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EDUCATION

Northwestern University	Ph.D candidate Philosophy, Certificate Gender & Sexuality Studies
Indiana University, Bloomington	M.A. (2012) Philosophy
Oberlin College	B.A Philosophy, High Honors (2011), B.A. Third-World Studies
Additional Education	Visiting Student, Women in the History of Philosophy, University of Jyväskylä, Finland, August 2016 Visiting Student, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile, January-August 2010

DISSERTATION

TITLE: *Racism, Resilience, and How Resistance Feels*

COMMITTEE: José Medina (Chair), Charles Mills, Jennifer Nash, Rachel Zuckert

SUMMARY: My dissertation brings insights from decolonial feminisms to bear on questions in social epistemology. Specifically, the project explores ways of resisting racialized and gendered ignorance by cultivating emotional capacities through art and storytelling. According to my view, emotional numbness is one mechanism by which harmful ignorance thrives, and so targeting how we *fail to feel* towards others is central to social healing.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization	Social Epistemology (Epistemologies of Ignorance), Critical Race Theory, Decolonial (and especially Latinx) Feminisms
Areas of Competence	Affect Theory, Philosophy of Art, Feminist Theory, Kant
Languages	English, Spanish (advanced), Sanskrit (beginner)

PUBLICATIONS

“Knowing How to Feel: Racism, Resilience, and Affective Resistance,” *Hypatia*, forthcoming 2021.

“Curdled Contracts: Lugones, Mills, and Emotional Numbness,” *Truth to Power: The Philosophy of Charles Mills*, forthcoming (under review).

“Impartiality and Patriotism,” co-authored with Marcia Baron, *Patriotism Handbook*, “Major Reference Works Series,” *Springer*, February 2018

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Affective Ignorance: Racial Purity and Emotional Numbness”

“NOA”: a music film funded by Northwestern’s Center for Interdisciplinary Research in the Arts

“*Hadestown*: Emotional Resistance through Grief”

PRESENTATIONS

“Emotional Numbness and World-Traveling: a paper and performance,” Midlands Music Research

Network, April 2021.

“Purity, Fragmentation, and Numbness: a paper and performance on the legacy of María Lugones,” American Philosophical Association Central Division, Feb. 2021

“Affective Resistance,” Columbia Grad Conference, March 2020 (rescheduled due to COVID)

“Emotional Numbness and the Case of False Confessions,” UIC Grad Conference, March 2020 (rescheduled due to COVID)

“Philosophy and Activism,” American Philosophical Association Central Division, Chicago, Feb. 2020

“Emotional Numbness and the Case of False Confessions,” UCLA Grad Conference, Feb. 2020

“Racism, Resilience, and Affective Resistance,” Feminist Pragmatism, Rochester, NY, Nov. 2019

“Affectively Ignorant,” Political Epistemologies, Villanova University, Philadelphia, PA, March 2019

“Affectively Ignorant,” Resistant Imaginations, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, Feb. 2019

“Intersectionality & Lawless Violence,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, NYC, Jan. 2019

“Intersectionality & Lawless Violence,” University of South Florida PGSO conference, April 2018 (accepted, but unable to attend)

“Resisting Epistemic Resilience,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Chicago, IL, Feb. 2018

“Rawls, Basic Liberties, and Epistemic Injustice,” Western Michigan Graduate Conference, Dec. 2017 (accepted but unable to attend)

“Resisting Epistemic Resilience,” Brown Graduate Conference, Providence, RI, November 2017

“Epistemic Injustice,” Invited Speaker, Northwestern University Women in Philosophy, Nov. 2017

“Democracy, Epistemic Diversity, & Kant’s Regulative Ideas,” Loyola Grad Conference, Chicago, IL, Oct. 2017

“Resisting Epistemic Resilience,” Inclusiveness Philosophy, Purdue Univ. Lafayette, IN, March 2017

“Epistemic Injustice,” Invited Speaker, Northwestern at Shepard Residential College, Chicago, IL March 2017

“Resisting Resilience,” UEHIRO Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Hawaii at Manoa, March 2014 (accepted but unable to attend)

“The Moral Order of Commitment,” North American Kant Society, Evanston IL, October 2015

“The Moral Order of Commitment,” Indiana Philosophical Association, Indianapolis, IN, March 2014

“The Ethical Significance of Abstract Art,” UEHIRO Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Hawaii at Manoa, March 2014

“The Ethical Significance of Abstract Art,” Chilean Society of Philosophy, March 2014 (accepted but unable to attend)

AWARDS

Buffet Global Impacts Fellowship, Northwestern University, Fall 2020

The Sexualities Project Travel Grant, Northwestern University, February 2020

Duke Feminist Theory Workshop Award, Northwestern University, October 2019
Center for Interdisciplinary Research and the Arts Grant, Northwestern University, June 2018
Purdue Women in Philosophy Travel Award, Purdue University, March 2017
The Graduate School Conference Travel Award, Northwestern University, August 2016
Erasmus Gender & Philosophy Summer School Award, University of Jvaskyla, August 2016
UEHIRO Graduate Philosophy Travel Award, University of Hawaii Manoa, January 2014
College of Arts and Humanities Graduate Student Conference Travel Award, Indiana University, January 2014
Indiana University Graduate Fellowship, Indiana University, September 2012- May 2013
Nelson Summer Research Fellowship, Indiana University, Summer 2013
Creativity and Leadership Fund Grant, "Empowerment through Jump Rope," Fall 2010, Oberlin, OH
USA Today's All College Academic Third Team for outstanding undergraduates, USA TODAY, 2010
Charles Sister Memorial Endowed Scholarship for academic achievement, Oberlin College, 2007- 2011

TEACHING AND PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecturer, Simone De Beauvoir's *The Ethics of Ambiguity* (30 students), Rachel Zuckert, Northwestern University, Fall 2020
Instructor, The Nature of Value (self-designed course, 30 students), Northwestern School of Prof. Studies, July 2020
Instructor, Epistemic Injustice Reading Group (self-designed course, 20 students), Statesville Correctional Center, Winter 2019
Teaching Assistant, Philosophy of Race (30 students), José Medina, Northwestern University, Winter 2019
Invited Scholar, Rethinking Pedagogy Workshop and Practicum, UNAM, Mexico, November 2018
Teaching Assistant, Bioethics (50 students), Mark Sheldon, Northwestern University, Fall 2018
Invited Scholar, Rethinking Pedagogy Workshop and Practicum, Fordham University, NY, April 2018
Invited Presenter, 'Equalizing Power Dynamics,' TA Workshop, Northwestern University, Spring 2018
Teaching Assistant, Early Modern Philosophy (40 students), Northwestern University, Spring 2017
Teaching Assistant, Social Epistemology (20 students), Northwestern University, Fall 2017
Teaching Assistant, Foucault (40 students), Northwestern University, Spring 2017
Teaching Assistant, The First Critique (30 students), Northwestern University, Fall 2016
Associate Instructor, Thinking & Reasoning (50 students), Indiana University, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

FIELD-RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

Philosophy Tutor, Stateville Maximum Security Correctional Center, Joliet, IL, Winter 2017-present
Participant, Midwest Theory Race Workshop, Chicago, IL, Winter 2019-present
Reviewer, *Ergo* Journal of Philosophy, January 2021

Invited Expert, 'Most Patriotic States,' Wallethub, June 2020

(<https://wallethub.com/edu/most-patriotic-states/13680/#expert=taylor-rogers>)

Invited Commentator, Annual Colloquia, Oberlin College, May 2020 (rescheduled due to COVID)

Research Assistant, Mellon Grant, Dr. Penelope Deutscher, Northwestern Univ., May 2018- present

As part of Northwestern's 'Critical Theory in the Global South' Mellon initiative, I've developed a 'critical epistemology' lexicon for a wide number of scholars to draw from, attended workshops at Rutgers, National Autonomous University of Mexico, and Northwestern on decolonial praxis, conducted interviews, and collaborated with visiting scholars on developing decolonizing syllabi and events, drawing especially from the Latin American context.

Commentator, German Philosophy Workshop, DePaul University, March 2019

Commentator, Aesthetic Reasoning, American Philosophical Ass. Central Division, Denver, Feb 2019

Research Assistant, *Theories of the Flesh*, Dr. José Medina, Northwestern University, Winter 2018

I compiled and edited the bibliography for a forthcoming co-edited volume on Latina Feminism.

Organizer, Decolonial Aesthetics Workshop, Northwestern University, Fall 2018

Climate Committee Member, Northwestern University Philosophy Department, Fall 2016-Spring 2017

I responded to concerns related to climate in the department, providing an interface between students, faculty, and other relevant institutional programs. I also organized the Annual Inclusiveness lecture as part of this position.

Organizer, Annual Inclusiveness Lecture, Northwestern University, Fall 2016

Chair, Queer Temporality & Aesthetics Critical Theory Workshop, Northwestern University, May 2016

Chair, Epistemic Norms, American Philosophical Ass. Central Division, Chicago, IL, March 2016

Organizer, Northwestern Society of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP) conference, Chicago, IL May 2015

Chair, Moral Philosophy, Indiana Philosophical Association, Indianapolis, IN, November 2013

Chair, Indiana University Philosophy Department, Bloomington, IN, Fall 2013

Administrative Assistant, Indiana University Philosophy Department, August 2012-May 2013

Intern and Researcher, Parr Center for Ethics, UNC-CH Philosophy Department, Summer 2009

NON-FIELD RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

Invited Contributor "Education in Prison: Remote Learning During COVID-19 Has Failed Students," *Teen Vogue*, March 2021, <https://www.teenvogue.com/story/education-prison-coronavirus>

Director of Student Wellness, NU Prison Education Program, Northwestern University, Feb 2020-present

I develop resources for incarcerated students at Stateville to navigate their wellness during COVID, as well as provide academic support for remote learning. I also sit on the admissions committees for our program at the women's prison, help develop our re-entry program, as well as organize regular community hours.

Graduate Assistant, Residential Services, Northwestern University, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

I worked as the Graduate Assistant to a Faculty in Residence, doing administrative work, overseeing financial expenditures, and organizing regular events for undergraduate students, including events that center on art and resistance.

Assistant Chair of Shepard Residential College, Northwestern University, Fall 2015-Spring 2018

I worked as Assistant Chair to a Northwestern Residential College, doing administrative work, overseeing financial expenditures, and organizing regular events aimed towards fostering community at Shepard Residential College.

Coach, CircEsteem, Spring 2014-Summer 2019

I founded and coached the jump rope program at Circesteem, a social youth circus in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood that aims to unite diverse youth and reduce gang violence through circus arts.

Facilitator of young girls writing circle, Women Writing for (a) Change, Bloomington, IN, Fall 2013

Lawyers Assistant, Ann Petersen Attorney at Law, Chapel Hill, NC, Summer 2012

Summarized transcripts for a defense lawyer working to get convicts off death-row

Substitute Teacher, Oberlin City Schools, Oberlin, OH, Fall 2012-Summer 2013

Founder and Coach, OBJUMP, Oberlin, OH, Fall 2009-Fall 2013

Founded and coached Oberlin's nationally competitive youth jump rope team, OBJUMP

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Gender & Sexuality Studies Colloquia, Jennifer Nash, Fall 2018-Winter 2019, Northwestern University

Critical Race Theory, José Medina, Spring 2019, Northwestern University

Intersectionality and it's Discontents, Jennifer Nash, Spring 2017, Northwestern University

Hannah Arendt, Mary Dietz, Spring 2017, Northwestern University

Foucault and Biopower, Penelope Deutscher, Spring 2017, Northwestern University

Global Capitalism and Law, Christina LaFont, Winter 2017, Northwestern University

Queer Theory, Ryan Dohoney, Winter 2017, Northwestern University

Social Epistemology, Jennifer Lackey, Fall 2016, Northwestern University

Eighteenth Century Philosophy of History, Rachel Zuckert, Fall 2016, Northwestern University

Nietzsche, Mills, Toqueville, Mary Dietz, Spring 2016, Northwestern University

Biopower and Gender, Penelope Deutscher, Spring 2016, Northwestern University

Rawls and Nozick, Charles Mills, Spring 2016, Northwestern University

Marx, Charles Mills, Winter 2016, Northwestern University

Spinoza's Ethics *Books I & II*, Kenneth Seeskin, Winter 2016, Northwestern University

Advanced Feminist Theory, Mary Dietz, Winter 2016, Northwestern University

Kant's *Third Critique*, Rachel Zuckert, Fall 2015, Northwestern University

Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, Richard Kraut, Fall 2015, Northwestern University

Kant's Ethics, Kyla Ebels-Duggan, Fall 2015, Northwestern University

Theory of Desire, Kyla Ebbels, Duggan, Spring 2015, Northwestern University

External World Skepticism, Adam Leite, Spring 2014, Indiana University

Contemporary Ethical Theory, Marcia Baron, Spring 2014, Indiana University

Sanskrit I & II Fall 2013-Spring 2014, Indiana University

The First Critique, Allen Wood, Fall 2013, Indiana University

Shopenhauer and Neitzche, Sandra Shapshay, Fall 2013, Indiana University

Philosophy of Art, Sandra Shapshay, Spring 2013, Indiana University

Kant's Ethics, Allen Wood, Spring 2013, Indiana University

Feminist Philosophy, Kate Abramson, Spring 2014, Indiana University
Metalogic, Joan Weiner, Fall 2012, Indiana University
Fichte's Ethics, Allen Wood, Fall 2012, Indiana University
Buddhism and Hinduism, Richard Nance, Fall 2012, Indiana University

REFERENCES

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