NY; March 6-7, 2003.

Commentator for the Panel “Social Construction of Racial and Ethnic Identities”; American Political Science Association; Boston, MA; August 29 – September 1, 2002.

Comment on Aldon Morris, “Engagement in Public Activism.” Conference on Social Connectedness and Public Activism; Harvard University; Cambridge, MA; May 23-24, 2002.

“Two Conceptions of Black Nationalism: Martin Delany on the Meaning of Black Political Solidarity”

- Future of Minority Studies Conference: “Redefining Identity Politics”; Stanford University; Stanford, CA; October 19-20, 2001.
- Saint Anselm College; Manchester, NH; February 20, 2002
- Society for the Study of Africana Philosophy; New York, NY; February 17, 2002.
- Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (critical commentary by Lucius Outlaw); Chicago, IL; October 10-12, 2002.
- Harvard University; Du Bois Institute for Afro-American Research; Cambridge, MA; October 30, 2002.

“Is Racism in the ‘Heart’?” (critical commentary by David Kim). American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division); San Francisco, CA; March 28-31, 2001.

“African American Studies at Harvard.” College of Arts and Sciences Forum Luncheon; Bowling Green State University; Bowling Green, OH; February 16, 2001.

Comment on Jami Anderson, “Placing Blame in a Racist Society.” American Philosophical Association (Central Division); Chicago, IL; April 20-23, 2000.

Comment on David Weberman, “Is Group Identity in Bad Faith? A Sartrean Perspective.” American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division); Boston, MA; December 27-30, 1999.

“Foundations of Black Solidarity: Collective Identity or Common Oppression?”

- Collegium for African American Research Biennial Conference: “Crossroutes: The Meanings of Race for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”; Cagliari/Sardinia, Italy; March 21-25, 2001.
- American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division). Special Session sponsored by the APA Committee on Blacks in Philosophy (critical commentary by Howard McGary); Albuquerque, NM; April 6-9, 2000.
- Alain Locke Conference on Race and Gender; Howard University; Washington, DC; September 17-19, 1999.

“Parasites, Pimps, and Capitalists: A Naturalistic Conception of Exploitation”; Bowling Green State University; Department of Philosophy; Bowling Green, OH; February 16, 2001.

Comment on Carol Moeller, “Moral Attention: Ethics Without Illusions.” University of Pittsburgh; Cultural Studies Colloquium; Pittsburgh, PA; spring 1994

**Teaching Experience:**

African American Philosophy  
Autobiography and Black Freedom Struggles  
Black Nationalism  
Classics of Social Theory  
Concepts of Human Nature  
Equality and Justice  
Ethics  
Justice and the Family  
Marxism: The Analytical School  
Marx and Marxism  
Marxist Theories of Racism  
Philosophical Perspectives on Race and Racism  
Philosophy of Law  
Philosophy of Social Science  
Punishment and Social Justice  
Race and Social Justice  
Richard Wright: Literature, Politics, and Philosophy  
Social and Political Philosophy  
W. E. B. Du Bois

**Administrative Experience:**

Chair, Department of African and African American Studies, 2018 -

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of African and African American Studies, 2016 - 2017

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of African and African American Studies, 2006 - 2009, 2011 - 2013



**Manuscript Referee:**

*American Political Science Review*  
Blackwell Publishing  
*Critical Philosophy of Race*  
*Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*  
Hackett Publishing  
Harvard University Press  
*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*  
*Journal of Moral Philosophy*  
*Journal of Philosophical Research*  
Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy  
Oxford University Press  
*Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*  
Prentice-Hall  
Princeton University Press  
*Res Philosophia*  
*Social Theory and Practice*  
University of Chicago Press

**Professional Affiliations and Service:**

Pulitzer Prize Board, 2015-  
President, American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), 2020 -  
Editor, *Transition*, 2006-2014  
Senior Associate Editor, *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, 2006 –  
Editorial Board, *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, 2020 –  
Editorial Board, *Ethics*, 2019 -  
Executive Committee, American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), 2010 – 2013  
Nominating Committee, American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), 2014 - 2016  
Subject Editor (African and African American Philosophy), *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2007-  
Editorial Board, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, 2016 -  
Editorial Board, *Critical Philosophy of Race*, 2012 -  
Editorial Board, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 2009 -  
Editorial Board, *Symposia on Gender, Race and Philosophy*, 2005 –  
Editorial Board, *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, 2004 – 2006  
Advisory Board, *Hiphop Archive*, Harvard University, 2002 -  
Advisory Committee to the Program Committee (Africana Philosophy); American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), 2002-2005  
Committee on Blacks in Philosophy; American Philosophical Association, 2001-2004  
National Endowment for the Humanities Panelist (Philosophy); Washington, DC, July 20, 2001