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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Rutgers University, New Brunswick.** Comparative Literature. 2020
Affiliation in the Advanced Institute for Critical Caribbean Studies.
Dissertation: “Decolonial Responses to Secularism from the
Underside of Modernity.”
Committee: Nelson-Maldonado Torres (chair),
Yolanda Martinez-San Miguel, Carlos U. Decena,
Linda M. Alcoff (external, CUNY Graduate Center).
- 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.

EMPLOYMENT

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

RESEARCH

- Specialization:** Decolonial thought, Latin American and Caribbean philosophy,
theories of secularization and postsecularity.
- Competence:** Frankfurt School critical theory, Latinx literary and cultural studies,
philosophy of religion, feminist philosophy.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. In Progress: *Decolonizing the Postsecular.*

Edited Scholarly Journal Issues

1. In Progress: Guest editor. Special Issue “Decolonizing Spiritualities.”
The CLR James Journal. Contributors include Mark L. Taylor, Laura Pérez,

Sylvia Marcos, Drucilla Cornell, Eduardo Mendieta, among others.

Chapters in Edited Books

1. “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

Articles in Scholarly Journals

1. Under Review: “Did You Listen? Zapatismo and Epistemic Decolonization.”
2. In Press: “Sylvia Wynter’s New Science of the Word and the Autopoetics of the Flesh.” *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*.

Reviews in Scholarly Journals

1. Review of *The Decolonial Abyss: Mysticism and Cosmopolitics from the Ruins* by An Yountae. *Political Theology* 19.4: 358-359. 2018
2. “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
3. “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

Contributions to Scholarly Magazines or Newsletters

1. In Press: “The Decolonial Eleventh Thesis.” *Peace Chronicle: The Magazine of the Peace and Justice Studies Association*. 2020
2. “Interview with Jason T. Wozniak, Organizing Member of The Latin American Philosophy of Education Society.” *Decolonial International Network Newsletter* November 2016 issue. Available online. 2016

Translation and Editorial Work

1. In Press: Translator from Spanish to English: Breny Mendoza’s “The Question of the Coloniality of Democracy.” In *Decolonial Feminism in Latin America*, edited by Yuderlys Espinosa Miñoso, María Lugones, and Nelson Maldonado-Torres.
2. In Press: Translator from English to Spanish: Nelson Maldonado-Torres’s “Colonialismo, Neocolonial, Colonialismo Interno, lo Poscolonial, Colonialidad, y Decolonialidad.” In *Revista de Crítica Latinoamericana*.
3. Editor of Enrique Dussel’s “A Brief Note on Pedagogics.” *Lapiz* 3: 94-102. 2018

Articles in Student Journals

1. “Subalternity: Genealogy and Critique.” *The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Journal*: 135-138. 2012

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

1. “Decolonial Thought and the Postsecular Debate.” Lecture sponsored by Philosophy, Religious Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Sociology, and Latin American Studies. Willamette University. [Postponed due to COVID19] 2020

Refereed Conference Papers

1. “Decolonizing the Postsecular.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Diego. 2019
2. “Sylvia Wynter’s New Science of the Word as Postsecular Method.” 16th Annual Caribbean Philosophical Association Meeting: Resistance, Reparation, Renewal. Brown University. 2019
3. “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
4. “On the Secularizations of Gloria Anzaldúa.” The 4th Biennial Latinx Literary Theory and Criticism Conference: Transamerican Reticulations: Towards a Latinx Theory of Hemispheric Literatures. John Jay College of Criminal Justice. 2019
5. “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
6. “Decolonizing Epistemology: Reflections on a Work in Progress.” Latino Studies Research Symposium. Rutgers University. 2017
7. “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
8. “Women of Color Feminism and the Decolonization of the Secular/Religious Divide.” 9th Conference on East-West Intercultural Relations: Global South, Latin America, and the Luso-Hispanic World. Seoul National University. South Korea. 2017
9. “Decolonial Love against Racialization and Intergenerational Trauma in *The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*.” The 3rd 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
10. “Thoughts on a Decolonial Poetics.” 13th Annual Caribbean Philosophical Association Meeting: Theorizing from Small Places. University of Connecticut. 2016
11. “Benjamin’s Historical Materialist Messianism from the Underside of Modernity.” 21st Annual Philosophy Conference: Legacies of Colonialism and Philosophies of Resistance. Villanova University. 2016
12. “Toward a Dialogue between Decolonial Thought, North-American Indigenous Thought, and the Philosophy of Liberation.” TransAmerican Experience Conference. University of Oregon. 2015
13. “Fanon’s Transmodern Humanism.” 7th Annual Cultural, Social & Political Thought Graduate Conference: Human Being Human. 2015

- University of Victoria. Canada.
14. “Fanon’s Decolonial Praxis and the Struggle for Recognition: Against a Certain Nietzscheanism.” Graduate Student Conference: Decolonization in the 21st Century: Revolutionary Perspectives from Latin American and Beyond. University at Albany-SUNY. 2015
 15. “From Desire to Recognition in Fanon.” 8th Annual Graduate Forum on Race and Ethnicity. Rutgers University. 2015
 16. “Re-Thinking Foucault’s Relation to ‘power’: Semantics, Fetishization, and Political Consequences.” 10th Annual Undergraduate Research and Arts Exposition. Northwestern University. 2012
 17. “Re-Thinking Foucault’s Relation to ‘power’: Semantics, Fetishization, and Political Consequences.” 1st Annual Northern Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. Northern Illinois University. 2012

Invited Conference Papers

1. “A New Generation and the Urgency of Decolonization.” Fanon at 95 Celebration. Caribbean Philosophical Association. 2020
2. “On the Postsecular and the Decolonial.” Comparative Literature Colloquium. Rutgers University. 2018
3. “The Spirit of Decoloniality and the Coloniality of Knowledge.” Graduate Research Forum. Jilin University (China). 2018
4. “Double Translation as a Decolonial, Pluriversal, and Transmodern Praxis.” Latin American Studies Association of Korea Annual Conference: Foreign Policies and Tasks of the 4th 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
5. “Philosophy, Literature, and Decoloniality.” Comparative Literature Colloquium: Comparative Colonial, Postcolonial, and Decolonial Studies: Some Meditations. Rutgers University. 2016
6. “Grounding Praxis: A Critique of Habermas.” 4th Annual PhilFest. Northwestern University. 2013
7. “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
8. “Will to Power, Historical Materialism, and Morality.” Summer Research Opportunity Program Research Forum. Northwestern University. 2011
9. “An Assessment of María Zambrano’s Unamuno.” Posner Fellows Colloquium. Northwestern University. 2010

Comments

1. Respondent for 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
2. Panelist: “*Lapíx* Vol. 3 Launch: Latin American Decolonial Philosophies of Education.” Latin American Philosophy of Education Society, 5th Annual Symposium: Schooling in Latin America: Reproduction, Resistance, Revolution. West Chester University. 2018
3. Discussant for Dionisio Da Silva Pimenta’s “Decolonizing the

- Nation-State Narrative.” Decoloniality Workshop. Rutgers University.
4. Discussant for Zachary Joachim’s “On Freedom and Subjugation in Foucault’s *Discipline and Punish*.” 5th Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. University of Chicago. 2011

OTHER PARTICIPATION

Panel Moderation

1. “Religion, Ritual, Revival.” 16th Annual Caribbean Philosophical Association Meeting: Resistance, Reparation, Renewal. Brown University. 2019
2. “Engaging Fanon.” 16th Annual Caribbean Philosophical Association Meeting: Resistance, Reparation, Renewal. Brown University. 2019
3. “Decolonial Matters.” 16th Annual Caribbean Philosophical Association Meeting: Resistance, Reparation, Renewal. Brown University. 2019
4. “Session 8.” Asociación de Filosofía y Liberación: Philosophies of Liberation Encuentro. CASA 0101 and Loyola Marymount University. 2019
5. “Transgressions.” Comparative Literature Biennial Graduate Conference: Love in Translation. Rutgers University. 2018
6. “Decolonial Aesthetics.” 1st Decoloniality Roundtable. Rutgers University. 2017
7. “Theorizing Founding, Freedom and New Orders.” 13th Annual Caribbean Philosophical Association Meeting: Theorizing from Small Places. University of Connecticut. 2016
8. “Remapping the Urban and Reclaiming Lives.” Comparative Literature Biennial Graduate Conference: Urban (De)Coloniality and Literature. Rutgers University. 2016
9. “New Caribbean Subjects: Ethics and Love in the Decolonial Imaginary.” Radicalism, Revolution, and Freedom in the Caribbean Conference. Rutgers University. 2015

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Events, Main Organizer

1. Host Organizer. Learning Across Liberation Theologies: Latin American Philosophy of Education Society Symposium. Rutgers University. 2020
 - Funds raised: \$5,550.
 - Keynote speakers: Mark L. Taylor (Princeton Seminary) and Chris 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: 2016

Urban (De)Coloniality and Literature. Rutgers University.
<https://rucomplitgrad.wordpress.com/>

- 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

Events, Contributing Organizer

1. Organizing Committee. Third Meeting of the Frantz Fanon Foundation: Fanon, Decoloniality, and the Spirit of Bandung. Rutgers University. 2018
2. Abstracts Reviewer. Comparative Literature Biennial Graduate Conference: Love in Translation. Rutgers University. 2018

AWARDS

Research Fellowships and Grants

1. Faculty Recruitment Incentive Program Grant 2020-2023
Office of the President. DePaul University.
2. Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000). 2019-2020
The Ford Foundation.
3. MMUF Dissertation Grant (awarded \$25,000 but adjusted to \$5,000). 2019-2020
The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.
4. Excellence Fellowship (\$21,000). 2018-2019
Graduate School-New Brunswick. Rutgers University.
5. Trustees' Fellowship (\$42,000). 2014-2016
Graduate School-New Brunswick. Rutgers University.
6. Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (\$15,000). 2011-2013
Office of the President. Northwestern University.
7. Leopold Fellowship (\$2,500). 2010-2011
Chabraja Center for Historical Studies. Northwestern University.
8. Posner Summer Fellowship (\$3,000). 2010
Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. Northwestern University.

Academic Prizes

1. Erna Neuse Prize for Best Graduate Essay in German Studies. 2016
Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures. Rutgers University.
2. Dean's List (x4). 2011-2013
Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. Northwestern University.

Conference Travel and Special Study Funding

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

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

Honorable Mentions

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| 1. Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship.
The Ford Foundation. | 2016-2017 |
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AFFILIATIONS

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| 1. American Philosophical Association | 2019- |
| 2. American Academy of Religion | 2019- |
| 3. Caribbean Philosophical Association. | 2015- |
| 4. Latin American Philosophy of Education Society. | 2014- |
| ▪ Events & Conferences Collective. | 2019- |
| ▪ Coordinating Collective. | 2019- |
| ▪ Editorial Collective. | 2014- |
| 5. Radical Philosophy Association. | 2011- |

TEACHING

DePaul University

1. Philosophy and Existential Themes (200 level).
2. Philosophical Inquiry: Philosophy of Race (100 level Honors).

Rutgers University, New Brunswick

1. Latino Literature and Culture (200 level).
2. Intro to World Literature: Border Crossers (100 level).
3. Intro to Mythology: The Myth(s) of Modernity (200 level).
4. Short Fiction: Global Colonialities in Relation (100 level).

Guest Lectures

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| 1. "On the Myth of Modernity." Enrique Dussel's Philosophy
of Liberation Working Group. New School for Social Research. | 2018 |
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SERVICE

Rutgers University, New Brunswick

University

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

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| 1. Graduate Mentor Fellow. Honors College. | 2018-2019 |
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| 1. Representative. TA/GA Union. | 2017-2018 |
| 2. Secretary. Graduate Student Association. | 2015-2016 |

Northwestern University

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| 1. Student Advisory Board. Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. | 2012-2013 |
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| 1. Technology Director. Undergraduate Philosophy Society. | 2011-2013 |
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Profession

Editorial Boards

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| 1. <i>Lápiζ</i> . | 2017- |
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Manuscript Reviewer

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| 1. <i>Societas Sapiens</i> . | 2019- |
| 2. <i>Lápiζ</i> . | 2014- |

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mentoring

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| 1. Panelist, Graduate Life Roundtable. Mellon Mays Fellows Boot Camp. Columbia University. | 2019 |
| 2. 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 |
| 3. Mentor, Statement of Purpose Workshop. Mellon Mays GAP Graduate School Bootcamp. The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The City College of New York. | 2019 |

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| 4. Facilitator, Academic Life Roundtable Discussion. MMUF New York City Regional Undergraduate Conference. Columbia University. | 2019 |
| 5. Mentor, Mellon Mays Gap Assistance Program. The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. | 2015- |
| 5.1. Mentee: Christina Weinbaum (CUNY Brooklyn College). | 2019-2021 |
| ▪ Applying to Ph.D. programs in philosophy in fall of 2020. | |
| 5.2. Mentee: Georgia Soares (University of Southern California). | 2018-2019 |
| ▪ Accepted Ph.D. offer from Harvard University's Department of Comparative Literature in spring of 2019. | |
| 5.3. Mentee: Gae Leanza (Brown University). | 2015-2016 |

Outreach

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| 1. Organizing Committee. 2 nd Convention of the Mexican American Council of New Jersey. Hosted at Rutgers University. | 2018-2019 |
| 2. 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. German: reading and intermediate speaking.
4. French: reading.
5. Portuguese: reading.
6. Italian: reading.

REPRESENTATIVE COURSEWORK

Graduate-level course * Audited course ×

Additional Training

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| 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
- × Comparative Ethnic Studies @ Columbia University
- *× Hegel's Social Philosophy @ Columbia University
- * The Frankfurt School and Its Writers
- * Theories for the Environmental Humanities
- * Global French Theory

Drucilla Cornell
 Nelson Maldonado-Torres
 Axel Honneth
 Nicholas Rennie
 Jorge Marcone
 Andrew Parker

Northwestern University

- * Hegel's Logic in a Historical Perspective
- * Habermas's Theory of Communicative Rationality
- * Heidegger and Time
- Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*
- Antigone: Gender, Dissent, and Martyrdom
- * Critical Philosophy of Race
- Contemporary Critical Theory
- Reading Foucault
- * Comparative Borderlands
- Subaltern Studies: Independent Study
- Latin American Testimonial Literature
- Gender, Politics, and Philosophy
- Theories of Justice
- Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason I*
- The Ancient Cynics
- Jorge Luis Borges
- Italian Culture and Literature
- Revolutions in 20th Century Latin America
- Skepticism
- Philosophy of Art
- Intro to Critical Theory
- Intro to Political Philosophy
- Intro to Existentialism

Ernesto Laclau
 Cristina Lafont
 Françoise Dastur
 Mark Alznauer
 Bonnie Honig
 Charles W. Mills
 Alexander Weheliye
 Penelope Deutscher
 Geraldo Cadava
 Brodwyn Fischer
 Sarah Osten
 Penelope Deutscher
 Charles W. Mills
 Axel Mueller
 John Wynne
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 Baron Reed
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REFERENCES

Available upon request.