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Academic Positions

2023-present

Washington University in St. Louis

Assistant Professor of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Affiliate Faculty, Asian American Studies

2020-2023

Goucher College

Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Women, Gender, and
Sexuality Studies (2021-2023)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Women, Gender,
and Sexuality Studies (2020-2021)

Education

2016-2020

Emory University

PhD Philosophy

Dissertation: “Trans Feminism and the Queer Use of Philosophy”

Committee: Dilek Huseyinzadegan (Co-Chair), Cynthia Willett
(Co-Chair), Rocío Zambrana, Talia Mae Bettcher, Verena
Erlenbusch-Anderson

2014-2016 (transfer)

University of Memphis

PhD Philosophy

2012-2014

Loyola Marymount University

MA (with Distinction) Philosophy

2008-2012

Northern Arizona University

BA (with University Honors) Philosophy (English minor), *cum
laude*

Publications

1. **Articles**

- a. “(Be)Coming Undone: Toward a Critical Trans Phenomenology of Sexuality,”
Revue Internationale de Philosophie 302.4 (2022)

2. **Book Chapters**

- a. “tRacing Face: Facial Feminization Surgery and a Racial History of Beauty,”
Trans Philosophy: Mattering and Meaning, edited by Talia Bettcher, PJ di Pietro,
Andrea Pitts, and Perry Zurn, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2024.

- b. "From the Will to Race to Hygienic Feminism: Race, State, Habit." In *The Biopolitics of Punishment: Foucault and Derrida*, edited by Selin Islekel and Rick Elmore. Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2022.
 - c. "Eros" co-authored with Cynthia Willett. In *50 Concepts for a Critical Phenomenology*, edited by Ann Murphy, Gayle Salamon, and Gail Weiss. Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2019.
 - d. "Becoming Restive: Orientations in Asian American Feminist Theory and Praxis." In *Asian American Feminisms and Women of Color Politics*, edited by Shireen Roshanravan and Lynn H. Fujiwara. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2018.
3. **Roundtables, Interviews, Short Form Writing**
- a. "For the Dolls: Trans Femme of Color Theory Roundtable" (with Eriqre Zhang, Julian Kivon Glover, Nathan Alexander Moore, Ava LJ Kim, aeryka hollis o'neal, and Lavelle Ridley), *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly* 10.3 (2023).
 - b. "Merleau-Ponty, Fanon, and Phenomenological Forays in Trans Life," *APA Newsletter on LGBTQ Issues in Philosophy* 18.1 (2018): 16-21.
4. **Book Reviews, Commentary Essays**
- a. Review of *The Life and Death of Latisha King: A Critical Phenomenology of Transphobia*, written by Gayle Salamon. New York: New York University Press. *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 26.3 (2020).
 - b. Review of *The Remedy: Queer and Trans Voices on Health and Health Care*, edited by Zena Sharman. Vancouver: Arsenal Press. *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics* 11.2 (2018): 166-170.
 - c. "Specters of Sovereignty: Comments on Andrew Dilts' 'Toward Abolitionist Genealogy.'" *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 55.S1(2017): 78-85.
5. **Public Scholarship and Creative Activity**
- a. "Chasing Desire," *Blog of the APA*, July 2024, <https://blog.apaonline.org/2024/07/23/chasing-desire/>
 - b. "The Page Act of 1875 and Violence against Asian Women," *Blog of the APA*, November 2022
 - c. "Episode 37: Living Your Truth," *Overthink Podcast*, October 2021, <https://www.overthinkpodcast.com/episodes/episode-37>
 - d. "Utopian Disappointments," *Brooklyn Rail*, <https://brooklynrail.org/2021/05/criticspage/Utopian-Disappointments>
 - e. "Episode 4: Tamsin Kimoto," *Unbound Podcast*, February 2021, https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/unbound/episode-4-tamsin-kimoto-n-lBrSEvPq_/
 - f. "Trans Philosophers and the Politics of Bathrooms," *Blog of the APA*, <https://blog.apaonline.org/2018/08/15/women-in-philosophy-trans-philosophers-and-the-politics-of-bathrooms/>

Presentations

• Peer Reviewed

- “How to Be an Object,” *American Philosophical Association—Eastern Division*, New York City, NY, January 2025.
- “tRacing Face: Facial Feminization Surgery and a Racial Genealogy of Beauty,” *International Academy of Sex Research*, Montreal, QC, August 2023.
- “The (Re)Production of Yellow: Fever, Labor, Peril,” *Western Political Science Association*, Portland, OR, March 2022.
- “tRacing Face: Facial Feminization Surgery and a Racial Genealogy of Beauty,” *Trans Thinking//Thinking Trans*, Virtual Lecture, October 2020.
- “Defining Transphobia: Orientation, Objectification, and Objects,” *philoSOPHIA*, Nashville, TN, May 2020.
- “Inhabiting Disappointment: Affective Mis-Orientations in Queer & Trans Asian America,” *American Studies Association*, Honolulu, HI, November 2019.
- “Skin in the Game: Diversity in (Spite of) Professional Philosophy,” *Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy*, Flagstaff, AZ, May 2018.
- “Erotic (Un)Becomings: Phenomenologies of Transition and the Bioethics of Repair,” *philoSOPHIA*, Richmond, VA, March 2018.
- “Fielding Anger: From Universal Political Emotion to Contextual Political Affect,” *philoSOPHIA*, Boca Raton, FL, March 2017.
- “Unruly Tongues: Asian American Feminist Theory and Migrant Orientations,” *Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy*, Birmingham, AL, March 2017.
- “You Can Tell by the Way I Walk: Trans* Studies and Foucauldian Archaeology,” *Trans* Experience in Philosophy Conference*, Eugene, OR, May 2016.
- “Trans* Poetics, Erotic Embodiment, and Self-Love: A Response to Talia Bettcher’s ‘When Selves Have Sex,’” *philoSOPHIA*, Denver, CO, March 2016.
- “Between Imperceptibility and Recognition: Queering Affect, Intelligibility, and the Law,” *National Women’s Studies Associate Annual Conference*, Milwaukee, WI, November 2015.
- “‘A Certain Relationship to What Exists’: The Affective Dimensions of Foucault’s Critique,” *Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy*, Flagstaff, AZ, May 2015.
- “*Shen* and *De*, Embodiment, Disability: Zhuangzi and Merleau-Ponty on Perspective and Being a Body,” *American Philosophical Association—Eastern Division*, Philadelphia, PA, December 2014.

- “In Time and Space: Levinas and Watsuji on the Ethical Metaphysics of Persons,” *American Philosophical Association—Eastern Division*, Baltimore, MD, December 2013.
- “The Real Fiction of Gender: Psychoanalysis, Phenomenology, and the Unfinality of Gender Claims,” *9th Annual Gender, Sexuality, and Power Conference*, California State University, Los Angeles, May 2013.
- “The ‘Body’ Political: Hannah Arendt, Race, and American Democracy,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Hollywood, CA, March 2013.
- “Can Marxism Critique: Foucault and the Critical Project,” *Fanaticism and the Abolition Democracy: Critical Theory in the Spirit of Joel Olson*, Flagstaff, AZ, January 2013.
- **Invited**
 - “Theory for Traps,” *Center for Ethics*, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT, February 2025.
 - “Notes on Reading,” *Biopower at 50*, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ, November 2025.
 - “Trans Health in Dark Times,” *Departments of Philosophy and Women’s and Gender Studies*, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ, April 2024.
 - “Trans Health in Dark Times,” *National Trans Health Conference*, Atlanta, GA, November 2023. (*Plenary Address*)
 - “Transphobia and the Entanglement of Desire,” *Department of Philosophy*, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON, November 2023.
 - “How to Be an Object,” *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*, Toronto, ON, October 2023.
 - “The Diminishing Returns of Sexual Difference; or, Reading Irigaray,” *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*, College Station, TX, October 2022.
 - “Gatekeeping in Trans Medicine: Some Epistemic and Ethical Considerations,” *Department of Philosophy*, Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, MS, September 2022.
 - “How to be an Object,” *New Perspectives on the Ontology of Social Identities*, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, June 2022.
 - “Theory for Traps: Asian American and Trans Feminisms,” *Rock Ethics Institute*, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, June 2022.
 - “Theory for Traps: Asian American and Trans Feminisms,” *American Philosophical Association, Central Division*, Chicago, IL, February 2022.

- “Theory for Traps: Asian American and Trans Feminisms,” *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*, Virtual Conference, September 2021.
- “Philosophy’s Gender Troubles,” *Gender Identity, Trans Rights, and Philosophy Workshop*, University of Leeds (Virtual Workshop), August 2021.
- “Thottery as a Way of Life,” *Department of Philosophy*, Rowan University (Virtual Lecture), March 2021.
- “A Critical Instrumentalist Approach to the Metaphysics of Race,” *Department of Philosophy*, New School for Social Research, February 2020.
- “The New Biologies of Race: Health and Environmental Racism on the Rez,” *Department of Philosophy*, Marquette University, January 2020.
- “Extended Erotics: Trans and Disabled Feminist Approaches to Sexuality,” *American Philosophical Association—Eastern Division*, Philadelphia, PA, January 2020.
- “Revisiting the Erotic: Trans Feminist Reflections on Beauvoir’s Woman in Love,” *Diverse Lineages of Existentialism II*, Washington, D.C., June 2019.
- “Defining Transphobia,” *Workshop on Transgender Phenomenology*, Kokugakuin University, Tokyo, Japan, March 2019.
- “Hard Movements: A Phenomenology of the Body and Sexual Schemas in Transition,” *Trans-Cultural Approaches to Face-Body Studies Conference*, Tokyo, Japan, March 2019. (Keynote Address)
- “Reading Philosophy: Toward a Queer of Color Hermeneutics,” *American Philosophical Association—Eastern Division*, New York City, NY, January 2019.
- “Fracturing the Present: Trans Feminine of Color Temporalities,” *Trans Thinking // Thinking Trans Conference*, Washington, D.C., October 2018.
- “Skin in the Game: Diversity in (Spite of) Professional Philosophy,” *American Philosophical Association—Eastern Division*, Savannah, GA, January 2018.
- “Fūdo, Horizontality, and the Hermeneutic Dimensions of Environmental Racism and Settler-Colonial Wastelanding,” *Environmental Ethics and Structural Oppression Graduate Conference*, University of Memphis, March 2017.
- “Getting a D in Gender: Regularities and Irregularities in the Order of Gender,” *American Philosophical Association—Eastern Division*, Baltimore, MD, January 2017.
- “Trans* (Auto)Poetics: Thinking Self-Making When the Body is/is in a Situation,” *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*, Salt Lake City, UT, October 2016.

- “Narrative and the Queer Resignification of Raced Identity in Anzaldúa, Butler, and Lorde,” *8th Annual Ida B. Wells Conference*, University of Memphis, December 2014.
- **Other Presentation Activities**
 - Panelist, “The Nipple,” *American Studies Association*, Baltimore, MD, November 2024.
 - Panelist, “Trans Philosophy: Past, Present, and Future,” *Canadian Society for Trans Philosophy/Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy*, Guelph, ON, August 2024.
 - Panelist, “The Status of “Women” in the Committee on the Status of Women,” *American Philosophical Association*, Virtual, September 2022.
 - Panelist, “Sexualities,” *Department of Philosophy*, California State University, Los Angeles, March 2021.
 - Panelist, “POC Solidarity and Asian American Troublemaking,” *Emory Asian American Studies Conference*, Emory University, February 2021.
 - Panelist, “Celebrating Sexuality Studies at Emory,” *Studies in Sexualities Program*, Emory University, February 2020.
 - Commentator, “Author-Meets-Critics Session on Gayle Salamon’s *The Life and Death of Latisha King: A Critical Phenomenology of Transphobia*,” *American Philosophical Association—Eastern Division*, Philadelphia, PA, January 2020.
 - Commentator, “Author-Meets-Critics Session on Alexis Shotwell’s *Against Purity: Living Ethically in Compromised Times*,” *International Association of Environmental Philosophy*, Pittsburgh, PA, November 2019.
 - Commentator, “‘Intersectionality and Lawless Violence’ by Taylor Rogers,” *American Philosophical Association—Eastern Division*, New York City, NY, January 2019.
 - Panelist, “Contributor Roundtable on *Asian American Feminist Theory and Women of Color Politics*,” *National Women’s Studies Association*, Atlanta, GA, November 2018.
 - Panelist, “Roundtable on Trans* Experience in Philosophy,” *Trans Thinking // Thinking Trans Conference*, Washington, D.C., October 2018.
 - Panelist, “Contributor Roundtable on *Asian American Feminist Theory and Women of Color Politics*,” *Association for Asian American Studies*, San Francisco, CA., March 2018
 - Commentator, “‘No Prison is Safe for No One: On Queer and Trans Women of Color’s Critical Anti-Violence Activism and Abolitionist Practice’ by Andrew Dilts,” *Spindel Conference*, University of Memphis, September 2016.

- Panelist, “Roundtable on Trans* Lives in Academia,” *Trans* Experience in Philosophy Conference*, Eugene, OR, May 2016.
- Commentator, “Author-Meets-Critics Session on Robin James’s *Resilience and Melancholy: Pop Music, Feminism, Neoliberalism*,” *philoSOPHIA*, Denver, CO, March 2016.
- Panelist, “Roundtable on Diversity in Philosophy,” *25th Anniversary of the Philosophy PhD Alumni Conference*, University of Memphis, May 2015.
- Commentator, “‘Transvaluation in Deleuze’s Selective Interpretation of the Eternal Return: Reconsidering the Cosmological, Ethical, and Metaphysical Dimensions of a Ceaseless Becoming Active’ by James Mollison,” *American Philosophical Association—Pacific Division*, San Diego, CA, April 2014.

Service and Other Activities

- *To the Profession*
 - Co-Organizer and Host, *Trans Thinking//Thinking Trans Conference*, Goucher College, October 2022
 - Mentor, *Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute*, Pennsylvania State University, Summer 2022
 - Co-Organizer, *Trans Thinking//Thinking Trans Conference*, University of Texas at Austin (virtual), October 2020
 - Graduate Representative, *Committee on the Status of Women*, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, November 2019-October 2020
 - Graduate Liaison, *Committee on Inclusiveness in the Profession*, American Philosophical Association, July 2018-June 2020
 - Member, *Graduate Student Council*, American Philosophical Association, July 2018-June 2020
 - Member, *Constitution Committee*, *philoSOPHIA*, March 2018-August 2018
 - Member, *Steering Committee*, *Trans Philosophy Project*, July 2017-present
- *To the University*
 - Chair, *Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies*, Goucher College, Fall 2022-Summer 2023
 - Member, *Broad, Humane Perspective Grant Committee*, Goucher College, Fall 2022-Spring 2023
 - Member, *Curriculum Committee*, Goucher College, Spring 2022
 - Member, *Goucher Refugee Partnership Task Force*, Fall 2021-Spring 2022
 - Member, *Phi Beta Kappa Humanities Essay Award Evaluation Committee*, Goucher College, Spring 2021, Spring 2022

- Member, *President's Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*, Goucher College, Fall 2020-Spring 2023
- Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, *Graduate Student Government Association*, Emory University, Fall 2019-Spring 2020
- Climate and Inclusion Liaison, *Department of Philosophy*, Emory University, August 2017-May 2018
- Co-Founder and Co-Organizer, *Minorities and Philosophy (MAP)*, Emory University, July 2017-June 2019
- Graduate Student Representative, *Department of Philosophy*, University of Memphis, June 2015-May 2016
- Co-President, *Graduate Philosophical Society*, Loyola Marymount University, August 2013-May 2014
- *Dissertation and Thesis Committees*
 - Washington University in St. Louis
 - PhD Dissertation, Philosophy, Committee Member, Defended 2024
 - Goucher College
 - Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Political Science, Committee Member, Defended 2023

Awards and Honors

- George W. Woodruff Fellowship, *Emory University*, Fall 2016-Summer 2020
- Provost's Predoctoral Diversity Fellowship, *University of Memphis*, Fall 2014-Spring 2016
- Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Scholarship, *Loyola Marymount University*, Spring 2014
- Gold Axe Award, *Northern Arizona University*, Spring 2012
- Hooper Undergraduate Research Award (competitive research grant \$3500), *Northern Arizona University*, August 2011-May 2012

Professional Memberships

- American Philosophical Association
- National Women's Studies Association
- philoSOPHIA
- Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy