

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Philosophy, UNCA, 2003-present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, UNCA, 1997 - 2003
Lecturer in Philosophy, California State University at Fresno, 1996-97
Lecturer in Philosophy, Gustavus Adolphus College, spring 1996

EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy, University of Minnesota, June 1996
Dissertation: "Returning to the Body: A Philosophical Reconceptualization of Violence"
Co-advisors: Naomi Scheman and Douglas Lewis
MA, Philosophy, San José State University, June 1990
Thesis: "Alienation in the Philosophical and Literary Works of Miguel de Unamuno"
Preparation for thesis at Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 1986-87
BA, Spanish, San José State University, June 1982

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Applied Ethics, Social/Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Violence, Philosophy of Trauma

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Queer Theory, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Existentialism, Logic

PUBLICATIONS

"What's an Adoptive Mother to Do? When Your Child's Desires are a Problem." *Coming to Life*, Fordham University Press, 2012.

"What's My Line?: Gender, Performativity, and Bisexual Identity." *Radical Philosophy Review*, Volume 3, 2006.

"Entertainment Media, Violence, and the Status Quo: Telling the Stories of our Times." *Peacemaking and Public Policy*, ed. Dr. Nancy Potter. Rodopi Press, New York, 2004.

“Feminist Jurisprudence.” Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy, ed. Dr. Ken Himmla. <http://www.utm.edu/research/iep/>, originally posted 2004.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW/IN PREPARATION

Book projects (working titles):

Mothering Trauma: Philosophical Reflections on Loving Wounded Children. One chapter fully drafted, three others partially drafted; book proposal in process.

Whole Lives: Storied Reflections on Collaboration, Life and Work. Under review; co-authored with Alice Weldon, Leah Mathews, Amy Lanou, and Karin Peterson.

Papers

“The Traumatized Hero: Representations of Magical Recovery”

“Slippery Agency: Sex, Fluidity and Paradigms of Control”

“Dangerous Performances: The Fluidity of Desperate Subjectivity”

“On Being the Object of Wrong Desire”

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (since 2006)

“An Alternative Knowing: Knowledge and Knowledge-Production through Trauma”. Presented at Radical Philosophy Association conference, October 11-14, 2012, Canisius College. Peer review.

“The Traumatized Hero: Representations of Magical Recovery.” Presented at Society for Philosophy and Religion conference, May 27-28, 2010, Vaasa, Finland. Peer Review.

“Moral Fragments: Inside the Chaos of Child Sexual Abuse.” Presented at Feminist Ethics and Social Theory Association conference, Sept. 24-27, 2009, Clearwater Beach, FL. Blind review.

“Tortured Genius and Crochet; or, What About *My* Angst?” at Radical Philosophy Association conference, November 2008, San Francisco. Peer review.

“Penetration, Sharing and Mixing it Up: Buffy’s Relationship to the Status Quo.” Presented at academic conference on Buffy the Vampire Slayer, UNC Greensboro, March 2007. Peer review.

“Why Is Harry Potter a Hero?: A Workshop on Resisting the Hegemonic Imaginary” at Radical Philosophy Association Conference, Nov. 2- 5, 2006, Creighton University, Omaha, NB. Peer review.

“Slippery Agency: Sex, Fluidity and Paradigms of Control” at Feminist Ethics and Social Theory Association conference, Jan. 5-7 2006, Clearwater Beach, FL. Blind review.

“Ethics Under Empire: Media Ethics as a Case Study”, at Radical Philosophy Association, Howard University, November 2004. Peer review.

“Violent Desires: Capitalism and the Alienation of Reason” at Seventh International Interdisciplinary Conference of International Philosophers for Peace, May 2004, Radford University. Blind review.

“Restructuring Morality: Moderation and Desire Under Capitalism.” World Congress in Philosophy, Istanbul, August, 2003. Blind review.

“I Want my MTV: Constructions of Moral Agency and Desire in Capitalist Culture.” Radical Philosophy Association Conference, Brown University, November 7-10, 2002. Peer Review.

*“Writing the Female Body in Contemporary Ecuadoran Women’s Narrative.” Southeast Women’s Studies Association Conference, Florida Atlantic University, March 16-18, 2001. Co-authored with Dr. Alice Weldon. Peer review.

“Principles or Predictability? Models of Reasoning in Law and Medical Ethics.” Community and Professional Ethics Conference, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, February 9-11, 2001. Blind review.

“What’s My Line?: Gender, Performativity, and Bisexual Identity.” Radical Philosophy Association Conference, Loyola Chicago, November 2-5, 2000. Peer review.

“What’s My Line?: Gender, Performativity, and Bisexual Identity.” UNCA Annual Gay and Lesbian Studies Conference, February, 2000. Peer review.

OTHER RECENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Executive Editorial Committee Member for *Radical Philosophy Review*, June 2010-present.

Reviewer for *Radical Philosophy Review*, summer 2009-present.

Program Committee Member, Radical Philosophy Association conference 2006.

Advisory Board Member, Radical Philosophy Association, 2002 –present.

Reviewer for the *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*, fall 2001

Reviewer for *Peacemaking and Public Policy* (individual volume), fall 1999

Sabbatical Project Mentor for Dr. Lori Girshick (Warren Wilson College), 2000-01

Outside Reviewer for Dr. John Casey, Reappointment Review, Warren Wilson College, fall/winter 2000-01

HONORS, GRANTS, AWARDS

Mills Foundation Grant, January 2003

University Research Council Grant (with Dr. Alice Weldon), January 1999.
University of North Carolina at Asheville. (Grant amount: \$1500)
Philosophy Department Fellowship, Winter Quarter 1995, University of
Minnesota
Rockefeller Administrative Fellowship, 1993-94, Center for Advanced Feminist
Studies, University of Minnesota
Philosophy Department Fellowship, 1990-91, University of Minnesota
Alumni Association Merit Award Scholarship, Spring 1989, San José State
University
Merrill Hintikka Essay Award, Fall 1988, Society for Women in Philosophy,
Pacific Division

RECENT SERVICE:

To the institution:

- Director, Master of Liberal Arts, 2005-2007.
 - Chair or reader on thesis committees: 5 from 2004-2008.
- Director, Legal Studies Minor, 2003-present.
- Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Core Faculty.
- Integrative Liberal Studies Program: Diversity Intensives Subcommittee, 2004-2007.
- Co-chair, GLBTQ Studies Conferences, 2003-2005.
- Organizer, Southern Appalachian Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, 1998-2004.
- Advisor, Undergraduate Research: 10 students 2004-2008.

To the broader community:

- Ethics Committee, Mission-St. Joseph's Hospitals, 2005-2007; Steering Committee 2006-2007.
- Speaker, on Issues in Ethics and Morality for the HFTP (Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals) Blue Ridge Conference, Asheville, Feb 2-3 2007.

COURSES TAUGHT

Sexual Ethics
Issues in War and Peace
Sex and Violence
Ancient Philosophy
Philosophy of Race and Ethnicity
Rationality and Desire
Philosophy and Popular Culture
Senior Seminar
Philosophy of Law
Social and Political Philosophy
Contemporary Philosophy
Racism and Sexism

Feminist Theory
Feminist Philosophy
Philosophy of Sex and Gender
Philosophy and Sexuality
Medical Ethics
Media Ethics
Humanities: The Ancient World
Contemporary Conflicts of Morals
Ethics in Criminal Justice
Introduction to Ethics
Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Logic
Introduction to Women's Studies
Critical Thinking

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The American Philosophical Association
The Radical Philosophy Association
Concerned Philosophers for Peace
Feminist Ethics and Social Theory
North Carolina Philosophical Society