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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Rutgers University, New Brunswick.** Comparative Literature. 2020  
Advanced Institute for Critical Caribbean Studies Affiliation.  
Dissertation: “Decolonial Responses to Secularism from the Underside of Modernity.” Committee: Nelson Maldonado-Torres (chair), Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel, Carlos U. Decena, Linda M. Alcoff (CUNY).
- M.A. Rutgers University, New Brunswick.** Comparative Literature. 2018  
Certificate in Women’s & Gender Studies. 2017
- B.A. Northwestern University.** Philosophy—with Honors. 2013  
Minors in Critical Theory and Latin American History.  
Thesis: “Grounding Praxis: A Critique of Habermas.”  
Supervisor: Mark Alznauer.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor.** Department of Philosophy. DePaul University. 2020-

## ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Director.** Teaching Practicum. Department of Philosophy. DePaul University. 2022-

## RESEARCH

- Specialization:** Decolonial thought, Latin American and Caribbean philosophy, philosophy of religion (esp. theories of secularization and postsecularity).
- Competence:** Critical philosophy of race, women of color feminisms, Frankfurt School critical theory, political theology.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Edited Scholarly Journal Issues

1. Guest Editor. Special Issue “Decolonizing Spiritualities.” *The CLR James Journal* 27.1-2. Essays by Drucilla Cornell & Stephen D. Seely, Mark Lewis Taylor, Sylvia Marcos, Natalie Avalos, Eduardo Mendieta, and Carlos Decena. 2022

## Journal Articles and Book Chapters

1. Forthcoming: “Postsecular Philosophy and Decolonization as a Politico-Theological Struggle.” In *Political Theology Reimagined: Theories, Ruptures, Itineraries*, edited by Vincent Lloyd and Aleksey Dubilet. Durham, NC: Duke University Press. 2025
2. Forthcoming: “The Ceremony Beyond the Secular: Postreligious Autopoetics in Wynter’s *The Hills of Hebron*.” In *Word made Flesh: Sylvia Wynter and Religion*, edited by David Kline and Justine Bakker. New York, NY: Fordham University Press. 2025
3. Forthcoming: “Strategic Anti-Essentialism: Stuart Hall’s Dialectics of Maneuver and Position.” In *Creolizing Critical Theory: New Voices in Caribbean Philosophy*, edited by Kris F. Sealey and Benjamin P. Davis. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. 2024
4. “Violence and the Sacred Revisited: The Case of the Narco-World.” *Radical Philosophy Review* 26.2: 235-256. 2023
5. “Sylvia Wynter’s New Science of the Word and the Autopoetics of the Flesh.” *Comparative and Continental Philosophy* 14.1: 72-88. 2022
6. “Liberation Philosophy, Anti-Fetishism, and Decolonization.” *Journal of World Philosophies* 6.2: 61-75. 2021
7. “Did You Listen? Zapatismo and Epistemic Decolonization.” *TRANSMODERNITY: Journal of Peripheral Cultural Production of the Luso-Hispanic World* 9.6: 1-18. 2021
8. “Which Secular Grounds? The Atheism of Liberation Philosophy.” *APA Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy* 20.2: 2-5. 2021  
\*Winner of the APA’s 2020 Essay Prize in Latin American Thought.\*
9. “Secular Decolonial Woes.” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 35.1: 71-92. 2021
10. “Decolonising Philosophy” (co-authored with Nelson Maldonado-Torres, Jasmine Wallace, and Jeong Eun Annabel We). In *Decolonising the University*, edited by Gurminder K. Bhambra, Dalia Gebrial and Kerem Nisancioglu, 64-90. London, UK: Pluto Press. 2018

## Reviews, Introductions, Afterwords, Interviews

1. Forthcoming: Review of *Biopolítica y liberación: La noción de vida humana en Agamben y Dussel* by Mario Orospe Hernández. *Comparative and Continental Philosophy* 15.1. 2024
2. Review of *Revolutionary Time: On Time and Difference in Kristeva and Irigaray* by Fanny Söderbäck. *Philosophy Today* 66.4: 865-870. 2022
3. “Introduction to Special Issue: Decolonizing Spiritualities.” *The CLR James Journal* 27.1-2: 17-23. 2022
4. “Mentoring as Empowerment.” *The CLR James Journal* 27.1-2: 5-7. 2022
5. “Introduction: Learning Across Liberation Theologies.” *LÁPIZ* 7: 7-17. 2022
6. Review of *The Fetish Revisited: Marx, Freud, and the Gods Black People Make* by J. Lorand Matory. *Philosophy and Global Affairs* 1.2: 404-406. 2021
7. “Chapter 7 Provocation.” Part of Appendix 2 to Santiago Castro-Gomez’s *Critique of Latin American Reason*. New York, NY: Columbia University Press. 2021
8. “Between the Decolonial and the Postcolonial: An Interview with Mahmood Mamdani.” Review of *Neither Settler nor Native: The Making and* 2021

*Unmaking of Permanent Minorities* by Mahmood Mamdani. *Political Theology* 22.5: 363-367.

- Reprinted Open Access in the Online Blog of the Political Theology Network. 2021
- 9. Review of *The Decolonial Abyss: Mysticism and Cosmopolitics from the Ruins* by An Yountae. *Political Theology* 19.4: 358-359. 2018
- 10. "Towards a Decolonial Dialogue of Critical Theories." Review of *The End of Progress: Decolonizing the Normative Foundations of Critical Theory* by Amy Allen. *The CLR James Journal* 22.1-2: 297-301. 2016
- 11. "Interview with Jason T. Wozniak, Organizing Member of The Latin American Philosophy of Education Society." *Decolonial International Network Newsletter* November 2016 issue. 2016
- 12. "Fanon, Coloniality, and the Struggle for Indigenous Recognition in Canada." Review of *Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition* by Glen Sean Coulthard. *Radical Philosophy Review* 18.2: 353-357. 2015

### Public Scholarship

1. "Enrique Dussel." *Critical Theory for Political Theology 2.0 Symposium*. Online Blog of the Political Theology Network. 2021
2. "On Epistemic Decolonization: Praxis Beyond Metaphors." *Peace Chronicle: The Magazine of the Peace and Justice Studies Association*. Summer issue on decolonization. 2020
3. "Viral Colonization." *Black Issues in Philosophy*. Online Blog of the American Philosophical Association. 2020

### Translation and Editorial Work

1. Translator. Spanish to English: Breny Mendoza's "The Question of the Coloniality of Democracy." In *Decolonial Feminism in Abya Yala: Caribbean, Meso, and South American Contributions and Challenges*, edited by Yuderkys Espinosa Miñoso, María Lugones, and Nelson Maldonado-Torres, 64-82. New York, NY: Rowman & Littlefield. 2022
2. Co-Editor. "Introduction: Schooling in the Caribbean And Latin America: Reproduction, Resistance, Revolution." *LÁPIZ* 5: 1-8. 2020
3. Translator. English to Spanish: Nelson Maldonado-Torres's "Colonialismo, neocolonial, colonialismo interno, lo poscolonial, colonialidad, y decolonialidad." In *Términos críticos en el pensamiento caribeño y latinoamericano: trayectoria histórica e institucional*, edited by Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel, Ben Sifuentes-Jauregui, and Marisa Belausteguigoitia, 111-128. Boston, MA: Revista de Crítica Literaria Latinoamericana. 2018
4. Editor. Enrique Dussel's "A Brief Note on Pedagogics." *LÁPIZ* 3: 94-102. 2018

### Other Contributions

1. "Subalternity: Genealogy and Critique." *The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal* (Harvard University): 135-138. 2012

## WORK IN PROGRESS

### Books

1. In Preparation: *Modernity as Political Theology: A Decolonial Argument*. 80,000 words. 25% completed.
2. In Preparation: *Decolonizing the Postsecular*. 80,000 words. 85% completed.

### Journal Articles and Book Chapters

1. In Preparation: “A Decolonial Redistribution of the Sensible.”
2. In Preparation: “Toward a South-South Decolonial Dialogue Between Latin America and East Asia” (co-authored with Jeong Eun Annabel We).
3. In Preparation: “Fanon’s Postsecular Atheism.”
4. Under Review: Article on Latin American Philosophy and Marxism.
5. Under Review: Article on Class and Race.

### Reviews, Introductions, Afterwords, Interviews

1. Under Review: Expanded Review in Spanish of *Biopolítica y liberación: La noción de vida humana en Agamben y Dussel* by Mario Orospe Hernández.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Lectures and Colloquia

1. “Latin American Thought and the Dialectics of Secularization.” Political Theory Workshop. Northwestern University. 2021
2. “Liberation Philosophy and the Dialectics of Secularization.” Sponsored by Scholars at the Peripheries. University of St. Andrews (Scotland). Virtual. 2021

### Refereed Papers

1. “The Aporia of the Secular and the Work of Decolonization.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit. San Antonio. 2023
2. “Desecularization or Postsecularity? A Decolonial Argument.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Political Theology Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit. Denver. 2022
3. “A Postsecular Marx from Latin America.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Political Theology Unit and Philosophy of Religion Unit. Denver. 2022
4. “Finding the Ceremony in Wynter’s Novel.” 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Philosophical Association Meeting: Philosophy, Literature, Liberation. Michigan State University. 2022
5. “On Recent Philosophical Approaches to Narco-Violence.” American Philosophical Association Central Division Annual Meeting. Sponsored by the Society for Mexican American Philosophy. Chicago. 2022
6. “Sylvia Wynter’s Un/Writing of Secularity.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Political Theology Unit. San Antonio. 2021

7. "Liberation Philosophy's Postsecular Marx" Struggle and Liberation Today, International Conference. The University of Texas at El Paso. Virtual. 2021
8. "Decolonizing the Anti-Fetishist Method." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Philosophy of Religion Unit. Virtual. 2020
9. "The Coloniality of Secularism." Conference of Ford Fellows. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Virtual. 2020
10. "Decolonizing the Postsecular." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Political Theology Unit. San Diego. 2019
11. "Sylvia Wynter's New Science of the Word as Postsecular Method." 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Philosophical Association Meeting: Resistance, Reparation, Renewal. Brown University. 2019
12. "Secularizing Liberation Theology? Enrique Dussel and the Postsecular." Asociación de Filosofía y Liberación (AFyL): Philosophies of Liberation Encuentro. CASA 0101 Theater and Loyola Marymount University. 2019
13. "On the Secularizations of Gloria Anzaldúa." The 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Latinx Literary Theory and Criticism Conference: Transamerican Reticulations: Towards a Latinx Theory of Hemispheric Literatures. John Jay College of Criminal Justice. 2019
14. "Towards a Postsecular Auto-Poiesis of the Flesh." Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Conference: Bodies of Power/Theory in the Flesh. Rutgers University. 2018
15. "Decolonizing Epistemology: Reflections on a Work in Progress." Latino Studies Research Symposium. Rutgers University. 2017
16. "Pedagogies of the Borderlands: Thinking from the U.S.-México/ Caribbean Borderlands." Philosophy Across the Americas Conference: Thinking La Frontera. South Texas College and University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley. 2017
17. "Women of Color Feminism and the Decolonization of the Secular/ Religious Divide." 9<sup>th</sup> Conference on East-West Intercultural Relations: Global South, Latin America, and the Luso-Hispanic World. Seoul National University Institute of Latin American Studies (South Korea). 2017
18. "Decolonial Love against Racialization and Intergenerational Trauma in *The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*." The 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Latina/o Literary Theory and Criticism Conference: Latinx Lives, Matters, and Imaginaries: Theorizing Race in the 21st Century. John Jay College of Criminal Justice. 2017
19. "Thoughts on a Decolonial Poetics." 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Philosophical Association Meeting: Theorizing from Small Places. University of Connecticut. 2016
20. "Benjamin's Historical Materialist Messianism from the Underside of Modernity." 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Philosophy Conference: Legacies of Colonialism and Philosophies of Resistance. Villanova University. 2016
21. "Toward a Dialogue between Decolonial Thought, North-American Indigenous Thought, and the Philosophy of Liberation." TransAmerican Experience Conference. University of Oregon. 2015
22. "Fanon's Transmodern Humanism." 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cultural, Social & Political Thought Graduate Conference: Human Being Human. University of Victoria (Canada). 2015
23. "Fanon's Decolonial Praxis and the Struggle for Recognition: Against a Certain Nietzscheanism." Graduate Student Conference: Decolonization 2015

in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Revolutionary Perspectives from Latin American and Beyond. University at Albany-SUNY.

24. "From Desire to Recognition in Fanon." 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Forum on Race and Ethnicity. Rutgers University. 2015
25. "Re-Thinking Foucault's Relation to 'power': Semantics, Fetishization, and Political Consequences." 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Research and Arts Exposition. Northwestern University. 2012
26. "Re-Thinking Foucault's Relation to 'power': Semantics, Fetishization, and Political Consequences." 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Northern Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. Northern Illinois University. 2012

### Invited Papers

1. "Towards a Postsecular Phenomenology of Violence." Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Toronto Metropolitan University (Canada). 2023
2. "Rethinking the Secularity of Race." Midwest Race Theory Workshop. Northwestern University. 2022
3. "Radicalizing Mills: From Class to Race?." The Racial Contract at 25: A Conference in Memory of Charles Mills. University of Illinois Chicago. 2022
4. "On the Colonialist Infrastructure of the Global Pandemic." COVID-19 and Latinx Communities Symposium. Duke University. Virtual. 2020
5. "A New Generation and the Urgency of Decolonization." Fanon at 95 Celebration. Caribbean Philosophical Association. Virtual. 2020
6. "Double Translation as a Decolonial, Pluriversal, and Transmodern Praxis." Latin American Studies Association of Korea Annual Conference: Foreign Policies and Tasks of the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution Era in Latin America, co-organized with the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Latin American & Caribbean Affairs Bureau (South Korea). 2017

### Campus Colloquia and Papers

1. "The Coloniality of the Secular." Center for Latino Research Tertulia. DePaul University. 2023
2. "On the Postsecular and the Decolonial." Program in Comparative Literature Colloquium. Rutgers University. 2018
3. "The Spirit of Decoloniality and the Coloniality of Knowledge." Graduate Research Forum. Rutgers University & Jilin University (China). 2018
4. "Philosophy, Literature, and Decoloniality." Program in Comparative Literature Colloquium: Comparative Colonial, Postcolonial, and Decolonial Studies: Some Meditations. Rutgers University. 2016
5. "Grounding Praxis: A Critique of Habermas." 4<sup>th</sup> Annual PhilFest. Department of Philosophy. Northwestern University. 2013
6. "Problems with Marx's Analysis of Class Society: Foundations for the Redemption of a Marxist Critique of Morality." Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Midwest Regional Conference. University of Chicago and Northwestern University. 2011
7. "Will to Power, Historical Materialism, and Morality." Summer Research Opportunity Program Research Forum. Northwestern University. 2011
8. "An Assessment of María Zambrano's Unamuno." Posner Fellows Colloquium. Northwestern University. 2010

## Replies and Panel Discussions

1. Panelist. “Biopolítica y Liberación.” Book Symposium. Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas. UNAM (Mexico). 2023
2. Panelist. “10 Year Anniversary Symposium.” Critical Theory Undergraduate Research Workshop. Northwestern University. 2023
3. Discussant. Guillaume Sibertin-Blanc’s “Viveiros de Castro, Pierre Clastres: les limites d’une anthropologie politique,” and Oíara Bonilla’s “Le beau-frère bavard et les sept fils du jaguar : mythe, parenté et perspectivisme paumari (Amazonie brésilienne).” Anthropologie Décoloniale Symposium. Seoul National University Institute of Latin American Studies (South Korea). Virtual. 2022
4. Respondent. Miguel Gualdrón Ramírez’s “Antiblackness in Latin American Thought: Two versions of the Mestizo Model.” Junior Scholar Award Session. Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Texas A&M University. 2022
5. Panelist. “*Lapiz* No. 7: Learning Across Liberation Theologies: A Hybrid Workshop.” Sponsored by the Latin American Philosophy of Education Society. Teachers College, Columbia University. 2022
6. Respondent. Fanny Söderbäck’s “Revolutionary Time: On Time and Difference in Kristeva and Irigaray.” Philosophy Faculty Research Seminar. DePaul University. 2021
7. Respondent. Mariana Ortega’s “Racializing Perception and the Colonial Gaze, An Aesthetic Response.” Boston Phenomenology Circle Symposium: Phenomenology & Ethics. Boston University and Boston College. Virtual. 2021
8. Respondent. Santiago Castro-Gomez’s “The Birth of Latin America as a Philosophical Problem in Mexico.” Critical Theory in Critical Times Workshop: Critique of Latin American Reason. Northwestern University. Virtual. 2020
9. Respondent. Rónké A. Òké’s “Decentered Disciplines: Thinking Critically about the ‘Work’ We Do.” Hacer Escuela/Inventing School Conference: Rethinking the Pedagogy of Critical Theory. West Chester University. 2019
10. Panelist. “*Lapiz* Vol. 3 Launch: Latin American Decolonial Philosophies of Education.” Latin American Philosophy of Education Society, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium: Schooling in Latin America: Reproduction, Resistance, Revolution. West Chester University. 2018
11. Discussant. Dionisio Da Silva Pimenta’s “Decolonizing the Nation-State Narrative.” Decoloniality Workshop. Rutgers University. 2017
12. Discussant. Zachary Joachim’s “On Freedom and Subjugation in Foucault’s *Discipline and Punish*.” 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. University of Chicago. 2011

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Conferences and Multi-Events, Main Organizer

1. Host Organizer. Learning Across Liberation Theologies: Latin American Philosophy of Education Society 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium. Rutgers University (assisted by DePaul University). Virtual. 2020
  - Funds raised: \$5,550.

- Keynote speakers: Mark L. Taylor (Princeton Seminary), Sylvia Marcos (UNAM) and Christopher Tirres (DePaul University).
- 2. Founder. Decoloniality Workshop. Program in Comparative Literature. Rutgers University. <https://decolonialityworkshop.wordpress.com> 2017-2020
  - Held 9 research paper workshop sessions.
- 3. Co-Founder. Reading Group Series with Drucilla Cornell. Rutgers University. <https://decolonialityworkshop.wordpress.com/reading> 2017-2020
  - Held 19 discussion sessions. Invited guests included Paget Henry (Brown University) and George Ciccariello-Maher (NYU).
- 4. Co-Chair. Comparative Literature Biennial Graduate Conference: Urban (De)Coloniality and Literature. Rutgers University. <https://rucomplitgrad.wordpress.com/> 2016
  - Funds raised: \$8,250.
    - Keynote speaker: José David Saldívar (Stanford University).
    - 12 invited participants from across the United States.
- 5. Co-Founder. Critical Theory Research Workshop. Program in Critical Theory. Northwestern University. 2012-2013
  - Held 16 graduate-undergraduate discussion sessions.
  - Funds raised: \$2,500.
    - Organized Public Lecture: Critical Theory and the Idea of Progress, by Amy Allen (Dartmouth College). 2013
    - Organized Workshop: The Political Nature of Latin American Philosophy, by Grant Silva (Marquette University). 2013
  - Initiative formally institutionalized and active as of 2023.

### Conferences, Contributing Organizer

1. Co-Organizer. “Beyond Secularization” Seminar Stream. 3<sup>rd</sup> Political Theology Network Conference. Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University. 2022
2. Organizing Committee. Third Meeting of the Frantz Fanon Foundation: Fanon, Decoloniality, and the Spirit of Bandung. Rutgers University. 2018
3. Abstracts Reviewer. Comparative Literature Biennial Graduate Conference: Love in Translation. Rutgers University. 2018

### One-Time Events, Main Organizer

1. Panel Organizer. “Decolonial Critiques of the Secular/Religious Divide” Roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Political Theology Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit. Denver. 2022
2. Co-Organizer. “*Lápiç* No. 7: Learning Across Liberation Theologies: A Hybrid Workshop.” Sponsored by the Latin American Philosophy of Education Society. Teachers College, Columbia University. 2022

### Panel Moderation

1. “Lineages of Latin American Philosophy in the United States.” American Philosophical Association Central Division Annual Meeting. Denver. 2023
2. “Literatura y filosofía en el Caribe.” 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Philosophical 2022



- Association Meeting: Philosophy, Literature, Liberation. Michigan State University.
3. "Religion and Secularism: Decolonizing Theories, Methods, and Sources." 2021  
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Political Theology Unit. San Antonio.
  4. "Sanctuary Movements: Immigration and Liberation." Learning Across 2020  
Liberation Theologies: Latin American Philosophy of Education Society Symposium. Rutgers University. Virtual.
  5. "Religion, Ritual, Revival." 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Philosophical 2019  
Association Meeting: Resistance, Reparation, Renewal. Brown University.
  6. "Engaging Fanon." 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Philosophical Association 2019  
Meeting: Resistance, Reparation, Renewal. Brown University.
  7. "Decolonial Matters." 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean Philosophical Association 2019  
Meeting: Resistance, Reparation, Renewal. Brown University.
  8. "Session 8." Asociación de Filosofía y Liberación: Philosophies of 2019  
Liberation Encuentro. CASA 0101 and Loyola Marymount University.
  9. "Transgressions." Comparative Literature Biennial Graduate Conference: 2018  
Love in Translation. Rutgers University.
  10. "Decolonial Aesthetics." 1<sup>st</sup> Decoloniality Roundtable. Rutgers University. 2017
  11. "Theorizing Founding, Freedom and New Orders." 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Caribbean 2016  
Philosophical Association Meeting: Theorizing from Small Places.  
University of Connecticut.
  12. "Remapping the Urban and Reclaiming Lives." Comparative Literature 2016  
Biennial Graduate Conference: Urban (De)Coloniality and Literature.  
Rutgers University.
  13. "New Caribbean Subjects: Ethics and Love in the Decolonial Imaginary." 2015  
Radicalism, Revolution, and Freedom in the Caribbean Conference.  
Rutgers University.

## AWARDS

External ▲

### Research Fellowships and Grants

1. Competitive Two-Quarter Paid Leave (83% of salary). 2023-2024  
University Research Council. DePaul University.
2. Faculty Summer Research Grant (\$4,700). 2023  
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. DePaul University.
3. Faculty Fellowship (2 course release). 2021-2022  
Center for Latino Research. DePaul University.
4. Faculty Recruitment Incentive Program Grant (\$30,000). 2020-2023  
Office of the President. DePaul University.
5. ▲Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000). 2019-2020  
The Ford Foundation.
6. ▲MMUF Dissertation Grant (awarded \$25,000 but adjusted to \$5,000). 2019-2020  
The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.
7. Excellence Fellowship (\$21,000). 2018-2019  
Graduate School-New Brunswick. Rutgers University.
8. Trustees' Fellowship (\$42,000). 2014-2016  
Graduate School-New Brunswick. Rutgers University.

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| 9. Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (\$15,000).<br>Office of the President. Northwestern University.          | 2011-2013 |
| 10. Leopold Fellowship (\$2,500).<br>Nicholas D. Chabreja Center for Historical Studies. Northwestern University. | 2010-2011 |
| 11. Posner Summer Fellowship (\$3,000).<br>Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. Northwestern University.        | 2010      |

### Academic Prizes

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| 1. ▲ Essay Prize in Latin American Thought. American Philosophical Association.<br>▪ “Awarded to the author of the best unpublished, English-language, philosophical essay in Latin American thought.” | 2020      |
| 2. Erna Neuse Prize for Best Graduate Essay in German Studies.<br>Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures. Rutgers University.  | 2016      |
| 3. Dean’s List (x4).<br>Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. Northwestern University.  | 2011-2013 |

### Conference Travel and Special Study Funding

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| 1. Conference Travel Award (\$1,000).<br>School of Graduate Studies. Rutgers University.               | 2020 |
| 2. ▲ Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant (\$1,500).<br>Social Science Research Council.                 | 2019 |
| 3. Travel Grant (\$2,444).<br>Program in Comparative Literature. Rutgers University.                   | 2019 |
| 4. ▲ Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant (\$458.14).<br>Social Science Research Council.                | 2018 |
| 5. Summer Study and Travel Grant (\$1,000).<br>Program in Comparative Literature. Rutgers University.  | 2018 |
| 6. TA Professional Development Fund Award (\$936).<br>Rutgers University.                              | 2018 |
| 7. Conference Travel Award (\$100).<br>Graduate School-New Brunswick. Rutgers University.              | 2017 |
| 8. ▲ Project Grant (\$750).<br>Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy.                     | 2017 |
| 9. ▲ Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant (\$1,500).<br>Social Science Research Council.                 | 2017 |
| 10. TA Professional Development Fund Award (\$925).<br>Rutgers University.                             | 2017 |
| 11. Summer Study and Travel Grant (\$1,500).<br>Program in Comparative Literature. Rutgers University. | 2017 |
| 12. Special Study Award (\$840).<br>Graduate School-New Brunswick. Rutgers University.                 | 2017 |
| 13. ▲ Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant (\$1,500).<br>Social Science Research Council.                | 2016 |
| 14. Special Study Award (\$1,050).<br>Graduate School-New Brunswick. Rutgers University.               | 2016 |
| 15. Conference Travel Award (\$300).<br>Graduate School-New Brunswick. Rutgers University.             | 2015 |
| 16. ▲ Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant (\$1,541.86).   | 2015 |

- Social Science Research Council.
17. Summer Study and Travel Grant (\$2,200). 2015  
Program in Comparative Literature. Rutgers University.
  18. Conference Travel Award (\$100). 2015  
Graduate School-New Brunswick. Rutgers University.
  19. Mellon Recruitment Summer Supplement (\$10,000). 2015-2016  
Program in Comparative Literature. Rutgers University.
  20. Conference Travel Grant (\$163). 2012  
Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. Northwestern University.

### **Programming Funding**

1. Diversity and Innovation Grant (\$2,500) 2020  
Division of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement.  
Rutgers University.
  - For the 2020 Latin American Philosophy of Education Society Symposium.
2. Special Events Grant (\$2,000). 2015  
Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs.  
Rutgers University.
  - For the 2016 Comparative Literature Biennial Graduate Conference.

### **Tuition Scholarships**

1. The Warren Arthur Brown Scholarship (full tuition). 2012-2013  
Northwestern University.
2. The Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Family Scholarship (near full tuition). 2009-2013  
Northwestern University.

### **Honorable Mentions**

1. ▲ Predoctoral Fellowship. 2016-2017  
The Ford Foundation.

## **AFFILIATIONS**

1. Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. 2022-
2. American Philosophical Association. 2019-
3. American Academy of Religion. 2019-
4. Caribbean Philosophical Association. 2015-
5. Latin American Philosophy of Education Society. 2014-
  - Coordinating Collective. 2019-
  - Events & Conferences Collective. 2019-2021
  - Editorial Collective. 2014-
6. Radical Philosophy Association. 2011-

## TEACHING

### DePaul University

#### Graduate

1. Wynter and The German Secularization Debate. 2023
2. Decoloniality and Heretical Marxisms: Towards a Postsecular Philosophy of Religion. 2022
3. Decoloniality, Wynter, and the Aporia of the Secular. 2021

#### Undergraduate

1. Liberation Philosophy (300 level) (x2).
2. What is “Latin” about Latin America? (200 level Honors).
3. French Existentialism in a Historical Context (200 level).
4. Philosophy and Race (100 level Honors) (x7).

### Rutgers University, New Brunswick

#### Undergraduate

1. The Myth(s) of Modernity (200 level).
2. Latino Literature and Culture (200 level).
3. Border Crossers (100 level).
4. Global Colonialities in Relation (100 level).

#### **Guest Lectures**

1. “On the Myth of Modernity.” Enrique Dussel’s Philosophy of Liberation Working Group. New School for Social Research. 2018

## INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

### DePaul University

#### University Committees

1. At Large Member. Honors Program Committee. 2021-

#### University: Miscellaneous Events

1. Faculty Reader. 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Latinx Graduation Celebration. 2022
2. Panelist. Honors Faculty Teaching Symposium. 2022
3. Contributor. Courageous Dialogue Series. 2021

#### College Committees

1. At Large Member. Center for Religion, Culture and Community Advisory Board. 2021-

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| 2. At Large Member. HumanitiesX Advisory Council. | 2021-2022 |
| 3. At Large Member. LAS Scholarship Committee.    | 2021-2022 |

Department: General Committees

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| 1. Ex Officio Member. Graduate Affairs Committee.    | 2022-     |
| 2. Ex Officio Member. Planning Committee.            | 2022-     |
| 3. At Large Member. Visiting Speakers Committee.     | 2020-2023 |
| 4. At Large Member. Undergraduate Affairs Committee. | 2020-2022 |

Department: Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member (Reader)

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| 1. María de la Cruz Salvador López. “Decolonial Resignifications: Thinking Non-Dichotomous Resistance in the Modern/Colonial World.”  | 2021-     |
| 2. Julian D. Rios Acuña. “Genealogy, Colonialism, Violence: Confronting Metaphysical Thinking Between and Beyond Santiago Castro-Gómez and Michel Foucault.” Immediate employment: Assistant Professor in Philosophy at Grinnell College. | 2020-2023 |
| 3. Rachel Silverbloom. “Against a Linear History: Rupture, Return, and Repetition.” Immediate employment: Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy at Vassar College.  | 2021-2022 |

Department: Independent Study Advising

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| 1. Joana Diaz (undergraduate).     | 2022 |
| 2. Paola Asturias (undergraduate). | 2021 |

Department: DUOS Program Advising

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|---|-----------|
| 1. Valerie King (graduate) and Joana Diaz (undergraduate). “Decoloniality and Trauma.”  | 2023-2024 |
| 2. Julian Rios (graduate) and Clark Foster-Dykes (undergraduate). “Colonial/Racial Constructions of the Subject as Human in Frantz Fanon Sylvia Wynter, and their legacies in Afropessimism.” | 2022-2023 |
| 3. Katherine Nelson (graduate) and Spencer Kraft (undergraduate). “Critique of Erotics in Latin American Liberation Philosophy.”  | 2021-2022 |

Department: Job Searches

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Feminist Philosophy. | 2022-2023 |
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Department: Miscellaneous Events

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| 1. Panelist. Philosophy Circle Event. “Cultivating the Field of Latin American Philosophy.” | 2022 |
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**Rutgers University, New Brunswick**

University

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| 1. Judge. Aresty Undergraduate Research Symposium. | 2016-2017 |
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### College

1. Graduate Mentor Fellow. Honors College. 2018-2019

### Department

1. Representative. TA/GA Union. 2017-2018
2. Secretary. Graduate Student Association. 2015-2016

## **Northwestern University**

### College

1. Student Advisory Board. Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. 2012-2013

### Department

1. Technology Director. Undergraduate Philosophy Society. 2011-2013

## **Profession**

### Editorial Appointments

1. Book Review Editor. *Philosophy and Global Affairs*. 2024-

### Journal Advisory Boards

1. Critical Theory for Political Theology: Keywords. *Political Theology Network*. 2021-2023
2. *LÁPIZ*. 2017-

### Journal Refereeing

1. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (2). 2023-
2. *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*. 2023-
3. *Diálogos* (Puerto Rico). 2022-
4. *Philosophy and Global Affairs*. 2022-
5. *Journal of Philosophy of Education*. 2022-
6. *Philosophy & Social Criticism*. 2022-
7. *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy*. 2021-
8. *Philosophy Today*. 2021-
9. *Radical Philosophy Review* (2). 2020-
10. *Societas Sapiens* (Dominican Republic). 2019-2020
11. *LÁPIZ* (5). 2014-

### Publisher Refereeing (Book Proposals and Manuscripts)

1. Palgrave Macmillan, Springer Nature. 2023-
2. Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group. 2022-

### Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member (External Reader)

1. Charlotte Marie Sáenz Boldt. ECOSUR: Colegio de la Frontera Sur (Mexico). “Pedagógica de Semilla Zapatista: siembra y aprendizajes de un creciente sujeto político colectivo transgeográfico.” Immediate employment: Associate Professor in Interdisciplinary Studies at the California Institute of Integral Studies. 2022

#### Awards Reviewer

1. MMUF Dissertation Grant. The Institute for Citizens & Scholars. 2022-

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **Mentoring**

1. Invited Speaker. MMUF Summer Institute. The City University of New York. Virtual. 2023
2. Panelist. Alumni Discussion. Mellon Mays Fellows Boot Camp. Columbia University. Virtual. 2021
3. Faculty Instructor. Minorities And Philosophy “Living Philosophy” Retreat. Loyola University Chicago. Virtual. 2021
4. Panelist. Faculty Roundtable. MMUF Summer Institute. The City University of New York. Virtual. 2021
5. “Reflections from a Recent Ph.D” Two-part guest blog post about research funding. *GradFund*. School of Graduate Studies. Rutgers University. 2020
6. Special MMUF Summer Faculty Talk. Summer Research Opportunity Program. Northwestern University. Virtual. 2020
7. Alumni Guest Q&A. Posner Research Program. Northwestern University. Virtual. 2020
8. Panelist. Graduate Life Roundtable. Mellon Mays Fellows Boot Camp. Columbia University. 2019
9. Q&A Panelist. Applying to Graduate School. Mellon Mays GAP Graduate School Bootcamp. The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The City College of New York. 2019
10. Mentor. Statement of Purpose Workshop. Mellon Mays GAP Graduate School Bootcamp. The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The City College of New York. 2019
11. Facilitator. Academic Life Roundtable Discussion. MMUF New York City Regional Undergraduate Conference. Columbia University. 2019
12. Mentor. Mellon Mays Gap Assistance Program. The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. 2015-
  - 12.1. Mentee: Christina Weinbaum (CUNY Brooklyn College). 2019-2021
    - Entered M.A. in Philosophy at the CUNY Graduate Center.
  - 12.2. Mentee: Georgia Soares (University of Southern California). 2018-2019
    - Entered Ph.D. in Comparative Literature at Harvard University.
  - 12.3. Mentee: Gae Leanza (Brown University). 2015-2016

### **Outreach**

1. Invited Speaker. Session on Frantz Fanon’s *Black Skin, White Masks*. Netflix Writers Book Club. Virtual. 2020
2. Organizing Committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> Convention of the Mexican American 2018-2019

- Council of New Jersey. Hosted at Rutgers University.
3. Regional Team Co-Leader. NY/NJ Chapter of the Mellon Mays Fellows Professional Network. The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. 2014-2018

## LANGUAGES

1. Spanish: fluent.
2. English: fluent.
3. French: intermediate – Graduate Language Proficiency Exam (High Pass).
4. German: intermediate – Graduate Language Proficiency Exam.
5. Portuguese: basic reading.
6. Italian: basic reading.

## REPRESENTATIVE COURSEWORK

Graduate-level course \* Audited course ×

### Additional Training

1. Decolonizing Knowledge and Power: Postcolonial Studies, Decolonial Horizons Summer School. Center of Study and Investigation for Decolonial Dialogues. Barcelona (Spain). 2016
2. Caribbean Philosophical Association Inaugural Summer School. University of Connecticut. 2015

### Rutgers University, New Brunswick

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| * Liberation Philosophy & Decolonial Thought                  | Nelson Maldonado-Torres     |
| * Fanon, Foucault and Said                                    | Nelson Maldonado-Torres     |
| * Caribbean Studies and Decolonial Thought                    | Yolanda Martinez-San Miguel |
| * Comparative Colonialities                                   | Yolanda Martinez-San Miguel |
| * The Idea of a Black Radical Tradition @ Columbia University | David Scott                 |
| *× Decoloniality and the Spirit of Bandung                    | Nelson Maldonado-Torres     |
| * Queer Brown Devotions                                       | Carlos Decena               |
| * Indigenous Political Theory                                 | Drucilla Cornell            |
| * The Enlightenment and its Critics                           | Drucilla Cornell            |
| × Comparative Ethnic Studies @ Columbia University            | Nelson Maldonado-Torres     |
| *× Hegel's Social Philosophy @ Columbia University            | Axel Honneth                |
| * The Frankfurt School and Its Writers                        | Nicholas Rennie             |
| * Theories for the Environmental Humanities                   | Jorge Marcone               |
| * Global French Theory  | Andrew Parker               |

### Northwestern University

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| * Hegel's Logic in a Historical Perspective      | Ernesto Laclau   |
| * Habermas's Theory of Communicative Rationality | Cristina Lafont  |
| * Heidegger and Time                             | Francoise Dastur |
| * Critical Philosophy of Race                    | Charles W. Mills |
| * Comparative Borderlands                        | Geraldo Cadava   |



Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*  
Antigone: Gender, Dissent, and Martyrdom  
Contemporary Critical Theory  
Reading Foucault  
Theories of Justice  
Gender, Politics, and Philosophy  
Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* I  
The Ancient Cynics  
Philosophy of Art  
Skepticism  
Intro to Critical Theory  
Intro to Political Philosophy  
Intro to Existentialism  
Subaltern Studies: Independent Study  
Latin American Testimonial Literature  
Revolutions in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Latin America  
Jorge Luis Borges  
Italian Culture and Literature

Mark Alznauer  
Bonnie Honig  
Alexander Weheliye  
Penelope Deutscher  
Charles W. Mills  
Penelope Deutscher  
Axel Mueller  
John Wynne  
Rachel Zuckert  
Baron Reed  
Penelope Deutscher  
Charles W. Mills  
Mark Alznauer  
Brodwyn Fischer  
Sarah Osten  
Brodwyn Fischer  
Alejandra Uslenghi  
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## REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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