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**Areas of Specialization:** 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> C. Continental, Critical Social Theory, Political Theory

**Areas of Competence:** Ethics, Political Theory, Feminist/Queer Philosophy, Critical Philosophy of Race, Social-Political, Epistemology, Symbolic Logic, Introductory Logic

## Education

**2014**                      **PhD**, Philosophy, Stony Brook University  
Concentration: *History of Philosophy*

Dissertation:

**“The Policing of Self & Others: Foucault, Political Reason & a Critical Ontology of Police”**

**Advisor:**                      Eduardo Mendieta  
**Director:**                      Anne O’Byrne  
**External Readers:**      Amy Allen (Penn State)  
   Linda Martín Alcoff (CUNY-Hunter)

My dissertation develops the normative elements implicit in Foucault’s late work as a basis for a critical ontology of modes of policing ourselves and others. In Chapter One, I show how Foucault’s reception of the concept of “actuality” [*wirklichkeit*] through French Hegelianism and Phenomenology leads to a more robust notion of actuality he finds in Kant [*ontologie d’actualite*]. By developing this “ontology of actuality”, I argue that a positive conception of social interaction can be found in Foucault’s late work in the principles of *parresia* as a mode of ethical self-relation [*subjectivation*]. In Chapter Two, I address debates over ethical subjectivity in the work of Foucault, Arendt, Amy Allen, and Judith Butler. There, I argue that Foucault’s later account of *parresia* as a mode of social interaction provides a positive counterpart to pastoral modes of subjectivity that prefigure the emergence of modern police. In Chapter Three, I trace the technology of “police” discussed by Foucault to Hegel’s analysis of ancient ethical life [*sittlichkeit*] as the basis for Ancient Greek conceptions of male-dominated military-political life [*politeia*]. In Chapters Four and Five, I utilize the conception of “police” developed previously to analyze the emergence of political economy and policing in the American Republic, and its manifestations in neoliberal governmentality.

**2009** MA, Philosophy, Oklahoma State University  
*Honors, Phi Sigma Tau*

MA Thesis:

**“The Epistemology of the Pathological: Essays on Mental Health from Plato to Foucault”**

**Advisors:** Dr. Doren Recker

Dr. Lorraine Landry

**2007** BA, Philosophy, Oklahoma State University  
**Areas of Concentration:** Ethics & Homelessness

### Academic Positions

2015-Present *Visiting Lecturer*, Philosophy & Religious Studies  
Morgan State University

2013-2014 *Adjunct Professor*, Philosophy  
Long Island University, C.W.-Post

2011-2013 *Instructor*, Philosophy Department  
Stony Brook University

2009-2013 *Graduate Teaching Fellow*, Philosophy Department  
Stony Brook University

2008-2009 *Instructor*, Philosophy Department  
Oklahoma State University

2007-2009 *Graduate Teaching Fellow*, Philosophy Department  
Oklahoma State University

2003-2004 *University Research Scholar*, Honors College,  
Oklahoma State University

### Courses Taught

*Morgan State University*

1. PHIL 402: Political Theory (Ind. Study) – Spring 2017
2. PHIL 321: Seminar on Power and Gender – Fall 2016
3. PHIL 223: Philosophy of Politics: Social Contract Theory – Spring 2017
4. PHIL 222: Epistemology and Race (Theories of Knowledge) – Spring 2016
5. PHIL 220: Ethics & Values: Fall 2015
6. PHIL 109: Introduction to Logic (3 sections) – Spring 2017
7. PHIL 109: Introduction to Logic (3 sections) – Fall 2016
8. PHIL 109: Introduction to Public Reasoning (3 sections) – Spring 2016
9. PHIL 109: Introduction to Logic (3 sections) – Fall 2015

*Long Island University*

1. PHI 14: Symbolic Logic – Fall 2013
2. PHI 13: Ethics & Society – Spring 2013
3. PHI 8: Introduction to Philosophy – Spring 2013

*Stony Brook University*

1. PHI 105: Politics & Society – Spring 2013
2. PHIL 108: Logic & Critical Reasoning – Fall 2012
3. PHIL 108: Logic & Critical Reasoning – Spring 2012
4. PHIL 105: Politics & Society – Spring 2011

*Oklahoma State University*

1. Logic & Critical Thinking – Spring 2009
2. Logic & Critical Thinking – Fall 2008

*CUNY Grad Center, NYC*

1. Michel Foucault's 1983/4 lecture course The Courage of Truth – Spring 2013
2. M. Foucault's 1975-76 lecture course Society Must Be Defended – Fall 2012

**Publications**

*Journal Articles* (peer-reviewed)

1. 'Foucault and the *Telos* of Power'. *Critical Horizons: a Journal of Philosophy and Social Theory* (forthcoming 2017)
2. 'Policing the Demos: Foucault, Hegel & the Police Power in *Waller v. City of New York*'. *New Formations: a journal of culture/theory/politics*, Special Issue on 'Societies of Control', Number 84-85, 2015, pp. 92-129
3. 'Foucault and Ancient *Polizei*: a Genealogy of the Military-Pastorate'. *Journal of Political Power*, Vol. 8, Issue: 01, Feb 2015, pp. 21 – 37

*Book Chapters*

1. "Foucault and Urban Space" in *Routledge Handbook on Philosophy of the City*, Ronald Sundstrom and Sharon Meagher (co-ed). Routledge Handbook in Philosophy series. New York: Routledge, 2017. (under contract, forthcoming)
2. "Homelessness" in *Routledge Handbook on Philosophy of the City*, Ronald Sundstrom and Sharon Meagher (co-ed). Routledge Handbook in Philosophy series. New York: Routledge, 2017. (under contract, forthcoming)

*Manuscripts In Progress*

1. "Markets as Agents of Power: Economic Injustice, Dispossession and the Collective Intentionality of Common-Interest Housing Developments (CIDs)"
2. "Foucault and the Meaning of Politics: Towards a Genealogy of Tyrannical Power"

### **Public Philosophy**

1. “Foucault and the Meaning of Politics: Towards a Genealogy of Tyrannical Power”, The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Foucault Circle, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, March 24, 2017
2. “Bio-Politics & Irregular Life: Public Philosophy, Precarity and Homelessness in a Neoliberal Era”, Keynote Speaker, “Public Philosophy & Homelessness” Conference, Florida Gulf Coast University, March 21, 2016
3. “Housing & Racial Capitalism: Political Economy and the Racial Construction of Poverty”, HBCU’s and Philosophy III Conference, Panel on Urban Injustice and Race, Morgan State University, Apr 2, 2016
4. ‘Bio-political Epistemologies: Political Economy, Poverty & Strategic Constructivism’, Fall 2015 Public Philosophy Colloquia, Morgan State University, Nov. 10, 2015
5. ‘The Immediacy of Liberation: Foucault, Freedom and the Critique of Political Reason’, presented at The 2014 Critical Theory Roundtable, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, Sept. 19-21, 2014
6. ‘Homelessness, Race and Marginal Biosocialities’, paper presented at Beyond Biosocialities in Medical Anthropology conference, University of Amsterdam. Co-Sponsored by *Health, Care and the Body: A Journal in Medical Anthropology*, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development, University of Amsterdam, and Maison des Sciences de l’Homme. Jan. 17-19, 2013.
7. ‘To Make Free By Letting Die: Hegel, Foucault and the Logic of State Racism’, paper presented to the Radical Foucault International Conference, University of East London, Sept. 8-9, 2011.
8. ‘The BioPolitics of Homelessness’, paper presented to The Foucault Society (NYC) Colloquium on ‘Governmentality and Vulnerable Populations’, CUNY Grad Center, New York, NY. May 4, 2011.
9. ‘Philosophy 2.0?’, paper presented to the Center for the Study of Interdisciplinarity, University of North Texas, ‘A New Practice of Philosophy: Taking Philosophy Beyond Disciplinary Bounds’, Denton, TX. March 9, 2011.
10. ‘Panopticon: From Prison Hall to Shopping Mall’, paper presented to the Friends of the Forms, Philosophy Undergraduate Society, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. Sep. 7, 2009

### **Publications, non-peer-reviewed**

1. ‘The Militarization of Care: the Medical-Military Gaze and the US-Mexico Border, *Critical Legal Thinking: Law & the Political*. May 20, 2015.
2. ‘Pre-Emptive States of Emergency: Martial Governmentality & the Crisis of Police’. *Critical Legal Thinking: Law & the Political*. Dec. 11, 2014.
3. ‘To Demonstrate a Right: Police Power Jurisprudence and Rule of Law in Zucotti Plaza’, *Critical Legal Thinking: Law & the Political*, March 24, 2014.
4. ‘Michel Foucault and the Birth of Modern Medicine’, *The Partially Examined Life: a philosophy podcast and blog*, Nov. 14, 2012.

### Professional Affiliations

#### **American Society for Bioethics & Humanities**

Affinity Groups: Philosophy; Ethical, Legal & Social Implications; Law and Bioethics; Mental Health Ethics and Policy; Race & Culture/Ethnicity; Rural Bioethics

#### **American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division**

Group on “Re-Thinking the Canon”

#### **Board of Directors**

The Foucault Society, NYC  
2012-Present

### Professional Service

**PHIL 109 Logic Committee**, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies  
Morgan State University

**External Reviewer**, 2015-present

*International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*

#### **Conference Organizing Committee**

‘Origins of Truth: a Conference on Foucault’s *Lectures on The Will to Know*’

Keynote Speaker: Todd May (Clemson University)

Stony Brook Manhattan, February 21-22, 2014

**Chair**, Amy Allen (Dartmouth College), ‘The Ineliminability of Progress?’

[Freedom’s Right: a Symposia on the Political Philosophy of Axel Honneth](#)

Keynote Speaker: Axel Honneth (Columbia University),

Stony Brook University, Sep. 20-21, 2013

**Chair**: Grant Silva, ‘The Revolt of the (Latino) Masses: Towards a Non-White Majority’

[The Latino/a Philosopher: a National Symposia](#)

Stony Brook University, March 15-17, 2013

#### **Reading Group Organizer**

The Foucault Society, NYC

Foucault’s ‘The Courage of Truth’

CUNY Grad Center, Spring 2013

#### **Reading Group Organizer**

The Foucault Society, NYC

‘Society Must Be Defended’

CUNY Grad Center, Fall 2012

**President**, *Phi Sigma Tau*, 2006-2007

Philosophy Honors Society, Alpha Chapter

Oklahoma State University

### Awards & Fellowships

**Franklin Research Grant**, 2017 (*under consideration*)

American Philosophical Society

“*Incorrigible Queers: the Economics & Politics of Child Pauperism, 1860-1900*”

**Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Nomination**, *Philosophy*

Graduate Fellowships & Faculty Research Program, 2014-2015

Graduate School

Stony Brook University

***Research Travel Grant Award, 2011-12***

Resource Access Project, Graduate School

Stony Brook University

Paper: 'To Make Free By Letting Die: Hegel, Foucault, and the Logic of State Racism'

Radical Foucault International Conference

University of East London, Sept. 8-9, 2011

***Graduate Teaching Fellowship, 2009-2013***

Doctoral Program, Philosophy Department

Stony Brook University

***Graduate Teaching Fellowship, 2007-2009***

Masters Program, Philosophy Department

Oklahoma State University

***Freshmen Research Scholar, 2003-2004***

Honors College

Oklahoma State University

**Graduate Courses Taken**

*Stony Brook University*

1. Aristotle's *Metaphysics*, Dr. Peter Manchester, Fall 2011
2. Bio-Politics, Dr. Eduardo Mendieta, Spring 2011
3. Hegel's *Philosophy of Right*, Dr. Allegra Laurentis, Fall 2010
4. Continental Seminar on 'The Other', Dr. Ed Casey, Fall 2010
5. American Pragmatism & Naturalism, Dr. Harvey Cormier, Fall 2010
6. The Philosophy of Kurt Gödel, Dr. Gary Mar, Spring 2010
7. Aristotle's Ethics, Dr. Clyde Lee Miller, Spring 2010
8. Laughter and its Part in Literature, Dr. Robert Harvey, Spring 2010
9. Political Theology to the Political Philosophy of Religion, Dr. Jürgen Habermas and Eduardo Mendieta, Fall 2009
10. Postmodernisms, Dr. Hugh Silverman and Dr. Peter Caravetta, Fall 2009
11. Continental Seminar on 'Difference', Dr. Ed Casey, Fall 2009

*Oklahoma State University*

1. Bioethics, Independent Study, Dr. Lorraine Landry, Spring 2009
2. Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*, Dr. Lawrence Pasternack, 2008
3. Philosophy of Language, Dr. James Cain, Spring 2008
4. Seminar on Aristotle, Dr. Rebecca Bensen-Cain, Fall 2008
5. Ethics & Justice in International Development, Dr. Michael Taylor, Fall 2008
6. Hume Seminar, Dr. Michael Taylor, Fall 2007
7. Michel Foucault, Independent Study, Dr. Michael Taylor, Fall 2007

**Languages**

English – fluency in speaking, reading, and writing

French - working proficiency in reading and translating

Spanish – working proficiency in reading and translating; intermediate speaking

## Professional References

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