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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, DePaul University, 2003 – Present.

EDUCATION

- PhD Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Institute for Women's Studies, August 2003.
- MA Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Institute for Women's Studies, April 1999.
- BA Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
Department of Philosophy, May 1994.

SCHOLARSHIP

Journal Articles

"The Empire Sings Back: Aesthetics, Politics, and Postcolonial Whimsy." *Aesthetics and Race: New Philosophical Perspectives*. Ed. Monique Roelofs. Special Volume 2 of *Contemporary Aesthetics* (2009): <<http://www.contempaesthetics.org/newvolume/pages/journal.php>>

"The Second Sex: Philosophy, Feminism, Postcolonialism, and the Race for Theory." *Angelaki: Journal of Theoretical Humanities* 13:2 (August 2008): 73-91.

"Autophagia and Queer Transnationality: Compulsory Hetero-Imperial Masculinity in Deepa Mehta's *Fire*." *SIGNS: A Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 33:2 (Winter 2008): 343-370.

"Shifting Grounds: Identity, Partition, and the Anglo-Indian Subject of History." *South Asian Review: A Journal of South Asian Literary and Cultural Studies* 27:1 (2006): 74-98.

Book Chapters

"On the Limits of Postcolonial Identity Politics." *Constructing the Nation: A Race and Nationalism Reader*. Eds. Mariana Ortega and Linda Martin Alcoff. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2009. 179-200.

"Existence Authoritarian: Compulsion, Facticity, and the Philosophy of Identity." *Rethinking Facticity*. Eds. Eric Sean Nelson and François Raffoul. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2008. 289-316.

"Who was Roop Kanwar? *Sati*, Law, Religion, and Post-Colonial Feminism." *Religion and Personal Law in Secular India: A Call to Judgment*. Ed. Gerald J. Larson. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2001. 200-225. Co-authored with Paul Courtright.

SCHOLARSHIP (FORTHCOMING)

Book Manuscript (Under Contract)

Subjects That Matter: Philosophy, Feminism, and Postcolonial Theory. (Book under advance contract with State University of New York Press.)

Book Chapters

“De-Liberating Traditions: The Female Bodies of *Sati* and Slavery.” *Liberating Traditions: Essays in Comparative Feminist Philosophy.* Ed. Ashby Butnor and Jen McWeeny. (Essay accepted; book under review at Columbia University Press.)

“Flesh and Blood: Postcolonial Theory, African-American Feminism, and a Phenomenology of the Body.” *Phenomenology, Embodiment, and Race.* Ed. Emily Lee. State University of New York Press.

Journal Articles

“It is Written.” *Maana* 1:1 (Forthcoming 2010). Primary author. Co-authored with Brendan Corcoran.

“The Mother of All Posts: Postcolonial Melancholia in the Age of Global Warming.” Special Issue on Paul Gilroy. *Philosophia Africana: Analysis of Philosophy and Issues in Africa and the Black Diaspora* 13:1 (Forthcoming Spring 2011).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Syllabus

“Multiculturalism from Philosophical Perspectives.” *Teaching Resources on Racism, White Privileges, and Anti-White Supremacy.* Ed. Dr. Shu-Ju Ada Cheng. National Women’s Studies Association (2005): 81-85. < <http://www.nwsa.org/downloads/SDKWSyllabi.pdf>>

Letter

“Animals and the Poor Usually Lose.” Letter. *Los Angeles Times* 7 December 2007.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations (Forthcoming)

Critical Philosophy of Race: Intersections with Culture, Ethnicity, and Nationality Beyond the Black/White Binary, Department of Philosophy, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, November 11-13, 2010.

The Feminist Philosophy Workshop, sponsored by the Women in Philosophy (WIP) club in the Department of Philosophy at Goucher College, Towson, MD, March 5-6, 2010.

“Autophagia and Queer Transnationality,” Peculiar Institutions: Boundaries, Borders, Identities, and Genres, University of Chicago Society of Fellows, Chicago, IL, February 21, 2010.

“De-Liberating Traditions: Postcolonial and African-American Feminisms,” Committee on the Status of Women, American Philosophical Association, Chicago, IL, February 17-20, 2010.

Asian-American Philosophers in Conversation, panelist with Charles W. Mills, Northwestern University and Falguni Sheth, Hampshire College, American Philosophical Association, Chicago, IL, February 17-20, 2010.

Invited Presentations

“The Mother of All Posts: Postcolonial Melancholia in the Age of Global Warming,” Close Encounter: Paul Gilroy, International Association of Philosophy and Literature, Double/Edges: Rhetorics-Rhizomes-Regions, Brunel University, West London, U.K., June 2009.

“Without Sacrifice and Without Vengeance: The Postcolonial Adorno,” American Comparative Literature Association, Global Languages, Local Cultures, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 2009.

“Asian-American Feminist Philosophers in Conversation with Feminist Philosophers across the Field: Commonalities, Differences, Solidarities,” APA Committee on the Status of Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies, with Jennifer L. Vest (University of Central Florida), Kathryn Gines (Vanderbilt University), and Kyoo Lee (City University of New York), American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, MD, December 2007.

“On the Limits of Postcolonial Identity Politics,” The Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, November 2007.

“Honors Convocation: A Speech,” DePaul University Honors Convocation, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, May 2007.

Alterity and Convergence: Building Theoretical Bridges and Making Diversity Work, Panelist with Donna Dale Marcano (Trinity), and Bret Davis (Loyola College Maryland), Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Salt Lake City, UT, October 2005.

“Teaching Multiculturalism in the Age of War,” Sophomore Seminar Spring Colloquium, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, May 2005.

“Have Rights Failed in Righting Wrongs?” University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 2005.

“The Possibilities of Women's Studies: Emerging Scholars Herald the Future,” University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD, April 2005.

Author Meets Critics, Naomi Zack's, *Inclusive Feminism* (Rowman & Littlefield, March 2005), American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division), San Francisco, CA, March 2005.

“Compulsory Rationality and the Problem of Recognition: The Master, the Servant, and the Subaltern,” Ethics, Politics, and History in Contemporary Philosophy, First Annual Conference in Contemporary Philosophy, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH, March 2004.

Conference Presentations

“I am an Animal: Time, Cruelty, and Metaphysics,” Time, History, and Suffering: Violence after Adorno and Nancy, panelist with Eric Nelson (University of Massachusetts, Lowell) and Emelia Angelova (Trent University), Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (Main Program), Pittsburgh PA, October 2008.

“(An Interlude): Aesthetics, Politics, and Postcolonial Whimsy,” Cultural Studies Association, New York, NY, May 2008.

“What’s Postcolonial About Spivak?: Native Informants and the Critique of Postcolonial Reason,” Midwest Society for Women in Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, Chicago, IL, April 2008.

“Questions Behaving Like Objects: Adorno and Spivak on History,” Society for the Philosophy of History, American Philosophical Association, Chicago, IL, April 2008.

“Shifting Grounds: Identity, Partition, and the Anglo-Indian Subject of History,” American Philosophical Association, Washington D.C., December 2006.

“Putative War, Putative Peace: Strategic Essentialism and the Epistemology of Global Citizenship,” Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Diversity Panel, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Philadelphia, PA, October 2006

“Challenging Diaspora, Challenging Nationalism: A Problem with No Name in Deepa Mehta’s *Fire*,” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Pacific Grove, CA, June 2006.

“Frou-frou Fluffies and Fairytales: ‘Diabolical Liberty’ in Patrick McCabe’s *Breakfast on Pluto*,” American Conference of Irish Studies, St. Louis, MO, April 2006.

Respondent, Matthias Fritsch, “Egalitarian Universalism and Norms of Singularity,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Memphis, TN, October 2004.

“Compulsory Rationality and the Economics of Empire: Can the Subaltern (Still Not) Speak?,” Midwest Society for Women in Philosophy, Northeastern Illinois University, October 2004

“On Rights: The Status of the Subject in Postcolonial Feminist Theory,” Feminism Contesting Globalization, Dublin, Ireland, June 2004.

“Breathing Fire II: Asian American Women and Women’s Studies,” panel with

Shu-Ju Ada Cheng, Department of Sociology, DePaul University, Patti Duncan, Women's Studies Department, Portland State University, Hannah Miyamoto, Social Change and Development, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Yu-Li Agnes Sun, Behavioral Sciences-Psychology, University of Houston-Clear Lake, National Women's Studies Association, Milwaukee, WI, June 2004.

"The Subject of Postcolonial Reason: Ethical Consciousness and the Problem of Recognition," Ethics and Epistemologies of Ignorance Conference, The Pennsylvania State University, March 2004.

"Breathing Fire I: Asian American Women and Women's Studies," panel with Shu-Ju Ada Cheng, Department of Sociology, DePaul University, Patti Duncan, Women's Studies Department, Portland State University, Hannah Miyamoto, Social Change and Development, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Yu-Li Agnes Sun, Behavioral Sciences-Psychology, University of Houston-Clear Lake, National Women's Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, June 2003.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

DePaul University

- "Earth Democracy and the Global Subject: Adorno and Postcolonial Theory," Faculty Research and Development Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2008.
- Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, May 2007.
- Competitive Research Leave (Paid), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2006-2007.
- "The Female Body in Black and Brown: Roop Kanwar and Saartjie Baartman," Faculty Research and Development Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2005.
- University Research Council Grant, "How to Practice Postcolonial Theory in a Secular Way? Symposium in Honor of Edward Said," DePaul University, October 2004.

Emory University

- Robert W. Woodruff Library Graduate Fellowship, 2002-2003.
- Dean's Graduate Fellow, Writing Center, 2001-2002.
- Women's Club Memorial Award in Graduate Research, 2001-2002.
- Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, Finalist, April 2001.
- Institute for Women's Studies, Teaching Award, 1999-2000.
- Institute for Women's Studies, Research Award, April 1999.
- University Fund for Internationalization Grant, Office of International Affairs, May 1998.
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Fellowship, 1995-1999.
- *Phi Sigma Iota*, International Foreign Language Honor Society, May 1996.

LANGUAGES

Native Hindi
 Fluent (verbal comprehension) Punjabi, Urdu
 Proficient French and Spanish

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Adorno, Spivak, Foucault, Postcolonial Theory, Critical Race Theory, Feminist Theory, Queer Theory

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Social and Political Philosophy

SERVICE

Department of Philosophy

- Undergraduate Affairs Committee, 2003-present.
- Public Events Committee, 2003-2005.
- Chair, Critical Race Committee, 2004-2005.
- Critical Race Committee, 2003-2006.
- Conference Organization: “How to Practice Postcolonial Theory in a Secular Way? Symposium in Honor of Edward Said,” DePaul University, September 2004.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Advising Pilot Program, 2007-2009.
- Advising Training Program, 2009-2010.
- Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising Task Force, 2006-2007.
- Liberal Arts and Sciences Summer Advisor, 2004-present.
- Philosophical Inquiry Domain Committee, 2007-present.
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Awards Committee, 2007-2009.
- Center for Culture and History of Black Diaspora Advisory Board, 2005-present.
- Women’s and Gender Studies Program Advisory Board, 2004-2006; 2008-present.
- Women’s and Gender Studies Program Committee, 2004-present.
- Women’s and Gender Studies Program Curriculum Committee, 2008-present.
- Women’s and Gender Studies Program Transnational Feminism Committee, 2004-2006.
- *Delta Phi Omega*, Sorority for South Asian Women, Faculty Advisor, 2004-2005.

University

- University Strategic Planning Committee: Diversity Blue Team, 2003-2004.
- Faculty Governance Council, Humanities (untenured faculty), Alternate, 2006.
(Unable to assume position due to Paid Faculty Leave: 2006-2007.)

Profession

- Program Committee, Society for Women in Philosophy (Eastern Division).
 - Chair: 2009-2012.
- Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Diversity, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy.
 - Chair: 2008-2009.
 - Member: 2006-present.
- Reviewed Manuscript of *Toward A Political Philosophy of Race* (2009) by Dr. Falguni Sheth for State University of New York Press.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Philosophy, DePaul University

- Topics in Continental Philosophy: Gayatri Spivak, Graduate Seminar, Winter 2009.
- Topics in Feminist Theory: Gayatri Spivak, Graduate Seminar, Spring 2008.
- Topics in Postcolonialism: Race, Gender, and Nationalism, Winter 2009.
- Topics in Feminist Theory: Postcolonial Feminism, Graduate Seminar, Spring 2006.
- Philosophy and the Question of Race, Winter 2006.
- Topics in Postcolonialism: Postcolonial Feminism, Winter 2005.
- Selected Topics and Controversies: Postcolonial Theory, Spring 2004.
- Feminist Philosophies, Fall 2004, Fall 2009.
- Philosophy and Its Issues, Winter 2005, Spring 2005, Winter 2006, Autumn 2007, Winter 2008, Spring 2009, Winter 2010.
- Philosophical Inquiry, Spring 2005, Winter 2009.
- Multiculturalism from Philosophical Perspectives, Fall 2003, Spring, 2004, Fall 2004, Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Winter 2005, Spring 2006, Winter 2010.
- Issues in Sex and Gender, Winter 2004, Fall 2005.

Emory University

- Third World Feminisms, Instructor, Fall 1999, Spring 2000, Institute for Women's Studies.
- Introduction to Women's Studies, Instructor, Fall 1998, Spring 1999, Institute for Women's Studies.
- South Asian Religious Traditions, Teaching Associate, Fall 2000, Department of Religion and Asian Studies.
- Introduction to Hindi, Teaching Associate, Fall 2000, Spring 2001, Department of Religion and Asian Studies.
- Introduction to Philosophy, Teaching Associate, Spring 1998, Department of Philosophy.
- Philosophy of Culture, Teaching Associate, Fall 1997, Department of Philosophy.

MEMBERSHIPS IN ORGANIZATIONS

- Society for Phenomenology and Existential Phenomenology
- American Philosophical Association
- Society for Women in Philosophy
- National Women's Studies Association