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Academic Appointments:

2013-present Assistant Professor of Philosophy, tenure-track, Stetson University, DeLand, FL

Education:

2013 Ph.D., Philosophy: Vanderbilt University
Dissertation: *Transhumanist Utopias: Rethinking Enhancement and Disability*
Committee: Kelly Oliver (Chair), Charles E. Scott, Lisa Guenther, Eva Feder Kittay

2011 M.A., Philosophy: Vanderbilt University

2008 B.A. (Honors), Philosophy: American University, *magna cum laude*

2008 B.A. (Honors), Political Science: American University, *magna cum laude*

Areas of Research Specialization and Teaching Competence:

AOS Bioethics, Continental Philosophy, Philosophy of Disability
AOC 19th Century Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy

Publications:

Monographs

2016 *The Bioethics of Enhancement: Transhumanism, Disability, and Biopolitics*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

forthcoming “Second Thoughts on Enhancement and Disability,” in the *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Disability*, ed. David Wasserman and Adam Cureton, Oxford University Press.

forthcoming “Critical Disability Theory,” entry, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Web.

2017 “Obscured Social Construction as Epistemic Harm,” *Journal of Social Philosophy* Vol. 48, Iss. 3: 344-358.

2017 “Patient Interpretation: Kristeva’s Model for the Caregiver,” in *New Forms of Revolt: Kristeva’s Intimate Politics*, edited by Sarah Hansen and Rebecca Tuvel, 107-125. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

- 2016 “Horrible Heroes: Liberating Alternative Visions of Disability in Horror,” *Disability Studies Quarterly* Vol. 36, No. 1. Web.
- 2015 “Continental Approaches in Bioethics,” *Philosophy Compass* Vol. 10, No. 3: 161-172.
- 2013 “Vile Sovereigns in Bioethical Debate,” *Disability Studies Quarterly* Special Issue: “Improving Feminist Philosophy and Theory by Taking Account of Disability,” Vol. 33, No. 4. Web.
- 2013 “Reconciling the Disability Critique and Reproductive Liberty: The Case of Negative Genetic Selection,” *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics* Vol. 6, No. 1: 121-143.

Edited Works

- 2014 “Pouvoirs de l’horreur,” entry in *Contemporary Literary Criticism Series* Vol. 367, series ed. Lawrence J. Trudeau. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.

Book Reviews

- 2014 “Picturing Disability: Beggar, Freak, Citizen, and Other Photographic Rhetoric,” *Journal of Literary and Cultural Disability Studies* Vol. 8, No. 1: 121-124.

Works in Progress:

Co-edited volume, with Kelly Oliver, *Philosophy of Disability: New Perspectives*, Rowman & Littlefield International

Article (solicited), “On The Language of Risk and the Marginalization of Bodies” for the *The Hastings Center Report’s* Special Issue, “The Gift and Weight of Genomic Knowledge: In Search of the Biocitizen”

Review Essay (solicited), on *Gender Before Birth: Sex Selection in a Transnational Context*, by Rajani Bhatia (University of Washington Press, 2018) and *Tangled Diagnoses: Prenatal Testing, Women, and Risk*, by Ilana Lowy (The University of Chicago Press, 2018), for *Hypatia*

Monograph, *Risking Ourselves: The Ethics of Risk Communication* (supported by Stetson University’s Summer Grants Program, 2015 and 2017 awards)

Article, “Bioethics in Catastrophe: A Reply to Liao, Sandberg, and Roache”

Article, “3D-printing the Neo-Liberal Subject: Mere Access to Emerging Technology is Not Enough”

Presentations:

Refereed

- 2018 “Risking Ourselves: The Ethics of Risk Communication,” Philosophy and Medicine Conference, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL (Mar.)
- 2016 “Reproduction of Risk: Zika, Gender, and Public Health Communication,” Biopolitics, Identity, and Discourses of Contemporary Public Health Panel, National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA (Nov.)
- 2016 “3D-Printing the Neo-Liberal Subject: Mere Access to Emerging Technology is Not Enough,” Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference, Kalamazoo, MI (Sept.)
- 2016 “Public Health and Risk Prevention: The Case of Ebola,” Bioethics: Preparing for the Unknown, Western Michigan University Ethics Center, Kalamazoo, MI (Mar.)
- 2015 “Bioethics in Catastrophe: A Reply to Liao, Sandberg, and Roache on Human Enhancement,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, BC, CA (Apr.)
- 2014 “Inflated Parental Responsibility and Reproductive Decision-Making,” Parental Responsibility and Disability Panel, Florida Philosophical Association, Tampa, FL (Nov.)
- 2014 “Kristeva and the Medical Humanities: Alternatives for Clinical Ethics,” Kristeva Circle, Nashville, TN (Mar.)
- 2013 “Reciprocity and Trope: A Response to Christie Hartley’s Inclusive Contractualism,” Florida Philosophical Association, DeLand, FL (Nov.)
- 2013 “What Enhancements and Why: The Tangled Relationship between Disability Rights and Transhumanism,” Society for Disability Studies, Orlando, FL (Jun.)
- 2013 “Mere Deviation: Critically Assessing Prenatal Testing,” Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology Conference, Dallas, TX (May)
- 2012 “Untangling Genetic Determinism: The Case of Genetic Abortion,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Atlanta, GA (Dec.)
- 2012 “Raëlians before Congress: the Vile Sovereign in Bioethical Debate,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Rochester, NY (Nov.)
- 2012 “Translating Horror from Reality to the Small Screen: Robert Pickton,” Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, Calgary, AB, CA (Oct.)

- 2012 “Abjection and Possibility: Exploring the Horror of the Disabled Body,” Kristeva Circle, Albany, NY (Oct.)
- 2012 “Leaving the Body Behind: Seeking Health in the 20th Century,” Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference, Kalamazoo, MI (Aug.)
- 2012 “Horrible Heroes: Alternative Visions of Disability in the Horror Genre,” Society for Disability Studies, Denver, CO (Jun.)
- 2011 “Uneasy Alliances: Concerns Regarding Genetic Selection and Enhancement,” Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, TN (Nov.)
- 2011 “Selective Abortion and Disability: Justice for the Disabled,” Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference, Kalamazoo, MI (Aug.)
- 2011 “What Makes a Livable Life? Objectivity in Fulfillment and the Disabled,” philoSOPHIA Feminist Society, Nashville, TN (May)
- 2011 “The Pedagogy of Departure: Family and the State in Freud,” Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (Jan.)
- 2010 “A Dynamic Guide of the Perplexed: Imagination in Maimonides,” Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, TN (Nov.)
- 2010 “Results of ‘*Experimenta in Corpore Vili*’: Worker Bodies in Marx,” Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA (Jan.)
- 2010 “Results of ‘*Experimenta in Corpore Vili*’: Worker Bodies in Marx,” 24th Graduate Student Research Symposium, Vanderbilt University (Mar.)
- 2010 “Possibilities for Progress? Adorno and the *Jugendstil* Movement,” 24th Graduate Student Research Symposium, Vanderbilt University (Mar.)

Invited

- 2019 Author-meets-critics panelist, Shelley Tremain’s *Foucault and Feminist Philosophy of Disability*, American Philosophical Association, Pacific, Vancouver, BC, CA (Apr.)
- 2018 “On The Language of Risk and the Marginalization of Bodies”
The Hastings Center’s *The Gift and Weight of Genomic Knowledge: In Search of the Biocitizen*, Brooklyn, NY (Oct.)
- 2018 “Human Enhancement? A Disability-Rights Perspective,” Ethics of Enhancement Workshop, Rutgers University-Camden, Camden, NJ (Apr.)
- 2018 Author-meets-critics panelist, Shelley Tremain’s *Foucault and Feminist Philosophy of Disability*, PhiloSOPHIA: Society for Continental Feminism, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA (Mar.)

- 2017 Author-meets-critics respondent, Melinda Hall's *The Bioethics of Enhancement: Transhumanism, Disability, and Biopolitics*, Florida Philosophical Association, Ocala, FL (Nov.)
- 2017 Author-meets-critics panelist, Shelley Tremain's *Foucault and Feminist Philosophy of Disability*, Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, London, ON (Oct.)
- 2017 "Second Thoughts on Enhancement and Disability," The Tennessee Value and Agency Conference, Theme: Philosophy of Disability, Knoxville, TN (Oct.)
- 2017 "Human Enhancement? A Disability-Rights Perspective," Philosophy Colloquium Series, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL (Sept.)
- 2017 Author-meets-critics respondent, Melinda Hall's *The Bioethics of Enhancement: Transhumanism, Disability, and Biopolitics*, Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON (May)
- 2017 Author-meets-critics respondent, Melinda Hall's *The Bioethics of Enhancement: Transhumanism, Disability, and Biopolitics*, PhiloSOPHIA: Society for Continental Feminism, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL (Mar./Apr.)
- 2017 "Bioethics as Biopolitics: Risking Disability," Symposium: Disability, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Kansas City, KS (Mar.)
- 2016 "The Bioethics of Enhancement: Transhumanism, Disability, and Biopolitics," Leon S. Peters Ethics Lecture Series, Ethics Center, California State University, Fresno, Fresno, CA (Nov.)
- 2016 "Race, Risk, and Ebola Panic," Faculty Spotlight Series, Stetson University (Feb.)
- 2015 "Social Construction and Epistemic Harm," Human Rights, Social Justice, and Democracy Working Group, Stetson University (Mar.)
- 2015 "Disability, Vulnerability, and Revolt," Kristeva's Revolt and Reliance Seminar Stream, American Comparative Literature Association, Seattle, Washington (Mar.)
- 2014 "Bioethics in Catastrophe," Todd Bates Memorial Lecture, Bethune Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL (Nov.)
- 2013 "Transhumanist Utopias: Rethinking Enhancement and Disability," Society for Philosophy and Disability Panel, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Baltimore, MD (Dec.)
- 2013 "Monstrous Villains and Horrible Heroes: Images of Disability in Horror," Philosophy on the Edge Series, Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois (Oct.)

- 2013 “Monstrous Villains and Horrible Heroes: Images of Disability in Horror” Guest Lecturer, Pregnancy and Film (WGS 272), Vanderbilt University (Oct.)
- 2013 “Bioethics and Climate Change: Tailoring the Human to a New Climate?” Human Rights, Social Justice, and Democracy Working Group, Stetson University (Oct.)
- 2013 “Genetic Determinism is Still a Problem for Bioethics: Synecdoche and Stigma,” The Social and Political Thought Workshop, Vanderbilt University (Apr.)
- 2012 “Choosing Health: The Dis/abled Body and the Pregnant Woman,” Women & Food Workshop, Banff, AB, CA (Aug.)

Teaching Experience:

Stetson University

Bio-Medical Ethics (PHIL 316)
 Contemporary Continental Philosophy (PHIL 310)
 Contemporary Moral Dilemmas (PHIL 315, Interdisciplinary Junior Seminar)
 Enduring Questions (HONR 101, Honors First-Year Seminar)
 Environmental Ethics (PHIL 317)
 Ethics (PHIL 350)
 Feminist Philosophy (PHIL 309)
 Foundations of Continental Philosophy (PHIL 400, Senior Seminar)
 Introduction to Logic (PHIL 104)
 Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 101)
 Independent Studies (PHIL 385/485): Psychoanalysis and French Secularism;
 Philosophy of Love; Disability Studies; Philosophy and Intersex
 Reflections on Community: Citizenship and Leadership (ORGL 301)
 Research in Philosophy (PHIL 399, Junior Seminar)
 Special Topics (PHIL 190): Liberal Arts and Medicine

Vanderbilt University

General Logic (PHIL 102)
 Introduction to Medical Ethics, Writing Intensive (PHIL 108)
 Introduction to Philosophy, Writing Intensive (PHIL 100)
 Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Medical Ethics (PHIL 108)
 Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Ethics (PHIL 105)

Grants and Awards:

- 2018-2021 Laughing Gull Foundation Grant, Co-Investigator, for the Community Education Project at Tomoka Correctional Institution, Daytona Beach, FL; \$210,000

- 2018 Hollis Impact Award, Principle Investigator: Jelena Petrovic, for the Community Education Project at Tomoka Correctional Institution, Daytona Beach, FL; \$10,000
- 2017 Hollis Impact Award, Principle Investigator: Jelena Petrovic, for the Community Education Project at Tomoka Correctional Institution, Daytona Beach, FL; \$8,000
- 2014, 15, 17 Stetson University Summer Grants Program, recipient of three awards in university-wide competition; \$7,500 total
- 2016 Institute on Project Based Learning participant, Center for Project-Based Learning, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA (Jun.)
- 2014 Creative Inquiry in the Arts and Humanities Institute participant, Council on Undergraduate Research, Wauwatosa, WI (Nov.)
- 2014 Brown Summer Institute Fellow, Stetson University
- 2013 Conference Travel Award: Society for Disability Studies (Jun.)
- 2012 Visiting Scholar: The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY (May-Jun.)
- 2011 Participant with stipend: Teaching Gender and Sexuality Seminar, Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching (May)
- 2009 Kendall Berry Teaching Award, Vanderbilt University, Department of Philosophy
- 2008 Phi Beta Kappa

Academic Service:

Service at Stetson University

- 2018-present Task Force, Stetson University's Statement on Free Speech and Academic Freedom
- 2017-present Public Health Committee
- 2016-present University Honors Program, Co-Director (2016-2018); Executive Board (2016-present)
- 2016-present Grants and Fellowships (Rhodes Scholarship Coordinator)
- 2015-present National Organization for Women (NOW), Chapter Faculty Advisor
- 2014-present Department of Philosophy, Assessment Coordinator
- 2014-present Phi Beta Kappa, Chapter President (2016-present); Vice President (2014-2016)
- 2014-2018 University Senate, Secretary (2017-2018), College of Arts and Sciences At-Large Representative; Policies and Procedures Senate Committee; McEniry Award Senate Committee
- 2016-2017 Social Justice Advocate Committee
- 2015-2017 Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience, Faculty Steering Committee
- 2014-2017 Gender Studies Committee
- 2014-2017 Environmental Studies Committee
- 2015 Gender and Sexual Diversity Conference, Organizing Committee

Service to the Philosophical Profession

- 2015-present Editorial Board, *Disability Studies Quarterly*
- 2015-present Mentor, The Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women (international reach)

2014 Program committee, Kristeva Circle, 2nd Annual Meeting, Vanderbilt University
2012 Co-organizer (with Kelly Oliver) Charles Scott Celebration, Vanderbilt University
2011 Program committee, philoSOPHIA, 5th Annual Meeting, Vanderbilt University

Referee *American Journal of Political Science; Disability Studies Quarterly; Georgetown University Press; Hypatia; International Journal for Philosophy of Religion; International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics; Journal of General Internal Medicine; Journal of Social Philosophy; Medical Humanities, Philosophy Compass; Politics, Groups, and Identities; The Southern Journal of Philosophy; Springer International Publishing*

Language Proficiency:

French (reading)

Academic Memberships:

American Philosophical Association
Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy
Florida Philosophical Association
Kristeva Circle
philoSOPHIA: A Continental Feminist Society
Society for Disability Studies
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

****References available upon request***