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Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics, Moral and Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Logic, Feminist Theory

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2008

M.A., Philosophy, Tufts University, 1998

B.S., Psychology, Florida Institute of Technology, 1983

Awards & Fellowships

UIS Burks Oakley Distinguished Online Teaching Award, 2015

UIS Sabbatical, 2013

UIS College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Student-Faculty Research Grants, 2012, 2013

Dissertation Year Fellowship, American Association of University Women, 2003-2004

Graduate Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1998-2003

Scholarship, Tufts University, 1996-1998

Academic Appointments

2005-present University of Illinois at Springfield,
Associate Professor, Philosophy (2012)
Assistant Professor, Philosophy (2008)
Lecturer, Philosophy (ABD) (2005)

Courses:

Contemporary American Political Philosophy
Critical Thinking
Ethics
History of Modern Philosophy
Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology
Logic
Metaphysics of Things
Moral Values in Political Philosophy

	<i>Person, Identity and Dignity</i>	
	<i>Perspectives on Human Nature</i>	
	<i>Philosophy of Race</i>	
	<i>Philosophy Senior Seminar: Composition</i>	
	<i>Philosophy Senior Seminar: Free Will</i>	
	<i>Philosophy Senior Seminar: Meaning of Life</i>	
	<i>Rationality and Moral Choice</i>	
	<i>Science Fiction and Philosophy</i>	
	<i>Senior Seminar: Cap Scholars</i>	
	<i>Social Construction of Reality</i>	
	<i>Virtue Metaphysics</i>	
2005	Bowdoin College, Instructor, Philosophy	
	<i>Introduction to Ethics</i>	
	<i>Feminist Philosophy</i>	
2004	Harvard University — JFK School of Government, Teaching Fellow	
	<i>Responsibilities of Public Action</i>	Professor Archon Fung
2003	MIT, Instructor, Philosophy/Political Science/Women's Studies	
	<i>Feminist Political Theory</i>	
1999-2002	MIT, Teaching Assistant	
	<i>Justice (twice)</i>	Professor Joshua Cohen
	<i>Relativism, Reason, and Reality</i>	Professor Stephen Yablo
	<i>Thinking About Life</i>	Professor Ned Hall
	<i>Best Way to Live</i>	Professor Ralph Wedgwood
	<i>Problems in Philosophy</i>	Professor Michael Glanzberg
1997-1998	Tufts University, Teaching Assistant	
	<i>Racism and Social Inequality</i>	Professor Norman Daniels
	<i>Logic</i>	Professor Mark Richard
	<i>Bioethics</i>	Professor Mary Windham
1997	Harvard University, Summer Teaching Assistant	
	<i>Problems in Philosophy</i>	Professor Mary Windham
2001-2003	MIT, Summer Research Assistant	
	Assistant to Professors Joshua Cohen and Sally Haslanger	
1997-1999	Tufts University, Summer Research Assistant	
	Assistant to Professor Norman Daniels	

Publications

Edited collections

Haslanger, Sally and Roxanne Marie Kurtz, Eds. *Persistence: Contemporary Readings*, The MIT Press, 2006.

Fay, Roxanne Marie, editor. *Proceedings of the Harvard/MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference*, 2001.

Articles

- Kurtz, Roxanne Marie. "IRL Rejoinder to Scott Forschler" *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Computers*, Fall 2016.
- Kurtz, Roxanne Marie. "Review of *Composition as Identity* by A.J. Cotnoir and Donald L.M. Baxter (eds.), Oxford, 2014," *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, in-progress. (Invited.)
- Kurtz, Roxanne Marie. "Review of *The Trope Bundle Theory of Substance: Change, Individuation and Individual Essence* by Marta Ujvari, Ontos, 2013," *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, August 26, 2013. (Invited.)
- Kurtz, Roxanne Marie. "My Avatar, My Choice!" *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Computers*, Spring 2013.
- Kurtz, Roxanne Marie. "Quinean Ontological Commitment Derailed," *Analysis and Existence*, Fall 2013.
- Kurtz, Roxanne Marie. "Ontologically Tough Artifacts and Non-Spooky Intentions – Comments on Baker" *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Computers*, Spring 2009.
- Kurtz, Roxanne Marie. "Introduction to Persistence: What's the Problem?" in *Persistence: Contemporary Readings*, Eds. Sally Haslanger and Roxanne Marie Kurtz, The MIT Press, 2006, pp. 1-26.
- Kurtz, Roxanne Marie. "Persistence." *Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2nd Edition, Volume 7*, December 2005, Macmillan Reference (by invitation).
- Kurtz, Roxanne Marie. "Meanness, Generosity, and Rawlsian Distributive Justice." *Journal of Philosophical Research*, special issue on *Ethics in the 21st Century*, February 2005.
- Fay, Roxanne. "Tiny and Atoms: Constituting Micro-Sculptures." *Proceedings of the Harvard/MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference*, 2000.

Dissertation

- Liberalisms' Interest in Ethical Life: On Equality, Neutrality, and Culture*, MIT, 2007.
Advisors: Joshua Cohen (chair), Sally Haslanger, and Rae Langton.

Presentations

The promise of AI for overcoming the implementation challenge

Conceptual Engineering and AI Workshop, Delft Digital Ethics Center, Delft University of Technology, November 2022.

Engineering a concept of AI neutrality to protect against undue AI bias

CEPE 2023: International Conference on Computer Ethics: Philosophical Enquiry 2023, Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions and the Center for Cyber Security and Forensics Education, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, United States, May 2023

Metaphysical agency and virtues in conceptual engineering and conceptual activism

2023 APA Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, April 2023

and

The 13th Asian Conference on Ethics, Religion & Philosophy (ACERP), IAFOR Research Centre at the Osaka School of International Public Policy (OSIPP) at Osaka University, Japan, Tokyo, Japan, March-April 2023

Conceptual engineering and the harms of AI bias

IS4SI 2021: The 2021 Summit of the International Society for the Study of Information, Analytical Philosophy of Computing Track, online, September 2021

"But, but, but... White Supremacy Can Yield Causal Explanations: Comments on Patrick O'donnell's "Does White Supremacy Explain Anything?"

Invited commentator, APA Eastern Division Meeting, January 2021.

"Comments on David Atenasio's "Blameless Participation in Structural Injustice,"

Invited commentator, APA Central Division Meeting, 2018, Central APA, Spring 2018.

Comments on: Christopher McCammon's Is There Power Nobody Should Even Have?

Invited commentator, APA Central Division Meeting, 2017.

Social justice and virtue metaphysics

Association for Social and Political Philosophy, Amsterdam, June 2015.

Inventing virtue metaphysics

32nd International Social Philosophy Conference Education & Social Justice, Liberty, MO, July 2015

Virtue metaphysics.

Traditions of Ideology Critique 9th Annual Meeting of the International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry, Saint Louis, MO, July 2015

Difficult Conversations: It's not you, it's us.

Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST) Conference: Contested Terrains: Women of Color, Feminisms, and Geopolitics, Clearwater Florida, October 2015.

Theorizing Things, CLAS Brown Bag Series, March 2015

A Naturalist's Diachronic Answer to the Special Composition Question

Philosophy Colloquium Series at Queen's University, Ontario, October 2014 (invited)

The Generation and Destruction of Concreta and Abstracta in the Natural World

Understanding Matter — Philosophical Perspectives, 1st CRF International Conference — Palermo, 10-13 April 2014

My Avatar, My Choice!

PHILOSTEM 5: The Midwest Workshop in Philosophy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, March 2013

Plurality and Parity: Composition versus Constitution

Central American Philosophical Association Conference, February 2013

Examining the hoopla over opera—liberal neutrality as justified interference

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Spring 2012

Confessions of an Army Brat: An Outsider's Insight into Liberal Egalitarian Multiculturalism

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Spring 2011

Comments on Dan Bauman's Integrity and Situations

(Commentator) Washington University Political Theory Working Group, 2010

Liberal Multiculturalism, Making it Liberal and Multicultural

AAUW, Boston Area Winter Meeting, 2004 (invited)

MIT Political Philosophy, MIT, 2004

Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, MIT, 2004

A Problem of Incompleteness for Non-Trivial Liberal Multiculturalism

Sixth Annual Law, Culture and Humanities Conference, Cardozo School of Law and New York University, 2003

International Law and Ethics Conference, Portland State University, 2002 (invited)

Why Neo should care about escaping the Matrix

"Reality Schmeality: Life in *The Matrix*," IAP series, MIT, 2003

(When) Is Multiculturalism Good for Anyone? Lessons from Okin

Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, MIT, 2002

At Odds: Flourishing and Accommodating Pluralism in a Liberal Society, by invitation.

International Law and Ethics Conference, Belgrade University, Yugoslavia, 2002

Taking Flourishing Seriously: Women, Well-Being, and Political Liberalism

Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, MIT, 2002

Kirk, the Utopian Annihilator

"Philosophy of *Star Trek*," IAP series, MIT, 2002

Meanness, Generosity and Rawlsian Distributive Justice

APA Morality in the 21st Century Conference, 2001 (invited)

Kent State Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2001

Bath Spa University College Cultural Studies Conference, 2001

Kant, Mill, and Wells: Ethics and Time Travel

"Philosophy of Time Travel," IAP series, MIT, 2001

Tiny and Atoms: Constituting Micro-Sculptures

Harvard/MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2000

University of Colorado, Rocky Mountain Student Philosophy Conference, 2000

Service and Academic Activities

Organizer

- UIS New Voices in Racial Justice Series, Founder and organizer, 2015-present. Events include the following nine ECCE events and associated activities:

<i>Semester</i>	<i>Presenter(s)</i>	<i>ECCE Event open to public</i>	<i>Associated events</i>
Fall 2016	Pastor Cori Bush and Rev. Osagyefu Sekou.	<i>The Importance of Non-Violent Protests</i>	Related dinner discussion with faculty and students
Spring 2016	Dr. Alison Bailey	<i>What's Wrong with White Talk?</i>	Faculty Brownbag: Pedagogical challenges to teaching issues of race and its intersections!
Fall 2016	Dr. David Ragland, Dr. Cris Toffolo, Steff Reed	Truth Telling: Promoting Healing, Change, and Joy for the Movement!	Faculty Brownbag: Teaching Truth about Ferguson: Police Brutality and Protests
Fall 2016	Adrienne Maree Brown	Transformative Social Justice through Radical Science Fiction	Faculty Brownbag: Emergent Strategy
Spring 2019	Jay Marie Hill	Beyond Black Death and Gloom: Building a Trans Ally Toolkit	Faculty Brownbag: Be a Trans Ally Prof!
Fall 2019	Dr. Saba Fatima	#MeToo in Muslim America	Faculty Brownbag: Epistemic Harms of Microaggressions
Spring 2020	Cori Bush	<i>"I am the people I serve: Reflections on the path from activism to politics"</i> Screening of Sundance award winning documentary: Bring Down the House and discussion with Cori Bush	Small meeting with students at Diversity Center
Fall 2020	Dr. Olufemi Taiwo	Reconsidering Reparations	
Spring 2021	Dr. Vanessa Wills	What Could It Mean to Say, "Capitalism Causes Sexism and Racism?"	

- UU Racial Justice Task Force, 2015-2016
- UIS Webposium, 2007-2008
- UIS Philosophy Colloquium Series, 2006
- MIT Philosophy Colloquium Series, 2002–2003
- Reality Schmeality: Life in *The Matrix* Series, IAP, MIT, 2003
- Philosophy of *Star Trek* Series, IAP, MIT, 2002
- Harvard-MIT Graduate Student Conference, 2001

Committee member

- Truth Telling Project, Advisory Board, 2015-
- Fellowship of Reconciliation Reparations Committee. 2018
- STAGES Board Member, 2015-2018

At UIS:

- CLAS Personnel Committee, 2017-2023, Chair 2019-2020
- Campus Senate Committee on Academic Freedom, 2017-2020
- CLAS Peer Review of Teaching Committee, 2016-2019
- Campus Senate Committee on Sustainability, 2012-2015
- CLAS Curriculum Committee, 2012-2015, Co-chair 2014-2015
- Student Arts and Research Symposium (StARS), 2011-2012
- CLAS Strategic Plan Working Group, 2010-present
- Campus Senate Committee on Rights, Opportunity, Access and Diversity (ROAD), 2008-2011, 2019-, Co-chair 2009-2011
- Campus Climate Survey Working Group, 2010-2011
- SARA (Sexual Assault, Rape, and Alcohol) Committee, 2010
- Academic Grievance Board, 2008-2011
- Modern Language Search Committee, 2007-2008
- Acting chair for department personnel review committee, 2008, 2010
- Philosophy Advisory Committee, 2005-present
- MA and INO graduate student committees, ongoing
- Annual Faculty and Staff Campaign volunteer, 2009-present
- UIS Institute for Legal & Policy Studies, *Crisis in Environmental Health Conference*, 2006.

Individual Roles and Responsibilities

- Director of Graduate Studies in Philosophy, 2014-18
- Director of Philosophy Graduate Placement, 2007-present
- Faculty mentor, Distance mentoring pilot program for undergraduate research among COPLAC schools, 2012-present
- Associated faculty, Women and Gender Studies, 2008-present
- Philosophy program review coordinator, 2008

Refereeing and Reviewing

- Tenure case, Colorado College, 2016.
- *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2014
- *Art and Philosophy*, 2014
- *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Computers*, 2012
- *Dialectica*, 2006, 2007, 2008
- *Philosophical Papers*, 2006
- *Journal of Ethics*, 2003

Association Support

- Society for Women in Philosophy: assistant treasurer, designed national dues database and implemented national dues system, 2002-2004

Participant/Attendee

- Chair: “Praxis,” Minds of our Own Conference, MIT, Cambridge, MA, November 2018.
- Chair: “Invited Symposium: Rights and Democracy,” Main Program Session, February 2015, Central Division APA Conference. February 2015
- Chair: Quine and His Quiddities, 2017 Central APA, Kansas City.
- Chair: “The Marginalized,” 32nd International Social Philosophy Conference Education & Social Justice, Liberty, MO, July 2015.
- Chair: “Buddhism for Philosophers,” International Society for Buddhist Philosophy meeting, December 2014 Eastern Division APA Conference.
- 3rd Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics, October 2014
- Collective Intentionality IX, September 2014
- Understanding Matter — Philosophical Perspectives, 1st CRF International Conference — Palermo, 10-13 April 2014
- PHILOSTEM 5: The Midwest Workshop in Philosophy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, March 2013
- Session chair: 1st Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics, October 2012
- Sixth annual Midwest Epistemology Workshop, September 2012
- UIS Philosophy Faculty Seminar, 2012-present
- Session chair: Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Summer 2012
- Chair/discussant: Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Spring 2012
- Chair/discussant: Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Spring 2011
- Central Division, APA, 2010
- UIS Online Retreat, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014
- Annual Conference on Distance Teaching & Learning, University of WI, Madison, 2008
- 10th IWM International Summer School in Philosophy and Politics, *Challenges to Democracy*, 2003
- Harvard-MIT Joint Seminar on Political Development, *Interdisciplinary Scholarly Approaches to Identity*, 2002-2003
- MIT Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, 1999-2005
- MIT Political Philosophy Working Group, 2000-2004
- MATTI Group (MIT philosophy graduate student working group), 1998-2005

Professional Memberships

- American Philosophical Association
- American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy
- Society for Women in Philosophy