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RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization: Social and Political Philosophy

Areas of Concentration: Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Epistemology, Metaphysics, and Ethics.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Adjunct Faculty, Philosophy department - The University of New Mexico, 2024 -

Adjunct Faculty, Honors College - University of New Mexico, 2023 -

Adjunct Lecturer of Religious Studies - University of New Mexico 2023 -

Adjunct Lecturer of Political Science - University of New Mexico, 2022 -

Lecturer of Philosophy - New Mexico Highlands University, 2021 -

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer of Philosophy - Curry College, Milton, MA 2019 - 2021

Associate Lecturer of Philosophy - Curry College, Milton 2018 - 2019

Instructor of Philosophy - Bentley University, Waltham, MA 2018 - 2021

Instructor of Philosophy - Lasell College, Newton, MA 2018 - 2019

Interdisciplinary TA - Rhetoric & Composition -The University of New Mexico, 2014 - 2017

Instructor of Religious Studies UNM 2014 - 2017

Instructor of Philosophy - The University of New Mexico, 2010 - 2017

Current Manuscript

Virtues of Un-knowing: A Social, Ethical, and Political Case for Deconstructing Knowledge
(Proposal requested by Palgrave MacMillan, due December 2024)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

A Critique of Liberal Cynicism: Peter Sloterdijk, Judith Butler, and Critical Liberalism
Lexington/Rowman & Littlefield, 2022.

Edited Books & Special Editions

Power & Crisis

Editor. Part of Brill Rodopi's *Philosophy of Peace* series, expected 2024/5

"Special Edition on Judith Butler and the future of Non-Violence" Parts 1&2

Editor. *The Acorn Journal: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence*, 2024

Polarity, Politics, and Peace

Editor. Part of Brill Rodopi's *Philosophy of Peace* series, May 2023.

Articles & Book Chapters

"Stop Making Sense: Arendt, Orwell, and resisting Genocidal Logics" in *Power & Crisis*
Part of Brill Rodopi's *Philosophy of Peace* series, expected 2024/5

"Fantasizing Non-Violence: A Critique of Judith Butler's *On the Force of Nonviolence*"
The Acorn Journal: *Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence* "Special
Edition on Judith Butler and the future of Non-Violence" expected 2024

"At Peace, with Polarity: Cynicism, Cheekiness, and Racial Satire" In, *Polarity, Politics, and
Peace* Ed. Will Barnes, Brill, May 2023

"The Virtue of the Chickadee: Chief Plenty Coups' Anti-Genocidal Ethics"

- in *Peaceful Approaches for a More Peaceful World*, edited by Sanjay Lal. Brill, 2022.
- “Is Anger Ever Required? Ārya Śāntideva on Anger and its Antidotes” in *The Ethics of Anger*, ed. Lewis Court, Lexington, 2020
- “The Rise of Cynical Irony”
In Joshua Stoll, Brandon Underwood, and Shuchen Xiang. (eds.) *Distributing Worlds Through Aesthetic Encounters*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017.
- “Addressing Contemporary Cynicism”
In S. Morrow and M. Izor (eds.), *A World in Discourse: Converging and Diverging Expressions of Value*, Cambridge Scholars Press, 2016.
- “Creating the Appropriate Context for Śūnyatā-Yoga,”
In Laura Specker Sullivan and Masato Ishida (eds.) *Locating and Losing the Self in the World: Cross-Cultural Reflections on Self-Awareness and Self-Transcendence*, Cambridge Scholars Press, 2014.

Reviews

- The Force of Non-Violence: An Ethico Political Bind* (Judith Butler, Verso 2020) Review for Acorn, Spring Issue 2021.
- The Principle of Non-Contradiction in Plato’s Republic: An Argument for Form* (Lawrence Bloom, Lexington Books) Review for *Ancient Philosophy*, Volume 41, Spring 2021.
- Plato and the Invention of Life* Michael Nass (Fordham University Press) Review for *Ancient Philosophy* Volume 39, Issue 2, Fall 2019 Pages 469-473.
- Foucault and Nietzsche: A Critical Encounter* Ed. Alan Rosenberg and Joseph Westfall (Bloomsbury) Review for *The Agonist - A Nietzsche Circle Journal* 2018 Fall Issue, 2018.

PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Presentations

- “Ideological Vulnerability and the Philosophy of Race”
Keynote presentation at McMaster University Graduate Philosophy conference, Hamilton, Canada, 2017.

Conference Presentations

- “Unknow Thyself!” 2024 East-West Philosopher's Conference: Trauma & Healing the 12th East/West Philosopher’s Conference (EWPC) May 24-31, 2024
- “Towards an Ethics of Interdependence: Arendt, Orwell, Smith, & Madhyamaka”
Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Portland, March , 2024
- “Unknowing as Resistance to Totalitarianism and Genocide” Panel Session at 36th Concerned Philosophers for Peace conference, cohosted by Pellissippi State Community College and The University of Tennessee. October 27-28, 2023 at The University of Tennessee, in Knoxville, TN, USA.
- “The Virtue of UN-Knowing: Simone De Beauvoir and Auto-Deconstruction”
Panel at the 2023 American Philosophical Association Central Conference, Denver Feb 22-25, 2023.
- “Author Meets Critics” *A Critique of Liberal Cynicism: Peter Sloterdijk, Judith Butler, and Critical Liberalism* Lexington/Rowman & Littlefield, 2022 by Will Barnes
Session at the Concerned Philosophers for Peace 35th Annual Conference, “Power in Crisis” at the University of New Mexico October 20-22, 2022
- “The Future of Non-Violence”

- Panel At the Concerned Philosophers for Peace 35th Annual Conference, “Power in Crisis” at the University of New Mexico October 20-22, 2022
- “Je TsongKhapa, Judith Butler, and Deconstructing Sex”
At the Concerned Philosophers for Peace 35th Annual Conference, “Power in Crisis” at the University of New Mexico October 20-22, 2022
- “Left Cynicism, Cheekiness, and Satire”
Panel at the 2022 American Philosophical Association Eastern Conference, Baltimore, January 3-8, 2022.
- “The Virtue of Un-Knowing: Hannah Arendt and Auto-Deconstruction”
At the Concerned Philosophers for Peace 34th Annual Conference, “Fragile Lands, Power Politics: Effects of Violence and Injustice on People, Politics, and the Environment, October 29-30, 2021, online
- “Resistance and Persistence”
Panel Chair at the Concerned Philosophers for Peace 34th Annual Conference, “Fragile Lands, Power Politics: Effects of Violence and Injustice on People, Politics, and the Environment, October 29-30, 2021, online
- “Anger’s Role in Peace and Justice”
Panel at the 2021 American Philosophical Association Central Conference, New Orleans February 24, 2021, online.
- “Satyagraha and the Post-Structuralist Psychoanalytic Subject: A defense of Judith Butler’s *On The Force of Nonviolence: An Ethico-Political Bind*”
At the Concerned Philosophers for Peace 33rd Annual Conference “Hopes for Peace in Dark Times” at California State University at Fresno, January 29th, 2021.
- “Environmental Issues”
Panel Chair at the Concerned Philosophers for Peace 33rd Annual Conference “Hopes for Peace in Dark Times” at California State University at Fresno, January 29th, 2021.
- “The Unintelligibility of Self, Skillful Mourning, and Non-Violence”
Concerned Philosophers for Peace Group Session at the 2021 American Philosophical Association Eastern Conference, New York (ONLINE), Jan 9, 2021.
- “Another Brick in the Wall: The Madhyamaka Buddhist Approach to Anger”
Walls: Thinking Through Insularity, the 12th East/West Philosopher’s Conference (EWPC) May 22-29, 2020
- “Whiteness as a Racial identity”
Organized with Bentley University Worldview and Global Perspective initiative and the Black United Body Organization, Bentley University, February 2020.
- “Skin Deep: The Sexualized Psychoanalytic/Foucauldian Subject, Political Agency, and Brian Glazer’s *Under the Skin*”
Society for the Philosophic Study of the Contemporary Visual Arts Group session, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, February 26-29, 2020
- “Reparations and Affirmative action in the USA and Africa”
Public seminar organized with Bentley University Worldview and Global Perspective initiative, Bentley University, November 2019.
- “Can Anger be Justified? Ārya Śāntideva on Anger and its Antidotes”
At the Concerned Philosophers for Peace 32nd Annual Conference University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, October 18-20, 2019
- “Embracing Chullachaqui: Ciro Guerra's *Embrace of The Serpent* and Judith Butler’s Post-Colonial Ethics”

- Society for the Philosophic Study of the Contemporary Visual Arts Group session,
American Philosophical Association Western Division Meeting, Vancouver, February
2019
- “Mourning Chullachaqui: Sanctifying Genocidal Loss Through a Heideggerian Reading of Ciro
Guerra’s *Embrace of The Serpent*,”
Society for the Philosophic Study of the Contemporary Visual Arts Group session,
American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Denver, February 2019
- “Becoming Chickadee: Chief Plenty Coups’ Anti-Genocidal Ethics”
Concerned Philosophers for Peace 31st Annual Conference University of Colorado,
Boulder, October 18-20, 2018
- “Cynical Apocalypticism: The Zombie Myth,”
Society for the Philosophic Study of the Contemporary Visual Arts Colloquium,
American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, February 2018.
- “The Merits of Racial Satire,”
Uehiro Cross Currents comparative philosophy conference, University of Hawai’i at
Manôa, March 2017.
- “The Politics of Teaching Politics,”
Social Justice in the Classroom conference University of New Mexico, October 2017.
- “Ironic Feminism, Cynicism, and Popular culture”
37th Annual Southwest Popular/American Culture Association conference, Albuquerque
NM, February 2016.
- “The socio-political implications of Śāntideva’s Bodhicaryāvatāra”
Interdisciplinary Religion and Politics Colloquia, University of New Mexico, March
2015.
- “The Rise of Cynical Irony”
Uehiro Cross Currents comparative Philosophy conference, University of Hawai’i at
Manôa, March 2015.
- “Addressing Contemporary Cynicism,”
Uehiro Cross Currents comparative philosophy conference, University of Hawai’i at
Manôa, March 2014.
- “Emptiness and Compassion: Creating the Appropriate Context for Śūnyatā-Yoga,”
Uehiro Cross Currents comparative Philosophy conference, University of Hawai’i at
Manôa, March 2013.

Invited lecturer:

- “Language, Identity, and Ethics in Heidegger, Arendt, and Butler” Curry College, Philosophy
capstone, January 2019.
- “The Philosophy of the Bhāgavad Gīta” Curry College, Asian Religions, September 2018
- “The pre-Mahāyāna and Mahāyāna notion of the Bodhisattva and the Bodhisattva ideal”
University of New Mexico, February 2015
- “Yogācāra, Vasubandhu, and Idealism” University of New Mexico, November 2014

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

- Philosophy 4000: Honors Capstone: Intersexuality & 2nd & 3rd wave feminist theory (1 section
ftf)
- Philosophy 4000: Honors Capstone: Simone De Beauvoir & Judith Butler (1 section ftf)
- Philosophy 4010 Honors: Sex & Gender in Simone de Beauvoir & Michel Foucault (1 section
ftf)
- Political Science 362: Modern Political Theory (2 sections, ftf)

Political Science 361: Ancient and Medieval Political Theory (1 section ftf)
 Philosophy 3200: Life, Death, and Philosophy (1 section, ftf)
 Philosophy 320: Junior Ethics (2 sections, ftf)
 Philosophy 3100: Modern Philosophy (1 section, Hybrid)
 Honors 301: The Meaning of Life (1 section ftf - seminar)
 Philosophy 2300: Philosophy and Popular Culture (2 sections; 1 ftf, 1 hyflex)
 Philosophy 2200: Greek Philosophy (2 sections, 1 ftf, 1 hyflex)
 English 220: Expository Writing (2 sections ftf)
 Philosophy 2145: Philosophy of Sex and Gender (2 section hybrid)
 Honors 2112: Virtues of Unknowing (1 section ftf - seminar)
 Political Science 2130: Political Ideas: Introduction to Political Theory (3 sections ftf)
 Philosophy 2120: Existentialism (4 sections; 3 ftf, 1 hyflex)
 Philosophy 2100: Social and Political Philosophy (2 section hybrid)
 Philosophy 2100: Ethics (4 sections; 2 ftf, 2 online)
 Philosophy 156: Reasoning and Critical Thinking (7 sections ftf, 1 online)
 Philosophy 1120: Logic, Reasoning, and Critical Thinking (1 section ftf)
 Honors 1120: Legacy of Right & Wrong (1 section ftf - seminar)
 English 120: Composition II (7 sections: 5 ftf, 1 online, 1 hybrid)
 Philosophy 110: Problems in Philosophy: Social, Ethical, and Political Thought (6 sections; 4 ftf, 1 hybrid, 1 online)
 English 1110x: Stretch I Composition I (2 sections ftf)
 English 110: Accelerated Composition (10 sections, 7 ftf, 3 hybrid)
 Religion 107: Living World Religions (5 sections; 3 ftf, 2 online)
 Philosophy 101: Introduction to Philosophy (14 sections, 10 ftf, 4 online)
 GenEd 1000: First Year Inquiry: The Lives of the Great and Not so Famous (2 sections, hyflex)

Professional Development

The University of New Mexico

- Ecomp: Online Composition Pedagogy
- Pedagogy for ESL students certification

Curry College

- Online pedagogy certification
- Philosophy Major Mentor training
- Women and Gender studies Committee training
- Women and Minorities in Philosophy mentor training

Bentley University

- Online Pedagogy Certification

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy

Dissertation: "Liberal Cynicism, its Dangers, and a Cure"
UNM, 2018

M.A. Philosophy, (with Distinction) Comps: History of World Philosophy
UNM, 2011.

Graduate Certificate: Sanskrit and Advanced Buddhist Hermeneutics

Ranjung Yeshe Institute, University of Kathmandu, Kathmandu, Nepal, 2008.

M.A. Religious Studies (with Merit)

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK, 2007.

Thesis: "The Abhidharmic Analysis of Existence"

B.A. (with Honors) Philosophy

York University, York, UK, 2004.

Thesis: “20th Century Epistemology and Radical Cultural Diversity”

HONORS & AWARDS

Outstanding Teacher of the Year - nominee, University of New Mexico 2024 results pending

Affiliated Teacher of the Year - nominee, University of New Mexico 2024 results pending

Faculty Professional Advancement Fund, Curry College, May 2020

Dean’s Fund for Professional Advancement, Curry College, May 2020

Faculty Professional Advancement Fund, Curry college, March 2020

Dean’s Fund for Professional Advancement, Curry College, March 2020

Dean's Fund for Professional Advancement, Curry College 2019

Faculty Professional Advancement Fund, Curry College, 2018

Gwen J. Barrett Memorial Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UNM, 2017.

Philosophy Travel Award, UNM, 2017.

Conference award, University of Hawai’i at Manōa, 2017.

Graduate Education Office Student Conference Presentation award, UNM, 2015.

Student Research Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Association, UNM, 2015.

Presenter award - Uehiro Foundation, University of Hawai’i at Manōa 2015.

Philosophy Travel Award, UNM, 2015.

Presenter award - Uehiro Foundation, University of Hawai’i at Manōa 2014.

Philosophy Travel Award, UNM, 2014.

Student Research Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Association, UNM 2013.

Presenter award - Uehiro Foundation, University of Hawai’i at Manōa 2013.

Philosophy Travel Award, UNM, 2013.

Language Training Grant, Society of South Asian Studies, London, 2008.

Jordan Fund: The University of London, 2006.

Buddhist Language Grant, Agon Shu foundation, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, 2005.

Full-ride means-tested low-income family scholarship, University of York, York, 2001.

SERVICE

Academic Expert - “Ethics Now” KUNM show/podcast New Mexico Ethics Watch 2021 -

Editor - Brill Rodopi’s *Philosophy of Peace* series, with Concerned Philosophers for Peace.

Editorial Board - *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence*, 2021 -

Conference Host/Organizer “Power and Crisis” - the Concerned Philosophers for Peace 35th

Annual Conference, at the University of New Mexico October 20-22, 2022

Women and Gender studies Committee, Curry College 2019 - 2021

Women and Minorities in Philosophy mentor, Curry College 2018 - 2021

Editor for Brill Rodopi’s *Philosophy of Peace* series, in conjunction with Concerned Philosophers for Peace.

The Acorn - Reviewer 2020 -

Ancient Philosophy - Reviewer 2018 -

Social Media Coordinator - Concerned Philosophers for Peace 2018 -

Founder/Host/Organizer - UNM philosophy department Grad student colloquia, 2014 - 2018.

Consultant Planetary Collective 2015 - present.

Grading standardization committee - UNM Core Writing program, UNM, 2016 - 18

Executive Committee “Life, Death, and Liberation” comparative philosophy conference UNM, 2012.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Rangjung Yeshe Institute
Concerned Philosophers for Peace
American Philosophical Association
Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy
Society for the Philosophic Study of the Contemporary Visual Arts
PlanetaryCollective

REFEREES

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Jay Garfield: FAHA Doris Silbert Professor in the Humanities, Professor of Philosophy, Logic and Buddhist Studies, Chair, Department of Philosophy, Director, Logic Program, Smith University
Director, Five College Tibetan Studies in India Program
Visiting Professor of Buddhist Philosophy, Harvard Divinity School
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