

Employment

Virginia Tech

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy	2020-current
Affiliate, Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	2020-current
Affiliate, Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought	2023-current
Research Associate, Center for Humanities	2021-22

Education

Columbia University

PhD in Philosophy	2020
Dissertation: <i>To Reforge the Nation: Emancipatory Politics and Antebellum Black Abolitionism</i>	
Committee: Robert Gooding-Williams (Chair), Frederick Neuhouser, Dhananjay Jagannathan, Miranda Fricker, Karuna Mantena	
MPhil in Philosophy	2019
MA in Philosophy	2017

University of Chicago

BA (Honors), Philosophy and Medieval Studies (Special Honors)	2014
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Areas of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Race (esp. History of African American Political Thought), Early Modern Philosophy (esp. Locke)

Areas of Competence

Feminist Philosophy, Ethics and Moral Philosophy

Publications

Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

“On Plantation Politics: Citizenship and Antislavery Resistance in Douglass’s *My Bondage and My Freedom*.” *Philosophical Studies* 180, no. 3 (2023): 871-891 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-022-01877-4>.

- Special issue on best and most notable work from APA Pacific Division 2020/2021 meeting

“Declaration in Douglass’s *My Bondage and My Freedom*.” *American Political Thought* 9, no. 4 (2020): 513–41. <https://doi.org/10.1086/710756>.

“Deliberation and Emancipation: Some Critical Remarks.” *Ethics* 129, no. 1 (2018): 8–38. <https://doi.org/10.1086/698731>.

Review Essays

“The Contingency of Despair.” *American Political Thought* (forthcoming).

Reviews:

Johnson, Andre E. *No Future in This Country: The Prophetic Pessimism of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner*. Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2020.

Waters, Kristin. *Maria W. Stewart and the Roots of Black Political Thought*. Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2022.

Book Reviews

Review of Tunde Adeleke, *In the Service of God and Humanity: Conscience, Reason, and the Mind of Martin R. Delany*, University of South Carolina Press, in *Civil War Book Review* 23, iss. 2 (2021). <https://digitalcommons.lsu.edu/cwbr/vol23/iss2/11/>.

Review of Keneshia N. Grant, *The Great Migration and the Democratic Party: Black Voters and the Realignment of American Politics in the 20th Century*, in *New Political Science* 43, no. 3 (2021): 372-374. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07393148.2021.1957315>

Interviews

“Frederick Douglass’s Political Philosophy.” *New Voices: Extending New Narratives in the History of Philosophy* Season 2, Episode 6 (2022).

<https://www.newnarrativesinphilosophy.net/podcast.html>

Work in Progress

Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass’s Abolitionist Republicanism (book manuscript, under review at Oxford University Press)

An article on white ignorance and antebellum Black abolitionist autobiographies (under review)

An article on blame and standing (under review)

A review essay of Kristin Waters, *Maria Stewart and the Roots of Black Political Thought* and Andre Johnson, *No Future in This Country: The Prophetic Pessimism of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner* (under review)

An article on interracial solidarity in the political thought of Tyree Scott and the United Construction Workers Association (in progress)

An article on epistemic humility in Locke’s *Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (in progress)

An article on the relationship between owning one’s self and owning one’s labor in Locke’s *Second Treatise* (in progress)

Grants, Honors, and Awards

Juneteenth Faculty Scholar, Virginia Tech (\$9000) 2023-2024
For *Confrontational Comrades: Interracial Solidarity in the American Labor Movement*

Joseph L. Blau Prize, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy 2023
Award to annual meeting paper that “makes the most significant contribution to the

history of American Philosophy” For “Hope and Despair in the Political Thought of David Walker”	
Institute for Humane Studies Hayek Fund for Scholars Research Grant (\$750) For “‘No Separate Peace:’ Race and Solidarity in the United Construction Workers Association”	2022
Niles Research Grant, Virginia Tech (\$5000) For <i>Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass’s Abolitionist Republicanism</i>	2022
International Social Ontology Society Workshop Grant (\$500)	2022
Institute for Humane Studies Hayek Fund for Scholars Research Grant (\$750) For “‘This Multiform Composite Nationality:’ On Frederick Douglass’s Pan-American Republic”	2022
Juneteenth Faculty Scholar, Virginia Tech (\$7000) For <i>Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass’s Abolitionist Republicanism</i>	2021-22
New Faculty Mentoring Grant, Virginia Tech (\$1500)	2021
Institute for Humane Studies Hayek Fund for Scholars Research Grant (\$3000) For <i>Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass’s Abolitionist Republicanism</i>	2021
Research Fellowship, Center for PPE, Virginia Tech (\$3795) For <i>Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass’s Abolitionist Republicanism</i>	2021
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for Ethics in Society, Stanford University (declined)	2020
Mellow Prize, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, for “On Plantation Politics: Citizenship and Antislavery Resistance in Douglass’s <i>My Bondage and My Freedom</i> ”	2020
Benjamin Wolstein Fellowship, Columbia University	2017-18
Dean's Fellowship, Columbia University	2018-20 2015-17
Lee Family Prize for Highest Philosophy GPA, University of Chicago	2014
Phi Beta Kappa (Elected as Junior)	2013
Dean’s List, University of Chicago	2013-14
Dunn Research Fellowship, University of Chicago	2013
Dean’s Fund Grant, University of Chicago	2013
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PRISM Research Grant, University of Chicago	2012
Undergraduate Student Essay Contest, Winner, Illinois Philosophical Association	2011

Talks (^= keynote, *= invited, otherwise peer reviewed)

<u>“Hope and Despair in Black Abolitionist Thought”</u> Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy	2023
<u>“‘No Separate Peace:’ Race and Solidarity in the United Construction Workers Association”</u> Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics*	2023
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2023
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2022

Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting	2022
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting	2022
<u>“Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass’s Abolitionist Republicanism”</u>	
13 th Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, William and Mary College [^]	2023
Tocqueville Lecture Series, Jacksonville State University*	2023
Society for the History of the Early Republic Annual Meeting	2022
Center for Humanities, Virginia Tech*	2022
Association for Political Theory Annual Conference	2021
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2021
International Social Ontological Society Annual Meeting	2021
<u>“Hope and Despair in Abolitionist Political Thought”</u>	
Contemporary Civilization Faculty Meeting, Columbia University*	2022
<u>“This Multiform Composite Nationality:’ On Frederick Douglass’s Pan-American Republic”</u>	
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2022
Social Ontologies of Oppression, Solidarity, and Care (Social Philosophy Workshop)*	2022
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting	2022
<u>“Hope and Despair in the Political Thought of David Walker and Frederick Douglass”</u>	
Contemporary Civilization Faculty Meeting, Columbia University*	2020
<u>“Humility and Empathy in Emancipatory Politics”</u>	
Extending New Narratives in the History of Philosophy Workshop	2020
Association for Political Theory Annual Conference	2020
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2020
<u>“On Plantation Politics: Citizenship and Antislavery Resistance in Douglass’s <i>My Bondage and My Freedom</i>”</u>	
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (Symposium)	2021
Politics of the Ordinary: UChicago Graduate Conference in Political Theory	2020
New York Pragmatist Forum, Fordham University*	(canceled) 2020
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy	2020
Stanford Graduate Conference in Political Theory	2020
Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Oxford University	2019
Political Epistemologies Conference, Villanova University	2019
<u>“Declaration in Frederick Douglass’s <i>My Bondage and My Freedom</i>”</u>	
American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Symposium)	2020
Harvard/MIT Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Harvard University	2019
<u>“The Limits of Empathy in Emancipatory Politics”</u>	
Feminist-Pragmatist Colloquium, St. John Fisher College	2019
<u>"Campus Protest and Democratic Values" Teach-in, with Helen Zhao</u>	
Princeton Workshop in Social Philosophy, Princeton University	2018
<u>"Common Sense and Democratic Deliberation"</u>	
Dewey and Critical Philosophies for Critical Political Times, University College Dublin	2017

Comments

- On “Why am I Black?: Frederick Douglass, Charles Mills, and the Case for Identity-Aware Liberalism,” Keidrick Roy
Social Philosophy Workshop at Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University 2023
- On *A Duboisian Democracy: On Method, Practice, and Revolution*,” Elvira Basevich
Book Manuscript Workshop at University Center for Human Values, Princeton University 2023
- On “Policing and Traditional Political Philosophy: Why Most Accounts Do Not Justify Modern Policing,” Itzel Aurora Garcia
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division 2022
- On *W.E.B. Du Bois: The Lost and the Found*, Elvira Basevich 2021
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Annual Meeting
- On “States of Self-Rule” Panel: Dawn Herrera, Manjeet Ramgotra, Ariel Tang 2020
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- On “John Toland’s Extreme Epistemic Egoism,” Kenneth L. Pearce 2020
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division
- On “On Reading David Walker’s *Appeal* as a Work of Political Theory,” Melvin Rogers
New Narrative in Philosophy Symposium, Columbia University 2019
- On "The Pragmatics of Protest as Positive Propaganda," Michael Barnes
Columbia-NYU Graduate Philosophy Conference, Columbia University 2018
- On “An Expressive Defense of Ideal Theory,” Jennifer Morton
1st Latinx Philosophers’ Conference, Columbia University 2016
- On “Cultivating Civic Capacity Under Domination: Rethinking Booker T. Washington and Uplift Politics in the Era of Jim Crow,” Desmond Jagmohan
Center for Race, Philosophy, and Social Justice, Columbia University 2015

Courses Taught

Virginia Tech

Black Abolitionist Thought (graduate & undergraduate seminar)
Metaphysics and Epistemology in the 17th Century (graduate seminar)
Morality and Justice (introductory undergraduate lecture)
History of Modern Philosophy (intermediate undergraduate lecture)

Columbia University

History of Philosophy II: Early Modern (intermediate undergraduate, Summer 2020)
Social and Political Philosophy (undergraduate seminar, Summer 2019)

MA Thesis Committees

Primary Advisor

- Spencer Cardwell, “Reason, Utility, and Right Action in Hume’s Moral Philosophy” (2023)
- Samuel Curtis, “A Theory of Individual Domination Cannot Ground a Theory of State Domination” (2022)

- Kordell Dixon, “Self-Respect and the Obligation to Resist Oppression” (2022)
- Colleen Malley, “Douglass, Jacobs, and Freedom Found in Resistance” (2022)
- Dane Stocks, “Structural Injustice: Toward a General Model of the Responsibilities of the Oppressed” (2022)

Reading Languages

German (intermediate), French (intermediate), Latin (intermediate), Spanish (beginner)

Professional Service

Departmental

Virginia Tech

Department Colloquium Organizer, 2021-current

Graduate Committee, 2020-current

Graduate Admissions Co-Director, 2023-current

Faculty Council Representative, 2022-current

VT Ethics Bowl Judge, 2022-current

Future Faculty Diversity Program Departmental Committee, 2021

Columbia University

Minorities and Philosophy, Co-Organizer 2015-18

Graduate Workshop, Co-Organizer 2017-18

Columbia-NYU Graduate Philosophy Conference, Co-Organizer 2016

To the Profession

Association for Political Theory Program Committee, 2021 & 2023

Social Philosophy Workshop: Identity, Alienation, Emancipation, Co-Organizer, 2023

Social Ontologies of Oppression, Solidarity, and Care Workshop, Co-Organizer, 2022

Oppression and Resistance Conference, Minorities and Philosophy-NYC, Co-Organizer, 2018

Referee: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Thought, Ergo, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Politics, New York History, Nous

Professional Affiliations

American Philosophical Association, American Political Science Association, American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy, Association for Political Theory, Western Political Science Association

References

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