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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2019-present Associate Professor of Philosophy, Stetson University, DeLand, FL
2013-2019 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* and B.A. (Honors),
Political Science: American University, *magna cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND 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 “Critical Disability Theory,” entry, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Web.
2019 “Second Thoughts on Enhancement and Disability,” in the *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Disability*, edited by David Wasserman and Adam Cureton. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. Web. Print forthcoming.
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* 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 edited by 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.

Non-Academic Writing

- 2019-present Regular contributor to the *Biopolitical Philosophy* blog ([link](#))
- 2017-2018 Occasional contributor to the *Discrimination and Disadvantage* blog (archived; [link](#))
- 2015 “Bioethics in Catastrophe?” *IJFAB Blog: Official Blog of IJFAB: the International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics* Feb. 2 ([link](#))

WORKS IN PROGRESS

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

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

Chapter (solicited), “Health Risks, Humanity, and Morality: On Enhancement,” *The Disability Bioethics Reader*, edited by Christine Wieseler and Joel Michael Reynolds (under contract with Routledge)

Article (solicited), “On The Language of Risk and the Marginalization of Bodies” for the *The Hastings Center Report* 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*

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

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

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2019 The John A. Hague Award for Distinguished Teaching in the Liberal Arts and Sciences, Stetson University
- 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 for Faculty; total \$7,500
- 2013 Conference Travel Award, Society for Disability Studies (Jun.)
- 2012 Visiting Scholar, The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY (May-Jun.)
- 2009 Kendall Berry Teaching Award, Vanderbilt University, Department of Philosophy

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks and Author-Meets-Critics

- 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.)
- 2017 Respondent, Author-Meets-Critics, Melinda Hall’s *The Bioethics of Enhancement: Transhumanism, Disability, and Biopolitics*, Florida Philosophical Association, Ocala, FL (Nov.)
- 2017 “Human Enhancement? A Disability-Rights Perspective,” Philosophy Colloquium Series, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL (Sept.)
- 2017 Respondent, Author-Meets-Critics, Melinda Hall’s *The Bioethics of Enhancement: Transhumanism, Disability, and Biopolitics*, Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON (May)

- 2017 Respondent, Author-Meets-Critics, Melinda Hall's *The Bioethics of Enhancement: Transhumanism, Disability, and Biopolitics*, philoSOPHIA: a society for continental feminism, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL (Mar./Apr.)
- 2016 "The Bioethics of Enhancement: Transhumanism, Disability, and Biopolitics," Leon S. Peters Ethics Lecture Series, Ethics Center, California State University, Fresno, Fresno, CA (Nov.)
- 2015 "Is It the End of the World?" Philosophy Slam, Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, FL (Mar.)
- 2014 "Bioethics in Catastrophe," Todd Bates Memorial Lecture, Bethune Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL (Nov.)
- 2013 "Monstrous Villains and Horrible Heroes: Images of Disability in Horror," Philosophy on the Edge Series, Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois (Oct.)

Refereed Conference Presentations

- 2019 Panelist, Author-Meets-Critics, Shelley Tremain's *Foucault and Feminist Philosophy of Disability*, American Philosophical Association, Pacific, Vancouver, BC, CA (Apr.)
- 2018 Panelist, Author-Meets-Critics, Shelley Tremain's *Foucault and Feminist Philosophy of Disability*, philoSOPHIA: a society for continental feminism, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA (Mar.)
- 2018 "Risking Ourselves: The Ethics of Risk Communication," Philosophy and Medicine Conference, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL (Mar.)
- 2017 Panelist, Author-Meets-Critics, Shelley Tremain's *Foucault and Feminist Philosophy of Disability*, Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, London, ON (Oct.)
- 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: a society for continental feminism*, 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 Vilit*: Worker Bodies in Marx,” Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA (Jan.)

Invited Conference Presentations

- 2020 Plenary Speaker, New Perspectives on Disability, *philoSOPHIA: a society for continental feminism*, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (May)
- 2019 Panelist, Neurodiversity: Cognition, Alterity, and Ability in Science Fiction Literature and panelist, Women Writers, *Escape Velocity*, National Harbor, MD (May)
- 2017 “Second Thoughts on Enhancement and Disability,” The Tennessee Value and Agency Conference, Theme: Philosophy of Disability, Knoxville, TN (Oct.)
- 2017 “Bioethics as Biopolitics: Risking Disability,” Symposium: Disability, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Kansas City, KS (Mar.)
- 2015 “Disability, Vulnerability, and Revolt,” Kristeva’s Revolt and Reliance Seminar Stream, American Comparative Literature Association, Seattle, Washington (Mar.)
- 2013 “Transhumanist Utopias: Rethinking Enhancement and Disability,” Society for Philosophy and Disability Panel, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Baltimore, MD (Dec.)
- 2012 “Choosing Health: The Dis/abled Body and the Pregnant Woman,” Women & Food Workshop, Banff, AB, CA (Aug.)

Campus Talks (Selected)

- 2019 “Building Bridges and Forging Learning Communities in Carceral Spaces,” with Pamela Cappas-Toro, Andy Eisen, and Jelena Petrovic, Colloquium on Teaching and Learning Innovation, Stetson University (Apr.)
- 2018 “Women and Disability Rights,” Let’s Do Lunch Series, Stetson University (Apr.)
- 2016 “Imagining (Dis)Ability: Representations of Disability in Popular Culture,” with Stacy Collins, Values Day, Stetson University (Apr.)
- 2016 “Race, Risk, and Ebola Panic,” Faculty Spotlight Series, Stetson University (Feb.)
- 2015 “Breaking the Binary: The Ethics of Intersex,” Values Day, Stetson University (Apr.)
- 2015 “Social Construction and Epistemic Harm,” Human Rights, Social Justice, and Democracy Working Group, Stetson University (Mar.)

- 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.)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stetson University

Bio-Medical Ethics (PHIL 316)
 Contemporary Continental Philosophy (PHIL 310)
 Contemporary Moral Dilemmas (PHIL 315, Interdisciplinary Junior Seminar)
 Enduring Questions (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 (Organizational Leadership)
 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)

Seminars and Institutes

- 2016 Participant, Institute on Project-Based Learning, Center for Project-Based Learning, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA (Jun.)
- 2014 Participant, Creative Inquiry in the Arts and Humanities Institute, Council on Undergraduate Research, Wauwatosa, WI (Nov.)
- 2014 Fellow, Stetson’s Brown Center for Faculty Development Summer Institute
- 2011 Participant with stipend, Teaching Gender and Sexuality Seminar, Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching (May)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Professional Service

- 2015-present Editorial Board, *Disability Studies Quarterly*
2015-2018 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*

University Service

- 2018-present Task Force, Stetson's Statement on Free Speech and Academic Freedom
2017-present Public Health Program Committee
2016-present Community Education Project, Co-Director (Stetson's Higher Education in Prison Program, held at Tomoka Correctional Institution, Daytona Beach, FL)
2016-present University Honors Program, Executive Board; Co-Director (2016-2018)
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 Committee; McEniry Award Committee
2016-2017 Social Justice Advocate Award Committee
2015-2017 Stetson's Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience, Steering Committee
2014-2017 Gender Studies Program Committee
2014-2017 Environmental Studies Program Committee

MEDIA COVERAGE AND INTERVIEWS

- 2019 Shannon Green, *Orlando Sentinel* Jun. 6: "Abortion bans aren't just a war on women, they're a war among women" ([link](#))
Talk Media News May 22: "Female congressional staffers getting more leadership roles with freshman lawmakers" ([link](#))
Eileen Zaffiro-Kean, *Daytona Beach News Journal* May 11: "You make it work': Volusia working moms juggle dual roles" ([link](#))
T. S. Jarmusz, *Daytona Beach News Journal* May 8: "Stetson professors venture to prison to educate inmates" ([link](#))

- 2018 Gracie Bonds Staples, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Oct. 11: “Why are women surprised, angered by Kavanaugh confirmation?” ([link](#))
 Adam McCann, *Wallethub* Oct. 2: “Best & Worst Cities for People with Disabilities” ([link](#))
 Katie Kustura, *Daytona Beach News Journal* Jul. 1: “Stetson prison education program receives grant to grow” ([link](#))
- 2017 *Discrimination and Disadvantage* Jul. 19: “Dialogues on Disability: Shelley Tremain Interviews Melinda Hall” ([link](#))
Discrimination and Disadvantage Jun. 5-9: “Book Symposium on Melinda Hall’s *The Bioethics of Enhancement*” ([link](#))
 Olga Khazan, *The Atlantic*, Feb. 18: “Should We Die?” ([link](#))

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

French (reading)

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
 Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy
 Florida Philosophical Association
 Kristeva Circle
 philoSOPHIA: a society for continental feminism
 Society for Disability Studies
 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

REFERENCES

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Dr. Jane Dryden
 Associate Professor of Philosophy
 Mount Allison University
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