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**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Africana Philosophy  
 20<sup>th</sup> Century European Philosophy  
 (esp. Phenomenology)

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Social & Political Philosophy  
 19<sup>th</sup> Century European Philosophy

**EDUCATION**

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|------|---|
| 2022 | PhD in Philosophy, Northwestern University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dissertation</i>: “The Decolonization of Phenomenology: Dialogical Universality in Césaire, Fanon and Hountondji”</li> <li>• Committee: Penelope Deutscher (Chair), José Medina, Rachel Zuckert, Peter Fenves, Souleymane Bachir Diagne (Columbia University)</li> </ul> |
| 2016 | Graduate Credit Program in Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven   |
| 2015 | MSc with Distinction in Political Theory, London School of Economics and Political Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Thesis</i>: “Rousseau and Nietzsche on Individuality and Community”, Prof. Katrin Flikschuh</li> </ul>   |
| 2014 | BA with First Class Honors in History and Politics, University of Warwick   |

**POSITIONS**

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| 2022-Present | Assistant Professor in Philosophy, <a href="http://www.trincoll.edu">Trinity College</a>                      |
| 2021-2022    | Visiting Assistant Professor in Philosophy, <a href="http://www.sarahlawrence.edu">Sarah Lawrence College</a> |

**FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

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| 2025-Present | Faculty Writing Fellow, Trinity College Allen K. Smith Center for Writing and Rhetoric  |
| 2021-2022    | Global Impacts Graduate Fellow, <a href="http://www.northwestern.edu/buffett-institute">Northwestern Buffett Institute for Global Affairs</a> |

2018-2022                      Research Assistant for the Grant  
    [Andrew W. Mellon Project: Critical Theory in the Global South](#), (award #  
    41 600 618), Northwestern University

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Phenomenology Beyond Eurocentrism: Hountondji and the Promise of the Universal* (under advance contract with Indiana University Press)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Why Hountondji in Europe: Meta-Philosophical Reflections”, forthcoming in *Arumaruka: The Journal of Conversational Thinking (Special Issue: Tributes to Paulin J. Hountondji)*.

“[The Giving Birth of a World: Fanon, Husserl and the Imagination](#)”, *Southern Journal of Philosophy (Special Issue: Fanon & Phenomenology)* 62/1 (2024), pp. 24-44.

“[Absolute Ideas and Empirical-Anthropological Types: Tracking Husserl’s Eurocentrism](#)”, *Husserl Studies* 38/3 (2022), pp. 359-383

“[Deconstruction and Epistemic Violence](#)”, *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 59/2 (2021), pp. 100-121.

### Book Chapters

“Philosophical Universality in Crisis: Hountondji’s Interruption of Phenomenology” in [Phenomenology in an African Context: Contributions and Challenges](#), ed. Abraham Olivier, M. John Lamola and Justin Sands (Albany: SUNY Press, forthcoming 2023).

### Encyclopedia Entries and Public Outreach

“Ethnophilosophy” in *Encyclopedia of Diversity*, ed. Mitja Sardoc (Dordrecht: Springer, forthcoming 2025).

“[On Paulin J. Hountondji and the Notion of ‘Influence’ in Modern African and Africana Intellectual History: An Interview with Zeyad el Nabolsy and Carmen De Schryver](#)”, *Borderlines*, January 2023

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Expanding the Boundaries of Philosophy: Revisiting the Ethnophilosophy Critique

“‘Through the Particular, Reach Out to the Universal’: On Fanonian Négritude”

Paper on Lugones and Heidegger (under review)

**PRESENTATIONS****Invited Papers**

- 2025 “Hountondji and the Future of Philosophy”, Panel: Paulin Hountondji’s Radical Philosophical Universalism, Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, Congress of the Canadian Federation for the Social Sciences and Humanities, George Brown College, May 2025
- 2025 “Dialogical Universality: The Conceptual Picture”, Panel: Africana Philosophy: Contemporary Currents, Pacific APA, San Francisco, April 2025
- 2024 “Hountondji’s Meta-Philosophical Vision”, African Philosophy Beyond Unanimism: A Roundtable in Honour of Paulin J. Hountondji, Conversational School of Philosophy, Calabar Nigeria and The Centre for Phenomenology in South Africa, University of Fort Hare, South Africa, March 2024 (online conference)
- 2023 “On the Continued Relevance of Decolonial Methodologies: A Response to Olúfemi Táìwò”, [Memphis University, Spindel Conference: On the History of Philosophy](#), October 2023
- 2023 “The Imagination and Critical Phenomenology”, Presenter, Queen’s University Critical Phenomenology Reading Group, May 2023
- 2021 “Universality and Decoloniality: Souleymane Bachir Diagne’s ‘On the Post-Colonial and the Universal?’”, Critical Theory Workshop, Northwestern University, June 2021
- 2020 “María Lugones on Multiplicitous Selfhood”, Guest Lecture, Feminist Philosophy Course, Prof. Gina Zavota, Kent State University, October 2020
- 2020 “Decolonizing the Canon: Reading Strategies”, Invited Speaker, *Minorities and Philosophy Chapter*, Kent State University, February 2020

**Conference Presentations**

- 2023 “Hountondji’s Metamorphosis of the Phenomenological Reduction”, Conference Presenter, [Husserl-Arbeitstage 2023: Reason and Relativity](#), Department of Philosophy, KU Leuven, March 2023
- 2022 “‘The Crisis of the Crisis’: Deconstruction beyond Europe”, Conference Presenter, Decolonization and Post-Structuralism, Department of Logic and Theoretical Philosophy, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, February 2022

- 2021 “Universality through Dialogue: Fanon on the Relationship between the Universal and the Particular”, Conference Presenter, International Association for Dialogue Analysis, September 2021
- 2021 “Hountondji’s Interruption of Phenomenology”, Conference Presenter, 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophy Conference at Villanova University: Phenomenology and its Worlds, March 2021
- 2018 “Responding to Others: Deconstruction and Epistemic Violence”, Conference Presenter, Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference: Displacement, The Graduate Center, CUNY, November 2018
- 2017 “Hospitality: On the Space Between Ethics and Politics”, Conference Presenter, 24<sup>th</sup> Annual DePaul University Graduate Student Conference: Place and Space, DePaul University, February 2017
- 2016 “Liberal Interventionism and African Political Philosophy: Applbaum’s ‘Forcing a People to be Free’”, Conference Presenter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bath Spa Colloquium for Global Philosophy and Religion, Bath Spa University, April 2016

### Workshop Presentations

- 2022 “On the Philosophical Significance of Indigenous Knowledge”, Department of Philosophy Lecture Series, Trinity College, November 2022
- 2023 “‘The Giving Birth of a World’: Fanon, Husserl and the Imagination” Presenter, [Southern Journal of Philosophy Workshop Series: Fanon and Phenomenology](#), Department of Philosophy, University of Memphis, March 2023
- 2021 “Dialogical Universality: Hountondji’s Inheritance of Césaire and Fanon”, AFRISEM, Northwestern University, May 2021
- 2020 “Hountondji on Decolonial Universality”, Dissertation Research Seminar, Northwestern University, June 2020
- 2019 “Epistemic Injustice and Deconstruction”, Dissertation Research Seminar, Northwestern University, May 2019

### Discussant

- 2021 Paulin J. Hountondji, “Cooptation: Global Knowledge as it Works”, Northwestern University, Online Conference, [Decolonizing University, Decolonizing the University](#), Andrew W. Mellon Critical Theory in the Global South Project, June 2021
- 2019 Noémi Michel, “Embodied Voices and Paradoxical Inclusion: A Black Feminist Critique of Democracy”, Northwestern University, Workshop:

Democracy, Critique, and Europe's Crises, August 2019

Renxiang Liu, "Between Repetition and Renewal: Varieties of Duration in Alia Al-Saji's Critical Phenomenology of Race", Northwestern University Graduate Conference in Critical Theory, February 2019

2018 Nadia Yala Kisukidi, "Racial Hospitality: On Decoloniality and Afro-Pessimism", Northwestern University Workshop on Decolonizing Critical Theory: Decolonial Aesthetics and Epistemic Violence, November 2018

2017 Anastasia Berg, "You Can't Move Without Being Moved: On the Moral Significance of the Human Capacity for Feeling", 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, April 2017

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Instructor of Record

Spring 2025	Phenomenology
Spring 2025	Decolonizing Philosophy, Trinity College
Spring 2025	Love, Friendship, Desire, Trinity College
Spring 2024	Topics in Africana Philosophy, Trinity College
Spring 2024	Introduction to Philosophy, Trinity College
Fall 2023	<a href="#">Fanon</a> , Trinity College
Fall 2023	Introduction to Philosophy, Trinity College
Spring 2023	<a href="#">Philosophy of Europe</a> , Trinity College
Spring 2023	<a href="#">African Philosophy</a> , Trinity College
Fall 2022	<a href="#">Decolonizing Philosophy</a> , Trinity College
Fall 2022	<a href="#">Friendship, Love and Desire</a> , Trinity College
Spring 2022	<a href="#">Critical Race Theory: Philosophical Perspectives</a> , Sarah Lawrence College
Fall 2021	<a href="#">Decolonizing Philosophy</a> , Sarah Lawrence College

### Teaching Assistant

Fall 2020	Ways of Knowing: Learning in (Post-)Colonial Times, Prof. Hermez and Prof. Menge, Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University in Qatar, cross-listed with Anthropology (Online Class)
Spring 2020	Introduction to Africana Philosophy, Dr. William Paris, Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University (Online Class)
Winter 2020	Introduction to the Philosophy of Language, Prof. Megan Hyska, Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University
Winter 2019	Introduction to Critical Theory, Prof. Mark Alznauer, Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University
Fall 2018	Bioethics, Prof. Mark Sheldon, Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University
Winter 2018	History of Early Modern Philosophy, Prof. Baron Reed, Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University
Fall 2017	Bioethics, Prof. Mark Sheldon, Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University

## PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

2023	Teaching Workshop and Practicum, “Diversifying Phil 101”, Participant, Boston University
2019	Syllabus Workshop: “Errant Syllabi: Latin American and Latinx Feminist, Cuir/Queer, and Gender Theory”, Invited Scholar, Northwestern University, November 2019
2019	Caribbean Philosophical Association Summer School, Participant, Williams College, June 2019
2018	Rethinking Pedagogy Workshop and Practicum, Participant, National Autonomous University of Mexico, November 2018
2018	“Inventing School/Hacer Escuela” Workshop, Participant, Fordham University, April 2018

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & SERVICE

2025	Search Committee Member, Dept. of Philosophy, Trinity College
2022-Present	Referee for <i>Puncta: A Journal of Critical Phenomenology</i> ; <i>Constellations</i> ; <i>The South African Journal of Philosophy</i> ; Reviewer for Routledge
2021	Principal Organizer, “ <a href="#">Decolonizing Universality, Decolonizing the University: International Conference</a> ”, Andrew W. Mellon Project: Critical

- Theory in the Global South, Northwestern University, June 2021
- 2020 Graduate Convener, “Critical Theory in Critical Times: Santiago Castro-Gómez’s *Critique of Latin American Reason*,” Northwestern University, October 2020
- 2018-2021 Organizer and co-founder, “Northwestern University’s Annual Graduate Conference in Critical Theory,” Northwestern University.
- 2018 Principal Organizer, “Annual Inclusiveness Lecture: Professor Ariana Stokas, ‘Tracing Epistemic Reparation: The University as a Collective Site of Amends’,” Department of Philosophy, Northwestern University, November 2018
- 2017-2020 Organizer, “After-Life of Phenomenology Workshop,” Northwestern University
- 2017-2019 Member, [Climate Committee](#), Northwestern University

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

### *Northwestern University (Philosophy)*

- “Heidegger and Gadamer”, Prof. Cristina LaFont, Winter 2019
- “Love and Friendship in Plato and Aristotle”, Prof. Richard Kraut, Spring 2018
- “Habermas”, Prof. Cristina LaFont, Winter-Spring 2018
- “Critical Race Theory”, Prof. José Medina, Winter 2018
- “Kant’s First Critique”, Prof. Axel Mueller, Winter 2018
- “Nietzsche and Bernard Williams on Ethics”, Prof. Mark Alznauer, Fall 2017
- “Biopolitics After Foucault”, Prof. Penelope Deutscher, Spring 2017
- “Global Capitalism and Law”, Prof. Cristina LaFont, Winter 2017
- “Love, Reasons and Reasoning” (Audit), Prof. Kyla Ebels-Duggan, Winter 2017
- “Wittgenstein”, Prof. Sean Ebels-Duggan, Fall 2016
- “Hegel and Honneth”, Prof. Mark Alznauer, Fall 2016
- “Epistemic Psychology”, Prof. Baron Reed, Fall 2016-Winter 2017

### *Northwestern University (Other Disciplines)*

- “Indian Ocean Epistemologies”, Prof. Evan Mwangi (Comparative Literature), Spring 2018
- “Benjamin and Derrida on Phenomenology”, Prof. Peter Fenves (German), Fall 2017
- “Kafka and his Critics”, Prof. Sam Weber (Comparative Literature), Spring 2017

### *Fordham University*

- “Husserl and Heidegger” (Audit), Prof. John Drummond, Spring 2021

### *DePaul University*

- “Heidegger’s Being and Time”, Prof. William McNeill, Spring 2017

### *KU Leuven*

- “Jewish Philosophy”, Prof. Luc Anckaert, Spring 2016
- “Ethics”, Prof. William Desmond, Spring 2016

“Aquinas on Aristotle’s Metaphysics”, Prof. Henning Tegtmeier, Fall 2015

“Plato’s Timaeus”, Prof. Guy Claessens, Fall 2015

*London School of Economics*

“Global Justice and African Political Philosophy”, Prof. Katrin Flikschuh, Spring 2015

“Europe Beyond Modernity: Nietzsche, Heidegger, Derrida”, Prof. Simon Glendinning, Spring 2015

“Philosophy of History and the Idea of Europe”, Prof. Simon Glendinning, Winter 2015

“Kant’s Political Theory”, Prof. Katrin Flikschuh, Winter 2015

“Hobbes”, Prof. Johan Olsthoorn, Fall 2014

“Foundations of Political Theory”, Prof. Kai Spiekermann and Joe Mazon, Fall 2014

**LANGUAGES**

English: Native

Dutch: Native

German: Advanced in reading, intermediate in speaking and writing

Spanish: Intermediate in reading, speaking and writing

French: Intermediate in reading, beginner in speaking and writing

Italian: Beginner in reading, speaking and writing