

# Dr. Melinda C. Hall

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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: 19<sup>th</sup> 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

2019 “Critical Disability Theory,” *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* Winter  
Edition, edited by Edward N. Zalta.

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.

### **Other Writing**

- 2019-present Occasional contributor to the *Biopolitical Philosophy* blog ([link](#))
- 2019 “What Future People Will There Be? Neurodiverse Heroes for a Changing Planet,” *MOSF Journal of Science Fiction* Vol. 3, Iss. 2: 15-17.
- 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; and, Sabbatical Program, 2019)

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)

Co-edited special issue, with Sarah Gorman, “Philosophy of Disability: New Perspectives” *Journal of Philosophy of Disability*

## **ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP**

2020-present Chair, Philosophy Department

2020-present Director, Gender Studies Program

2020-present Brown Center for Faculty Innovation and Excellence, Faculty Fellow of Scholarship and Publication

2016-present Co-Director, Community Education Project; with Drs. Pamela Cappas-Toro, Andy Eisen, and Jelena Petrovic (CEP is Stetson’s Higher Education in Prison Program, held at Tomoka Correctional Institution, Daytona Beach, FL)

2016-2018 Co-Director, University Honors Program

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

2021-2022 Future of Higher Learning in Prisons grant (Principal Investigator: Pamela Cappas-Toro), Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, for the Community Education Project at Tomoka Correctional Institution, Daytona Beach, FL; \$359,000

2019-2021 Selected as member program, Higher Education in Prison Cohort Program (Co-Investigator), Higher Education in Prison Landscape Project, for the Community Education Project at Tomoka Correctional Institution, Daytona Beach, FL; \$50,000

2019 Selected as pilot program for offline use of JSTOR for incarcerated students, JSTOR Labs, ITHAKA, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, for the Community Education Project at Tomoka Correctional Institution, Daytona Beach, FL

2019 Hollis Impact Award (Principal Investigator: Jelena Petrovic), for the Community Education Project at Tomoka Correctional Institution, Daytona Beach, FL; \$10,000

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 (Principal Investigator: Jelena Petrovic), for the Community Education Project at Tomoka Correctional Institution, Daytona Beach, FL; \$10,000

- 2017 Hollis Impact Award (Principal 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

- 2020 “Risking Ourselves: The Politics and Persons of Risk,” Philosophy, Disability, and Social Change Online Conference, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford (Dec.)
- 2020 “Enhancement,” with Robert Sparrow, Faust Lecture, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT (Apr.) *Cancelled due to Covid-19*
- 2020 “Risking Ourselves: The Politics and Persons of Risk,” Ideas Matter Series, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR (Apr.) *Cancelled due to Covid-19*
- 2020 “What is Disability Justice?” Sponsored by OutLaw and the Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity at Penn State Law, State College, PA (Feb.)
- 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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, *philoSOPHLA: a society for continental feminism*, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (May) *Cancelled due to Covid-19*

2019 Panelist, Teaching in Prison, Florida Philosophical Association, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (Nov.)

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, MO (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 390): Business Ethics  
 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, Summer Institute, Stetson's Brown Center for Faculty Innovation and Excellence, DeLand, FL (May-Aug.)
- 2011 Participant with stipend, Teaching Gender and Sexuality Seminar, Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching, Nashville, TN (May)

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### Professional Service

- 2020-present Editorial Board, *The Journal of Philosophy of Disability*
- 2019-present Co-Coordinator, *Biopolitical Philosophy* blog ([link](#))
- 2015-2020 Editorial Board, *Disability Studies Quarterly*
- 2015-2018 Mentor, The Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women (international reach)
- 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 Medical Ethics, Journal of Social Philosophy; Medical Humanities, Palgrave Macmillan, Philosophy Compass; Politics, Groups, and Identities; The Southern Journal of Philosophy; Springer International Publishing*

### University Service

- 2020-present University Accessibility Committee
- 2016-present Grants and Fellowships Committee, Rhodes Scholarship Advisor (2016-present), Marshall Scholarships Advisor (2020-present); Truman Scholarship Committee (2020-present)
- 2014-present Phi Beta Kappa Executive Board; President (2016-2019); Vice President (2014-2016, 2020-present)
- 2014-2020 Department of Philosophy, Assessment Coordinator
- 2017-2019 Public Health Program Committee
- 2018-2019 Task Force, Stetson's Statement on Free Speech and Academic Freedom
- 2015-2018 National Organization for Women (NOW), Chapter Faculty Advisor
- 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

- 2020
- Amy Kuperinsky, *NJ.com* Aug. 9: “Women in masks, men in denial: Why some say they won’t cover up to fight COVID-19” ([link](#))
  - Sam Schube, *GQ* Jul. 28: “How Stan Van Gundy Got Radicalized” ([link](#))
  - John Altmann and Bryan W. Van Norden, *The New York Times* Opinion Jul. 8: “Was This Ancient Taoist the First Philosopher of Disability?” ([link](#))
- 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 are available upon request.