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EDUCATION

- University of Oregon**, Eugene, OR 2016-
PhD, Philosophy *Expected May 2021*
Graduate Specialization: *Politics, Culture, and Identity*
Dissertation Title:
“Universal History as Global Critique: From German Critical Theory to the Anti-Colonial Tradition”
Committee: Rocío Zambrana (Chair), Colin Koopman, Anita Chari, Barbara Muraca, and John Bellamy Foster
M.A., Philosophy December 2018
- Florida Gulf Coast University**, Ft. Myers, FL 2015
B.A., Philosophy & English / Minor: *Critical Theory*
Summa Cum Laude

Areas of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy, Critical Theory (esp. Frankfurt School, Adorno),
19th Century German Philosophy (esp. Marx, Hegel),
Anti-Colonial / Decolonial / Postcolonial Thought

Areas of Competence

Feminist Philosophy, 20th Century Continental Philosophy, Ethics

AWARDS

- Best Submission by a Graduate Student** October 2019
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) 2019,
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Best Paper by a Graduate Student** February 2019
Mississippi Philosophical Association (MPA) 2019,
Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS.
- Tinker Field Research Grant** April 2017
Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies, University of Oregon
For Research in Havana, Cuba—Summer 2017-Fall 2018
- Promising Scholar Award** September 2016

University of Oregon, \$5000 Additional First Year Funding

First Year Fellowship

September 2016

University of Oregon, First Year Funding & Relieved of Teaching Duties

PUBLICATIONS

“Natural History and Anti-Colonial Critique: Thinking with Adorno, Rodney, Fanon, and James,” Under Review at *Dissonancia: Critical Theory Journal*

“Disenchantment Redux: Marx, the Frankfurt School, and the Critique of Ideology.” Co-Authored with Óscar Ralda. *Chiasma: A Site for Thought*, (Forthcoming 2020).

“Mediation and Its Shadow: Ethics and Politics in Selected Works of Levinas and Adorno.” *Philosophy Today*, 63 (2) (2019), 427-445.

“‘Caught in its Movement’: Dewey on History, Politics, and the Philosophy of History.” *Journal of the Philosophy of History*, 13(3) (2019), 363-383.

“‘The Presence of the Present’: Derrida, Adorno, and the Autonomy of Philosophy.” *Theoria & Praxis* 5(1) (2017).

“Who are the True Machiavellians? Althusser and Merleau-Ponty Reading *The Prince*.” Co-Authored with Larry Alan Busk. *Rethinking Marxism* 29(3) (2017), 405-416.

BLOG POSTS

“How (Not) to Think About Anti-Feminist Women” at the Blog of the American Philosophical Association (APA)—Women in Philosophy Series (October 2020)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Social Media Editor / Managing Editorial Assistant
Editorial Assistant

Fall 2019-Winter 2020
2018-2019

Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy

TEACHING

University of Oregon, Department of Philosophy:

Instructor of Record, Global Justice
Instructor of Record, Ethics
Instructor of Record, Human Nature

Winter 2020
Currently
Spring 2020

Instructor of Record, Critical Reasoning	Fall 2018
Guest Lecturer, Philosophy in Literature	Spring 2018
Teaching Assistant, Ethics	Spring 2018
Teaching Assistant, History of Philosophy: 19 th Century	Winter 2018
Teaching Assistant, Philosophy & Cultural Diversity	Fall 2017

PRESENTATIONS

2020/21 “Universal History as Global Critique” at *Paris Critical Theory Workshop / Atelier de Théorie Critique*, sponsored through the Centre Edgar Morin / Institut Interdisciplinaire d’Anthropologie du Contemporain (CNRS/EHESS). June 2020. (Hosted remotely)

“Universality at the Brink of Climate Catastrophe: Rethinking Universal History” at *Radical Philosophy Association 2020*. San Jose State University, San Jose, CA. November 2020. (Accepted: Event Postponed to 2021)

“Natural History and the Critique of Colonialism: Thinking with Adorno, Fanon, and Rodney” as part of a themed panel presentation: Critical Theory and Decolonial Thinking: New Encounters at the *Annual Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy* (SPEP) Toronto, CA. September 2020. (Accepted: Event Postponed to 2021)

“Epistemic Injustice, Ideology Critique, and the Problem of Anti-Feminist Women” to be presented at the *American Philosophical Association - Pacific*, Divisional Program: *Political Epistemology Network*. San Francisco, CA. April 2020. (Accepted; Event Postponed to 2021)

2019 “From Psychic ‘Distortion’ to ‘Socially Necessary Semblance’: Dreaming with Freud and Adorno,” presented at the *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy* (SPEP) 2019. Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. October 2019. Awarded *Best Submission by a Graduate Student*.

“On Continuity and Discontinuity: ‘Negative Universal History,’ Decolonization, and the Philosophy of History,” presented at *Istanbul-Oldenburg Critical Theory Conference: History, Progress, Critique*. Carl von Ossietzky University, Oldenburg, Germany. September 2019.

“Historicizing the Decolonial Turn: *Internacionalismo Cubano* and the Project of Decoloniality,” at *Caribbean Philosophical Association*. Brown University, Providence, RI. June 2019.

“‘An Island in Time’: On Rorty’s Historicism, Politics, and the Philosophy of History,” at *Mississippi Philosophical Association: Why Do History in Philosophy?* Mississippi

State University, Starkville, MS. February 2019. Awarded *Best Paper by a Graduate Student*.

2018 “‘New Times,’ ‘New Reflections,’ Neoliberalism: On the Politics of Novelty” at *Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World Annual Conference*, Portland State University, Portland, OR. July 2018.

“Globalization and Cuban Internationalism: A Counter-History” at *Cultural Production, Displacement & Internationalism in Latin America*, Graduate Panel at the Center for Latino/a & Latin American Studies, University of Oregon. Eugene, OR.

2017 “‘Globalization,’ Cuban Internationalism and the Contemporary Left: A Counter-History” at “Global Capitalism in the Americas” the *4th Biennial Conference of the Network for the Critical Study of Global Capitalism*. San Jerónimo University, Havana, Cuba. November 2017.

“‘We Live Our Childhood as Our Future’: Existential Psychoanalysis, Marxism, and Method” presented at the *North American Sartre Society Annual Conference*. University of LaVerne, LaVerne, CA. November 2017.

“Theorizing the Post-Industrial Society: Imperialism and Neoliberal Globalization” at *16th Annual Global Studies Association of North America Conference*. University of California, Berkeley, June 2017.

“Towards a Political Economy of Neoliberal Carcerality” at “Philosophies of Incarceration & The Incarceration of Philosophy” *Annual Philosophy Graduate Conference*. Villanova University, Philadelphia, PA. March 2017.

SERVICE

Chair, Colloquium Panel IV: Decolonial/Critical Theory
Department of Philosophy, University of Oregon

March 2020

Graduate Student Union Representative,
Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation, University of Oregon

2019

Chair, Feminist Research Interest Group (RIG)
Department of Philosophy, University of Oregon

2017

LANGUAGES

Fluency: English, Spanish
Reading Knowledge: German