

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Personal

Birth Date: March 29, 1958  
Birthplace: Houston, Texas

### Education

B.A., Philosophy, 1982 University of  
Houston  
M.A., Philosophy, 1982 University of  
Houston  
Ph.D., Philosophy, 1992  
Harvard University

Dissertation: "William James's Re-conception of Truth"  
Director: Hilary Putnam

### Experience

September 2001-Present  
Associate Professor, State University of New York at Stony Brook  
September 1998-August 2001  
Assistant Professor, State University of New York at Stony Brook  
September 1992-May 1998  
Assistant Professor, University of Texas  
September 1991-August 1992  
Instructor, University of Texas  
August 1989-May 1991  
Visiting Instructor, Howard University September 1988-  
August 1989  
Visiting Instructor, University of Houston

September 1986-August 1988  
Teaching Fellow, Harvard University  
Summer 1986  
Visiting Instructor, University of Houston  
Summer 1985  
Visiting Instructor, University of Houston 1980-1982  
Teaching Fellow, University of Houston

## Awards and Honors

Presidential Mini-Grant to Encourage Diversity, SUNY Stony Brook, Spring 1999  
Pincoffs Fellowship, University of Texas, Fall 1994  
Howard University Faculty Development Grant, Summer 1991  
Minority Prize Fellowship, Harvard University, 1984-1988  
National Black Merit Scholar, University of Houston, 1976-1980

## Publications

“Some Things Shining: Gooding-Williams, Cavell, Receptivity, and Fred Astaire,” in *Journal of Philosophy of Education* (forthcoming August 2025)

“Putnam and Dennett on the Intentional Stance,” in the *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Hilary Putnam* (Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming)

“James, Pragmatism, and the Two Cambridges,” in *William James Studies* (forthcoming Fall 2025)

“Race,” in Leimar Garcia-Siino, Sabrina Mittermeier, Stefan Rabitsch eds., *The Routledge Handbook of Star Trek* (Routledge, 2022)

“William James’s Psychology of Truth,” in Sarin Marchetti, ed., *The Jamesian Mind* (Routledge, 2021)

“American Experimentalism,” in L. Alcoff, P. Taylor, and L. Anderson, eds., *The Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Race* (Routledge, 2018)

“Use,” in A. Matar, ed., *Understanding Wittgenstein, Understanding Modernism* (Bloomsbury, 2017)

“Bingewatching Television with Walt and Omar,” in J. Floyd and J. Katz, eds., *Philosophy of Emerging Media* (Oxford, 2015)

“What Is the Use of Calling Putnam a Pragmatist?” in *The Philosophy of Hilary Putnam (The Library of Living Philosophers, Vol. 31)*, (Open Court, 2015)

“Reconsidering Obama the Pragmatist,” in *The Stone*, the *New York Times* philosophy blog, October 2012

“A Fairly Short Response to a Really Short Refutation,” in *Journal of Philosophical Research*, Number 36, 2011

“Comment on Talisse and Aiken,” in *William James Studies*, Volume 6, 2011  
*Research*, Volume 36, 2011

“Cornel West and Richard Rorty on the Point of Pragmatism,” in *The Philosophy of Richard Rorty (The Library of Living Philosophers, Vol. 30)* (Open Court, 2010)

“Not So Damned Real: Royce Versus James on the Individual in Society,” in D. Lamberth, ed., *James and Royce Reconsidered: Reflections on the Centenary of Pragmatism* (Harvard University Press, 2010)

“William James on Nation and Race” in E. Mendieta, ed., *Pragmatism, Nation, and Race: Community in the Age of Empire* (Indiana University Press, 2009)

“Rorty the Reformer?” in *Ideas y Valores: Revista Colombiana de Filosofía*, Number 138, December 2008

“Bringing Omar Back to Life” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, Volume 22, Number 3, 2008

“Ever Not Quite: Unfinished Theories, Unfinished Societies, and Pragmatism” in N. Tuana and Shannon Sullivan, eds., *Race and Epistemologies of Ignorance* (SUNY Press, 2007)

“Race Through the Alpha Quadrant: Species and Destiny on *Star Trek*,” in M. Grebowicz, ed., *The Joy of SF: Essays in Science and Technology Studies* (SUNY Press, 2007)

“Consequentialism” in *The Encyclopedia of American Philosophy* (Routledge, 2007)

“Radical Empiricism” in *The Encyclopedia of American Philosophy* (Routledge, 2007)

“Hilary Whitehall Putnam” in *The Blackwell Companion to Pragmatism* (Blackwell, 2006)

“James, Royce, and Logic,” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, Volume 19, Number 4, 2005

Introduction to *Early Critics of Pragmatism: Volume Three: Truth on Trial*, by Paul Carus (1911; Thoemmes Press; rpt. 2001) *he Truth Is What Works: William James, Pragmatism, and the Seed of Death* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2000)

“Nietzsche for Determinists,” *International Studies in Philosophy*, Fall 1999

“Jamesian Pragmatism and Jamesian Realism,” *The Henry James Review*, Fall 1997

“Pragmatism, Politics, and the Corridor,” in R. A. Putnam, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to William James* (Cambridge U. P., 1997)

“2001, Modern Art, and Modern Philosophy,” in Freeland and Wartenburg, eds., *Philosophy and Film* (Routledge, 1995)

## **Works in Progress**

*Of the Many, One: Identity, Individuality, and Freedom in the American Philosophy* (tentative title)

## **Selected Presentations**

“Darwinism and Freedom: W. E. B. Du Bois and William James,” 2017 Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, July 2017

“W. E. B. Du Bois, William James, and Literature,” March 2017, Université Paris Diderot

“What W. E. B. Du Bois Got from William James,” March 2017, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Birmingham, Alabama

“A Hard Lesson,” comment on Robin James’s “Leaning into the Red” at the 2017 Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, Maryland

“Individualism and James’s Pragmatism,” April 2013, SUNY New Paltz

“Pragmatic Moral Philosophy,” November 2013, York University, Toronto, Canada

“Pragmatism After Rorty,” April 2011, Keynote Address, Dowling College Undergraduate Philosophy Conference

“Comment on Talisse and Aiken,” February 2010, Central Division Meeting of American Philosophical Association

“New Pragmatists, Neopragmatism, and James’s Pragmatism,” Keynote Address, October 2009, Long Island Philosophical Society

“Darwin the Postmodernist,” May 2009, Suffolk County Community College symposium on “Evolution and Naturalism”

“Race and the Whole Point of Pragmatism,” December 2008, American Philosophical Association invited lecture

“Truth and Freedom in William James’s Pragmatism,” December 2008, William James Society, American Philosophical Association

“Bringing Omar Back to Life,” April 2008, American Philosophies Forum, Vanderbilt University

“Responses to Smith, Kaag, and Koopman,” December 2007, North American Society of Social Philosophy (NASSP) at Eastern Division Meeting of American Philosophical Association

“James Versus Royce on the Individual and the Community,” May 2007, Harvard Divinity School symposium on “William James and Josiah Royce a Century Later”

“James, Royce, and Logic,” April 2005, Josiah Royce Sesquicentennial Celebration, Vanderbilt University

“Us and Them: Morality across Race and Species,” October 2004, Vanderbilt University

“Ever Not Quite,” March 2004, Penn State University, Symposium on

“Ethics and Epistemologies of Ignorance” at Rock Ethics institute

“Do We Still Need the Concept of Race?” March 2004, Dowling College Annual Theme on African American Culture

“James’s Life and James’s Pragmatism,” December 2003, William James Society at Eastern Division Meeting of American Philosophical Association

“What Would William James Have Thought of Evolutionary Psychology?” October 2003, University of Guelph, Canada

“William James on Nation and Race,” April 2003, Stony Brook University, Pragmatism and Nationalism Symposium

“William James and Cavell’s Emerson,” March, 2003, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy

“Pragmatism, Race, and Activism”, April 2002, Rhode Island College

“Pragmatism, Marxism, and Race”, June 2001, Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University of Vermont

“Levinas from a Pragmatic Standpoint,” commentary on papers by Silvia Benso and Diane Enns, January 2000, International Association for Philosophy and Literature conference, Naples, Italy

"White Wrongs and Animal Rights", November 1999, Humanities Institute, SUNY Stony Brook

“White Privilege and Animal Rights; Or, Should Black Persons Be Classed As a Dietary Supplement?” April 1999, City College of New York

“Nietzsche the Determinist”, December 1997, North American Nietzsche Society invited lecture

“The Thought Police and the Secret in the Poet’s Heart”, April 1997, University of Texas

“Aesthetic Realism,” March 1996, Special Events Lecture Series, San Antonio College

“Nietzsche's Pragmatic Theory of Truth?” April 1995, American Philosophical Association invited lecture

“2001, Modern Art, and Modern Philosophy,” October 1994, American Society for Aesthetics invited lecture

“My Final Lecture,” April 1994, Wesley Foundation, University of Texas

“Philosophy and Race,” February 1994, Undergraduate Philosophy Lecture Series, University of Texas

“William James on Truth as Correspondence,” November 1993, University of Houston

“Pragmatism and Truth,” September 1992, Texas A&M University

“Cornel West and the Politics of Pragmatism,” December 1991, Boston University

### **Selected Courses Taught**

- Analytic Ethics (graduate seminar to be taught Spring 2026)
- Cells, Brains, Minds (team-taught as BIO 208)
- Philosophy of America’s Founding
- Wittgenstein and Analytic Philosophy (a graduate seminar)
- Philosophy and Biology
- Philosophy and Jazz (a graduate seminar)
- Empiricism (a graduate seminar)
- American Philosophy (as an undergraduate course and a graduate seminar)
- Philosophy and Race
- Introduction to Ethics
- Philosophy of Language
- Aesthetics
- Historical Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Logic
- Philosophy of Mind
- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy and Television
- Concepts of the Person
- Politics and Society
- Philosophy and Film (graduate and undergrad seminars)
- Pragmatism (a graduate seminar)
- Free Will
- Philosophy and Literature
- (William) James and Nietzsche
- Empiricism (a graduate seminar)
- Metaphysics
- Jazz and Philosophy (a Master’s degree seminar)

## **Selected Academic Service Activities**

- 2017, served as Department Graduate Director
- 2007-2009, served as Department Graduate Director
- Spring 2009, taught GLS undergraduate seminar on modernism and jazz
- 2006-2007, served as Department Undergraduate Director
- 2001-Present, served as Departmental Library Liaison
- 2003-2004, served as Department Colloquium Director
- 2001-2002, served as Department Graduate and Undergraduate Adviser
- 1999-2008, served on Departmental Executive Committee
- 1998-99, served on University Promotions and Tenure Committee at SUNY Stony Brook
- 1998-99, served on Departmental Executive Committee
- Fall 1998, organized SUNY Stony Brook Departmental Colloquia
- 1998-99, served on Departmental Undergraduate Committee, working with Logic Lab computers
- February 1997, participated in “Looking Forward, Looking Black: Celebrating Black History Month”, a panel discussion sponsored by the University Alliance
- 1996-1997, served on Departmental Conflict Resolution Committee
- April 1996, participated in “Seuss Sayers”, literary readings sponsored by the University of Texas Liberal Arts Council
- February 1996, participated in “Love Letters”, literary readings sponsored by the University of Texas Liberal Arts Council
- October 1995, participated in “Literature of the Damned”, literary readings sponsored by the University of Texas Liberal Arts Council
- 1995-1996, served on Departmental Teaching Committee
- 1993-1995, served on Departmental Colloquy Committee
- 1993-1994, minority retention Mentor in Dean of Students' program
- 1993-1994, Faculty Fellow for “Men of Ten” at Jester dormitory
- December 1993, organized “Philosophy and the Performing Arts” conference at the University of Texas
- 1992-1993, served on Departmental Search Committee

## **Professional Service**

Rodopi Press Associate Editor, Value Inquiry Book Series; Editor, Studies in Pragmatism and Values (SPV)

## **Selected Outside Activity**

2010, Volunteered at Ward Melville High School developing Philosophy Club  
2009-2010, Volunteered at Reed Middle School, Central Islip, teaching critical thinking and logic as a part of a program called “I am the Voice”