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### **Education**

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Memphis, August 2004

***Dissertation: "Sartre and the Social Construction of Race"***

M.A. in Philosophy and Social Policy, American University, D.C 1998

B.A., in Communication Arts, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, 1994

AOS: Social and political Philosophy, Philosophy and Race, African-American  
Philosophy, Sartre, Feminism

AOC: Continental Philosophy, Modern Philosophy

### **Professional Experience**

Director, Human Rights Program 2013-

Associate Professor, Trinity College, (Hartford, CT) 2012-

Assistant Professor, Trinity College, (Hartford, CT) 2005- 2012

Assistant Professor, Le Moyne College, (Syracuse, NY) 2002- 2005

Chairperson, African-American History Events Comm, Le Moyne College, 2003- 2005

Anonymous Reader – *Hypatia* Journal, Manuscript # 1302

Endorsement Request, *Philosophy in Multiple Voices*, ed. George Yancy, (Rowan and Littlefield, 2007)

Anonymous Reader – *Hypatia* Journal, Manuscript #FE-28

American Philosophical Association Committee on the Status of Women Site Visitor  
(begin May 2013)

Editorial Board Member: *Critical Philosophy of Race Journal*, Penn State University  
Press

### **Courses Taught at Trinity College**

Introduction to Political Philosophy (100 level)

Introduction to Ethics (100 level)

Feminist Philosophy (200 level)

Race and Racism in Philosophy (200 level)

Nietzsche (300 level)

Hannah Arendt (300 level)

Sartre's Political Thought (300 level)

Introduction to Philosophy (100 level)

Human Rights: The Question of Justice (300 level)  
African-American Feminism (200 level)  
Maurice Merleau-Ponty (300 level)  
Existentialism (200 level)  
Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights (200 level)  
Politics, Power, and Rights: Engaging Women of Color in Hartford (200 level) *new course Spring 2012*  
20<sup>th</sup> Century African-American Philosophical Thought (300 level) *new course Fall 2013*

### **Publications**

#### Books: Edited Volume

*Convergences: Black Feminism and Continental Philosophy*, eds., Maria del Guadalupe Davidson, Kathryn Gines, Donna-Dale Marcano (State University of New York Press: Albany, October 2010)

#### Book Chapters (published)

“Race/Gender and the Philosopher’s Body” in *Living Alterities: Phenomenology, Embodiment and Race*, ed. Emily Lee (SUNY Press: NY 2014)

“Re-reading Plato’s Symposium through the Lens of a Black Woman” in *Reframing the Practice of Philosophy: Bodies of Color, Bodies of Knowledge*, ed. George Yancy (SUNY Press: Albany, January 2012)

“The Difference That Difference Makes: Black Feminism and Philosophy” in *Convergences: Black Feminism and Continental Philosophy*, eds., Maria del Guadalupe Davidson, Kathryn Gines, Donna-Dale Marcano (State University of New York Press: Albany, October 2010)

“Talking Back: bell hooks, Feminism, and Philosophy” in *Critical Perspectives on bell hooks*, eds. Maria del Guadalupe Davidson and George Yancy (Routledge Press: NY, 2009) pp 111- 120

“Sartre and the Social Construction of Race,” in *Race and Racism in Continental Philosophy*, ed. Robert Bernasconi (Indiana University Press: Bloomington, (2003) pp. 214 - 226

Articles (published)

“Particularity and Situated Universality: Problems for a Black Feminist Philosophy” *The Black Scholar*, Volume 43, No.4 (Winter 2013)

“The Color of Change in Continental Feminist Philosophy” in *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* Vol. 26:2 2012

“White Racial Obligation and the False Neutrality of Political and Moral Liberalism,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy* Vol. XLVII: 2009, pp. 16-23

“Situated Voices: Black Women in/on the Profession of Philosophy,” *Hypatia Journal* Vol. 23.3 Spring 2008, pp.160-189

“The Strangeness of the Racialized Subject: Confronting Kristeva’s Foreigner,” in *Philosophy Today*, Vol. 29 2004, pp161- 167

Articles, cont’d (Works In Progress)

“Envisioning a Post-Racial Philosophy: Emanuel Eze’s Vision for the Future of (the) Race”

“Standing at the Intersection of Race and Sexuality and Uncertain Where to Cross”

“Pedagogical Bias?: Racism and Anti-Racism in Professional Performance”

**Professional Presentations**

“Animal, Human, Machine: Liberatory Concepts for a Certain Time,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), October 2015

Invited Roundtable Panelist: “The Future is Already Here? Transhumanism, Afro-Futurism, and Race” philoSophia Feminist Society Conference, Emory University, May 2015

Invited Panelist: “Les Blancs, Les Negres, and Simone de Beauvoir: The Existentialism of Lorraine Hansberry” philoSophia Feminist Society Conference, Penn State, May 2014

Invited Speaker: “Too Much Attitude: Exploring the Roots of African-American Feminism” Philosophy Colloquia at StoneHill College, MA April, 2014

Invited Speaker: "Too Much Attitude: Exploring the Roots of African-American Feminism" presented at Trinity College and sponsored by TCBWO, February 2013

Invited Discussant: *New Perspectives on Justification and Legitimation Practices in Philosophy: Between Black Feminism and Queer Theory*, American Philosophical Association-Eastern Division, December 2013

Keynote Speaker: "Whiteness and Womyn of Color in Feminist Theory: Or Considerations of Race and Sex Analogies in Contemporary Feminism" at Eastern Society for Women in Philosophy at Notre Dame University of Maryland, April 2012

Invited Panelist: "The Philosophical Canon and the Role of Frantz Fanon," *Is Fanon Finished? Fanon et Apres?*, American University of Paris, March 2012

Invited Panelist: Gender and Sexuality in Africana Philosophy, in *Articulating Africana Philosophy Conference* at Pennsylvania State University, November 2011

Invited Panelist: "The Color of Change in Continental Feminist Philosophy," 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Committee on the Status of Women at Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), October 2011

Book Panel Discussion- *Convergences: Black Feminism and Continental Philosophy*, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, April 2011.

Invited Panelist: Pedagogical Challenges around Teaching Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, March 2011

Invited Panelist: "The Particularities of Race/Gender and the Philosopher's Body," The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual California State University- Fullerton Philosophy Symposium: Phenomenology, Embodiment, and Race, April 2010

"In Defense of Ourselves: On Being Black Feminist Philosophers," Collegium for Black Women Philosophers at Pennsylvania State University, April 2010

Invited Speaker: "Particularities Or Situated Universalities?: Problems for a Black Feminist Philosophy," The Institute for Africana Philosophy at Morgan State University, March 2, 2010

"Commentary on Ami Harbin's 'Doubt in Social Identification';" Commentator: American Philosophical Association; Eastern Division December 27- 30, 2009.

*In Defense of Ourselves: On Being Black Feminist Philosophers*: "Particularity or Situated Universalis?" at African American Studies & Research Center's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on African American Culture and Philosophy, Purdue University, November 5 -7 2009

Invited Panelist: “The Conditions of the Black Female: Hope and Circumstance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; Dr. John Hope Franklin Symposium, The Greater Hartford NAACP, Trinity College, November 21, 2009.

Invited Panelist: “Re-reading the Symposium: Re-reading Alcibiades as a Black Woman” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division April 2009

“The Power of History: Secrets, Fictions, and Sex,” (Respondent) Society for Textual Scholarship Conference, March 2009, New York University

Invited Speaker: “Talking Back: bell hooks, Feminism, and Philosophy,” Lewis University Philosophy Conference, February 2009

“White Racial Obligation and the False of Neutrality Political and Moral Liberalism,” (Respondent). 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Spindel Conference on Race, Racism, and Liberalism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, September 2008, University of Memphis

“Talking Back: bell hooks, Feminism, and Philosophy,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 2008

“The Passion of Alcibiades: Loving and Hating Philosophy,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, December 2007

Invited Speaker “Engaging Possibilities: Black Feminism and Philosophy,” Inaugural Lecture at *The Inaugural Ida B. Wells Conference*, University of Memphis, October 2007

“Re-Reading Plato’s Symposium Through the Lens of a Black Woman,” Collegium for Black Women Philosophers Inaugural Conference, Vanderbilt University, October 2007

“French Feminism and Black Feminist Philosophy,” Inaugural Meeting, French Feminism Circle, May 2007

“The Difference That Difference Makes: Black Feminism and Philosophy,” (Invited Lecture) Southern Connecticut State University, April 2006

Symposium: Black Feminism Today (Invited Panelist), John Hopkins University, February, 2006

Special Session: American Philosophical Association (APA) Committee on Blacks and Philosophy (Invited Panelist); NY, NY. December, 2005

“Standing at the Intersection of Race and Sexuality and Uncertain Where to Cross,” (Invited Panelist); Special Session: American Philosophical Association (APA) Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People in the Profession; NY, NY. December 2005

“The Difference That Difference Makes: Can There Be A Black Feminist Philosophy?”  
Trinity College, November 2005

“Is There Room in Philosophy for Black Feminist Philosophy?” Society for  
Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) October 2005

“The Power of Social Construction: Continental Feminism Meets Race,” Society for  
Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), Memphis, TN, October 2004

“Race and Authenticity in Sartre and Fanon,” The California Roundtable for Philosophy  
and Race, University of San Francisco, September 2004

“The Problem of Authenticity and Race in Sartre and Fanon,” University of Memphis  
Philosophy Department Ph.D. Alumni Conference, May 2004

“Being An Immigrant after 9/11,” (Invited Lecture) Le Moyne College Caribbean Night,  
April 2004

“Fanon’s *Black Skin, White Masks*,” (Invited Lecturer) Pennsylvania State University,  
March 2004

“On Consideration of Racial Identities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Answering the Call to Get Rid  
of Race Now!” 13<sup>th</sup> Annual McDowell Conference on Philosophy and Social Policy,  
American University, November 2003

“The Strangeness of the Racialized Subject: Confronting Kristeva’s Foreigner,” Society  
for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) Boston, MA; November 2003

“Racial Categories and Subjectivity,” Philosophical Collaborations: Faculty and Graduate  
Student Interactions, University of Oregon, May 2002

“Finding the Gaze in Sartre’s *Critique*” North American Sartre Society (NASS), Loyola  
University- New Orleans, March 2002

“The History of Race Formation” (Invited Lecturer) Christian Brothers University,  
Memphis, TN, May 2001

“Black Bodies Should Matter,” Conference on Race and Critical Theory, Purdue  
University, March 2001

“Social Construction vs. Social Production: Sartre’s Different Conceptions of Group  
Formation,” 6th Annual Lewis University Philosophy Conference: Sartre and  
Contemporary Political Thought, February 2001

“Critique-ing the Gaze: Sartre’s Response to Merleau-Ponty,” Tennessee Philosophy  
Association, Vanderbilt University, November 2000

**Service:**

*Trinity College*

Member, Academic Freedom Committee (2013- )

Posse Foundation Mentor- Chicago Posse, (2013- )

Member, Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (2011- 2014)

Member, Jury Panel 2010-2011, 2013 -

Member, *The President's Special Council for Women* (2008- 2010)

Member, Human Rights Faculty Advisory Board

Guest Speaker: Women In Academia Banquet, Zeta Omega Eta , November 2014

Panelist: "Transhumanism" Trinity Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, April 2014

Session Facilitator: "Romance, Sex, and Sisterhood: Confronting the Realities of Dating and College Life" at the Consortium of High Achievement and Success (CHAS), Holy Cross College, MA, Sept. 2013

Speaker: *Eye of the Beholder: Cross Cultural Perceptions of Beauty*, organized by P.R.I.D.E and Office of Multicultural Affairs, Trinity College March 2011

Students Organized Against Racism(SOAR), March 27- 28, 2009: Faculty Workshop Facilitator, "Self Affirmation vs. Self Segregation"

Speaker, Women In Academia Banquet, Zeta Sorority December 2007

*Hartford Community*

Sponsor, "Cycling Infrastructure in Hartford, CT" April 2015; panel discussion on bike paths.

Invited Panelist: *150 Years, How far have we come?* African-American History Month at Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy, February 2014

Board Member, Secretary, President: ***Organizing Leadership Academy (OLA)***- an organization created by Trinity College alumnae, Janice Flemming- 2010 - 2012  
*To provide leadership development skills that will empower oppressed people specifically women and children to become advocates, organizers, and leaders in their communities and children's school.*

Speaker: Abundant Life Family Center, Hartford, CT in August 2011. Gave presentation on college, life at college, and being a professor at Trinity College to teens in foster system.

### **Professional Memberships**

American Philosophical Association  
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy  
Collegium of Black Women Philosophers  
PhiloSophia: A feminist society  
Connecticut Human Rights Partnership

### **Honors, Awards, Grants**

*Trailblazer Award for Education; 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Trailblazer Award Ceremony* sponsored by The Voices of Women of Color, LLC. *Based in Hartford, the Voices of Women of Color LLC (VOWOC) teaches, empowers and encourages women of color by providing them with leadership skills that lead to gainful employment opportunities and civil activism in the public and private sectors. By bringing women of color together in safe spaces, the Voices seeks to effectively break down the barriers that keep women feeling isolated, disengaged and powerless.*

Center for Urban and Global Studies (CUGS) Urban Course Development Grant, Trinity College – developed course entitled, “Politics, Power, and Rights: Engaging Women of Color in Hartford, CT” and taught Spring 2012

University of Memphis Provost Diversity Fellowship

American University Graduate teaching Assistantship