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Curriculum Vitae

- Engaging and resourceful associate professor with 15 years of experience teaching in the areas of philosophy and women's, gender, and sexuality studies, and advising and mentoring diverse groups of students.
- Collaborative higher-education administrator respected for guiding faculty and staff around a strategic vision; finding new avenues to enhance program visibility, funding, and offerings; and working within and across departments to better serve students and the institutional mission.
- Activist with a passion for supporting and advancing racial equality, women's rights, and LGBTQ issues through advocacy, education, and scholarship. Proficient in French; reading ability in German.

Areas of Specialization

African-American Philosophy • Queer Theory • Feminist Philosophy • Continental Philosophy

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN (2004)

M.A. in Philosophy, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN (2001)

M.Ed. in Elementary Education, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (1996)

B.A. in Philosophy, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA (Magna Cum Laude, 1995)

TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Morgan State University—Baltimore, MD

2004—Present

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies (2010—Present)

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies (2004—2010)

- Design and teach a variety of courses pertaining to philosophy and women's and gender studies. Provide challenging coursework and stimulating discussions to maintain active involvement, and mentor students on acquiring the skills needed to meet their professional goals.
- Partner with colleagues to better meet students' academic and extracurricular needs. Educate peers within and outside the university in the areas of philosophy and women and gender studies, including through publications, presentations, media interviews, and speaking at local and national conferences.
- Chair the Philosophy and Religious Studies Hiring Committee, responsible for reviewing over 200 applicants, selecting finalists to bring to campus, coordinating the interview process, and making final recommendations to the department chairperson. Additional committees include the University President's Budget Advisory Committee and the College of Liberal Arts' Promotion and Tenure Committee.

American University—Washington DC

2018-2020

Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

McDowell Fellow in Philosophy and Social Policy

Interim Director, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (2018-2019)

- Design and teach a variety of courses pertaining to philosophy and women's, gender, and sexuality studies at the undergraduate and graduate level. Provide challenging coursework and stimulating discussions to maintain active involvement, and mentor students on acquiring the skills needed to meet their professional goals.

Morgan State University–Baltimore, MD**2009–2018****FOUNDING COORDINATOR, WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES (WGST) PROGRAM**

- Guide the university’s WGST program, an interdisciplinary program created and launched under my leadership in 2009. Oversight includes recruiting and scheduling faculty and staff, maintaining staff engagement and activity, managing the program’s budget, and supervising interns and graduate students.
- Forge partnerships with leaders within local and national organizations that lead to increased funding, attendance, and exposure for events and initiatives.
- Continually raise the profile of the WGST Program through spearheading conferences, panel discussions, and various other events featuring national and international community leaders and faculty. Regularly speak at local and national conferences and promote events and awareness of social justice issues through the media.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- *Single Black Mother: Queer Reflections on Marriage and Racial Justice*, under contract with Oxford University Press
- “Freedom Dreams: Blackness, Indigeneity, and Marriage Abolition” under review with *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies*, Queer Fire special issue, Duke University Press.
- “Race and Feminist Standpoint Theory” in *Convergences: Black Feminism and Continental Philosophy*, edited by Maria Davidson, Kathryn Gines and Donna-Dale Marcano. Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2010.
- “Black Liberation and Deviant Moralities.” Presented at the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, February 2020
- “Black Feminism and Marriage Abolition.” Presented at the Black Women Philosophers Conference, CUNY The Graduate Center, March 2019.

SELECTED SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

University Service

- Faculty Fellow, Frederick Douglass Distinguished Scholars, American University, 2019- 2020
- Interim Director, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, American University, 2018-2019
- Co-Chair, LGBTQA Presidential Advisory Council, Morgan State University, 2015-present

Professional and Community Service

- *Member*, Executive Committee of the Eastern APA division (2019-present): Elected to serve a three-year term with the charge of serving in an advisory role in support of Eastern APA governance.
- *Co-Convener*, Black Philosophers Consortium (2019-present): Co-founded an intellectually diverse community in which practicing and aspiring Black philosophers can build relationships and pursue professional development in a space organized around their distinctive paths through the profession.
- *Executive Committee Board Member*, National LGBTQ Task Force (2018-present): Selected to serve as the Governance and Diversity Committee Chair on the Board of Directors of the nation’s oldest LGBTQ advocacy organization with the charge of maintaining a pipeline of qualified candidates and establishing & monitoring policies, while also providing fiduciary oversight, evaluation of the Executive Director, and fundraising efforts.
- *Commissioner*, District of Columbia Human Rights Commission (2017-present). Selected to serve a 3-year term as one of 15 commissioners charged with overseeing the adjudication of private sector discrimination complaints brought under the D.C. Human Rights Act.
- *Co-Chair*, Equality March for Unity and Pride (2017): Provided leadership with partner relations and fundraising strategies to plan and execute a grassroots march in Washington, DC that drew 40,000 participants and 100+ solidarity marches nationally.