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EDUCATION

- 2024 **Ph.D.:** Philosophy, The Pennsylvania State University

Dissertation: “[Journey to a Critical Theory of Discovery](#)”

Committee: Amy Allen and Eduardo Mendieta (co-chairs); Robert Bernasconi, Ted Toadvine, and Julie Reed (examiners); Brenda Macdougall (external, University of Ottawa, Métis Studies Chair)
- 2017 **M.A.:** Philosophy, The New School for Social Research
- 2013 **B.A.:** Philosophy and Political Science, *honors*, University of British Columbia

Areas of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy (especially Critical Theory), Indigenous/non-Western philosophies, 19th Century Philosophy (especially Marx)

Areas of Competence

Critical Philosophy of Race, Indigenous Pedagogy, Post-Kantian Philosophy

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024-2026 University of British Columbia, Killam Post-Doctoral Fellow in Philosophy
2023-2024 Pennsylvania State University, Mellon Just Transformations Pre-Doctoral Fellow
2022 Pennsylvania State University, Humanities Institute Fellow

RESEARCH

Peer-reviewed Articles

- 2024 “Primitive Speculation: Marx on Precapitalism, Social Relations to Land, and Indigenous Dispossession” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, Vol. 38, No. 3. Included as the “[Best Submission by a Graduate Student](#),” SPEP Conference 2023 (Toronto) ([LINK](#))
- 2023 “Teaching and Learning Indigenous Philosophy in Viral Times: Personal and Pedagogical Reflections on how to Teach Indigenous Philosophy.” *Teaching Philosophy* 46(2) ([LINK](#))
- 2023 “It Feels Fake”: Creating Decolonizing Syllabi in the University.” *Bank Street Occasional Paper Series*, Vol. 49: Indigenous Pedagogies. Co-authors: H. Kulago and P. Guernsey ([LINK](#))

- 2021 “Land, Water, Mathematics, and Relationships: What Does Creating Decolonizing and Indigenous Curricula Ask?” *Education Studies* 57(3): 345-363. Co-author: H. Kulago ([LINK](#))

Book Chapters

- 2025 “Decolonizing Environmental Bioregionalism” in *Unsettled Environments*. Eds. T. Lynch, A. Anson, K. Keeler, and I. Lockhart. University of Minnesota Press, forthcoming.
- 2021 “Oedipal Empire: Psychoanalysis, Indigenous Peoples, and The Oedipus Complex in Colonial Context” in *Lacan and Race: Racism, Identity and Psychoanalytic Theory*. Eds. S. George and D. Hook. Routledge. ([LINK](#))
- 2018 “Parallaxes of Oedipal Violence” in *Rendering Unconscious*, Ed. Vanessa Sinclair. Trapart Books: Stockholm. ([LINK](#))

Non-Refereed/Specialized Articles

- 2023 “We Hear an Angel.” *Parapraxis* Issue 02: Repair. Article commissioned by the editors: Hannah Zeavin, Alex Colston, Noor Asif, Wendy Lotterman, M.E. O’Brien, Michella Rada, and Zoé Samudzi ([LINK](#))
- 2020 “Contagion Castration: Lacan’s Extimacy and Fanon’s Sociogeny on Anti-Indigenous Environmental Racism and COVID-19.” *Contours* 10 (Summer 2020) ([LINK](#))

Translations

- 2018 “The Vulnerability of the Ordinary: Goffman, Reader of Austin.” *The Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 39(2): 367-401. Translated from the French ([LINK](#))

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- 2024-2026 Killam Memorial Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of British Columbia
- 2024-2026 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
- 2023-2024 Mellon Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Just Transformations, Pennsylvania State University
- 2023 *Finalist*: Newcomb Doctoral Fellowship
- 2018-2023 Edwin Erle Sparks Doctoral Fellowship, Pennsylvania State University
- 2019-2023 Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
- 2022 McCourtney Democracy Research Grant, Centre for Democratic Deliberation
- 2021 Philips Fund for Native American Research, American Philosophical Society
- 2015-2017 *Declined*: Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship
- 2015-2017 Provost Scholarship, The New School for Social Research

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Invited address to the Departments of Philosophy and Political Science, McGill University, commemorating The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- 2023 Prize-Winning Presenter: “Speculative Expropriation and Indigenous Dispossession,” *Society for Phenomenology and Speculative Philosophy*, Toronto, ON. (“Best Submission by a Graduate Student”)

- 2023 Invited Presenter: “Land Back as Ameliorative Politics.” *American Philosophical Association* (Pacific Division), San Francisco, CA.
- 2021 Invited Respondent: “Territorial Rights, Relational Value, Climate Change.” *American Philosophical Association* (Eastern Division), New York, NY.
- 2020 Invited Respondent: “Here, We Are: A Native American Relational Social Ontology.” *American Philosophical Association*, Philadelphia PA.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 "Logic of Dispossession." *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*, Rochester, NY.
- 2024 "Primitive Accumulation and Sociogeny of Race." *Historical Materialism*, New York, NY.
- 2024 "Original Expropriation." *Critical Theory Roundtable*, Santa Cruz, CA.
- 2022 “Marxism, Settler-Colonialism, and Historicism.” *Historical Materialism*, London, UK.
- 2022 “Decolonizing Primitive Accumulation.” *American Philosophical Association*, Vancouver, BC.
- 2022 “WEB Du Bois on Racial Capitalism.” *American Philosophical Association*, Baltimore, MD.
- 2021 “Re-grounding Recognition Politics.” *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy* (online)
- 2021 “Indigenous Femicide and Settler Reproductive Futurism.” *Psychology of the Other* (online)
- 2020 “Métis Scrip as Primitive Accumulation.” *Association for Political Theory*, Amherst, MA.
- 2020 “Métis-Marxism.” *Native American Indigenous Studies Association* (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 “Howard Adams on Marx, Race, and Class.” *Historical Materialism*, London, UK.
- 2019 “Métis Racialization and Dispossession.” *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Vancouver, BC.
- 2019 “Métis Resistance and Racialization.” *Diverse Lineages of Existentialism*, Washington, DC.
- 2018 “Lacan and Adorno on the Ethics of The Real.” *Critical Theory Roundtable*, Amherst, MA.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2023 Standpoint Theory Workshop, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.
- 2021 Critical Theory Summer School. Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. July 4 – 9.
- 2019 Atelier de Théorie Critique. Sorbonne, Paris, France. June 3 – July 21.
- 2019 Decolonial Feminism: Audra Simpson. University North Carolina, Charlotte. May 14 – 17.
- 2018 Critical Theory Summer School. Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. July 16 – 20

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of British Columbia

- 2025 Advanced Seminar in Political Theory (Spring Semester): 12 student seminar
- 2024 Social and Political Philosophy (Fall Semester): 80 student lecture course
- 2023 Indigenous Politics (Spring Semester): 80 student lecture course

The Pennsylvania State University

- 2023 Normative Ethics (Summer Semester): 35 student online course
- 2022 Normative Ethics (Summer Semester): 35 student online course
- 2021 Indigenous Philosophy (Spring Semester): 12 student graduate course
- 2021 Applied Ethics (Summer Semester): 35 student online course
- 2020 Black and Indigenous Liberation (Fall Semester): 35 student undergraduate course
- 2020 Race, Racism, Diversity (Fall Semester): 35 student undergraduate course

- 2020 Philosophy and Film (Spring Semester): 35 student undergraduate course
2019 Philosophy of Love and Sex – Teaching Assistant for Dr. Nancy Tuana

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

University of British Columbia

- 2023 “Indigenous Philosophy”: Commissioned by Department of Philosophy to develop and complete a syllabus for under-graduate seminar on Indigenous philosophies

SERVICE

- 2023-Present Board Secretary: Vancouver Sea to Sky Métis Association/Chartered Community
2023-Present Board Member: Environmental Advisory Committee, Métis Nation of BC
2022 Youth Mentor: Métis Nation of British Columbia
2022 Reviewer: *Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies*
2019-2022 Co-Founder, Indigenous Peoples Student Association, Pennsylvania State University
2019 Volunteer GED Tutor, Quehanna Bootcamp, Student Restorative Justice Initiative
2019 Student Volunteer, *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*
2015-2016 New School for Social Research Lacan Salon Founder

LANGUAGES

- English (fluent)
Michif (intermediate)
French (research and translation)

REFERENCES

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The Pennsylvania State University
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