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Curriculum vitae

Texas A&M University
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2026-2027 Visiting Scholar, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University

2024-present Assistant Professor, Africana Studies & Hispanic Studies, Texas A&M University

2022-2024 Postdoctoral Fellow, African American Studies, Saint Louis University

2020-2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, Emory University, 2020

B.A. Philosophy, University of North Dakota, 2016, *Phi Beta Kappa*

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

2025 *Another Humanity: Decolonial Ethics from Du Bois to Arendt*. Edinburgh University Press. May.

Reviewed in: *Nordic Journal of Human Rights* (2026); *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy* (2026); *Journal of World Philosophies* (2026); *Political Theology Network* (2026); *Critical Inquiry* (2026); *Kirkus Reviews* (2025)

Book Panel: Western Political Science Association (2026)

Interviews: *Declarations*, Centre for Governance and Human Rights, University of Cambridge (2025)

2023 *Choose Your Bearing: Édouard Glissant, Human Rights, and Decolonial Ethics*. Edinburgh University Press. August.

Reviewed in: *Philosophy and Global Affairs* (2026); *Philosophy, Politics, and Critique* (2025); *Millenium: Journal of International Studies* (2025, with response essay); *Journal of Peace Research* (2024)

Book Panel: Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Rochester Institute of Technology (2024)

Interviews: *Third World Approaches to International Law Review* (2025); *New Books Network—Human Rights* (2025); *New Book Spotlight*, American Philosophical Association (2023)

2023 *Simone Weil's Political Philosophy: Field Notes from the Margins*. Rowman & Littlefield. March.

Reviewed in: *The Review of Politics* (2024); *Theory & Event* (2024); *Marx & Philosophy Review of Books* (2023)

Book Panel: American Weil Society, Université de Montréal (2024)

Interviews: *For the Life of the World*, Yale Center for Faith & Culture (forthcoming); *New Book Spotlight*, American Philosophical Association (2023)

Edited Volumes

2024 *Creolizing Critical Theory: New Voices in Caribbean Philosophy*. Rowman & Littlefield. January. Co-edited with Kris F. Sealey.

Journal Issues Organized

2025 Special Section on Enrique Dussel's *Theological Metaphors of Marx*, *Political Theology* 26, no. 4.

Introduction to Special Project: "'A Deeper Symbolic Transcendence': Toward a Planetary Dialogue with Enrique Dussel." *Political Theology* 26, no. 4: pp. 440-443, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1080/1462317X.2025.2483949.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Forthcoming "One More Sea to Cross: Aimé Césaire and the Anthropology of Law." *Dalhousie Law Journal*.

2023 "On Conceptual Sufficiency: Humanity in Du Bois's *Black Reconstruction* and *John Brown*." *Philosophy and Global Affairs* 3, no. 1: pp. 120-148, DOI: https://doi.org/10.5840/pga202361542.

2022 "The Right to Have Rights in the Americas: Arendt, Monture, and the Problem of the State." *Arendt Studies* 6: pp. 43-57, DOI: https://doi.org/10.5840/arendtstudies202282448.

2021 "Simone Weil's Method: Essaying Reality through Inquiry and Action." *Comparative and Continental Philosophy* 13, no. 3: pp. 235-246, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1080/17570638.2021.2002644.

2021 "The Promises of Standing Rock: Three Approaches to Human Rights." *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development* 12, no. 2: pp. 205-225, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1353/hum.2021.0013.

2021 "Pragmatic Saintliness: Toward a Criticism and Celebration of Community." *Contemporary Pragmatism* 18, no. 1: pp. 72-94, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1163/18758185-bja10001.

2021 "Human Rights and Caribbean Philosophy: Implications for Teaching." *Journal of Human Rights Practice* 12, no. 4: pp. 1-9, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1093/jhuman/huab008.

2021 "Precarity and Resistance: A Critique of Martha Fineman's Vulnerability Theory." *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* 36, no. 2: pp. 1-17, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/hyp.2021.25. Co-author with Eric Aldieri.

2020 "Responsibilities of the Intellectual: Dewey, Dussel, and Democracy." *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy* 11, no. 2: pp. 35-48.

2020 "What Could Human Rights Do? A Decolonial Inquiry." *Transmodernity: Journal of Peripheral Cultural Production of the Luso-Hispanic World* 9, no. 5: pp. 1-22, DOI: https://doi.org/10.5070/T495051209.

2020 "The Politics of Positionality: Distinguishing between Post-, Anti-, and De-colonial Methods." *Culture, Theory and Critique* 61, no. 4: pp. 374-388, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1080/14735784.2020.1808801. Co-author with Jason Walsh.

2019 "The Politics of Édouard Glissant's Right to Opacity." *The CLR James Journal: The Journal of the Caribbean Philosophical Association* 25, no. 1: pp. 59-70, DOI: https://doi.org/10.5840/clrjames2019121763.

2019 "Pragmatic Interruption: Habits, Environments, Ethics." *William James Studies* 15, no. 2: pp. 26-50.

***Winner of the 2018 William James Society Young Scholar Prize**

2018 "Globalization/Coloniality: A Decolonial Definition and Diagnosis." *Transmodernity: Journal of Peripheral Cultural Production of the Luso-Hispanic World* 8, no. 4: pp. 1-20, DOI: https://doi.org/10.5070/T484042045.

2017 "A/theologies of the Impossible: Antigone, Weil, Badiou, and the Strange." *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 16, no. 3: pp. 271-293.

Review Essays

2026 "Kersuze Simeon-Jones's Sober and Cool Philosophy: Sketches on the Black Intellectual Tradition." *Philosophy and Global Affairs* 6, no. 1, DOI: https://doi.org/10.5840/pga202658109.

2021 "Decolonial Depths and Expanses: Responding to Critics of Dussel, Mignolo, and Grosfoguel." *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy* 12, no. 1: pp. 20-39.

2021 "The Future of Critical Theory: On the Courage and Limitations of Bernard Harcourt's *Critique & Praxis*." *Culture, Theory and Critique* 62, no. 1: pp. 167-179, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1080/14735784.2021.1919908.

Academic Essays (Invited)

2025 "Toward Critical Belonging: Heidegger, Arendt, and Glissant's Other of Thought." *Millenium: Journal of International Studies* 54, no. 1: pp. 180-191, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/03058298251381188.

2025 "Edward Said's Archive: Toward Post-colonial Theory." *Philosophy and Global Affairs* 4, no. 2, DOI: https://doi.org/10.5840/pga202512275/.

Encyclopedia Articles

2018 "Simone Weil." *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward N. Zalta. Updated 2025. Co-author with A. Rebecca Rozelle-Stone, https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/simone-weil/.

Book Chapters

2026 "Afterword: Returning to Simone Weil as Missiles Fly" in *The Routledge Companion to Simone Weil*, eds. Deborah Casewell and Christopher Thomas (London: Routledge).

2025 "Oppression" in *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Simone Weil*, ed. Lissa McCullough (London: Bloomsbury), pp. 245-248.

2024 "Introduction: Critical Theory at the Crossroads: Rethinking Modernity, Humanity, and Critique" in *Creolizing Critical Theory: New Voices in Caribbean Philosophy*, eds. Kris F. Sealey and Benjamin P. Davis (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield), pp. xi-xxvii. Co-author with Kris F. Sealey.

2020 "The Colonial Frame: Judith Butler and Simone Weil on Force and Grief" in *Simone Weil, Beyond Ideology*, eds. Sophie Bourgault and Julie Daigle (London: Palgrave MacMillan), pp. 125-142, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-48401-9_7.

Book Reviews

2026 Lara Montesinos Coleman, *Struggles for the Human: Violent Legality and the Politics of Rights*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2024. *Nordic Journal of Human Rights* 44, no. 2: pp. 256-257, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1080/18918131.2026.2622057.

2025 Zahi Zalloua, *The Politics of the Wretched: Race, Reason, and* Ressentiment. London: Bloomsbury, 2024. *CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture* 26, no. 4, DOI: https://doi.org/10.7771/1481-4374.5110.

2025 Kathryn Lawson, *Ecological Ethics and the Philosophy of Simone Weil*. London: Routledge, 2024. *Environmental Ethics* 47, no. 3: pp. 349-352, DOI: https://doi.org/10.5840/enviroethics2025473105.

2024 Wolfram Eilenberger, *The Visionaries: Arendt, Beauvoir, Rand, Weil, and the Power of Philosophy in Dark Times*. New York: Penguin Press, 2023. *Contemporary Political Theory*, DOI: https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-024-00679-z.

2022 Nancy Mithlo, *Knowing Native Arts*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2020. *American Indian Quarterly* 46, no. 1: pp. 141-145.

2018 Luna Dolezal and Danielle Petherbridge (eds.), *Body/Self/Other: The Phenomenology of Social Encounters*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2017. *Hypatia Reviews Online.*

2018 George Ciccariello-Maher, *Decolonizing Dialectics*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2017. *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy* 9, no. 1: online.

2018 Benjamin Schewel, *Seven Ways of Looking at Religion: The Major Narratives*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2017. *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 101, no. 2: pp. 187-191.

2018 Yoon Sook Cha, *Decreation and the Ethical Bind: Simone Weil and the Claim of the Other*. New York: Fordham University Press, 2017. *Political Theology* 19, no. 2: pp. 164-165.

INVITED LECTURES

Invited Lectures Related to *Another Humanity*

University of Cambridge (Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages)

University of Kent (Law)

University of London (Birkbeck Law School)

University of Toronto (Centre for Ethics)

Stony Brook University (Center for Changing Systems of Power; Philosophy)

University of North Dakota (Philosophy)

Universität-Freiburg (Global Studies)

Penn State University (African Studies)

University of Birmingham (Education)

University of Strathclyde (Law)

Invited Lectures Related to *Choose Your Bearing*

Sussex University (International Relations)

European University Institute (International Law Working Group, Florence)

Center for International Law Research and Policy (Think Tank, Florence)

Nelson Mandela University (Global Southern Forum, South Africa)

University of California, Irvine (Global and International Studies)

University of California, Santa Cruz (History of Consciousness)

Columbia University (Columbia Law School)

Wesleyan University (Philosophy)

University of Connecticut (Political Science; Philosophy)

George Mason University (Philosophy; Religion)

City University of New York (International Relations)

Grinnell College (Philosophy)

Duke University (John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute)

Cornell University (Africana Studies; Einaudi Center for International Studies)

Other Invited Lectures

2026 "Edward Said's Archive." Ambivalent Archives reading group, University of Cambridge, Faculty of English, October 29.

2026 "Relativity as Relation: Reading Franz Boas through Édouard Glissant." Keynote Lecture, Giverny gathering, invited by Whitechapel Gallery, October 27.

2026 "What Adrien Wing's Work and Example Means to Our Family." Festschrift in honor of Dean Adrien Wing, University of Iowa College of Law, October 23.

2026 "Edward Said's Struggle to Publish *Orientalism*." Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University, October 7.

2026 Workshop lead on the philosophy of race. North Texas Philosophical Association, University of Texas at Dallas, March 28.

2026 "Edward Said and Stuart Hall on Articulating Human Rights to Struggle." The Future of Human Rights: International Conference on Race and Access to Justice, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia, February 3.

2025 "Does the State Violate or Protect Rights? Notes from the Americas." Vulnerability, Inequality and Justice Workshop, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia, November 1.

2025 "Materialism and Entanglement in Édouard Glissant." Materialisms Workshop, University of California, Santa Cruz, September 22.

2025 "Disposability and Dispossession: Thinking Heidegger with Postcolonial Theory." North Texas Philosophical Association, University of Texas at Dallas, March 29.

2024 "'Here and Many Places': Roots and Belonging in Simone Weil and Raymond Williams." Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester UK, November 25.

2024 "The Right to Opacity as Celebration: Protest and Prayer in Wynter and Glissant." Presidential Panel ("Celebrating Blackness"), Modern Language Association (MLA), Philadelphia, January 6.

2023 "Why We Return to Simone Weil: Thinking, War, Friendship." Critique 13/13 Seminar, Center for Contemporary Critical Thought, Columbia University, November 29: https://cooperism.law.columbia.edu/7-13/.

2023 "Edward Said's Archive: Toward a Humanist Post-colonial Theory." Keynote Lecture, Radical Humanisms Conference, Santa Fe Community Center, Sept. 8.

2023 "Is 'the Human' Worth Saving? Race and Humanity in Stuart Hall and W. E. B. Du Bois." Program in Philosophy and History, University of Texas at Dallas, March 23.

2022 "W. E. B. Du Bois's Political Imagination: Colonization, Human Rights, and Peace, 1945–1950." Political Theory Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis, September 30.

2021 "Hannah Arendt, Standing Rock, and the Right to Have Rights in the Americas." School of Political Studies, the University of Ottawa, June 21.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conferences Organized

2026 American Weil Society Annual Colloquy. Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, April 23-25.

2025 Seminar on Human Oneness. New York University (Institute for Public Knowledge), New York, NY, Feb. 6-7.

Panels Organized

2019 "Édouard Glissant's 'Other America': Caribbean, Continental, and American Discourses." Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Pittsburgh, PA, Oct. 31.

Papers Presented

2026 "Returning to Glissant's Right to Opacity." Caribbean Philosophical Association, Borough of Manhattan Community College, June 5.

2026 "Simone Weil on Political Friendship." Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, April 4.

2025 "Glissant's Uses of Fanon." Caribbean Philosophical Association, Martinique, July 17.

2025 "Vanuatu's Youth Human Rights Performances: Theorizing Climate at the ICJ." Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Georgetown University Law Center, June 18.

2025 "Stuart Hall's Pessimism." Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, April 19.

2025 "On the Right to Asylum." Seminar on Human Oneness, New York University, New York, NY, Feb. 6.

2024 "Essays without Guarantees: On Stuart Hall's Method." Stuart Hall: Positions and Trajectories Conference, University of Birmingham, Birmingham (UK), Oct. 31.

2024 "The Paradoxes of Relation: Harmful Entanglements in Édouard Glissant." Max Weber Foundation Conference, Orient-Institut Istanbul, Istanbul, May 15.

2023 "The Relational Sacred in Wynter and Glissant." Caribbean Philosophical Association, Virtual Conference, June 22.

2022 "Édouard Glissant's Humanism." Caribbean Philosophical Association, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI, Oct. 29.

2022 "The Right to Have Rights in the Americas: Arendt, Mariátegui, and the Problem of the State." The Hannah Arendt Circle, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, March 25.

2021 "Simone Weil's Critique of Human Rights: A Post-Arendtian Vocabulary?" The Self and the Selfless: Hannah Arendt and Simone Weil on Individual Action in Dark Times, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, April 18.

2021 "Context and Critique: Diasporic Ethics in Édouard Glissant and Stuart Hall." American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Portland, OR, April 5.

2020 "Édouard Glissant's Right to Opacity and Human Rights." Global Studies Conference, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, May. Cancelled due to Covid-19.

2020 "Poetics as Politics: *Poétique* as making-with in Édouard Glissant." American Comparative Literature Association, Chicago, IL, March. Cancelled due to Covid-19.

2020 "Communal Shame and Reparations: The Affect and Temporality of Responding to Genocide." American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL, Feb. 27.

2019 "The Demands of Opacity: Édouard Glissant's Challenge to an Ethics of Alterity." Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Duquesne University, Oct. 31.

2019 "Toward Solidarities: Édouard Glissant's Vocabulary of Ethics." Philosophies of Liberation Encuentro, Loyola Marymount University, May 19.

2019 "Édouard Glissant's Archipelago's: Literature, Poetry, Philosophy." American Comparative Literature Association, Georgetown University, March 8.

2019 "Pragmatic Interruption: Habits, Ethics, Environments." American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, New York, NY, Jan. 8.

2018 "Diffracted Belonging: A Critique of Nationalism." Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Pennsylvania State University, Oct. 18.

2018 "When Ideology Fails: Politics, Grief, Rebellion." 38th Annual American Weil Society Colloquy, University of Ottawa, April 20.

2018 "Truth, Identity, Practice: The Politics of Exile." Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, March 31.

2018 "Root, Rhizome, Relation: Glissant, Deleuze, and the Politics of Flesh." American Comparative Literature Association, University of California Los Angeles, March 30.

2018 "Édouard Glissant's Sense of Errancy." Édouard Glissant, L'éclat et l'obscur [Édouard Glissant, Radiance and Obscurity], Université des Antilles (Martinique), March 22.

2018 "Community and Vulnerability: A Reading of Relational Freedom in Aristotle." A Workshop on Autonomy and Vulnerability, Emory University School of Law, Feb. 24.

2017 "Culture, Education, and Democracy: John Dewey's Interdisciplinary Philosophy of Culture." American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., Dec. 3.

2017 "Rooted Errantry: Relational Identity in Simone Weil and Édouard Glissant." 37th Annual American Weil Society Colloquy, Villanova University, April 21.

2017 "Pragmatic Apostasy: Cornel West's and Charles Mills' Standing Away from Philosophy." Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, University of Alabama at Birmingham, March 17.

2016 "John Dewey's Educational Problem and Cornel West's *Parrhesia* in the Neoliberal Context." Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University of Oregon, July 12.

2016 "The Solidarity of Attention: Weil, Gutiérrez, Cardenal, and the Poetics of Liberation." Legacies of Colonialism and Philosophies of Resistance, Villanova University, April 14.

AWARDS

2025 Finalist, Andrew Carnegie Fellows. Selected at Department, College, and University levels.

2018 Winner, William James Society Young Scholar Prize.

EXTERNAL GRANTS

2025 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), "Seminar on Simone Weil's *Need for Roots*," $30,000.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University

Graduate Seminar: Culture and Relation in Latin America and the Caribbean: Fernando Ortiz, José María Arguedas, Édouard Glissant, Sylvia Wynter (Spring 2026)
Introduction to Global Studies (Spring 2026)
Migration, Indigeneity, Diaspora in Global Studies (Fall 2025)
Foundations of Cultural Studies: Franz Boas and Zora Neale Hurston (Fall 2025)
Introduction to Africana Studies (Fall 2024; Spring 2025)

Saint Louis University

University Core: What is a Human Right? (Spring 2023; Fall 2023; Spring 2024)
University Core: Philosophy and Social Change in Plato, Césaire, and Arendt (Spring 2023; Fall 2023; Spring 2024)
*Nominated by students for college-wide teaching award Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

University of Toronto

Morality in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Culture, Migration, and Writing (Spring 2022)
Value Theory: Race, Rights, and Communism: W. E. B. Du Bois, 1940-1950 (Fall 2021)
Morality in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Human Rights and Migration (Spring 2021)
Contemporary Moral Problems: Decolonial Ethics (Spring 2021)

Emory University

Bioethics (Spring 2018)
Introduction to Ethics, co-taught with Dr. Michael Sullivan (Fall 2017)

PROFESSIONAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Editorial Team

Political Theology
Philosophy and Global Affairs

Peer Reviewer

<u>National Awards</u>

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Lifelong Learning grants, up to $10 million

Academic Presses

Oxford University Press
Indiana University Press
Routledge
Bloomsbury
Palgrave Macmillan

Academic Journals

Political Theory
Contemporary Political Theory
Journal of World Philosophies
French Studies
Journal of Philosophy of Disability
Cultural Critique
Critical Arts
South African Journal of International Affairs
Small Axe: A Caribbean Journal of Criticism
Science & Society: A Journal of Marxist Thought and Analysis
Political Theology
Inter-American Journal of Philosophy
Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory
Comparative Literature Studies

To the Profession

Director of Partnerships, UNESCO Chair on Health, Race, and Human Rights, 2026-present
Chair of Publishing Partnerships, Caribbean Philosophical Association, 2026-present
President, American Weil Society, 2025-present
Vice President, American Weil Society, 2022-2025
Treasurer, American Weil Society, 2017-2020
Research Fellow, The Center on Modernity in Transition, 2022-present
Contributor, Library of Glissant Studies, 2019
Workshop Co-organizer, Simone's Weil's Political Theology, WashU in St. Louis, 2022-2023
Workshop Co-organizer, Simone Weil's Political Philosophy, University of Minnesota, 2019

Texas A&M University

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2026-present
Member, Global Studies 201 and 301 Syllabi Working Group, 2025-2026
Member, Environmental Humanities Search Committee, 2025
Member, Global Studies B.A. Committee, 2024-2025
Convener, Critical Theory Collective, 2024-2025
Organizer, Critical Theory Reading Group, 2024-2025

Saint Louis University

Organizer, Speaker Series, African American Studies, 2022-2024

University of Toronto

Conference Organizer, The Right to Have Rights Today, 2022
Workshop Organizer, The Ethics of Humanism, 2022
Conference Organizer, The Ethics of Human Rights, 2021
Speaker Series Organizer, Ethics & Caribbean Philosophy, 2020-2022

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Caribbean Philosophical Association (involved since 2022)
American Weil Society (involved since 2016)
Western Political Science Association (on and off member)
Modern Language Association (on and off member)
American Comparative Literature Association (on and off member)
Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities (on and off member)
International Studies Association (on and off member)
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (on and off member)
American Philosophical Association (on and off member)

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Spanish: reading and speaking
French: reading

REFERENCES

References available upon request.