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### Academic Positions

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| Director, Oakley Center for Humanities and Social Sciences    | 2015 -       |
| Williams College, Carl W. Vogt '58 Professor of Philosophy    | 2008-present |
| Williams College, Chair, Department of Philosophy             | 2003-2009    |
| Williams College, W. Van Alan Clark Third Century Professor   | 2002-2008    |
| University of New South Wales, Visiting Fellow                | Spring 2006  |
| Williams College, Professor of Philosophy and Women's Studies | 1995-2002    |
| Chair of WGST: 1993-1995, 1996-2001, and 2002-2003            |              |
| Williams College, Associate Professor of Philosophy and WGST  | 1992-1995    |
| Williams College, Visiting Associate Professor                | 1991-1992    |
| University of Maine, Associate Professor of Philosophy        | 1987-1991    |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Visiting Scholar       | 1987-1988    |
| University of Maine, Assistant Professor of Philosophy        | 1981-1987    |
| Polytechnic Institute of New York, Visiting Instructor        | 1978         |
| Columbia University, Preceptor                                | 1977         |

### Education

Columbia University, Ph.D. 1981, M. Phil. 1978, M.A. 1977  
Dissertation: *Humanism and Power in the Philosophy of Michel Foucault*  
Sweet Briar College, B.A. 1974, *magna cum laude*, in Philosophy

### Areas of Specialization

Critical Theory, Continental Philosophy, Foucault, Feminist Theory.

### Areas of Competence

Nietzsche, Queer Theory, Continental Ethics, Judith Butler

### Courses Taught (selected)

Introduction to Critical Theory  
Nietzsche and His Legacy  
Happiness  
Introduction to Moral and Political Philosophy: Plato with Footnotes

Philosophy and Human Nature  
Classics in Western Feminist Thought  
Recent Continental Philosophy: Hegel to Post Structuralism  
Recent Continental Feminist Thought  
Foucault  
Existentialism and Phenomenology  
Theories of Interpretation Dilthey, Heidegger, Gadamer, Rorty  
Authenticity: Rousseau to Post Humanism  
Woman as "Other": Simone de Beauvoir and Her Legacy  
The Unconscious (co-taught with Professor Bojana Mladenovic)  
Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies

## **Books**

*Disciplining Foucault: Feminism, Power and the Body.* New York: Routledge Press, 1991.

## **Book Project**

I am currently working on a series of essays for a monograph in continental ethics that explores the potential and the limits of recent gestures by queer theorists toward the promise of generating an ethical sensibility out of experiences of vulnerability (Judith Butler), erotic relations (Lynne Huffer), and impersonal intimacy (Leo Bersani).

## **Edited Volumes/Journal Issues**

*Foucault Companion* (2013, Wiley-Blackwell). Eds. Timothy O'Leary, Chris Falzon, and Jana Sawicki. (Anthology contains 30 papers by leading scholars in the field, a translation of a chronology written by Daniel Defert, extensive bibliography, and an introduction by the editors).

*Foucault Studies: Special Issue on Queer Theory* (14: September 2012). Co-edited with Shannon Winnubst. At <http://rauli.cbs.dk/index.php/foucault-studies/issue/view/479/showToc>

## **Articles, Podcasts and Contributions to Books:**

"Power and the Limits of Reason in Rainer Forst's Critical Theory of Normativity," To appear in proceedings of workshop with Rainer Forst: Normativity and Power, Boniak Institute, Rice University, Nov 5-6, 2015. (Revised in January 2016 for publication.)

"Precarious Life: Butler and Foucault on Biopolitics," *Biopower: Foucault and Beyond*, eds. Nicolae Morar and Vernon Cisney. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (January 2016)

"Donna Haraway" in *Fifty-One Key Feminist Thinkers*, ed. Lori Marso, Routledge Press (July 2016).

"Freedom," *The Cambridge Foucault Lexicon*, ed. Leonard Lawler and John Nale (2014): 156-161.

"Oksala on Foucault, Violence, and Politics," *Philosophy Today*, Vol. 58:2 (Spring 2014): 279-288.

- "Queer Feminism: Cultivating Ethical Practices of Freedom," *Foucault Studies* (16: September 2013): 74-87. Reprinted in Brazilian online journal *Labrys, etude feministes/estudos feministas* (26: July/December, 2014).
- "Introduction," *A Companion to Foucault*. Eds. Timothy O'Leary, Chris Falzon, and Jana Sawicki. London: Blackwell Press, 2012. (Co-authored by the editors.)
- "Guest Editors' Introduction," *Foucault Studies* (14: September 2012): 4-6.
- "Foucault. Queer Theory, and the Discourse of Desire," *Foucault and Philosophy*, ed. Timothy O'Leary and Chris Falzon. Wiley-Blackwell, 2010: 185-203.
- "New Directions in Foucauldian Feminism," Keynote Panel entitled: "Hypatia Founders on Rethinking Continental Traditions," 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference (October 2009) podcast at [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1527-2001/homepage/custom\\_copy.htm](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1527-2001/homepage/custom_copy.htm)
- "Foucault on Sexuality," in *Sex from Plato to Paglia: A Philosophical Dictionary*, ed. Alan Soble. Greenwood Press, 2006: 361-370.
- "Queering Foucault and the Subject of Feminism," in *The Cambridge Companion to Foucault*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Ed. Gary Gutting. Cambridge U. Press, 2005: 379-400.
- "Foucault's Pleasures: Desexualizing Queer Politics?" in *Feminism and the Final Foucault*, Eds. Karen Vintges and Dianna Taylor. University of Illinois Press, 2004.
- "Justice Interruptus: A Review Essay," *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* 7: 1 (2000), pp. 141-44.
- "Existentialism and Literature," in *Dictionary of Existentialism*. Ed. Haim Gordon. Greenwood Press, July 1999.
- "Le Feminism et Foucault en Amerique du Nord: Convergence, critique, possibilite" (trans. From English by Colette Pratt), in *Aux risques de Foucault* (Paris: Supplementaires, 1997), pp. 87-93.
- "Feminism, Foucault, and "Subjects" of Power and Freedom," in *Feminist Interpretations of Michel Foucault*. Ed. Susan Hekman. Penn State University Press, 1996. (Reprinted in *The Later Foucault: Philosophy and Politics*, ed. Jeremy Moss, Sage, 1998.)
- "Foucault, Feminism and Questions of Identity," in *The Cambridge Companion to Foucault*. Ed. Gary Gutting. Cambridge University Press, 1994, pp. 286-313. [Trans. and reprinted as "Foucault, Feminismus und Identitatsfragen," *Deutsche Zeitschrift fur Philosophie* (4/1994): pp. 609-631.]
- "Feminism and Foucault: A Critical Reappraisal," in *Critique and Power: Recasting the Foucault/Habermas Debate*. Ed. Michael Kelly. Reprinted from *Disciplining Foucault*. MIT Press, 1994.
- "Disciplining Mothers: Feminism and the New Reproductive Technologies," excerpt from *Disciplining Foucault* reprinted in *Women's Studies: A Reader*. Ed. Stevi Jackson et. al. Harvester Press, 1993, pp. 394-396.
- "Feminism and the Power of Foucauldian Discourse." In *After Foucault: Humanistic Knowledges, Postmodern Challenges*. Ed. Jonathan Arac. Rutgers University Press, 1988, pp. 161-178.
- "Identity Politics and Sexual Freedom." In *Feminism and Foucault: Reflections on Resistance*. Eds. Irene Diamond and Lee Quinby. Boston: Northeastern University Press, 1988, pp. 177-191. Excerpt reprinted in *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, 1993.
- "Existentialism." In *A Dictionary of Literary Themes and Motifs*. Ed. Jean-Charles Seigneuret. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1988, pp. 485-495.
- "Heidegger and Foucault: Escaping Technological Nihilism." *Philosophy and Social Criticism*

13: 2 (1987), pp. 155-173. Reprinted in *Foucault and Heidegger: Critical Encounters*, eds. Alan Milchman and Alan Rosenberg. University of Minnesota Press, 2003.  
"Foucault and Feminism: Toward a Politics of Difference." *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* 1:2 (fall 1986), pp. 1-13. Reprinted in *Feminist Interpretations and Political Theory*, eds. Carole Pateman and Mary Lydon Shanley. Cambridge: Polity Press, 1990.

## Recent Reviews

*Foucault, Violence and Politics* (Northwestern University Press, 2012) by Johanna Oksala. *PhiloSophia*, in press.  
"Let's Not Split: Huffer's Queer Feminism," *GLQ* 21 2 and 3 (February 2015), 253-255.  
*The Politics of Our Selves: Power, Autonomy, and Gender in Contemporary Critical Theory* (Columbia University Press, 2008), by Amy Allen. *PhiloSophia*, January 2012.  
*Queering Freedom*, by Shannon Winnubst. *Hypatia*, 24: Summer 2009, 205-210.  
*Foucault and Freedom*, by Johanna Oksala, *Continental Philosophy Review*.  
*Abnormal: Lectures at the College de France, 1974-1975*, by Michel Foucault. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2005.01.03.  
*Retrieving Experience*, by Sonia Kruks. *Ethics* (No. 4, July 2005) 831-834.

## Other Publications

"Foucault and Feminism." *American Philosophical Association Newsletter*. Ed. Nancy Tuana. January 1993.  
"Feminism and the New Reproductive Technologies: Ethical and Political Issues." *American Philosophical Association Newsletter*. Ed. Nancy Tuana. November 1989, pp. 61-65. (Co-authored with Margaret Walsh.)  
"Issues of Difference in Feminist Philosophy." *American Philosophical Newsletter on Feminist Philosophy*. Ed. Nancy Tuana. April 1988, pp. 13-17. (Co-authored with Iris Young.)

## Professional Papers and Presentations (1991-present)

Invited paper, "Queer Thinking: Deleuze on Foucault" SPEP, Salt Lake City, October 19-22, 2016.  
Invited Paper, "Precarious Life," International Foucault Circle, UNSW, Sydney, Australia, June 27-July 1, 2016.  
"Power and the Limits of Reason in Rainer Forst's Critical Theory of Normativity," Invited speaker, Workshop with Rainer Forst: Normativity and Power, Rice University, Nov 5-6, 2015.  
Panel Participant. *Festschrift* for Maudemarie Clark. Colgate University. September 2015.  
Foucault Circle, University of Richmond, Spring 2015.  
Invited Commentary, Book Session on Johanna Oksala's *Foucault, Violence and the Political*, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Eugene, Oregon, Fall 2013.  
Invited Commentary, on Shelley Tremain's *Feminists on the Jouy Case: The Eclipse of Disability*, American Philosophical Association—Pacific Division, March 2013.

Invited Paper, Foucault Symposium at University of Western Sydney, "Queer Feminist Thinking," Sydney, Australia, November 9, 2012.

Invited Paper, "Sedgwick Beside Foucault." Memorial Session on Eve Sedgwick, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Montreal, Canada, October 2010.

Invited Presentation, Foucault Workshop, Reed College, Portland, OR (August 2010)

Mellon Foundation Feminist Ethics Workshop, DePauw University, Indiana (June 2010)

Author Meets Critic Session, "Comments on Lynne Huffer's *Mad for Foucault*", Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Arlington, VA, November 2009.

Invited Keynote Panelist, *Hypatia* 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Seattle, WA, October 2009.

"Foucault and Sexual Freedom: Should We Embrace an Ethics of Pleasures?" Faculty Seminar, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. May 2006. (A revised version of this essay was also presented at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, June 2006; subsequently revised versions were given at Colgate University, spring 2007, Dartmouth College, fall 2007. and Wesleyan University, fall 2008.)

Author Meets Critic Session, invited paper on Shannon Winnubst's *Queering Foucault*, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2008.

Author Meets Critic Session, "Comments on Cressida Heyes' *Self-Transformations: Foucault, Ethics and Normalized Bodies*", American Philosophical Association Meetings, Pacific Division, Pasadena, CA (March 2008). (Paper presented in absentia owing to back injury.)

"An Ethics of Pleasure." Invited Paper, Bay Area Foucault Conference, University of Santa Cruz, CA, March 2008.

"Foucault and the Government of Disability," American Philosophical Association Meetings—Pacific Division, March 2005. Invited commentator.

"Queering Foucault and the Subject of Feminism," Critical Theory Roundtable, Prague, CZ, May 2005.

"Foucault: Gender, Power, Bodies," A lecture series and mini-course at the University of Helsinki, Finland. October 2003. Invited by Arto Haapala, Department of Aesthetics.

"Desexualizing Queer Politics?" Invited Panel Participant, NYSWIP, CUNY Graduate Center, April 2003.

"Foucault's Sexual Ethics," Invited Paper, American Philosophical Association Meetings, Eastern Division, December 2002.

"Subjection and Resistance: Between Foucault and Butler," Inaugural Address of Foucault Circle, American Philosophical Association Meetings—Pacific Division, March 2001.

"Subjection and Resistance: Between Foucault and Butler." International Association of Feminist Philosophers Meetings. Zurich, Switzerland. October 2000.

"The Discourse of Desire and the Politics of Personal Transformation." Invited Panelist. Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. October 2000.

"Foucault's Pleasures." History, Identity, Technology: After Foucault. International Conference at the University of South Carolina. March 2000.

"Feminism after Foucault." A panel with Lois McNay. Barnard College, April 1999.

"Queer Theory." Invited Panelist. American Political Science Association Meetings. Boston, MA. August 1999.

"Foucault's Pleasures: The Personal and the Political." Faculty Lecture. Williams College. February 1998. (Revised)

"Foucault's Pleasures: The Personal and the Political." Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. University of Kentucky. October 1997.

- "Remarks on Kaplan's *Sexual Justice: Democratic Citizenship and the Politics of Desire*, American Philosophical Association-Pacific Division. Berkeley, CA. April 1997.
- "Teresa Brennan on Political Correctness: A comment." Spindel Conference on Rethinking Gender. University of Memphis. October 1996.
- "Subjects' of Power and Freedom: Feminism and Foucault." Colgate University. April 1996.
- "Women and the Tenure Process." APA Committee on the Status of Women. American Philosophical Association Meetings. New York, December 1995.
- "Iris Young on Asymmetrical Reciprocity." American Philosophical Association Meetings. Boston, December 1994.
- "Le Feminism et Foucault en Amerique du Nord: Convergence, critique, possibilite" (trans. from English by Colette Pratt). Colloque: Ecrire, Diffuser, Traduire Foucault Dix Ans Apres. (Sponsored by the Centre Michel Foucault.) Paris, France. December 16-17, 1994.)
- "Halperin's Foucault: Liberalism and Queer Politics." American Philosophical Association Meetings. Los Angeles, April 1994.
- "Foucault, Feminism and Subjectivity." Vassar College. November 1993. (Talk given in conjunction with a faculty seminar on *Disciplining Foucault*.)
- "Is Feminist Philosophy Philosophy?" Closing Plenary at Feminism and Philosophy Conference. New School, NY. October 1993.
- "On *The Passion of Michel Foucault*." Panel discussion with responses by the author, James Miller. U. Massachusetts-Amherst. April 1993. (Repeated April 1994, New School.)
- "Foucault, Feminism and Questions of Identity." McGill University, Graduate Program in Communications. Montreal, Quebec, Canada. January 1993.
- "The Life and Politics of Michel Foucault." Roundtable Discussion: Richard Rorty, David Halperin, James Miller, Jana Sawicki. American Political Science Association. Chicago, Il. September 1992.
- "Foucault, Feminism and Questions of Identity." Oregon Humanities Center: *The Power of Foucault: A Conference*. University of Oregon. Eugene, OR. May 1992.
- "Foucault and Feminist Theory." Department of Philosophy, SUNY Purchase. April 1992.
- "Disciplining Foucault." Center for Literary Studies, Harvard University. October 1991.
- "Disciplining Women: Feminism and the New Reproductive Technologies." Grinnell College. Grinnell, Iowa. October, 1991.

#### College and Professional Service (selected)

- Search Committee for Director of Library (2016-17)
- Ad Hoc Committee on the Tenure Process (2015-16)
- Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, (2014-present)
- Wrote Associate Professor Reviews for Philosophy Department at the request of Dean of Faculty (January 2014, January 2015)
- Diversity Committee (Fall 2014)
- Informal mentoring of Fredrika Spindler, STINT Fellow (Fall 2013)
- Invited and hosted speaker, Dan Smith (Purdue), for Philosophy Colloquium Series (Fall 2013)
- Participation in Job Search in Philosophy (Fall 2013)
- Bolin Fellow Mentor, 2009-2011
- Faculty Mentor, 2009-12

Faculty Interview Committee, 2 years.  
Member, Honor and Discipline Committee, 2009-2010  
Member, Women's Studies External Evaluation Committee, 2008-2009  
Advisor, Asian Studies Faculty Grievance, 2008-2009  
Member, Evaluation Committee for Nathan Sanders, 2005-2008  
Trustee Tutorial 2006  
Member, Committee on Course Evaluation and Pedagogy, 2004-2005  
Chair, Subcommittee on Revising SCES Forms  
Chair, Women's Studies Program (1993-2003, excluding leaves)  
Chair, Committee on Curriculum and Educational Policy, 2002-2003  
Elected Member, Committee on Appointments and Promotions, 1997-2001  
Member, Search Committee for President of the College (1999-2000)  
Member, Committee on Priorities and Resources  
Member, Women's Studies Advisory Committee, 1991-2010  
Mentor, Mellon Mays Program (Students: Natalia Romano '05, Lisha Perez '06)

*Departmental Evaluations:* University of Richmond, Philosophy Department (spring 2008), Washington and Lee Philosophy Department (January 2007), Colgate University, Women's Studies (November 2005), Mount Holyoke Philosophy Department (February 2005), Grinnell College Philosophy Department (Spring 2003), SUNY Purchase Philosophy Department (Fall 2002).

*Dissertation and Honors Evaluations:* University of Western Australia, dissertation evaluation, 2010. University of Hong Kong (2009), Dartmouth College, Tenure Evaluation (2004) University of Illinois--Chicago Circle, Dissertation Committee, 2005), Marlboro College, Honors Evaluation (2005), University of Helsinki, Dissertation (2003), Flinders University of South Australia, Dissertation (2001), SUNY-Binghamton, Dissertation (2000), Honors Examiner, Swarthmore College. (1999-2000), Cornell University, Tenure Evaluation (1998), Swarthmore College, Honors Examiner (1998), University of Richmond, Tenure Evaluation (1998), Muhlenberg College, Tenure Evaluation (1997)

*Manuscript Reviews (books and articles):* Foucault Studies, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, University of Chicago Press, Cornell University Press, University of Minnesota Press, University of California-Berkeley Press, Routledge Press, University of Indiana Press, State University of New York Press, Penn State University Press, Northeastern University Press, Greenwood Press, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, *Sociological Theory*, *Signs*, *Hypatia*, *Women and Politics*, *Continental Philosophy Review*.

#### Other Service

Advisory Board for Foucault Society, 2006- present.  
Editorial Board, *Hypatia*, 1999-present.  
Editorial Board, *Aesthetic Pathways*, 2010-  
Editorial Board, *Journal of Phenomenological Aesthetics*. 2003-2006.  
Advisory Committee of the Program Committee, American Philosophical Association (Eastern), 2002-2003.  
Executive Committee, Society for Women in Philosophy. 1990-1994.  
Executive Secretary (highest office), Society for Women in Philosophy - Eastern Division.

1988-1990.

Program Co-Chair. North American Society for Social Philosophy. 1992.

Conference Organizer. Society for Women in Philosophy, Eastern Division. The Bunting Institute. Cambridge, Massachusetts. April 1988.

Treasurer, Society for Women in Philosophy, Eastern Division. 1986-1988.

Assistant to the Editor, *Journal of Philosophy*. 1979-1981. (Paid position.)