

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AOS: Political Philosophy, African Philosophy

AOC: Ethics, Philosophy of Race, Sex, and Sexuality, 20th Century French Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

University of Chicago

Teaching Fellow in the Department of Philosophy, the Department of Race,
Diaspora, and Indigeneity, and in the College, 2024-

EDUCATION

University of Chicago

Philosophy PhD, 2024

Dissertation Title:

*Transfigurative Imagination: Reclaiming Meaning and Agency in African
Political Life.*

Committee: Jonathan Lear, Daniel Brudney, Adom Getachew

Graduate Certificates:

Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies

College Teaching Certificate

PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews:

Uchenna Okeja, *Deliberative Agency: A Study in African Political Philosophy*,
Indiana University Press, 2023, 234 pp., forthcoming at *African Studies Review*.

Nathalie Etoke, *Black Existential Freedom*. Roman & Littlefield, 2023, 156 pp.
ISBN: 978-538173060 (pbk), *Theoria*, Issue 176, vol. 70, no. 3 (September 2023): 121-
123.

SELECT ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

How Not to Think of Political Virtues (critique of a functional view of political virtues)

A Hope Not Hopeless but Unhopeful (conception of hope in the work of W. E. B. Du
Bois)

A Return to the Zone of Nonbeing (novel reading of Frantz Fanon's "zone of nonbeing" for racialized Blackness in relation to humanism)

African Queer Life Beyond Death (meditation on antiequeer violence in Africa through the lens of human personhood)

TEACHING

As Instructor of Record

For PhD students:

Fundamentals of Teaching in the Humanities, Chicago Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Chicago

Autumn 2021 (co-taught w/ Bellamy Mitchell) &

Autumn 2020 (co-taught w/ Mendel Kranz)

For College students:

Black and/or Human: On Humanism and Racialized Being, University of Chicago, Winter 2022

In the Shadow of End Times, Hyde Park Institute, Winter 2021

For High School Students:

Race and Gender: A Philosophical Exploration, Collegiate Scholars Program, University of Chicago

Summer 2023 &

Summer 2022

For Adult Learners:

Introduction to Philosophy, Illinois Humanities Odyssey Program

Spring 2023 &

Spring 2022

Afropessimism: Hoping for the end of the World? Illinois Humanities Odyssey Program, Autumn 2020

Thoughts of Resistance, Illinois Humanities Odyssey Program, Autumn 2020

As Teaching Assistant:

For PhD students:

Course Design and College Teaching, Prof. Joseph Lampert, University of Chicago,

Spring 2021 &

Spring 2022

For College students:

Introduction to Ethics, Prof. Ben Callard, University of Chicago, Spring 2023

Ethics in the Digital Age, Prof. Daniel Moerner, University of Chicago, Autumn 2022

Welcome to the Good Life: The Black/Queer Edition, Prof. Emily Bock, University of Chicago, Spring 2022

Reparations, Prof. Tyler Zimmer, University of Chicago, Winter 2021

Human Rights: Philosophical Foundations, Prof. Ben Laurence, University of Chicago, Spring 2020

Foucault and the History of Sexuality, Prof. Arnold Davidson, University of Chicago, Autumn 2019

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Philosophy in Media Fellowship, The Marc Sanders Foundation, 2024
Dissertation Fellowship, Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, University of Chicago, 2023-2024
Early Career/Graduate Student Workshop Travel Grant, Law and Society Association, San Juan, May 2023
Doctoral Research Grant, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago, August 2023
Human Rights Doctoral Fellowship, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago, 2022-2023
Residential Fellowship, Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, University of Chicago, 2021-2022
Humanities Without Walls Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Summer 2021
Hanna Holborn Gray Graduate Student Fellowship, The University of Chicago Libraries, 2018-2020
Non-Resident Graduate Fellowship, International House at the University of Chicago, 2018-2024
Graduate Global Impact Internship Award, UChicagoGRAD, The University of Chicago, Summer 2019, 2020-2021.
Dissertation Development Program (DPD) Fellowship, Northwestern University Social Sciences Research Council (SSRC), Summer 2019
Conference Travel Grant, But What Can Wonder Do? A Conference of Emergent Black Studies, Stanford University, April 11-12, 2019
Diversity Travel Grant, Meeting of the American Philosophical Association Central, February 21-22, 2019
Diversity Fellowship, Rutgers University Summer Institute for Diversity, Summer 2015
Alain Locke Fellowship, Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute, MIT, Summer 2015
Research Fellowship, Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts, Connecticut College, 2013-2016
Davis United World College Scholarship, Connecticut College, 2012-2016

PRESENTATIONS

2023:

Towards an African Philosophy of the Everyday, Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, November 30, 2023
Of Unburied Shame: African Queer Life Beyond Death, Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, November 30, 2023
On Agency Against Political Failure, Race and Racial Ideologies Working Group, University of Chicago, November 17, 2023
Of Unburied Shame: African Queer Life Beyond Death, Pozen Center Doctoral Workshop, University of Chicago, May 1, 2023

2022:

From the City to the Sea: Mati Diop's *Atlantics* and Ecstatic Living, Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 2022
Ecstatic Living and the Imagination of African Futures, Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Philosophical Association, East Lansing, MI, October 28, 2022

2021:

A Hope Not Hopeless but Unhopeful, Embodiment and Race Conference II, Clemson University (Remote), November 5, 2021

Of Unburied Shame, Sépultures, deuils et incarnations : la question du corps, d'Antigone à Covid-19, une approche inter/trans disciplinaire, Lomé, Togo (Remote), February 2, 2021

2019:

A Hope Not Hopeless but Unhopeful, Reproductions of Race and Racial Ideologies Workshop, University of Chicago, November 21, 2019

A Hope Not Hopeless but Unhopeful, But What Can Wonder Do? A Conference of Emergent Black Studies, Stanford University, April 11-12, 2019

2015:

On Criticisms of Art: Subjective Interest as a Link between Ethics and Aesthetics. 6th RIT Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Rochester Institute of Technology, May 8, 2015

Art's Moral Beauty. 6th Annual CUNY-wide Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, CUNY, April 15, 2015

Art, Morality and the Subject: Revisiting the Relation between Ethics and Aesthetics. Puget Sound Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, University of Puget Sound, February 11, 2015

2014:

Divine Foreknowledge and Free Will: Is Augustine's Way the Only Way? 9th Annual Moravian Undergraduate Conference in Medieval and Early Modern Studies, Moravian College, December 6, 2014

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Graduate student coordinator, Department of Philosophy Pedagogy Training Program, 2021-2022

Student Coordinator, Reproductions of Race and Racial Ideologies Workshop, 2019-2021

Philosophy Department Representative, Humanities Dean's Student Advisory Board, 2018-2020

Philosophy Department Coordinator, Minorities and Philosophy, 2018-2019

External Reviewer, STANCE Undergraduate Philosophy Journal, 2015-2016

OTHER WORK

Academic Advisor, Independent Diplomat (Projects: Meeting the Parties—platform of nonstate actors to engage with the UNSC—and Global Refugee Network, supporting global refugee leaders in policy work in relation to the UNHCR), 2021-current

Research coordinator, Institut de recherche scientifique pour le développement, (leading a research team on political conflict and public memory in Burundi), Summer 2019

LANGUAGES

KIRUNDI & FRENCH: Fluent
KISWAHILI & ITALIAN: Advanced
ANCIENT GREEK & PORTUGUESE: Advanced Reading
GERMAN, CLASSICAL ARABIC & LATIN: Intermediate Reading

REFERENCES

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