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Employment

Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2024-current | Bucknell University

Affiliate Faculty of Critical Black Studies

Affiliate Faculty of Latin American Studies

Interim Program Director, Latin American Studies, F2025

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2019-2024 | Bucknell University

Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy, Consortium for Faculty Diversity, 2016-2019 | Bucknell University

Lecturer, Philosophy, 2015-2016 | Vanderbilt University

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy | Vanderbilt University, May 2015

M.A. Philosophy | American University, May 2009

B.A. Philosophy; Spanish, Film Studies | University of Pennsylvania, May 2005

Areas of Specialization:

Social & Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Race, Latin American + Latinx Philosophy

Areas of Competence:

20th Century Continental Philosophy, Critical Theory, Pragmatism

Publications

Books

- 2017. *Political Philosophy and Political Action: Imperatives of Resistance*. Rowman & Littlefield International.

Reviews

- Hector Calleros-Rodriguez, *Polish Political Science Yearbook* 46.2 (2017) pp. 298–302
- Jonathan Pinckney, *Global Change, Peace & Security* 29.2 (2017) pp. 205-208

Edited Volumes

- *Philosophizing Contestation: Refusal, Disobedience, Resistance, Decolonization* (Bloomsbury Academic; in press)
 - Introduction: Contestation and the Unmaking of Politics
- 2024. *New Perspectives on the Ontology of Social Identities* (edited with Alejandro Arango). Routledge.
 - Introduction: Identities Unfolding in the Social World (pp. 1–8) (with Alejandro Arango)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2024. No Latinx Without Afro-Latinx: A Desideratum for Accounts of Latinidad (with Alejandro Arango). *APA Studies in Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy* 24.1 (fall 2024)
- 2024. Legitimacy, Resistance, and the Stakes of Politics. *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 50.5 (pp. 742–763). Online first, June 29, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01914537221110899>

- 2024. Antiracism and Black Self-Defense in the Face of (Juridical) Catastrophe (with P. Khalil Saucier). *Humanities* 13.2: 51. <https://doi.org/10.3390/h13020051>
- 2024. The Social Identity Affordance View: A Theory of Social Identities (with Alejandro Arango). *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 62.2 (June) (pp. 162–177). Online first: October 2, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1111/sjp.12542>
- 2023. Artistic, Artworld, and Aesthetic Disobedience (with Sheila Lintott). *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 81.2 (June 2023), pp. 173–187. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jaac/kpad007>
- 2023. Internal Colonialism and Democracy. *Philosophy Today* 67:1 (winter 2023), pp. 135–152. <https://doi.org/10.5840/philtoday202327472>
- 2022. Neither Race nor Ethnicity: Latinidad as a Social Affordance (with Alejandro Arango). *Journal of Social Philosophy*. Online first, December 16, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1111/josp.12500>
- 2014. Laclau, Populism, and Emancipation: From Latin America to the U.S. Latino/a Context. *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy* 5:1 (May 2014), pp. 42–62.

Editor-Reviewed Articles

- 2021. A Dialectical Taxonomy of Resistance. *The Harvard Review of Philosophy*, Volume XXVIII: Resistance. Fall 2021, pp. 23–52. <https://doi.org/10.5840/harvardreview202193039>

Other Articles

- 2024. Race. *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (with Michael James). Updated February 2, 2025
 - 2020. Race. *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (with Michael James). Updated May 25, 2020
- 2023. “Power In/And the University: A Roundtable Discussion on Anti-colonial Praxis in Academia” (with Sabeen Ahmed, George Fourlas, and John Harfouch). *Philosophy Today* 67:1 (winter 2023), pp. 207–202. <https://doi.org/10.5840/philtoday20236712>

Review Essays

- 2017. Resistance and the Reconfiguration of the Sensible. *The Post-Racial Limits of Memorialization*, Alfred Frankowski. *Syndicate Philosophy*. 1:2 (March/April 2017)
- 2013. Highlighting the Importance of Education and Work in Rancière. *Jacques Rancière and the Contemporary Scene: The Philosophy of Radical Equality*, Deranty and Ross (eds). *PhaenEx: journal of existential and phenomenological theory and culture*. 8:1 (Spring/Summer 2013)

Journal Special Issues

- 2019. Guest Editor. “Introduction,” *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy: Jacques Rancière and Critical Theory*, 27.2 (2019). <https://doi.org/10.5195/jffp.2019.895>

Current Revise & Resubmits

- Article on Amílcar Cabral, culture, and decolonization

Works in Progress

Articles under revision

- Article on the political philosophy of the Young Lords
- Article on partial legitimacy and political realism
- Article on Hobbes, speech, and contestation

Books in progress

- *From Latinidad to Latinidades: The Radical Plurality of a Social Identity* (with Alejandro Arango) (Under contract with Columbia University Press)

Competitive Fellowships, Awards, Grants, & Honors

- Cook Award, 2025, Bucknell University
- Bucknell Humanities Center High-Impact Research Grant, Summer 2022
- Mellon Bridge to Retirement Grant, 2020-2022, Bucknell University
- Consortium for Faculty Diversity postdoctoral fellowship, 2016-2019, Bucknell University
- George J. Graham Jr. Fellow, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, 2014-2015, Vanderbilt University
- Doctoral Fellowship, 2009-2014, Vanderbilt University
- University Graduate Fellowship (UGF) top-up award, 2009-2014, Vanderbilt University
- Graduate Fellowship, M.A. program, 2007-2009, American University
- Bou Grant, 2007-2009, American University

Invited Presentations

1. Colonialism, Neo-Colonialism, Internal Colonialism: The Case of Puerto Ricans. Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Gender Faculty Colloquium Series, Bucknell University, October 4, 2022
2. Partial Legitimacy and the Constitution of Race in the United States. Philosophy & Religion Club, American University, September 29, 2022
3. Neither Race nor Ethnicity: *Latinidad* as a Multidirectional Social Affordance (with Alejandro Arango). Gonzaga University, March 26, 2021
4. Two or Three Moments of Decolonization: Amílcar Cabral on Revolution and Culture. Bucknell University, January 22, 2019
5. The Unmaking of Politics. Bucknell University, January 30, 2018
6. Toward Some Normative Implications of Political Resistance. Humanities Symposium, Bucknell University, April 11, 2017
7. Conceptualizing Resistance: The Spaces and Places of Politics. Wellesley College Philosophy Department, May 10, 2016
8. Between Equality and Resistance: An Outline of Fractured Social Holism. Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University, April 10, 2015

Invited Conference Presentations

1. The Anti-Colonial Political Philosophy of the Young Lords. Workshop on Anti-Colonial Philosophy and its History, Union College, 2024
2. Afro-Latinidad, Affordances, and Anticolonialism (with Alejandro Arango). Meeting of the APA Committee for Hispanic/Latinx Issues in Philosophy at the Eastern APA, Montreal, 2023
3. Representation: For Who? For What? Meeting of North American Society for Social Philosophy at the Pacific APA, Vancouver, 2022
4. The Sovereignty of Language and the Threat of Revolution in *Leviathan*. Meeting of The Radical Philosophy Association at the Central APA, Chicago, 2014

Refereed Conference Presentations

1. The Political Ontology of The Young Lords Party. 9th Latinx Philosophy Conference, State College (PA), 2025.
2. Puerto Ricans and Latinidad: Race and Politics of The Young Lords Party. 7th Latinx Philosophy Conference, Philadelphia, 2023.
3. Afro-Latinidad, Affordances, and Anticolonialism (with Alejandro Arango). Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Conference, Denver, 2023.
4. Social Identities as Social Affordances (with Alejandro Arango). Social Ontology Conference, Vienna/virtual, 2022
5. Internal Colonialism and Violent Resistance, 39th International Social Philosophy Conference, Aston (PA), 2022
6. Afro-Latinidad in an Anticolonial Key as Crucial for an Account of Latinidad in The U.S. (with Alejandro Arango). Latinx Philosophy Conference, virtual, 2022
7. Social Identities as Social Affordances (with Alejandro Arango). Critical Social Ontology Workshop, virtual, 2022
8. Neither Race nor Ethnicity: *Latinidad* as a Social Affordance (with Alejandro Arango). Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland, (OR) 2021
9. Self-Defense in the Face of Catastrophe: Dialogues in Non-Non-Violence (with P. Khalil Saucier). 14th Biennial Conference of the Radical Philosophy Association, virtual, 2021 [rescheduled from San Jose, 2020, postponed due to COVID19]
10. Neither Race nor Ethnicity: *Latinidad* as a Social Affordance (with Alejandro Arango). Social Ontology Conference, virtual, 2021
11. Just Revolutionary Violence in Legitimate States. MANCEPT Workshop, Manchester Centre for Political Theory, Manchester (UK), 2019
12. Legitimacy as Inferential Endorsement: Accounting for Power. Association for Social and Political Philosophy Conference, Newcastle (UK), 2019
13. Legitimacy as Inferential Endorsement: Accounting for Power. 36th International Social Philosophy Conference, San Francisco, 2019
14. Partial Legitimacy and the Modes of Just Resistance. MANCEPT Workshop, Manchester Centre for Political Theory, Manchester (UK), 2018
15. Parsing Ideology Critique. 35th International Social Philosophy Conference, Rochester (MI), 2018
16. Legitimacy & Revolt: A Realist Alternative. 34th International Social Philosophy Conference, Chicago, 2017
17. Legitimacy & Revolt: A Realist Alternative. Association for Social and Political Philosophy Conference, Sheffield (UK), 2017
18. Culture, Violence, and Two Moments of Decolonization. Caribbean Philosophical Association Conference, New York, 2017
19. The Deceptions of Silent Authority: Tutor, Legislator, and the Function of Lies. 20th Biennial Colloquium of the Rousseau Association, Gainesville (FL), 2017
20. Clarifying Realism: The Role of Resistance in Legitimacy." 33rd International Social Philosophy Conference, Ottawa, 2016

21. Rousseau Was Right: Democracy, Resistance, & the General Will. Association for Social and Political Philosophy Conference, London, 2016
22. Realism, Resistance, and Democracy. Association for Social and Political Philosophy Conference, Amsterdam, 2015
23. First and Second-Order Public Problems in the Philosophy of John Dewey. Advancing Public Philosophy Conference, San Francisco, 2015
24. Fractured Social Holism: A Pragmatist Political Philosophy of Emancipation. Emancipation: Challenges at the Intersection of American and European Philosophy, New York City, 2015
25. Jacques Rancière and the Place of the Political. 5th Annual meeting of the Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition, San Francisco, 2013
26. Ernesto Laclau and the Possibilities of Populism. XXXI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, D.C., 2013
27. The Normative and the Natural in Rousseau's Second *Discourse*. 29th International Social Philosophy Conference, Boston, 2012
28. A Plateau Beyond Memory: Toward a Deleuzian Understanding of Love. 2nd Annual meeting of the Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition, San Francisco, 2010
29. Encountering a Philosophical Friend: Derrida Does Da-Sein. 5th Annual meeting of the Continental and Comparative Philosophy Circle, Honolulu, 2010
30. On Derrida and Huayan: Evocations of a Ghostly Ethics. 4th Annual meeting of the Continental and Comparative Philosophy Circle, Asilomar (CA), 2009

Commentaries

1. Colin Hickey, The Normative Landscape of Climate Disobedience. APA Eastern Division Meeting, Montreal, 2023
2. Chong-Min Lim, Vandalizing Tainted Commemorations. APA Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, 2022
3. Lidal Dror, Social Location as Justification: Examining the Socially Marginalized's Claim to Epistemic Advantage. APA Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, 2020

Workshops Organized

1. Imperialism and Colonization (with Lidal Dror). MANCEPT Workshop, Manchester Centre for Political Theory, Manchester (UK), 2022
 - a. Colonialism, Neo-Colonialism, Internal Colonialism: The Case of Puerto Ricans
2. New Perspectives on the Ontology of Social Identities (with Alejandro Arango). Bucknell University (PA), 2022
 - a. Social Identities as Social Affordances (with Alejandro Arango)

Courses Taught

Instructor of Record, Bucknell University

- Free Expression/Harm on Campus (half credit class)
- Speech, Harm, University (first-year seminar)
- Utopia: Imagine the Impossible (first-year seminar)

- Self, Identity, Authenticity (Introduction to Philosophy)
- Philosophy and Race
- Social & Political Philosophy
- Philosophy of Revolution
- Critical Theory
- Latin American, Latinx, and Caribbean Philosophy
- Resistance, Revolt, Revolution (senior seminar)

Mentoring Experience

Honors Thesis

- Jackson Ingram, co-director with Vanessa Massaro (GEOG) (2020-2021)
 - "Immigration Enforcement and Electronic Monitoring: Reification within a Racialized State Apparatus"
- Sophia Hartman, second reader; Jeffrey Turner, director (2019-2020)
 - "Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* and *Politics*: Understanding Women's Authority and Status in the Polis"
- Ruby Gould, director (2018-2019)
 - "Movement in Context: A Critical Evaluation of Refugee Rights and Identity"
- Max Fathauer, second reader; James Shields, director (2017-2018)
 - "Reconceptualizing the Connection between Otherness and Authenticity: A Philosophical Analysis of Otherness in Nietzsche's *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*"

Senior Thesis

- Paige Braun, director (S20)
 - "Individualism within Political Structure"
- Kyle Steinke, director (F17)
 - "Truth and Method in Plato's *Sophist* and *Statesman*"

Independent Study

- Anna Hedengren (S23)
 - Latin American Philosophy
- Michael Drabich (S20)
 - Liberal Arts Education in a Time of Crisis

Program for Undergraduate Research (PUR)

- Max Fathauer (Summer 2017)
 - Authentic Living and the Other – On Heidegger and Sartre
 - Presented at the 2017 Susquehanna Valley Undergraduate Research Symposium (SVURS)

Presidential Fellow

- Sophia Cooskey (F21-S25)
 - The Young Lords Revisited: Race, Ethnicity, and Puerto Rican Activism in the U.S.

Departmental Service

- Philosophy Department tenure track search committee (2022-2023)
- Philosophy Department tenure track search committee (2019-2020)

- Philosophy Department Sellars Lecture reading group (with Gary Steiner)
 - 19-20: Jason Stanley, *How Fascism Works*
 - 17-18: José Medina, *The Epistemology of Resistance*
 - 16-17: Charles Mills, *The Racial Contract*
- Philosophy Department Graduate School Advisor (F19–present)
- Math Department tenure track search committee, external member (2020–2021)
- History Department tenure track search committee, external member (2021–2022)
- Film/Media Studies Program tenure track search committee, external member (2022–2023)
- Latin American Studies Program tenure track search committee (2022–2023)

University Service

- Faculty Development Committee (F25–present)
- Faculty Council (F22–S24)
- Humanities Council (F20–F21, F22–S23)
 - Humanities Council Steering Committee (F20–F21)
- MLK Week Planning Committee (S20–F21, F23–present)
- Latin American Studies Program Steering Committee (F20–present)
- Honors Council (F19–F21)
- Faculty Mentor, Bucknell Men’s Tennis Team (F18–present)
- Humanities Hot Topics lunch discussions, with Erica Delsandro (F18–S21)

Professional Service

- NASSP Graduate Student Paper Award committee (2023)

Additional Research Experience

Research Assistant, Dr. Amy Oliver | American University, 2008-2009

- Translation of Uruguayan philosopher Carlos Vaz Ferreira’s *Sobre Feminismo*, from the original Spanish into English

Reviewer

- *Philosophy Compass*, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, *Northern European Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy*, *Philosophia*, *Cultural Dynamics*, *Palgrave Macmillan*, *Radical Philosophy Review*, *Res Philosophica*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Du Bois Review*

Professional Development

- Consortium for Faculty Diversity Conference | Colorado College, 2016
- Workshop on the Teaching of Writing | Bucknell Teaching & Learning Center, 2016
- Andrew W. Mellon Certificate in Humanities Education | Vanderbilt Center for Teaching, 2015
- Middlebury Summer Language School, French | Middlebury College; 2009, 2010

Memberships

- American Philosophical Association (APA)
- North American Society for Social Philosophy (NASSP)
- Association for Social and Political Philosophy (ASPP)
- American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy (ASPLP)

- Society for Phenomenology and Existentialist Philosophy (SPEP)
- Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP)
- Radical Philosophy Association (RPA)
- Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA)

Languages

- Spanish (academic reading knowledge; conversational spoken knowledge)
- French (academic reading knowledge; conversational spoken knowledge)

References

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