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Employment

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Princeton University, 2023-Present
Associate Research Scholar, Princeton University, 2021-2023

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Harvard University, 2021
University of Warwick (UK), BA (Hons) Politics, Philosophy and Economics,
First Class Honours, 2015

Areas of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy; Philosophy of Race; Epistemology

Areas of Competence

Feminism; Ethics; Africana Philosophy; 19th and 20th Century Continental Philosophy

Publications

Journal Articles:

“The Rage We Should Have: Comments on Myisha Cherry’s *The Case for Rage*” (2023). *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 61 (2): 362-372

“Is There an Epistemic Advantage to Being Oppressed?” (2023). *Noûs* 57: 618-640. (First published online, 2022).

Handbook Entries:

“False Consciousness”, *Blackwell’s Companion to Epistemology*, 3rd ed. (forthcoming)

“Insider/Outsider (Outsider-Within)”, *Blackwell’s Companion to Epistemology*, 3rd ed. (forthcoming)

Presentations and Comments

“Rethinking Imperialism”

- Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophy Association, January 2024

“The Epistemology of Racism”

- Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophy Association, January 2024

“Ignorance and Indifference of the Deaths of (Select) Others”

- NYU, Project on the Philosophy of Race and Racism, April 2024
- Georgetown University Philosophy Department, March 2024
- University of Pennsylvania Philosophy Department, February 2024
- Princeton University, SCPT Talk, December 2023
- Philosophy Desert Workshop, March 2023
- Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, March 2023
- Dartmouth College, A Workshop on Marx and Critical Theory, May 2022

“Lived Experience, Theoretical Knowledge, and the Role of Allies in Social Movements”

- University of British Columbia, Standpoint Theory Workshop, November 2023
- McMaster University Philosophy Department, November 2023
- Princeton University, Human Values Forum Talk, October 2023
- Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, April 2022
- University of Pennsylvania, visit to graduate seminar (taught by Daniel Singer), April 2022

“Race, Crime and False Consciousness: Ideology and the Need for Emancipatory Theory”

- Princeton University, Princeton Workshop in Normative Philosophy, December 2021
- Stanford University Philosophy Department, invited talk, January 2021
- Brown University Philosophy Department, invited talk, February 2021
- Johns Hopkins Philosophy Department, invited talk, February 2021
- UC Berkeley Philosophy Department, invited talk, February 2021
- York University (CA) Philosophy Department, invited talk, February 2021
- Dartmouth College Philosophy Department, invited talk, February 2021
- Epistemology and Power Below, LSE/Harvard, December 2020

“Is There a Right to Punish? On Tommie Shelby’s *Dark Ghettoes: Injustice, Dissent and Reform*”

- Social/Political Philosophy Guest Lecture, Bucknell University, October 2020

“Social Location as Justification: Examining the Socially Marginalized’s Claim to Epistemic Advantage”

- Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophy Association, January 2020
- Bay Area Feminism and Philosophy Workshop (BAYFAP), University of San Francisco, May 2019
- New Orleans Graduate Philosophy Conference, Tulane, April 2019

- Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, CU Boulder, March 2019

Comments

Daniel Fryer, “What’s the Point of Reparation?”, Princeton University LSR Research Seminar, September 2023

Serena Olsaretti, “Reproductive Work and Productive Fairness”, Dartmouth College Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop, April 2023

Briana Toole, “Manufacturing Opposition”, Princeton University LSR Research Seminar, February 2023

Ian Peebles, “A Modified Volitional Account of Racism and Its Use in Healthcare”, Princeton University DeCamp Seminar, November 2022

Youjin Kong, ““Non-Idealizing Abstraction” as Ideology: Non-Ideal Theory and the Power Dynamics of Oppression”, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophy Association, January 2018

Teaching Experience

Princeton University

Classes:

Topics in Contemporary Analytic Marxism, graduate seminar, Spring 2024

Marxism and Race, undergraduate class, Spring 2024

Race, Racism, and Racial Justice, undergraduate class, Fall 2022

Epistemology of Oppression (co-taught with Susan J Brison), graduate seminar, Spring 2022

Graduate Students:

Waner Zhang (adviser), PhD expected 2026

Undergraduate Thesis Advising:

Emily Ma (2023-2024)

Howard Wang (2023-2024)

Anna Goodman (2022-2023)

Jamie Goodwin (2021-2022)

Harvard University

Research Assistant for Philosophy Initiative on Teaching (Harvard, Summer 2020)

Head Teaching Fellow for GENED 1146 “Race and Justice” (Harvard, Fall 2019)

Guest Lecture on *Racial Profiling and Inferior Political Status*, for GENED 1146 “Race and Justice” (Fall 2019)

Teaching Fellow for PHIL 24 “Ethics of Climate Change” (Harvard, Spring 2019)
Guest Lecture on *Condemnation of Blackness*, for FRSEMR 62N “Why Does Injustice Persist?” (Spring 2019)
Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies (Harvard, Fall 2018-Spring 2019)
Course Head for PHIL 99 “Senior Thesis Workshop” (Harvard, Fall 2018-Spring 2019)
Teaching Fellow for PHIL 17 “Feminist Political Philosophy” (Harvard, Spring 2018)
Teaching Fellow for PHIL 34, “Existentialism in Literature and Film” (Harvard, Fall 2017)

Fellowship, Honors, and Awards

Bersoff Fellowship, NYU (offer declined) (2021)
Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Merit Fellowship (Spring 2020)
Certificate of Distinction and Excellence in Teaching (Fall 2019)
(Second time awarded)
Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference MAP prize (March 2019)
(Best paper award)
Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Harvard Department of Philosophy (Fall 2018)
Certificate of Distinction and Excellence in Teaching (Fall 2017)
Warwick URSS (Undergraduate Research Support Scheme) Award Recipient (2014)

Service to the Profession

Workshop Organizer: Political Epistemology and Oppression, 2024-2026
Conference Organizer: Black Political Thought, Princeton University, March 2023
Workshop Organizer: Imperialism and Colonisation, MANCEPT, University of Manchester, September 2022 (with Adam Burgos)
Faculty Mentor: Compass Workshop, 2021
Journal Referee: *Episteme*, *Ergo*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ethics*, *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*, *Hypatia*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Notis* (2), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*

Department Activities and Service

Princeton University

Reading Groups:
Philosophy of Race, Co-Organizer, 2021

Harvard University

Syllabus and Curriculum Diversity Committee Member, 2020-2021
Philosophy Department Graduate Student Representative, 2020-2021
Coordinator, Harvard Philosophy Talk-Shop Series, 2018-19
Organizer of Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference, 2017
Reviewer, Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference, 2016, 2018, 2019 & 2020

Minorities and Philosophy Committee Member, 2015-present

Reading Groups:

Revolutionary and Critical Social Thought, Organizer, 2020

Feminism (MIT), Participant, 2019

Moral Ignorance, Participant, 2018-2019

Epistemic Responsibility, Organizer, 2017-2018

References

Tommie Shelby (*dissertation committee chair*)

Caldwell Titcomb Professor of African & African American Studies and Professor of Philosophy, Harvard University

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Gina Schouten (*teaching*)

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Harvard University

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