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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION:

Harvard University, 1980-1986, M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy, November 1986. Doctoral Dissertation, “Moral Philosophy Naturalized: Morality and Mitigated Skepticism in Hume.” Dissertation Supervisor: Professor John Rawls.

Oxford University, Somerville College, 1978-80, B.A. and M.A; Philosophy, Politics and Economics, 1980.

Wellesley College, 1974-1978, B.A. with highest honors; Philosophy, 1978.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Columbia University:

Professor of Philosophy, July 2009 to present.

Joseph Straus Professor of Political Philosophy and Legal Theory, July 2009 to present.

Affiliated Faculty: Center for American Studies, beginning Fall 2018

Affiliated Faculty: Institute for Research on Women, Gender, and Sexuality, July 2015-present.

Affiliated Faculty: Institute for Research in African American Studies, July 2015- present.

Cornell University:

Professor of Philosophy, July 2000 – June 2009.

Hutchinson Professor of Ethics and Public Life, July 2000- June 2009.

Affiliated Faculty: Feminism, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, 2002 -2009.

Indiana University:

Associate Professor of Philosophy, 1996-2000.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1991-1996.

University of Rochester:

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1988- 1991.

Wellesley College

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1986-1988.

Instructor of Philosophy, 1984-1986.

Harvard University:

Teaching Fellow, Philosophy, 1982-1984.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

Columbia University:

Philosophy Department Chair (July 2019 – June 2022)

Philosophy Department, Director of Graduate Studies (Fall 2018- Spring 2019)

Chair, Educational Policy and Planning Committee, Faculty of Arts and Sciences (2017- 2020)

Steering Committee of the Columbia Center for American Studies (Fall 2018- present)

Director of Graduate Admissions, Philosophy Department 2017

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Philosophy Department, 2013- 2016

Dean of Columbia College and Lucy G. Moses Professor, and Vice President for Undergraduate Education in Arts and Sciences, July 2009- August 2011.

Cornell University:

Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Cornell University July 2005-June 2009

Director, Cornell's Program on Ethics and Public Life, 2000-2009

Chair, Cornell University, A.D. White Professor-At-Large Program, 2004-2007.

Indiana University, Bloomington:

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University, Bloomington 1998-2000.

HONORS AND GRANTS:

Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences -elected in 2021
Public Voices Thought Leaders Fellowship; Columbia University, 2015
Named to the “Wellesley 100,” 2014, as a Thought Leader in Higher Education
Lifetime Honorary Fellow of Somerville College, Oxford University, named in 2010
Alain Locke Award in Philosophy; Howard University 2003.
Academic Leadership Program Fellow, Committee on Institutional Cooperation, 1998-
National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship for University Teachers, 1991-1992.
Marshall Scholarship (to Somerville College, Oxford University) 1978-1980.
Durant Scholar, Wellesley College, 1978.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURES:

The Ohio State University Center for Ethics and Human Values
November 2022
Anbar Lecture, Syracuse University April 2022
Sullivan Lecture, Fordham University, November 2021
Sprague and Taylor Lecture, Brooklyn College 2021
Kegley Institute Lecture 2021, California State University Bakersfield
Plenary Lecture, Felician Ethics Institute Conference, 2017
Wade Memorial Lecture, St. Louis University 2017
56th Annual Bishop Hurst Lecture, American University; 2015
Suter Distinguished Lecture, Arts and Sciences, Michigan State University; October 2014
Milton Lecture; College of Arts and Sciences; Syracuse University September 2011.
Willard O. Eddy Lecture, Colorado State University 2009.
“Last Lecturer,” Faculty Award; Mortar Board Honor Society, (Cornell Chapter) 2004.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Moral Philosophy: Historical and Contemporary
Social and Political Philosophy: Historical and Contemporary
The Empiricists
Applied Ethics
Feminism and Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

History of Early Modern Philosophy (Descartes through Kant)
Philosophy of Law
Philosophy of Social Science

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS:

Making Space for Justice: Social Movements, Collective Imagination and Political Hope
(New York: Columbia University Press, July 2022)

Fieldwork in Familiar Places: Morality, Culture and Philosophy (Cambridge: Harvard
University Press, 1997; hardcover)
Paperback edition issued in 2002 (Harvard University Press)

FORTHCOMING:

Against Happiness [co-author] with O. Flanagan, J.E. LeDoux, B. Bingle, D. Haybron, B.
Mesquita, M. Moody-Adams; S. Ren, Y. Wilson, and A.
Sun. (New York: Columbia University Press, May 2023).

ARTICLES:

“Philosophy and the Art of Human Flourishing” in *Philosophy and Human Flourishing*,
edited by John Stuhr (Oxford University Press, 2023).

“Coming to Terms with History,” *The Raven: a Magazine of Philosophy*, Spring 2022 Issue,
<https://ravenmagazine.org/issues/>

- “Memory, Multiculturalism and Democracy.” *Interpreting Modernity: Essays on the work of Charles Taylor*, editors Daniel Weinstock, Jacob Levy, and Jocelyn Maclure (Montreal, CA: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2020)
- “Racism as an Ethical Issue” in *Ethics in Practice*, fifth edition, ed. Hugh LaFollette (Wiley Blackwell, 2019)
- “How to Disagree without being Disagreeable” *Journal of Political Theory and Philosophy* (January 11, 2019) <http://jptp.online/2019/01>
- “Is there a Safe Space for Academic Freedom?” in J. Lackey, editor, *Academic Freedom* (Oxford University Press 2018)
- “Democratic Conflict and the Political Theory of Compromise” in J. Knight, editor, *Compromise: NOMOS LIX* (New York University Press 2018)
- “Democracy, Identity and Politics,” *Res Philosophica* Vol. 95, #2 (April 2018) 199-218.
- “The Path of Conscientious Citizenship,” in Tommie Shelby and Brandon Terry, editors, *To Shape a New World: Essays in the Political Philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (Harvard University Press 2018) pp. 269-289
- “Moral Progress and Human Agency,” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* Vol. 20, #1 (2017) 153-168.
- “A Long Ways from Home” in G. Yancy, editor, *Our Black Sons Matter: Mothers Talk about Fears, Sorrows, and Hopes* (Rowman and Littlefield 2016) pp. 99-104
- “The Enigma of Forgiveness,” *Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol 49, #1 (2015) 161- 180.
- “Diversity and Disagreement in Ethics: Philosophical Implications.” In James D. Wright (editor-in-chief) *International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences*, second edition, Vol 6 (Oxford: Elsevier, 2015) pp. 589-594.
- “What’s so special about Academic Freedom?” Jonathan Cole and Akeel Bilgrami, eds., *Who’s Afraid of Academic Freedom* (Columbia University Press, 2015), 97- 122.

“Reply to Griswold, *Forgiveness: A Philosophical Exploration*” *Philosophia* (2010) 38: 429-437.

“Reflections on Appiah’s *The Ethics of Identity*,” *Journal of Social Philosophy* 37, No. 2. June 2006.

“Cruelty, Respect and Unsentimental Love,” in *Persons and Passions: Essays in Honor of Annette Baier*, Eds. Joyce Jenkins, Jennifer Whiting, and Christopher Williams (Notre Dame Press, 2005), 281-303.

“Reclaiming the Ideal of Equality,” *Feminist Interventions in Ethics and Politics: Feminist Ethics and Social Theory*, eds. Barbara Andrew, Jean Claire Keller, and Lisa Schwartzman (Rowman and Littlefield, 2005).

“The Legacy of *Plessy v. Ferguson*,” *Blackwell’s Companion to African American Philosophy*, eds. T. Lott and J. Pittman, (Oxford: Blackwell 2003).

“Racism,” *Blackwell Companion to Applied Ethics*, R. G. Frey and K. Wellman and editors, (Oxford: Blackwell, 2003).

"Diversity and Disagreement," *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (Elsevier, Ltd. 2001).

"The Idea of Moral Progress," *Metaphilosophy* vol. 30, No. 3 (July 1999), 168-185.

"Griffin's Modest Proposal," *Utilitas* vol eleven, No. 1. (March 1999), 112-121.

"A Commentary on Color Conscious: The Political Morality of Race." *Ethics* vol 109, January 1999), 408-423.

"The Virtues of Nussbaum's Essentialism," *Metaphilosophy* vol. 29, no. 4 (October 1998), 263-272.

"Self and Other: Feminism, Philosophy, and Theories of the Self," in *A Companion to Feminist Philosophy*, ed. A. Jaggar and I. Young (Oxford: Blackwell, 1998), 255- 262.

"Feminism by Any Other Name," in *Feminism and Families*, ed. Hilde Nelson

(London: Routledge, 1997), 76-89.

"The Social Construction and Reconstruction of Care," in *Sex, Preference, and Family: Essays on Law and Nature*, eds. David Estlund and Martha Nussbaum (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997), 3-16.

"Feminist Inquiry and the Transformation of the Public Sphere in Held's *Feminist Morality*," *Hypatia* vol. 11, No. 1 (Winter 1996), 155-167.

"Theory, Practice, and the Contingency of Rorty's Irony," *Journal of Social Philosophy*, (June 1994) 209-227.

"Culture, Responsibility, and Affected Ignorance," *Ethics* 104 (Jan.1994), 291-309.

"Race, Class and the Social Construction of Self-Respect," *Philosophical Forum*, vol. XXIV, nos. 1-3. (Fall-Spring 1992-93), 251-266.

"On the Old Saw That Character is Destiny," in *Identity, Character, and Morality: Essays in Moral Psychology*, ed. Owen Flanagan and Amelie O. Rorty (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1991), 111-131.

"Gender and the Complexity of Moral Voices," in *Feminist Ethics*, ed. Claudia Card (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1991), 195-212.

" On the Alleged Methodological Infirmity of Ethics," *American Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 27, no. 3, (July 1990): 225-235.

FORTHCOMING ARTICLES:

"Reflections on Rawls and Racial Justice" in *Charles Mills's Tanner Lectures* (Oxford University Press, date TBD)

"Leaning Into The Future: Memory, Democracy, and the Shaping of Public Space" in Sanford Levinson, editor, *Monuments and Memory* (Duke University 2024)

REPRINTS (A Selection):

“On surrogacy: Morality, Markets and Motherhood,” in *Legal Philosophy: Multiple Perspectives*, ed. by L. May, N. Snow and A. Bolte (Mayfield Publishing Co., 1999).

"Gender and the Complexity of Moral Voices," in *Feminist Social Thought: A Reader*, ed. by Diana T. Meyers (Routledge, 1997).

"Race, Class and the Social Construction of Self-Respect," in *African American Perspectives and Philosophical Traditions*, ed. John Pittman (Routledge, 1997).

"Race, Class and the Social Construction of Self-Respect," in *Character, Dignity and Self-Respect*, ed. Robin Dillon (New York: Routledge, 1995).

“Racism,” reprinted in *Ethics in Practice: An Anthology*; Fourth edition, (Wiley-Blackwell), edited by Hugh LaFollette

Ch. 1, *Fieldwork in Familiar Places*, as “The Empirical Under determination of Descriptive Cultural Relativism,” in Moser and Carson, eds. *Moral Relativism: A Reader*. (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001).

“The Idea of Moral Progress” in *Setting the Moral Compass: Essays by Women Philosophers*, ed. Cheshire Calhoun, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

PUBLISHED INTERVIEWS and SYMPOSIA:

Author Meets Critics Symposium on *Making Space for Justice*: on “The Junkyard of the Mind” Website on the Philosophy of Imagination, with comments by Sanford Levinson, Todd Fuist, and Shen-Yi Liao
<https://junkyardofthGemind.com/blog/2022/11/8/book-symposium-introduction-from-michele-moody-adams>

“Minding Progress: An Interview with Prof. Michele Moody-Adams,” *The Blue and White Magazine*, April 5, 2018,

“Politics, Activism, and the Modern College Campus: An Interview with Professor Michele Moody-Adams,” *The Current*, Spring 2016, Volume 11, Issue 2

“Situated Voices: Black Women In/On the Profession of Philosophy,” in *Hypatia* 23:2 (April-June 2008).

Interview in *African American Philosophers: Seventeen Conversations*, ed. George Yancy, (New York Routledge 1998).

Salmagundi Symposium on "Race and Racism: American Dilemmas Revisited,"
Salmagundi Fall 1994-Winter 1995.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Martin Luther King: Experiments in Agape (Book MS)

Renewing Democracy (Book MS)

“Controlling the Narrative: Meaning, Value and Power in Public Life”

“Taking Expression Seriously: Equal Citizenship, Expressive Harm and Confederate Iconography” (Under journal review)

“The Future of Democratic Citizenship” (talk/article)

“Civic Art and the Democratic Imagination” (talk/ article)

“Public Monuments and the Obligations of Collective Memory” (talk/ article).

“Repairing the Raft and Staying Afloat: Race, Gender and Philosophy” (talk/article)

BOOK REVIEWS:

Review of Judith Butler’s *Senses of the Subject*; and *Notes Toward a Performative Theory of Assembly* pub. in *Women’s Review of Books*, Vol. 33 No. 5 September / October 2016

Review of Das, Jackson, Kleinman and Singh, (eds.) *The Ground Between: Anthropologists Engage Philosophy*; in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, Nov. 17, 2014

Review of Richard Schweder, *Why Do Men Barbecue? Recipes for Cultural Psychology* *Times Literary Supplement*, September 12, 2003.

Review of Judith Butler, *Excitable Speech*, in *Women's Review of Books*, October 1997.

Review of Bell and Blumenfeld, eds. *Overcoming Racism and Sexism*, in *Ethics* 107 (April 1997), 539-540.

Review of Sandra Harding, ed., *The Racial Economy of Science*, *Women's Review of Books*, March 1994.

Review of Frey and Morris, eds. *Value, Welfare, and Morality*, in *Philosophical Books* 36 (January 1995), Vol. 37, No. 1: 64-65.

Review of Bart Schulz, ed., *Essays on Henry Sidgwick*, in *Victorian Studies*, Vol. 37, No.1 (Autumn 1993): 149-150.

Review of W. Donner, *The Liberal Self: John Stuart Mill's Moral and Political Philosophy* and J. Gray and C. W. Smith, eds., *J.S. Mill: On Liberty in Focus*, in *Victorian Studies*, Vol. 36, No. 2 (Winter 1992-93): 247-248.

Review of M. Gatens, *Feminism and Philosophy: Perspectives on Difference and Philosophy*, in *Women's Studies in Indiana*, March 1992.

Review of G. Nerlich, *Values and Valuing*, in *Ethics*, Vol.102, #2 (January 1992): 417.

Review of P. Singer, ed., *A Companion to Ethics*, in *Philosophical Books* Vol. 33 (1992), 249-251.

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY:

OP-ED PUBLICATIONS:

“The Chilling Effect of Mandatory Reporting of Higher Education,” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Mar. 11, 2015.

“Toward Real Equality in Higher Education,” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Oct. 1, 2012

VIDEO INTERVIEWS:

A Conversation about *Making Space for Justice*, with Vafa Ghazavi, for *The Philosopher*, December 6th, 2021

Why Philosophy Matters, The IVY UNIVERSITY, January 2016
<https://magazine.ivy.com/2017/01/why-philosophy-matter-michele-moody-adams/>

Hypatia Interview on “The compatibility of liberalism and feminism” July 2013
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIIdMkQxXj7c&t=>

Interviewed by Richard Heffner, THE OPEN MIND (PBS- Ch. 13, NYC); in Spring 2011, when I was Dean at Columbia. <https://www.thirteen.org/openmind->

[archive/education/for-the-old-men-of-the-class-of-46/](#)

VIDEO PANELS:

“American Democracy: The Task Before Us” – (Panel Discussion for the Library of America)
January 27, 2021, [https://www.loa.org/news-and-views/1778-american-democracy-the-task-before-us.](https://www.loa.org/news-and-views/1778-american-democracy-the-task-before-us)

“A More Perfect Union: Ideas to Improve our Democracy” December 10, 2020
<https://www.aspeninstitute.org/videos/sof-digital-discussion-a-more-perfect-union-ideas-to-improve-our-democracy/>

“Protesting Police and Policing Protest,” for the Marc Sanders Foundation Philosophy Initiative, June 17, 2020, <https://maresandersfoundation.org/protesting-police-and-policing-protests/>

“Has Democracy Run its Course? “2017 Aspen Ideas festival
<https://aspenideas.org/sessions/has-democracy-run-its-course>

“Who Are We? Identity Politics Dissected” 2016 Battle of Ideas at the Barbican in London, UK <http://archive.battleofideas.org.uk/2016/session/11487#.YSKSO45KguU>

PODCASTS:

New Books Network Podcast, October 3, 2022, on Making Space for Justice, interviewed by Robert Talisse; <https://newbooksnetwork.com/making-space-for-justice>

“Writ Large”: A Podcast about one hundred Books That Changed the World. Michele Moody-Adams discusses John Rawls ‘s *A Theory of Justice*, August 21, 2021, <https://www.writlarge.fm/episodes/theoryofjustice>

“Five Questions Podcast”: Philosophers answering Five Questions from Iris Murdoch, March 9, 2021, <https://anchor.fm/kieran-setiya>

“On Historical Monument Removal and Democratic Disagreement,” The Ethicists Corner, Kegley Institute of Ethics , February 23, 2021, <https://soundcloud.com/user-664929613/on-historical-monument-removal-and-democratic-disagreement-with-dr-michele-moody-adams>

“On Monuments and Memorials,” *The Unmute Podcast*, Season 4, #037, April 2019 <https://unmute.squarespace.com/season-4/2112019/episode-037-michele-moody-adams-on-monuments-and-memorials>

“Living a Moral Life,” Aspen Ideas Festival Panel, 2017 <https://aspenideas.org/podcasts/living-a-moral-life>

ACADEMIC LECTURES, CONFERENCES, and PANELS:

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division: Author Meets Critics Symposium on *Making Space for Justice: Social Movements, Collective Imagination, and Political Hope*. January 6, 2023 . Panelists: Luvell Anderson,; Wendy Salkin; Paul Weithman; Chair: Geoffrey Sayre-McCord.

The Ohio State University Center for Ethics and Human Values. Distinguished Lecture. November 15, 2022, “Controlling the Narrative: Meaning, Power and Value in Public Life”

Heyman Center, Columbia University, New Book Symposium, “Celebrating Recent Work by Michele Moody-Adams: *Making Space for Justice: Social Movements, Collective Imagination and Political Hope* ; Commentators: (a) Robert Gooding-Williams, (b) Seyla Benhabib, and (c) Serene Khader. October 26, 2022.

Columbia Journalism School Conference on Walter Lippman’s *Public Opinion* at 100. “Too Much Democracy? Too Many Experts? Notes on a Dilemma” October 22, 2022

Anbar Distinguished Lecture, Syracuse University. “Controlling the Narrative: Meaning, Value, and Power in Public Life,” April 8, 2022,

McMaster University, Philosophy Department Colloquium “Controlling the Narrative: Meaning, Value, and Power in Public Life,” March 25, 2021.

Weill-Cornell Medical Ethics Division Seminar Series. “The Role of Health Care in Securing Justice as Humane Regard,” March 10, 2021.

Fordham University, Sullivan Lecture Coming to Terms with History,” November 16th, 2021.

Association for Moral Education Annual Meeting, Distinguished Lecture: “Coming to Terms with History,” November 6th, 2021,

Brooklyn College Philosophy Department, Sprague and Taylor Lecture, “Monuments and the Obligations of Memory,” May 6th, 2021.

California State University, Kegley Institute Lecture, “Monuments and the Obligations of Collective Memory,,” Bakersfield , March 11, 2021.

Northeastern University, Philosophy, Politics and Economics Program: “Does Democracy Have a Future?” Program, March 11, 2021.

American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting: “Coming to Terms with the Histories we Carry: A commentary on Susan Neiman’s *Learning From the Germans: Race and the Memory of Evil*,” February 24, 2021.

Saint Paul’s School for Girls, London, U.K “Value Theory,” February 3, 2021.

Library of America Panel Discussion “American Democracy: The Task Before Us” – (Panel Discussion for the Library of America), <https://www.loa.org/news-and-views/1778-american-democracy-the-task-before-us> January 27, 2021.

“How Damaged Is American Democracy?” (“The Agenda” with Steve Palkin, Toronto, CA television program January 21, 2021) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acZIKOeqqZU>.

American Society for Aesthetics “Why Monuments Still Matter” (online meeting) November 13, 2020.

Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society, the Marc Sanders Foundation and Hi-Phi Nation: Panel Discussion on “Protesting Police and Policing Protests,.” June 17, 2020.

University of Michigan. “Reflections on Rawls and Racial Justice,” Commentary on Charles Mills’ Tanner Lecture on Human Values, February 2020.

University of Virginia Law School: “Taking Expression Seriously: Confederate Iconography and Expressive Harm.” November 5, 2019 .

Barnard College, “Politics and Hope;” commentator at Barnard’s Annual Ambedkar Lectures, Oct. 17.2019.

Claremont McKenna College, Keynote Address, “How Imagination Creates Space for Progress” at Conference on imagination and Social Change, September 26, 2019..

University of Pennsylvania Workshop on Science and Ethics for Happiness and Human Flourishing “The Role of Art in Human Flourishing;” May 6, 2019.

Columbia University, Workshop on Global Language Justice ICLS, “Thinking about Language Justice,” April 29, 2019.

Graduate Center, CUNY, invited paper, “Repairing the Raft and Staying Afloat: Philosophy, Race and Gender, “presented at the Conference of Black Women Philosophers, March 16, 2019.

McGill University Law School, invited paper, “The Future of Democratic Citizenship” March 1, 2019.

University of California at Los Angeles Law School, invited paper, “Taking Expression Seriously: Equal Citizenship, Expressive Harm and Confederate Iconography,” November 8, 2018

New York University Law School invited paper, “Taking Expression Seriously: Equal Citizenship, Expressive Harm and Confederate Iconography,” presented at the NYU Colloquium in Legal, Political and Social Philosophy, October 18, 2018.

Columbia University, Warrior-Scholar Project Lecture “The American Constitutional Framework: Moving from the Ideal to the Pragmatic,” July 31, 2018

Columbia Center for American Studies, Freedom, and Citizenship Program Lecture,
“Aristotle’s contribution to the Citizenship Debate in The Politics,” July 12, 2018

Philosophy Division Workshop for the Humanities and Human Flourishing Project,
University of Pennsylvania, Presentation on “Philosophy and the Art of Human
Flourishing,” June 1st, 2018

Amherst College, Forey, and Micken Lecturer “Creating Space for Justice,” March 29, 2018

Brown University, Political Theory Workshop, February 8, 2018 “Taking Expression
Seriously”

Brooklyn Public Library, A Night of Philosophy and Ideas, January 27, 2018, “Why
Monuments Matter”

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, January 6th, 2017, invited paper,
“From the ‘Lost Cause’ to the Cause of Justice: Democracy and Civic Memory.”

MIT, Department of Philosophy and Linguistics, November 17, 2017, delivered paper on
“Taking Expression Seriously”

Harvard University, Philosophy Department, November 16, 2017, delivered paper on “Civic
Art and the Democratic Imagination”

Georgetown University, Philosophy Department, November 3, 2017, delivered paper on
“Democracy, Identity and Politics.”

School for Social Research, in conjunction with Humboldt University, October 26-27, 2017,
Conference on “Dialectics of Progress: Critical Theory and Social Change,”
Delivered Paper on “Moral Progress”

Felician University, October 14, 2017, Felician Ethics Institute Conference, delivered
Conference Plenary Lecture entitled “Taking Disagreement Seriously.”

New York University, Conference on “Deep Disagreements: Philosophical and Legal Perspectives,” October 6-7, 2017, Paper on “Constructive Disagreement: A Prelude”

Aspen Ideas Festival, at the Aspen Institute, Aspen, Colorado: July 2017 (a) Panel Participant, “Has Democracy Run Its Course?” [Video available at <https://www.aspenideas.org/session/has-democracy-run-its-course>] and (b) Panel Participant, “How to Live a Moral Life”

St. Louis University, April 27, 2017 – Wade Memorial Lecture, “Democracy, Identity and Politics,” *Res Philosophica Conference* on Race and Racism, St. Louis University,

Philosophy Department, Columbia University, February 25, 2017, “Democracy and Its Problems,” Conference in Honor of Philp Kitcher

Kingsborough Community College, Forum on Academic Freedom, panelist Nov. 7, 2016
Battle of Ideas” Festival; The Barbican, London, U.K. - 2016 Conference October 22-23, 2016; *Two panels:*

- a. “Who are we? Identity Politics Dissected” [Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSkItmTni5I>]
- b. “Is the University in Crisis? Lessons from America”

Athena in Action – Mentoring Workshop for Female Graduate Students in Philosophy - held at Princeton University - Tues. August 16, 2016-Friday August 19, 2016

IVY Philosophy Night, public forum on “Why Philosophy Matters,” June 6, 2016, School for the Visual Arts Theater, New York City

Gotham Philosophical Society, lecture “Infinite Hope as a Personal and Political Virtue,” April 5, 2016, Cornelia Café, New York City

Harry Crowe Foundation Conference, Toronto, Ontario; Canada; “The Delicate Balance between Contestation and Civility” at a conference on Academic Freedom for the Canadian Association of University Professors, February 26-27, 2016.

West Point Military Academy, “The Art of Remembrance and the Democratic Imagination,” Feb. 23, 2015.

University of Chicago Law School, Law, and Philosophy Workshop, run by Prof. Martha Nussbaum; Workshop on “Culture, Race and Responsibility” January 4, 2015

Princeton University - Rockefeller Center for Human Values, Workshop for Normative Philosophy, presentation on “Moral Progress and Human Agency,”” December 9, 2015.

“Last Lecture” Columbia University, Dec. 1, 2015: “Meeting Disappointment with Infinite Hope”

University of Colorado, Boulder, (a) “Civic Art and the Democratic Imagination,” Lecture in Philosophy Nov. 20, 2015 (b) Panel on the future of Tenure, also November 20, 2015.

New York Society for Women in Philosophy (“analytic” division), lecture on “Moral Progress and Human Agency,” October 5, 2015

Rutgers University, Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, July 29, 2015, talk on “Culture and Moral Progress”

Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Keynote Lecture “Moral Progress and Human Agency” at conference on “Moral Progress: Concept, Measurement and Application,” Faculty of Philosophy, June 24, 2015

American University, 56th Annual Bishop Hurst Lecture, “Civic Art of Remembrance and the Democratic Imagination” March 27, 2015

Michigan State University, Suter Distinguished Lecturer, “Civic Art and the Democratic Imagination” October 24, 2014

Temple University, Department of Philosophy, “Civic Art and the Democratic Imagination” October 17, 2014

Annual Meeting of the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy, (publishers of NOMOS) “Democratic Conflict and the Political Morality of Compromise,” Feb. 28, 2014.

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Dept. of Philosophy, World Philosophy Day Lecture, “Cultural Diversity, Globalization, and the Future of Democratic Citizenship” Nov. 22, 2013

Harvard University, Political Theory Group, “Democratic Disagreement and the Morality of Compromise,” March 14, 2013.

McGill University Conference in Honor of Charles Taylor; Montreal, Quebec; “Memory, Multiculturalism and Democracy,” March 31, 2012.

Seton Hall University, “The Enigma of Forgiveness,” March 1, 2012.

Syracuse University, College of Arts and Sciences; Milton First Year Lecture: “Public Monuments and the Obligations of Collective Memory: Vietnam, the Civil War and the Holocaust,” September 2011.

American Academy of Berlin, “Morality and the Claims of History,” June 15, 2011

Columbia University, “Morality and the Claims of History,” June 2011

Columbia University, “Whatever Happened to Civil Disagreement,” April 2010.

Columbia University, Contemporary Civilization Core Lecture, “What Difference Does Theory Make to Practice?” February 2010.

Teachers’ College, Columbia, “Liberal Arts Education in the 21st Century,” 2009

Colorado State University, William O. Eddy Lecture, “Education for the 21st Century,” 2009.

Pennsylvania State University, Collegium of Black Women Philosophers, “Should We Hope for a Post-Racial Society?” May 2009.

American Philosophical Association, Central Division, “Revisiting Calhoun’s Setting the Moral Compass” April 2008.

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, “Critical Review of Charles Griswold’s Forgiveness: A Philosophical Exploration.” March 2008.

Queen’s University; Kingston, Ontario; Canada, Distinguished Faculty Lecturer, (1) delivered paper: “Arguing with the Past: Recognition and Reconciliation” (2) Led a Seminar on Moral Progress, January 2008.

Brookings Institution, “The Broad Ethical Context of Government Service,” Brookings Center for Executive Education, Program for Government Executives, March 2007.

“Culture, Law and the Strains of Commitment” Columbia University Law School, March 2006.

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, author Meets Critics Session, “Reflections on Appiah’s *Ethics of Identity*,” December 2005.

University of Pennsylvania, (a) Trustee Council Lecture: “What’s So Special about Academic Freedom?” (b) Philosophy Department Colloquium “Arguing with the Past: The Uses of History for Moral Reflection” November 2005.

Cornell Alumni Association, Ithaca, New York, “Three Myths about Ethics,” April 2005.

University of Chicago Law School, Forum on Law, Ethics and Philosophy, invited speaker on the topic “Race and the Law” April 2005.

Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Ann Palmieri Memorial Lecture, “Arguing with the Past,” March 2005.

Maxwell School, Syracuse University invited speaker, State of Democracy Lectures:

“Arguing with the Past.” November 2004.

Liberty Fund Conference “Liberty and Diversity,” Park City, Utah, June 2004.

Pacific Division, American Philosophical Association, respondent at Author meets Critics session on Cohen and Sterba, *Affirmative Action and Racial Preference*, March 2004.

University of Utah, Keynote Speaker, with a talk entitled “Culture and Agency,” at a conference on “Gender, Diversity, and Identity, March 2004.

Invited speaker, University of Colorado Philosophy Department Colloquium, “Arguing with the Past: The Uses of History for Moral Reflection” November 2003.

Conference of the Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory, Keynote Speaker, with a talk entitled “Reclaiming the Ideal of Equality,” October 2003.

University of Manitoba, (a) invited speaker, Institute for the Humanities, “Feminism and the Relativist Mystique,” (b) invited speaker, Department of Philosophy, “Arguing with the Past: The Uses of History for Moral Reflection” September 2003.

Howard University, keynote speaker, Annual Alain Locke Conference on “Cross-Cultural Dialogue in Philosophy,” April 2003.

Harvard University Center for Ethics and the Professions, “Academic Freedom, Moral Diversity and Moral Education.” December 2002.

Cornell University, Conference on Inequality: New Directions “Comments on William Julius Wilson ‘Social Theory and the Concept ‘Underclass’” April 2002.

Syracuse University “Academic Freedom, Pluralism, and Moral Education,” October 2001.

January 2000, invited speaker, Cornell University, “Justice without Borders” and “Feminism and the Relativist Mystique,” September 2001.

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, “Justice without Borders,” January 2000.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, “The Idea of Moral Progress,” September

1999.

Central Division, American Philosophical Association, "Arguing with the Past: The Uses of History for Moral Reflection and Moral Education," May 1999.

Cornell University, Commentator and Participant (as a "Senior Scholar" in Philosophy) at the Cornell Younger Scholars Conference. Commented on a paper "Doing without Desert" by Prof. Erin Kelly, April 1999.

Northwestern University, "Feminism and the Relativist Mystique," February 1999.

Eastern Division, American Philosophical Association, delivered Invited Paper, "The Idea of Moral Progress," with two comment papers from Prof. Nicholas Sturgeon (Cornell Univ.) and Prof. David Wong (Brandeis University), December 1998.

Central Division, American Philosophical Association, (a) Respondent at, "Author Meets Critics" Session on my book, Fieldwork in Familiar Places, (b) Commentator at "Author Meets Critics" Session on Gutmann and Appiah, Color Conscious: The Political Morality of Race, May 1998.

New York University, invited paper, "Justice without Borders," May 1998.

Wellesley College, invited paper, "Feminism and the Relativist Mystique" at Conference on Justice and Objectivity: Honoring the retirement of R.A. Putnam., April 1998.

Tufts University invited paper "Feminism and the Relativist Mystique," March 1998.

Washington University at St. Louis, invited paper, "Cruelty, Respect, and Unsentimental Love," March 1998.

Rutgers University, invited speaker, "Cruelty, Respect, and Unsentimental Love," February 1998.

Colgate University, Annual Audi Lecturer: (1)"Justice without Borders" and (2) "Cruelty, Respect, and 'Unsentimental Love," January 1998.

Illinois Philosophical Association, invited paper, "The Virtues of Nussbaum's

Essentialism," November 1997.

Invited paper, "Griffin's Modest Proposal: A Commentary on Griffin's Value Judgment: Improving Our Ethical Beliefs," International Society for Utilitarian Studies, 1997 Conference on "Utilitarianism Reconsidered," New Orleans, Louisiana, March 1997.

American Philosophical Association, "Reconsidering Plessy v. Ferguson" to mark the 100th Anniversary of the decision in Plessy v. Ferguson. December 1996.

University of Wisconsin, Madison: invited paper, "Cruelty, Respect, and 'Unsentimental Love,'" September 1996.

University of Pittsburgh invited paper, "Cruelty, Respect, and 'Unsentimental Love'" for Conference on "Different Voices," Honoring Annette Baier (at her retirement), November 1995.

Central Division, American Philosophical Association, Invited Paper, "Feminist Inquiry and Motherhood: Held's Account of the Moral Transformation of the Public Sphere;" for Author meets critics: on Virginia Held's Feminist Morality: Transforming Culture, Society, and Politics, April 1995.

Rutgers University invited commentator at conference, "Race: Its Meaning and Significance," Rutgers University, November 1994.

Pacific Division, American Philosophical Association, commentator on "Hume's Naturalization of Reason," Hume Society Meeting, March 1993.

Northern Illinois University, invited lecture, "Culture, Responsibility, and Affected Ignorance," Northern Illinois University, February 26, 1993.

Purdue University, invited lecture, "Culture, Responsibility, and Affected Ignorance," February 18, 1993.

Brown University invited commentator on "The Social Construction and Reconstruction of Care," conference on Laws and Nature: Shaping Sex, Preference and Family, February 5-6, 1993.

Vanderbilt University, Invited Lectures at the Program on Social and Political Thought, the Philosophy Department, and the Program on Women's Studies: (1) "Theory, Practice and the Contingency of Rorty's Irony," (2) "Gender and the Complexity of Moral Voices," (3) "Philosopher-Citizens and Walzer's Democracy," November 1992.

Michigan State University, invited lecture, "Culture, Responsibility, and Affected Ignorance," Distinguished Lecture Series in Philosophy, "Philosophical Perspectives on the American Experience," Michigan State University, October 1992.

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, invited paper, "Culture, Responsibility, and Affected Ignorance," March 1992.

Wayne State University, invited lecture, "Culture, Responsibility, and Affected Ignorance," Wayne State University, November 1991.

Skidmore College invited Discussant and Panel Member, Symposium on Race and Racism in America, October 1991.

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, invited paper, "Culture and the Culture of the University," conference on "Changing Cultural Values and the Role of the University," Program for the Study of Cultural Values and Ethics, April 1991.

University of Rochester invited lecture, "Gender and the Complexity of Moral Voices," Susan B. Anthony Center for Women's Studies, University of Rochester, December 1990.

Georgetown University, invited lecture, "On the Old Saw That Character is Destiny," Georgetown University, October 1990.

Syracuse University, invited lecture, "On the Old Saw that Character is Destiny," Syracuse University, October 1990.

Indiana University, invited lecture, "On the Old Saw that Character is Destiny," Indiana University, September 1990.

American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, invited commentator, "Was Hume an Internalist or Externalist about Motivation?" April 1990.

Brown University, Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America, invited paper, "Race, Class and the Social Bases of Self-Respect," Conference entitled "What is the Right Thing?" March 1990.

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting: (a) invited commentator on "Responsibility and Moral Luck" (b) chair, session on moral theory, December 1989.

University of Delaware, Conference at the Center for the Study of Values, invited commentator on "Philosophy and the Black Underclass," University of Delaware, June 1989.

Howard University, invited lecture, "On Surrogacy: Morality, Markets and Motherhood," Howard University, Washington D.C., March 1989.

Radcliffe College, Harvard University, invited commentary, "Response to Triantosky: on Responsibility for Character, and Kantian Views of the Virtues," Cambridge Conference on Character and Morality, Radcliffe College, April 1988."

Research Group Participation:

Science and Ethics for Happiness and Well-being (SEH) Project (hosted by Monsignor Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, Chancellor of the Pontifical Academies of Sciences and Social Sciences, in partnership with the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), and Columbia University.) (August 2019-present)

Ethics, Neuroscience and Psychology Task Force, Global Council for Happiness, and Well-being (August 2020-present)

Commemorative Lectures, Sermons, and a Selection of Public Talks:

Sage Chapel, Cornell University, "Faith and the Public Square," April 2008.

First Unitarian Church, Ithaca, NY "This I Dearly Believe: Forgiveness is Strength," August 2007.

Sage Chapel, Cornell University "The Uses of Adversity," October 2005.

Faculty Last Lecture Cornell Chapter, Mortarboard Society, “It’s not over until the Philosopher sings,” *October* 2004.

Cornell University Freshman Orientation Book Project Faculty Panel, “The Enduring Significance of Sophocles’ *Antigone*,” August 2003.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ithaca, “Simple Gifts,” February 2003.

Cornell University, “Remembering 9/11/01,” September 2002.

Sage Chapel, Cornell University “Reconciling Righteousness and Humility: A Response to Sept. 11, 2001,” September 2001.

Cornell University, Freshman Reading Project Faculty Panel, “The Moral Implications of Jared Diamond’s *Guns, Germs and Steel*,” August 2001.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

American Philosophical Association (1980-present; lifetime member)

American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy (2013-present)

(Vice President, January 2016 – September 2018)

American Society for Aesthetics (2020-present)

Hume Society (1984-1993)

Society for Philosophy and Public Affairs

Northeast Victorian Studies Association (1984-1990)

American Association of University Women

American Society for Value Inquiry

International Society for Value Inquiry

NON-PROFIT BOARD MEMBERSHIPS:

Board of Directors, American Council of Learned Societies (2016-2020; 2020-2024)

Board of Trustees, the Brearley School, New York City (2011-2013)

Board of Directors, the Hastings Center for Bioethics (2010-2021)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

External Reviews of Departments and Programs

The Grad Center, CUNY, Program in Philosophy, November 2021

New School for Social Research, External Review of Liberal Studies Program, October

2012.

MIT Corporation Visiting Committee, External Review of Programs for Dean of Undergraduate Education 1st term 2011-2014; second^{term} 2014-.2017.

Consultant, Educational Testing Services, Working Group on the Idea of Assessment October 2011.

External Review Committee, Princeton University Writing Program, 2009.

External Review Committee Chair, Colgate University Department of Philosophy and Religion, Fall 2001.

External Review Committee Member, Dartmouth College Ethics Institute, Fall 2002.

External Tenure and Promotion Reviews:

Harvard University
Columbia University
Dartmouth College
DePaul University
George Washington University
New York University
Northeastern University
Rutgers University
Stanford University
Temple University
Tufts University
University of California Riverside

Service on Institutional Committees for Internal Tenure Reviews:

Indiana University
Cornell University
Columbia University

Associate Editor:

Ethics February 2016 to 2021

Editorial Boards / Advisory Boards:

The Journal of Speculative Philosophy 2022- present
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, 2016- present
Ethics April 2005- present [also served as an Associate Editor 2016-2021]
Metaphilosophy 1999-present
Utilitas, 1995-2022
African American Review 2005-2008
Hypatia 1995-1999; 2016 – 2020

Public Affairs Quarterly, 1991-94; 1998-2002

Book Reviewer:

Ethics
Mind
Notre Dame Philosophical
Philosophical Books Times
Literary Supplement
Victorian Studies
Women's Review of Books
Women's Studies in Indiana

Journal Referee:

American Anthropologist
Ethics
Hypatia
Journal of the History of Ideas
Journal of Social Philosophy
Nous
Public Affairs Quarterly
Signs
Victorian Studies

Reader for Academic Presses:

Princeton University Press
Harvard University Press
Oxford University Press
Cornell University Press
Routledge Press
Macmillan Publishing
Wadsworth Publishing
University of Kansas Press

National and International Fellowship Selection Committees:

National Humanities Center Selection Committee, Jan. 2021 Reviewer, Dec.
2021.

Berlin Academy Fellows Program, Peer Reviewer Fall 2016/ Spring 2017

Mellon Foundation, New Directions Fellowship Selection Panel, 2015-present

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship Selection Panel (2003, 2004, 2005)

National Endowment for the Humanities Evaluation Panels, August 1993-1995, Proposal
Evaluation Panel in Philosophy for NEH University Teachers Fellowships

Marshall Scholarship Selection Committee, Midwestern Region for British Marshall Scholarship Commission, 1993-1996; 1999-2001.

Marshall Scholarship Selection Committee, Northeastern Region for British Marshall Scholarship Commission, 1987-1990.

American Philosophical Association:

Executive Committee, APA Eastern Division, 2018-2021
Nominating Committee, Eastern Division, APA, 2010-2013
APA Ombudsperson for Non-Discrimination (by election 2005-2008)
APA Defense Committee (2005-2008)
Executive Committee, APA Eastern Division, 2003-2006 (by election)
Program Committee Advisory Board, APA Eastern Division, 1994-97
Committee on the Status of Blacks in Philosophy APA Eastern Division 1989-1994

American Society of Political and Legal Philosophy,

Co-Vice President (January 2016- September 2018)

Columbia University, 2009-present:

Chair of the EPPC of Arts and Sciences (Fall 2017-present)
Chair, PPC Lecturer Study Committee (Spring 2017)
Chair, EPPC Sub-Committee on Instructional Staffing and Scheduling (Spring 2017)
Director of Graduate Studies, Philosophy (Fall 2018-present)
Member, Steering Committee of Center for American Studies (Fall 2018- present)
Director of Graduate Admissions (Spring 2016)
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Philosophy (2013-2016)
Member, Executive Committee of Institute for Research on Women and Gender (2015-2016)
Member of the Board of the Society of Fellows (2012-2015)
Dean of Columbia College and Vice President for Undergraduate Education (2009-2011)

Cornell University, 2000-2009:

Co-Chair, West Campus Council (2005-present)
Chair, Program for A. D. White Professors- at- Large (2004-2007)
University Appeals Panel (2004-2009)
Selection Committee, Program for A.D. White Professors-at-Large (2001-2004)
Mellon Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar in the Humanities:
 Co-leader 2001-2002 (topic: "Race and Ethnicity")
 Co-leader 2004-2005 (topic: "Ethics")
Humanities Council (2001-2004)
Rhodes/Marshall Scholarship Endorsement Committee. 2000-present
Academic Programming Committee for West Campus Living and Learning Initiative (2000-2002)

Indiana University, 1991-2000:

Campus-wide Service:

President's Council on International Programs 1999-2000
Campus Curriculum Committee, 1998- 2000
Bloomington Campus, Tenure Advisory Committee, 1996-1998
Educational Policies Committee of BFC 1994-1996
Bloomington Faculty Council 1994-1996

College-wide Service in College of Arts and Sciences:

Committee on Undergraduate Education, 1998-2000
American Studies Program Committee, 1995-96
Rhodes and Marshall Scholarship Committee, 1991-96
Reader for Wells Scholarship Committee, 1992-95
Canterbury Overseas Study Committee, 1992-95
Individualized Major Program Committee, 1993-1996

Departmental Service:

Departmental Ethics and Value Theory Committee 1991-2000
Poynter Center liaison 1994-1997
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 1993
Departmental Meeting Agenda Committee, 1992-1994
Departmental By-laws Committee, 1993-95
Graduate Admissions Committee, 1992, 1993, 1996

University of Rochester, 1988-1991:

University Committee for Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships
Faculty Council, College of Arts and Sciences (by election)
Steering Committee, Faculty Council
Department Liaison to University Library
Extensive work on Departmental Ad hoc Committees
Extensive Freshman Student Advising
Supervision of Graduate Dissertation Work in Philosophy
Supervision of Undergraduate Honors work in Philosophy

Wellesley College, 1984-1988:

Advisory Committee on Admissions and Recruitment Policy
Extramural Graduate Fellowships Committee
Academic Council