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# **Degrees**

• PhD. Philosophy University of Minnesota, Twin Cities 1999

- · PhD. Minor in Studies in Africa and the African Diaspora
- Dissertation: Rending the Veil: A Critical Look at the Ontology and Conservation of Race

M.A. Philosophy
 B.A.Philosophy
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities 1997
 University of Minnesota, Duluth 1994

# **Experience**

#### Current

- Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of San Francisco, since fall 2007
- Director of African American Studies Minor, University of San Francisco, fall 2005 to spring 2009

#### **Past**

- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of San Francisco, fall 2003 to fall 2007
- Assistant Prof., Philosophy, University of Memphis, fall 1999 to spring 2003
- Instructor, African American Studies, University of Minnesota, spring 1999
- Instructor, Philosophy, Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, spring 1998

## **Academic Society Memberships**

- American Philosophical Association
- Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy
- Western Political Science Association

## Courses Taught (U: undergraduate, G: graduate)

USF
USF

U of Minnesota, MSU

U of Minnesota

U of Minnesota

Modern Political Philosophy (U & G)
African American Philosophy (U & G)
African and African American Philosophy (U)
Values and the Modern World (U)
Race Theory (G)
Philosophy in Literature (U)
Rawls's Theory of Justice (U & G)
U of Memphis

African and African American Philosophy (U)
Introduction to Political Philosophy (U)

Philosophy and Cultural Diversity (U)

## **Honors and Awards**

- Pre-Doctoral Fellowship for Minorities, Ford Foundation, 1996
- New Faculty Research Initiative Award, Univ. of Memphis, 2001
- Professional Development Award, Univ. of Memphis, 2001
- Associate Graduate Faculty Status, Univ. of Memphis, 2001
- Visiting Scholar at the Minnesota Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Minnesota, February 2002.
- Visiting Scholar at the Philosophy department and Committee on Social Thought and Analysis, Washington University in St. Louis, March 2002
- Graduate Faculty Status, Univ. of Memphis, 2002
- Davies Forum, University of San Francisco, 2004
- Irvine Curriculum Diversification Grant, November 2006
- Hilba Award granted by the Tau Tau Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Sister Connection, April 2006
- Davies Forum, University of San Francisco, 2008
- Sankofa Faculty Award, Multicultural Student Services, University of San Francisco, 2008
- Ignatian Service Award, University of San Francisco, 2009
- Chancellor's Diversity Initiative Grant at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, Visiting Scholar for the UMD Philosophy Department, 2009.
- Co-Winner (with Brian Komei Dempster) of the 2010 USF Distinguished Teaching Award

# Research

#### **Publications**

- 1. "Rousseau and Douglass on Slavery and the Sense of Justice," Passions of the Color Line, ed. David Kim (SUNY, forthcoming).
- 2. "Fevered Desires and Interracial Intimacies in Jungle Fever," *The Philosophy of Spike Lee*, ed. Mark T. Conrad (University Press of Kentucky, 2011): 144-162.
- 3. "Mixed-Looks," *Contemporary Aesthetics*, Special Volume 2 (2009): <a href="http://www.contempaesthetics.org/newvolume/pages/article.php?articlelD=540">http://www.contempaesthetics.org/newvolume/pages/article.php?articlelD=540</a>
- 4. "Racism and the Political Romance of the Browning of America," *APA Newsletter of the Society for Lesbian and Gay Philosophy* (Summer, 2008): 10-15. Republished in *Gay and Lesbian Philosophy*, Value Inquiry Book Series (Rodopi, forthcoming, 2011).
- 5. "Torture and Legitimacy," Peace Review 18:4 (October 2006): 439-46.
- 6. "Frederick Douglass's Longing for the End of Race," *Philosophia Africana* 8:2 (2005): 143-170.
- "Racial Politics in Residential Segregation Studies," Philosophy and Geography (vol.7 n. 1, 2004): 61-78

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- 8. "Introduction: place and the philosophy of race," *Philosophy and Geography* (vol.7 n.1, 2004): 4-7
- 9. "Falling into the Olongapo River," Newsletter on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies (v.2 n.2, 2003): 25-27
- 10. "Douglass & Du Bois's der Schwarze Volksgeist" *Race And Racism In Continental Philosophy*, ed., R. Bernasconi (Indiana UP, 2003): 32-52
- 11. "Race and place: social space in the production of human kinds," *Philosophy and Geography* (v.6 n.1, 2003): 83-95.
- 12. "Racial Nominalism," Journal of Social Philosophy (v.33 n.2, 2002): 193-210
- 13. "Race as a Human Kind," Philosophy and Social Criticism (v.28 n.1, 2002): 93-117
- 14. "Being & Being Mixed Race," Social Theory and Practice (v.27, 2001): 285-307
- 15. "Laughing To Keep From Crying: Resisting The American "Racial" Politic Through Irony," Tympanum (v.4, July 2000): 1-35
- 16. "The Prophetic & Pragmatic Philosophy of 'Race' in W.E.B. Du Bois' 'The Comet'," Newsletter on Philosophy and the Black Experience 99:1 (Spring 1999): 2-5

# **Review-Essays and Miscellaneous**

- 17. "Frederick Douglass," *The Cambridge Dictionary of Political Thought* (Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming in 2014)
- 18. "Frederick Douglass," Entry for *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Summer 2012 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.): http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/frederick-douglass/
- 19. "On Robert Gooding-Williams's In the Shadow of Du Bois: Afro-Modern Political Thought in America, Constellations 19:1 (2012).
- 20. "Sheltering Xenophobia," *Global Dialogue*, Special Edition on Race and Racisms, 12:2 (Summer/Autumn 2010): http://www.worlddialogue.org/content.php?id=481
- 21. "Introduction," *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 41:3 (Fall 2010): 293-322, co-authored with Paul Taylor.
- 22. "The Post-Racial Ideal: Preliminary Reflections," 2009 Undergraduate Ethics Symposium: Focus on Diversity and Medical Ethics (Prindle Institute for Ethics at DePauw University, April, 2009): 131-146.
- 23. "Introduction: The Legacy of Anna Julia Cooper," *Philosophia Africana* 12:1 (March, 2009): 1-4, co-authored with Kathryn Gines.
- 24. "Public Visibilities: On Linda Martín Alcoff's Visible Identities," *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (June 22, 2006): http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=6923
- 25. "Review of Jacques Rancière's The Philosopher and His Poor," *Radical Philosophy Review* (v.9 n.1, 2006): 97-103
- 26. "Arrogance, Love, and Identity in the American Struggle with Race," *Social Theory and Practice* (v.29 n.1, 2003): 159-172
- 27. "The Unfolding History of the Philosophy of Race in America," *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* (v.33 n.4, 2003): 499-505
- 28. Two Recent Texts in the Philosophy of Race," Philosophia Africana (v.4 n.1, 2001): 93-95

## **Books and Editorial Work**

- 29. Special Section in *Journal of Social Philosophy* (vol.41, n.3, Fall 2010), "New Directions in Race Theory" (includes the essay "Introduction" above), co-edited with Paul Taylor.
- 30. The Browning of America & The Evasion of Social Justice (SUNY, 2008)
- 31. Special Section in *Philosophia Africana* (vol. 12, n.1, March 2009), "The Legacy of Anna Julia Cooper" (includes the essay "Introduction: The Legacy of Anna Julia Cooper" above), co-edited with Kathryn Gines.
- 32. The Browning of America & The Evasion of Social Justice (SUNY, 2008)

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- 33. Special Section in Peace Review, "Democracy and Enemy Aliens," (vol. 18 n.4, Oct.
- 34. Special Section in Philosophy and Geography (vol. 7 n. 1, February 2004) on "Race and Place"

## **Presentations**

- "What is Lost in the Blur?: The Post-Racial Ideal and the Blurring of Ethno-Racial Boundaries." University of North Carolina, Asheville, March 2011.
- "The Post-Racial Ideal and Colorblindness," Wake Forest College," February 2011.
- "Xenophobia and Nativism," Penn State, Rock Ethics Institute's conference on "Critical Philosophy of Race: Intersections With Culture, Ethnicity, and Nationality Beyond the Black/White Binary," November 11-12, 2010.
- "On Robert Gooding-Williams's In the Shadow of Du Bois: Afro-Modern Political Thought, Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, Montreal, November 4-6, 2010.
- 5. "The American Sublime," Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition, University of San Francisco, October 8-9, 2010.
- 6. "The Post-Racial Ideal," The University of Wisconsin, Superior, September 2009
- 7. "Xenophobia and Racism," The University of Minnesota, Duluth, September 2009.
- 8. "Mixed Race and the Ethics of Identity," The University of Minnesota, Duluth, September
- "The Post-Racial Ideal," The University of Minnesota, Duluth, September 2009.
- 10. "The Black-White Binary and Asian American Philosophy," Association for Asian American Studies, April 2009.
- 11. "On the Post-Racial Ideal," Keynote Address, Undergraduate Ethics Symposium, The Prindle Institute for Ethics, DePauw University, April 2009.
- 12. "On the Post-Racial Ideal," Chalsty Aesthetics and Philosophy Forum, California College of the Arts, San Francisco, February 2009.
- 13. "Justice, Immigration, and Race," Session sponsored by the APA Committee on Black Philosophers, and Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies, Pacific Division of the APA, February 2009.
- 14. "Sanctuary Versus the Rule of Law: On Justice and the Status of Immigrants." Session on Eduardo Mendieta's Global Fragments: Globalizations, Latinaericanisms, and Critical Theory, Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy Conference, October
- 15. "The Black-White Binary as Racial Anxiety and Demand for Justice," University of Memphis, September 2008.
- 16. "Precis of The Browning of America and the Evasion of Social Justice," University of Memphis, September 2008.
- 17. "Whose Solidarity?," Pacific Division of the APA, March 2008.
- 18. "Interracial Intimacies: The Political Romance of the Browning of America," Eastern Division of the APA, December 2007.
- 19. "The Radical and Conservative Roots of A.J. Cooper's Voice," Eastern Division of the APA. December 2007.
- 20. "Color-Blindness and the Browning of America," North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 2007.
- 21. "The Black-White Binary as Racial Anxiety and Demand for Justice," National Conference of Black Political Scientists," March 2007.
- 22. "Cosmopolitan Citizenship and the Post-Vietnam Amerasian Experience," American Philosophy Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 2006.

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- 23. "The Black-White Binary as Racial Anxiety and Demand for Justice," Radical Philosophy Association Conference, November 2006.
- 24. "What is the Black-White Binary?," for "Race, Class, and Hurricane Katrina" session at Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy Conference, October 2006.
- "Comments on Muslim and Middle Easter Americans in the Crucible of the Cold War,"
   American Studies Association Annual Meeting, October 2006
- 26. "Public Visibilities: On Linda Martín Alcoff's Visible Identities," The Future of Minorities Studies Project Summer Seminar, Stanford University, July 2006
- 27. "Color-Consciousness and the Browning of America," Radical Philosophical Association, November 2006
- "Public Visibilities: On Linda Martín Alcoff's Visible Identities," Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, March 2006
- "The Black-White Binary as Racial Anxiety and Demand for Justice," Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, March 2006
- "What is the philosophy of Race? And what does it have to do with the social sciences?," CSF research group on The Chinese American Family Diabetes Project, November 2005
- 31. "Racism and the Evasion of Interracial Intimacy," California Roundtable on Philosophy and Race, October 200
- 32. "Responsible Mixed Race Politics," Hampshire College, School of Social Science, February 2005
- "Responsible Mixed Race Politics," Stanford University, Research Institute of Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Faculty Seminar and Workshop, January 2005
- 34. "Responsible Mixed Race Politics," Stanford University, Humanities Center, January 2005
- 35. "The Conservative and Radical Roots of Anna Julia Cooper's Voice," Society for the Study of Women Philosophers, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 2005
- 36. "Imperial Narratives of Racial Liberation," as part of the "Communities Against Empire" Plenary, Radical Philosophy Association, Howard University, November 2004
- 37. "The Past and Future of Afro-Asian Solidarity," DeAnza Community College, May 2004
- 38. "The Future of [and] Race," Boston University African American Studies Program Conference on "Race, Nation, and Ethnicity in the Afro-Asian Century," April 2004
- "On John Brown," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Conference, March 2004
- 40. "Young America," Society for Existential and Phenomenalogical Philosophy, Boston, November, 2003
- 41. "Frederick Douglass's Apostasy," tRaces: Race, Deconstruction, and Critical Theory, University of California, Irvine, April 2003
- 42. "The Future of [and] Race," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Conference, March 2003
- 43. "The Future of [and] Race," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, March 2003.
- 44. "From the Avant-Garde to the Passé: African and Asian Americans and the Meaning of Racial Justice," University of San Francisco, conference on Afro-Asian Politics: Converging Histories and Current Prospects, March 2003
- 45. "Reconciling Ourselves To The Idea of Race: Struggling with the Moral Arguments For and Against Race," University of Minnesota at Duluth, Philosophy and Center for Ethics and Public Policy Colloquium, November 2002

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- 46. "The Harms of Residential Segregation" University of Minnesota at Duluth, Philosophy and Center for Ethics and Public Policy Colloquium, November 2002
- "Racial Politics in Residential Segregation Studies" University of Minnesota Philosophy, Minnesota Center for Philosophy of Science, and Studies of Science and Technology Colloquium, February 2002
- 48. "Race and Place: Social Space in the Ontology of Human Categories," Pennsylvania State University, February 2002
- 49. "Accounting for Race as a Human Kind," Vanderbilt University Philosophy Colloquium, February 2002
- "Accounting for Race as a Human Kind," Emory University Philosophy Colloquium, November 2001
- 51. "The Conservation of Race," Washington University, October, 2001
- 52. "Racial Politics in Residential Segregation Measures," Washington University, October, 2001
- "Human Kinds and Social Space," St. Louis Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, April 2001
- "The Asian in American Racial Hierarchy," Purdue University Conference, Critical Theory
   Race: Contesting The Racial Contract, March 2001
- 55. "Four Decades After Little Rock: Residential Segregation and the Conservation of Race," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, May 2001
- "Human Kinds and Social Space," St. Louis Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, Washington University, April 2001
- 57. "The Conservation of Race," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2001
- 58. "Racial Politics in Residential Segregation Measures," Center for Ethics & Values in the Sciences Conference, University of Alabama at Birmingham February 2001
- 59. "Being & Being Mixed Race," University of Memphis, History Honor Society, November 2000
- 60. "Race & Place," University of Memphis, Center for the Humanities Lecture Series, October 2000
- 61. "Being & Being Mixed Race," University of Memphis, Center for Research on Women, October 2000
- 62. "Race & Place," Ford Fellows Conference, October 2000
- 63. "Race & Place: The Maintenance, Representation, & Negotiation of Race in Public Space," American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Philosophy & Geography Special Session, April 2000.
- 64. "The Conservation of 'Race'," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 2000
- 65. "Recruiting Minorities to Philosophy," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, December 1999
- "The New Interdisciplinarity: Mandates, Challenges, and How Not to Get Overwhelmed,"
   Ford Fellows Conference September 1999
- 67. "How Race is Real & Socially Constructed," University of Minnesota, Seattle University, DePaul University, University of Memphis, University of Delaware, January-Feburary 1999
- 68. "Philosophy and African American Studies," University of Minnesota Ethnic Studies Conference, April 1998
- 69. "Douglass & Du Bois' Black Volk," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Committee on Blacks in Philosophy Special Session, December 1997
- 70. "Being & Being Mixed Race," American Philosophical Association's Eastern Division, Committee on Blacks in Philosophy Symposium, December 1996

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- "The Ontology & The Conservation Of 'Race'," "Academy and Race" conference, Villanova University, 1996
- 72. "The Ontology & The Conservation Of 'Race'," Graduate Student Conference "Race, Rights, & Respect," Rutgers University, 1996
- 73. "Externalism & Social Kind Terms," Minnesota Philosophical Society, 1996
- 74. "A Critique of Rawls's Political Liberalism," Minnesota Philosophical Society, 1994

## **Service**

## Service to the University of San Francisco

- Co-Organizer of USF's Thatcher Gallery Exhibit and Events, "Textimonies: Early Etchings and Stencils by Glenn Ligon, spring 2011
- Chair, University-Wide Peer Review Committee, USF, 2010-2011
- Chair, Arts Peer Review Committee, USF, 2010-2011
- University-Wide Peer Review Committee, USF, fall 2008 to spring 2011
- Arts Peer Review Committee, USF, fall 2008 to spring 2011
- Panelist, USF Human Rights Film Festival, "Dos Americas: The Reconstruction of New Orleans." February 2009.
- Panelist, USF Department of Athletics' Magis Leadership form on "Academics and Athletics: Engagement on Whose Terms? A Black Perspective," February 2009.
- Founding Member of USF African American Community Coordinating Team, 2007-2009.
- Outside Member History Department Search Committee, fall 2007
- Presenter of College of A&S workshop on "Diversity in the Classroom: Faculty Experience, spring 2007
- Outside Member Politics Department Search Committee, fall 2006
- Guest Lecturer on "Mixed Race" for People of Mixed Descent Sociology Course, November 2007
- Major/Minor Fair, fall 2006
- Presenter for USF Constitution Day celebrations, fall 2006
- Member of Legal Studies/Criminal Justice Studies Advisory Board, fall 2006
- Associate Editor for Peace Review, fall 2006
- Member of the committee for the re-organization of ethnic studies minors at USF, 2006-2009.
- Organizer of Faculty Social Identities Reading Group, 2005-present
- Director of African American Studies Minor, 2005-2009.
- Member of USF LGBT Caucus, 2005-Present
- USF Philosophy Undergraduate Club Advisor, 2004-present
- Panelist for ASUSF presentation of the film "Crash," December 2005
- Guest Lecturer on "Mixed Race" for People of Mixed Descent Sociology Course, November 2005
- Major/Minor Fair, October 28, 2005
- Participant in Writing for the Real World award ceremony, October 2005
- Participant in Multicultural Student Service's Student of Color Graduate School Luncheon, October 2005
- Office of Sponsored Projects "P3" Award, 2005
- Fast Track Summer Advisor, July 2005
- Introduced the film "Saints and Sinners" for Human Rights Film Festival, February 2004
- Panelist for ASUSF Panel on renaming Phelan Hall, October 2004

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- USF Political Awareness Undergraduate Club Advisor. 2004
- Member of Asian American Studies Minor Advisory Committee, 2004-present.
- Participant in the Provost's Office Irvine-sponsored Retreat on Diversity at USF, September 2004
- Instructor for Phelan Multicultural Community, fall 2004
- Co-Director of African American Studies Minor, 2003-2004
- Major/Minor Fair, October 30, 2003

#### Service to the Profession

- Associate Editorial Board Member, Critical Philosophy of Race
- External recommender for a philosophy department faculty member from the University of Massachusetts, Boston seeking tenure and promotion to Associate Professor, 2009
- Member, American Philosophical Association's Committee on Asian and Asian American Philosophies and Philosophers, fall 2008-2012
- Editorial Board, Philosophia Africana, 2007-2011
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for Philosophical Papers, 2012
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for APA Pacific Division Program Committee, 2011
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for Davidson Institute, 2008 to present
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for Philosophia, Philosophical Quarterly of Israel, 2011
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for the Journal of the Philosophy of the Social Sciences, 2011
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for the Journal of Philosophical Research, 2011
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2008
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for Lexington Press, 2008
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for Routledge Press, 2008
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for Hypatia, 2008, 2011
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for Constellations, 2011, 2012
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for Theoria, 2008
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for Environment and Planning D: Society and Space, 2007
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for Routledge Press, 2007
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for SUNY Press, 2005, 2012
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for Journal of Social Philosophy, 2001, 2005, 2012
- Ad Hoc Review for Social Theory and Practice, 2005
- External recommender for a philosophy department faculty member from the University of Kentucky seeking tenure and promotion to Associate Professor, 2007.
- Presenter for Panel on Philosophy Graduate Schools at the Collegium for Black Women Philosophers, Vanderbilt University, 2007.
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on By-Law Amendments for Nomination and Election Procedures for the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, 2006-2007
- Co-Organizer of California Roundtable of Philosophy & Race, 2004-2007
- Chair and Participant in the "Black Ethnicity, Latino Race?" Conference at SUNY Buffalo, April 2005
- Panelist and Consultant for CSU Northridge workshop, "Asian American Studies & Philosophy," February 20, 2004
- Moderator, "Scholar Session: Lucius T. Outlaw, Jr., Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, Memphis, 2004
- Co-Editor, Symposium on Gender, Race, and Philosophy, On-Line Journal based at MIT, fall 2004-present
- Co-organizer of the "The APA at USF, Alternative Meeting Program," San Francisco, March 2005

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- Member, American Philosophical Association's Committee on Blacks in Philosophy, Summer 2002 to Summer 2005
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for Journal of Philosophy of Social Sciences, 2001
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for Athlone Press, 2001
- Assistant editor, Southern Journal of Philosophy, 1999-2003

#### Service to the Community

- Author Event, University Press Bookstore, Berkeley, CA, December 4, 2008
- Co-organizer of "Black Church, Sexuality, and HIV/AIDS" forum co-sponsored by the Lane Center for Catholic Studies and Social Thought, African American Studies minor, and LGBT Caucus, 2007
- Organizer of "Slavery Disclosure Ordinance Forum" with SF City Supervisor Sophie Maxwell, April 2005
- Co-Organizer and Participant in USF African American Studies minor's "Race, Class, and Hurricane Katrina" Forum, September 2005
- Worked with Unite Here! Local 2 to get the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association to honor the union boycott of the Westin St. Francis, March 2005
- Moderator for panel on, "Teaching Race and Racism," Peace and Justice Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, October, 2004
- Presentation on "The Past and Future of Afro-Asian Solidarity" for De Anza College's Asian Heritage Month, May 2004

#### Service to Previous University, University of Memphis

- University of Memphis Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Student Association Advisor, fall 2001spring 2003
- University of Memphis Philosophy Club Advisor, 2002-2003
- University of Memphis Graduate Placement Coordinator, 1999-2002
- University Humanities Center Faculty Mini-Seminar on Race Theory, Oct. 1999
- University of Memphis Humanities Planning Committee, 2000-2001
- University of Memphis Center for Research on Women Race & Gender Salon presentation, Sept. 2000
- Presentation on "Being & Being Mixed Race" for University of Memphis's History Department's Honor Society, Nov. 2000

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