

## EDUCATION

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Northwestern University	Ph.D Philosophy, Certificate Gender & Sexuality Studies (2021)
Indiana University, Bloomington	M.A. Philosophy (2012)
Oberlin College	B.A Philosophy, High Honors, B.A. Third-World Studies (2011)
Additional Education	-Feminist Pedagogy facilitator accreditation, Women Writing for (a) Change, Cincinnati, OH (July 2022- December 2022) -4 grad credits, Women in the History of Philosophy, University of Jyväskylä, Finland (August 2021) -12 B.A. credits (2010), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile (January-August 2010)

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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August 2023-	Assistant Professor of Philosophy & Interdisciplinary Studies   Gov. State University
August 2021- July 2023	Instructor of Philosophy   Loyola University Chicago

## DISSERTATION

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TITLE: Knowing How to Feel: Mapping Affective Epistemologies of Numbness

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

SUMMARY: My dissertation engages questions in decolonial feminisms about the emotional dimension of our social and political lives, and how art can help. I argue that emotional numbness is one mechanism by which oppression thrives, and to resist oppression, we should target how we *fail to feel*. I highlight the reparative potential of cultivating various emotional capacities through art and storytelling, an important method for theorizing within Latinx and Black feminist thought.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Areas of Specialization	Feminist Philosophy, Social/Political Philosophy, Political Epistemology
Areas of Competence	History of Modern Philosophy (especially Kant), Aesthetics, Bioethics, Ethics
Languages	Spanish (advanced), Sanskrit (beginner)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles:

- “NOA, a Music Film: An Exchange,” co-authored with Kelly Gawel, *Symposium* special issue *Feminist Philosophies of Making*, ed. Ada Jaarsma. (Fall 2024)
- “Curdled Contracts: Reading Charles Mills through a Lugonesian Spirit” (10,000 words). In *Charles W. Mills: Race and the Relation of Power*, edited by Mark Westmoreland. Routledge (under contract, 2023)
- “Knowing How to Feel: Racism, Resilience, and Affective Resistance,” *Hypatia* 36, no. 4: 1-23 Fall 2021. DOI: 10.1017/hyp.2021.47. (November, 2021)
- “Resisting Epistemic Oppression.” *HUMANA. MENTE Journal of Philosophical Studies* 14, no. 39: 175-193. (Fall 2021)
- “Impartiality and Patriotism” (8,000 words), co-authored with Marcia Baron, *Patriotism Handbook*, Springer. (February, 2018)

**Entries in Reference Works:**

- “vulnerability” entry in *Encyclopedia of Diversity*, Springer. (Forthcoming, 2023).
- “Charles W. Mills” biographical entry in *Encyclopedia of Critical Political Science*. (Forthcoming, 2023).

**Under Peer-Review:**

- “Shapeshifting Through Grief: What Loss Makes possible,” journal article

**PRESENTATIONS**

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- “Shapeshifting Through Grief” (Refereed), philoSOPHIA, Mount Royale, March 2024
- “Water Kinship” (Refereed), Imagining America, Rhode Island, Oct. 2023 (unable to attend)
- “Curdled Contracts” (Refereed), MANCEPT, Manchester, UK (online), Sept. 2023
- “Multiplicitous Grief: Butler, Anzaldúa, and Reparative Ontologies of Loss” (Refereed), philoSOPHIA, UNC-Charlotte, June 2023
- “NOA: A Music Film Screening and Discussion” (Invited), WGSS Research Collaborative events, Elon University, April 2023
- “Reading Charles Mills with a Lugonesian Spirit” (Invited), Charles Mills Conference, UIC, Sept. 2022
- “Grieving Ghosts with Mariana Ortega” (Refereed), Midwest SWIP Conference, Marquette, Sept. 2022
- “NOA: Grieving Ghosts of Collective Trauma” (Refereed), philoSOPHIA Text and Experimental Writing Workshop, George Mason University, June 2022
- “The How of Public Philosophy” (Invited), American Philosophical Association Central Division, Chicago, Feb. 2022
- “Emotional Numbness and World-Traveling: a paper and performance” (Refereed), Midlands Music Research Network, April 2021.
- “Purity, Fragmentation, and Numbness: a paper and performance on the legacy of María Lugones” (Invited), American Philosophical Association Central Division, Feb. 2021
- “Philosophy and Activism” (Invited), American Philosophical Association Central Division, Chicago, Feb. 2020

- “Emotional Numbness and the Case of False Confessions” (Refereed), UCLA Grad Conference, Feb. 2020; also accepted at UIC Grad Conference (Refereed, March 2020), cancelled due to COVID.
- “Racism, Resilience, and Affective Resistance,” Feminist Pragmatism, Rochester, NY, Nov. 2019; also accepted at Columbia Grad Conference (Refereed, March 2020), cancelled due to COVID.
- “Affectively Ignorant” (Refereed), Political Epistemologies, Villanova University, Philadelphia, PA, March 2019; also presented at Resistant Imaginations (Refereed), University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, Feb. 2019
- “Intersectionality & Lawless Violence” (Refereed), American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, NYC, Jan. 2019; also accepted at University of South Florida PGSO conference (April 2018), but unable to attend.
- “Resisting Epistemic Resilience” (Refereed), American Philosophical Association Central Division, Chicago, IL, Feb. 2018; also presented at Brown Graduate Conference (Refereed), Providence, RI, November 2017; also presented at Inclusiveness Philosophy (Refereed), Purdue Univ. Lafayette, IN, March 2017; also accepted at UEHIRO Graduate Philosophy Conference (Refereed), University of Hawaii at Manoa (March 2014), but unable to attend.
- “Rawls, Basic Liberties, and Epistemic Injustice” (Refereed), Western Michigan Graduate Conference, Dec. 2017 (accepted but unable to attend)
- “Epistemic Injustice” (Invited), Northwestern University Women in Philosophy, Nov. 2017; also presented at Northwestern at Shepard Residential College (Invited), Chicago, IL March 2017
- “Democracy, Epistemic Diversity, & Kant’s Regulative Ideas” (Refereed), Loyola Grad Conference, Chicago, IL, Oct. 2017
- “The Moral Order of Commitment” (Refereed), North American Kant Society, Evanston IL, October 2015; also presented at Indiana Philosophical Association (Refereed), Indianapolis, IN, March 2014
- “The Ethical Significance of Abstract Art” (Refereed), UEHIRO Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Hawaii at Manoa, March 2014; also accepted at Chilean Society of Philosophy (Refereed, March 2014), but unable to attend

## **AWARDS**

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Best Film, Bloomington Indiana Film Festival, April 2023

2022-2023 Honorary Member of Loyola’s Women Basketball Team, Loyola University, February 2023  
-Honored for positive impact on student-athletes.

Gender & Sexuality Studies Competitive TA-ship (\$40,000). Northwestern University, Summer 2021 (declined).

Buffet Global Impacts Fellowship (\$40,000). Northwestern University, Fall 2020

The Sexualities Project Travel Grant (\$500), Northwestern University, February 2020

Duke Feminist Theory Workshop Award, Northwestern University, October 2019

Center for Interdisciplinary Research and the Arts Grant (\$3,000), Northwestern University, June 2018

Purdue Women in Philosophy Travel Award, Purdue University, March 2017

The Graduate School Conference Travel Award (\$700), Northwestern University, August 2016

Erasmus Gender & Philosophy Summer School Award, University of Jvaskyla, August 2016  
UEHIRO Graduate Philosophy Travel Award (\$600), University of Hawaii Manoa, January 2014  
College of Arts and Humanities Graduate Student Conference Travel Award (\$300), Indiana University, January 2014  
Indiana University Graduate Fellowship (\$12,000), Indiana University, September 2012- May 2013  
Nelson Summer Research Fellowship (\$3,000), Indiana University, Summer 2013  
Creativity and Leadership Fund Grant (\$500), “Empowerment through Jump Rope,” Fall 2010, Oberlin, OH (declined)  
*USA Today’s* All College Academic Third Team for outstanding undergraduates, USA TODAY, 2010  
Charles Sister Memorial Endowed Scholarship for academic achievement, Oberlin College, 2007-11

## TEACHING AND ADDITIONAL PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE

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Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Ethics | **Governors State University**

- Interdisciplinary Ethics, Fall 2023- Spring 2024
- Healthcare Ethics, Fall 2023- Spring 2024
- Freshman Seminar: Truth-telling & Justice – Fall 2023

Instructor of Philosophy | **Loyola University**

- Social & Political Philosophy, Spring 2023,
- Environmental Ethics, Fall 2022-Spring 2023
- (Decolonial) Healthcare Ethics, Fall 2021-Fall 2022
- Philosophy of Persons, Fall 2021-Spring 2022

**Northwestern University, School of Professional Studies**

- The Nature of Value, July 2020

Teaching Assistant | **Northwestern University**

- Philosophy of Race, José Medina, Winter 2019
- Bioethics, Mark Sheldon, Fall 2018
- Early Modern Philosophy, Baron Reed, Spring 2017
- Social Epistemology, Jennifer Lackey, Fall 2021
- Foucault, Penelope Deutscher, Spring 2017
- Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason, Rachel Zuckert, Fall 2016

| **Indiana University**

- Thinking & Reason, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

Guest Lecturer | **Northwestern University**

- Simone De Beauvoir’s *The Ethics of Ambiguity*, Rachel Zuckert, Fall 2020

| **Northwestern Prison Education Program (NPEP)**

- Kant’s Moral Philosophy, Jennifer Lackey, Winter 2016

Tutor/Facilitator | **Northwestern Prison Education Program (NPEP)**  
- Northwestern Philosophy Courses, Stateville Prison, Winter 2017-2020  
- Epistemic Injustice Reading Group (self-designed syllabus, Stateville Prison, Winter 2019)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Commenting and Chairing:**

Commenter on Yarran Hominh, "Oppression, Domination, and the Structure of Graded Hierarchy," Social Philosophy Workshop, UIC & Northwestern, February 2022

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

Commentator on Beth Barker, "Epistemic Injustice and Intellectualist Know-how," American Philosophical Association Central Division, Chicago, IL, March 2019

Commentator on Naomi Fisher, "Genius and the Supersensible in Kant's Third Critique," German Philosophy Workshop, DePaul University, March 2019

Chair, Aesthetic Reasoning, American Philosophical Association Central Division, Denver, CO Feb 2019

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

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

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

### **Refereeing:**

Reviewer, *Critical Studies in Education*, November 2022, and August 2022

Reviewer, *Social Theory and Practice*, January 2022

Reviewer, *Hypatia* Journal of Feminist Philosophy, Summer 2021

Reviewer, *TOPOI* Journal of Philosophy, Summer 2021

Reviewer, *Ergo* Journal of Philosophy, January 2021

### **Service:**

Civic Engagement Committee, Governors State University, August 2023-November 2023  
Helped plan events for Voter Engagement Season at Governors State University, provided faculty support in visioning, moderated panels, etc.

Sustainability Committee, Governors State University, August 2023-present  
Helped plan Earth Day events on campus in 2024.

Curriculum Committee, Division of Arts & Letters, Governors State University, August 2023-present  
Reviewed syllabi for acceptance into University catalogue

Organizing Committee, philoSOPHIA, June 2023-April 2024  
Helped to organize conference from start to finish, including visioning, grant applications, conference art and

promotion, issuing calls for papers, helping with accessibility requirements, space needs, etc.

**Inclusiveness Committee Member of the APA, July 2022-July 2023**

Organized a session entitled “Experimental Philosophy” for the 2022 Pacific APA, reviewed grant applications, helped overhaul APA “Diversity and Inclusion” syllabus collection, etc.

**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.

**Research Assistantships:**

**Research Assistant, Critical Epistemology: Knowing through Gender and the Decolonial Mellon Initiative, Dr. Penelope Deutscher, Northwestern Univ., May 2018- July 2021**

- I developed a ‘critical epistemology lexicon’ for a wide number of scholars to draw from (<https://criticaltheory.northwestern.edu/documents/critical-epistemology-lexiconjan-2019.pdf>), 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.

**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.

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

**Event Organizing:**

“Image-Text Experimental Adjacent Workshop,” philoSOPHIA feminist society annual meeting, Charlotte, NC, June 2023.

“Experimental Philosophy,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA, April 2023

“Becoming Abolitionist at Loyola and Beyond Roundtable,” Loyola University, Chicago, IL, October 2022

“The Racial Contract at 25: A Conference in the Memory of Charles Mills,” UIC, Chicago, IL, September 2022

Decolonial Aesthetics Workshop, Northwestern University, Fall 2018

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

Annual Inclusiveness Lecture, Northwestern University Philosophy Department, Spring 2017

**Invited Scholar:**

Interviewee for my work *NOA: A Music Film, Symposium*, Fall 2024

Bloomington Film Festival (Refereed), April 2023

Midlands Music Network Podcast, September 2022

Louisville International Film Festival (Refereed), October 2022

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

NPR’s *Session at Studio A*, Dekalb, IL, August 2019

Contributor, ‘Most Patriotic States,’ Wallethub, June 2020 (<https://wallethub.com/edu/most-patriotic->

states/13680/#expert=taylor-rogers)

'Equalizing Power Dynamics,' TA Workshop, Northwestern University, Spring 2018

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE**

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### **Employment:**

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

I worked as the Graduate Assistant to a Faculty in Residence, Benjamin Gorvine, 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, leading an executive board of ten undergraduates, and organizing regular events aimed towards fostering community at Shepard Residential College.

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.

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

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

### **Prison Education:**

Co-Director of Student Wellness and Reentry Services, NU Prison Education Program, Northwestern University, Feb 2020-May 2023

I develop resources for incarcerated students at Stateville and Logan prisons to navigate their wellness. Other activities include organizing community hours, providing faculty support for the Graduate Student Advisory Council, remote tutoring work, program development, and more.

Volunteer, Prison and Neighborhood Arts Project, June 2022-present

I help organize on-campus events that are in partnership with PNAP, and help develop our programming for the new Logan prison initiative.

### **Other Community Outreach:**

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

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

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

## **GRADUATE COURSEWORK**

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### **Northwestern University:**

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

Critical Race Theory, José Medina, Spring 2019

Intersectionality and Its Discontents, Jennifer Nash, Spring 2017

Hannah Arendt, Mary Dietz, Spring 2017

Foucault and Biopower, Penelope Deutscher, Spring 2017  
Global Capitalism and Law, Christina LaFont, Winter 2017  
Queer Theory, Ryan Dohoney, Winter 2017  
Social Epistemology, Jennifer Lackey, Fall 2016  
Eighteenth Century Philosophy of History, Rachel Zuckert, Fall 2016  
Nietzsche, Mills, Tocqueville, Mary Dietz, Spring 2016  
Biopower and Gender, Penelope Deutscher, Spring 2016  
Rawls and Nozick, Charles Mills, Spring 2016  
Marx, Charles Mills, Winter 2016  
Spinoza's Ethics *Books I & II*, Kenneth Seeskin, Winter 2016  
Advanced Feminist Theory, Mary Dietz, Winter 2016  
Kant's *Third Critique*, Rachel Zuckert, Fall 2015  
Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, Richard Kraut, Fall 2015  
Kant's Ethics, Kyla Ebels-Duggan, Fall 2015  
Theory of Desire, Kyla Ebbels, Duggan, Spring 2015

### **Indiana University**

External World Skepticism, Adam Leite, Spring 2014  
Contemporary Ethical Theory, Marcia Baron, Spring 2014  
Sanskrit I & II Fall 2013-Spring 2014  
*The First Critique*, Allen Wood, Fall 2013  
Schopenhauer and Nietzsche, Sandra Shapshay, Fall 2013  
Philosophy of Art, Sandra Shapshay, Spring 2013  
Kant's Ethics, Allen Wood, Spring 2013  
Feminist Philosophy, Kate Abramson, Spring 2014  
Metalogic, Joan Weiner, Fall 2012  
Fichte's Ethics, Allen Wood, Fall 2012  
Buddhism and Hinduism, Richard Nance, Fall 2012

### **REFERENCES**

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