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Research Interests

Subfields: Political Theory, Public Law

Areas of Competence: Black Political Thought, Social & Political Theory, Caribbean Political Theory, Decolonial Political Philosophy, Critical Race Theory, Law & Society, Constitutional Interpretation, Deaf Studies, Africana Studies & Caribbean Studies.

Faculty Position(s)

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Political Theory (Fall) 2019
Department of Political Science, University of Memphis
Memphis, Tennessee, United States

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Political Science 2019
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, United States

Master of Arts (MA), Political Science, Hons. 2016
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, United States

Master of Science (M.Sc.), Government 2014
University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Political Science, Honors 2010
Northwestern College, Orange City, IA, United States

Certification

Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (REP) Graduate Certificate 2019
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, United States

Scholarly Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Creolizing Political Speech: Toward Black Existential Articulations” *The Review of Education, Pedagogy, and Cultural Studies*, Vol. 40, No. 1 (2018): 5-15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10714413.2018.1409516>

“Claudia Jones and the Radicalizing of Black Indigenous Politics” *Journal of Intersectionality*. Forthcoming.

Book Review

“Trabajando y estudiando para ser el hombre total: Socializing the Political in Living Ideology in Cuba,” *The C.L.R. James Journal: A Review of Caribbean Ideas* Vol. 23, no. 1 (Fall 2017): 343–349.

Professional Experience

Instructor & Teaching Assistant University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT • Teach advanced course(s) • Graded papers, including all examinations • Provided technical support for professor(s) • Prepared lesson plans, course materials <i>Received recognition from the Office of the Provost for teaching excellence in 2015, 2017, 2018</i>	2014-Present
Graduate Assistant, Writing Center University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT • Undergraduate Tutoring • Administrative Leadership • Research Assistantship	2018-2019
Editorial Team, Blog of the APA Committee on the Status of Black Philosophers University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT • Research & write articles for publication • Offer creative ideas for publication	2017-2018
Associate Editor, Global Citizen University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT • Oversaw editorial processes • Redacted articles for publication • Supervised team of student writers/designers • Wrote articles for publication	2016-2017
Associate Editor <i>Cultural Voice eZine</i> , Kingston, Jamaica • Wrote articles for publication • Redacted and proofread articles • Conducted interviews • Co-hosted radio program	2012-2014
Policy Analyst Office of the Prime Minister, Kingston, Jamaica • Provided technical support for Chief Technical Director • Reviewed & redacted Cabinet submissions/Ministry papers	Summer 2013

- Assisted with formulating policy proposal(s)
- Conducted research and data analysis

Graduate Fellow

2012-2013

University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica

- Research Assistant
- Graded term papers, including examinations
- Provided technical support for lecturer(s)

Teaching Experience

Introduction to Political Theory, Fall 2018

Law & Society, Spring 2018

Critical Race Theory, Fall 2017

Non-Western and Comparative Philosophy (GA'd for Two Sections), Fall 2017

Introduction to American Government (GA'd for Three Sections), Fall 2015

Reviewer for Academic Peer-Review Journal

January 2018: *Social Identities: Journal for the Study of Race, Nation and Culture*

May 2019: *Disability Studies Quarterly*

Other Professional Publications

“The Philosophical Project of Political Speech,” *Black Issues in Philosophy*, The APA Blog Series (August 21, 2018):

<https://blog.apaonline.org/2018/08/21/black-issues-in-philosophy-the-philosophical-project-of-political-speech/>

Derefe Kimarley Chevannes and Lewis Gordon, “A Conversation on *Get Out*,” *Black Issues in Philosophy*, The APA Blog Series (April 3, 2018): <https://blog.apaonline.org/2018/04/03/black-issues-in-philosophy-a-conversation-on-get-out/> — Reprinted as “Freedom, Oppression, and Black Consciousness in ‘Get Out,’” *Aesthetics for Birds: Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art for Everyone* (April 5, 2018): <https://aestheticsforbirds.com/2018/04/05/freedom-oppression-and-black-consciousness-in-get-out/>

“Bruce Golding’s Logic Collapses On Slippery Slope,” *Jamaica Gleaner*, Columnist, (2015).

*Written under a *nom de plume*. URL: <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/commentary/20150714/bruce-goldings-logic-collapses-slippery-slope>

“Cooper's Biased Defence Of Kartel,” *Jamaica Gleaner*, Letter to the Editor (2012).

*Written under a *nom de plume*. URL: <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20120317/letters/letters1.html>

“Mob Rule Is No Rule,” *Jamaica Gleaner*, Letter to the Editor (2012). *Written under a *nom de plume*: http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20110504/letters/letters1.html?qt-article_image_video=1

“Disgrace And Travesty,” *Jamaica Gleaner*, Letter to the Editor (2011).

*Written under a *nom de plume*. <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20110818/letters/letters2.html>

Conference Presentations

“Forging Communities: Collectivized Contestation and Liberatory Praxis,” Caribbean Philosophical Association, Providence, Rhodes Island. June 2019.

“Reconceptualized Registers: Political Speech and the Question of Decolonial Politics,” Association for Political Theory, Pennsylvania, Oct. 2018.

“Radicality Revolutionized: Black Indigeneity and the Ethics of Black Liberation,” Philosophy Born of Struggle (PBOS), New York, Nov. 2018.

“On Black Freedom & Ethics: An Afro-Caribbean Perspective,” Association of Black Women Historians’ Symposium “Our Foremothers’ Keepers,” California, Dec. 2018

“Claudia Jones & The Radicalizing of Black Indigenous Politics,” Caribbean Philosophical Association, Dakar, Senegal, 2018.

“Claudia Jones & The Radicalizing of Black Indigenous Politics,” Caribbean Studies Association, Havana, Cuba, 2018.

“Political Speech & Epistemic Crisis,” University of Connecticut Critical Graduate Symposium, Storrs, Connecticut, 2018.

“Modernity’s Undertone: Toward A Reconceptualization of Political Speech,” Association for Political Theory, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 2017.

“Modernity’s Undertone: Toward A Reconceptualization of Political Speech,” Caribbean Philosophical Association Annual International Conference, New York City, New York, 2017.

“Ocularcentric Coloniality: Blackness as Punctuated Visibility,” The UMass Interdisciplinary Political Studies Conference, Amherst, Massachusetts, 2016. (*Nominated for Best Paper Submission*)

“Emancipatory Jurisprudence: Liberating the Province of Rights Discourse,” Annual Meeting of the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities Association, UCONN Law School, Hartford, Connecticut, 2016

“Blackness on the Periphery of Irreality: Racial Eliminativism Constituting Anti-Evidence,” University of Connecticut Critical Graduate Symposium, Storrs, Connecticut, 2016

“Spoken Into Being: Creolism as Revolutionary Liberation—Toward Decoloniality,” Caribbean Philosophical Association Annual International Conference, Storrs, Connecticut, 2016

“Spoken Into Being: Creolism as Revolutionary Liberation—Toward Decoloniality,” American Political Science Association Annual International Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2016

“Situating the Court: Assessing American Jurisprudence Through Race & Gender,” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, 2016

Colloquium Presentations

Invited Keynote Speaker & Co-Presenter (w/ Jane Anna Gordon), “Creolizing Political Speech,” Philosophical Collaborations, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University, 2019.

Invited Speaker, “Meditation on Race,” African American Cultural Center, UCONN, 2017 & 2018.

Organized and Participated in Four-Person Colloquium Panel entitled, “Black in Academia: Voices from Political Science,” Political Science, UCONN, 2016.

Respondent to Nicholas Bromell’s, “The Plantation Education of a Political Philosopher,” Political Theory Workshop, Political Science, UCONN, 2016.

Paper Presenter, “Black Feminine Voice: Afro-Particularity in the Matrix of Generic Femininity,” Women Political Thinkers Symposium, Political Science, UCONN, 2015.

Invited Keynote Speaker, “Colloquy on Race,” Northwestern College, 2015.

Volunteer Service

Graduate Assistant, African American Cultural Center, UCONN, 2017-2019

Committee Member & Organizer for “Creating a Hospitable Atmosphere of Public & Educational Life,” Graduate Racial Dialogue Group, 2018-Present

Admissions Committee Graduate Representative, Political Science, UCONN, 2018-2019

Moderator *African American Cultural Center Reads: Where Do We Go from Here?* (MLK), Campus-wide Reading Group (with students, faculty and staff), 2018

Awards, Honors, & Scholarships

George F. Cole Dissertation Fellowship in Public Law, 2019

Nomination for the University of Connecticut’s Doctoral Commencement Speaker, 2019

Nomination of University of Connecticut Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, 2019

NAACP Image Awards Nominee for “Graduate Student of the Year,” UCONN, 2018 & 2019

Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies Fellowship, UCONN, 2017

Graduate School Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, UCONN, 2017

Fund for Legal Studies Fellowship, Political Science, UCONN, 2017, 2018 & 2019

Howard L. Reiter Memorial Award for Political Science Graduate Education, UCONN, 2016

Teaching Excellence Recognition, Office of the Provost, UCONN, 2015; 2017-2018

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Political Science, UCONN, 2014-2018

Teaching Assistantship, Political Science, UCONN, 2014-2019

Graduate Fellowship, Government, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, 2012-2013
Most Outstanding Political Science Graduate, Northwestern College, Iowa, USA, 2010
NWC International Grant, Northwestern College, Iowa, USA, 2010
Bruce & Di Murphy Scholarship, Northwestern College, Iowa, USA 2010
Collegiate Scholar Award, Northwestern College, Iowa, USA, 2009
Dean's List, Northwestern College, Iowa, USA, 2007-2010

Professional Memberships

African American Intellectual History Society, 2018-Present
American Political Science Association, 2016-2017
Association for Political Theory, 2016-Present
Caribbean Philosophical Association, 2015-Present
Caribbean Studies Association, 2018-2019
National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2018-Present

Language Skills

Jamaican Patois (native speaker),
American Sign Language (intermediate)

Computational Competencies

Microsoft Excel
STATA
SPSS

References

Available Upon Request