**CHRISTIA MERCER**

(Concise) Curriculum Vitae

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**Gustave M. Berne Professor of Philosophy, Columbia University** [[website](https://philosophy.columbia.edu/content/christia-mercer)]

**Director, Center for New Narratives in Philosophy** [[website](https://newnarratives.philosophy.columbia.edu/)]

**Director, Just Ideas Prison Education Program** [[website](https://newnarratives.philosophy.columbia.edu/just-ideas)]

**Higher Education**

* Princeton University, PhD, Philosophy (1989)
* Universität Münster (Münster, Germany), Fulbright Scholar (1984-85)
* Gregorian University (Rome, Italy), Latin (1980-81)
* Rutgers University, MA, Art History and Philosophy (1978)

**Professional Positions**

* Gustave M. Berne Professor, Department of Philosophy, Columbia University (2004-present)
* Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Columbia University (1999-2004)
* Chair, Literature Humanities, Columbia University (2010-14)
* Director, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Columbia University (2000-01)
* (Visiting) Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo (Spring 1998)
* Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Columbia University (1991-1997)

**Teaching Awards**

* Mark Van Doren Award for Teaching (2012)
* Great Teacher Award, Society of Columbia Graduates, Columbia College (2008)

**Academic Awards and Honors**

* Visiting Professor, Harvard University, Villa I Tatti (May-June 2021)
* Marc Sanders Foundation Awards for Excellence in Philosophy, Just Ideas Program (2017-21)
* Co-Applicant and Partnership Board of Multi-Million Dollar, Canadian Partnership Development Grant (2020-2027)
* President of the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (2019-20)
* Vice-President of the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (2018-19)
* Radcliffe Institute Fellowship (2018-19)
* Also awarded Fellowships at Stanford Humanities Center, Princeton Institute for Advanced Studies, and American Academy in Berlin
* Funds from the Marc Sanders Foundation, which “recognizes excellence in philosophy,” to create the Marc Sanders Justice-in-Philosophy Initiative (consecutive years, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
* A & S Equity and Diversity Events Pilot Program funds to support New Narratives Graduate Student Symposium (October 2019, 2020, 2021)
* IRCPL Conference Funding Award for “Radical Thinking in Religious Contexts: Medieval Women on Self-Knowledge, Truth, and Nature”
* ISERP Conference Funding Award for “Finding the Way to Truth: Conference on the Sources, History, and Impact of the Meditative Tradition” (January 2019)
* Visiting Professorship, Harvard University, Villa I Tatti, Fiesole, Italy (Fall 2015)
* American Council for Learned Societies, Fellowship (2015-16)
* Folger Library Fellowship, Folger Library, Washington D.C. (Spring 2016)
* 2015 Public Voices Thought Leadership Fellowship Program
* Visiting Professor, Research Project in the History of Philosophy and History of Ideas 600 BC-1800 AD, University of Oslo (2012-15) [[link](https://www.hf.uio.no/ifikk/english/research/projects/history-of-philosophy/index.html)]
* Guggenheim Fellowship (2012-13)
* Senior Fellowship, Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany (2012-13)
* Resident Fellow, American Academy, Rome, Italy, Spring (2013)
* Fellowship, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle (Fall 2012)
* Sovern/Columbia Affiliated Fellowship, America Academy, Rome, Italy (May 2011)
* North American Editor, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* (2002-2015)
* Guest Professor, Centre Alexandre Koyré, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (December 2003, November 2005, December 2007)
* Ernst Cassirer Lectures, Ernst Cassirer Guest Professorship, Philosophy Faculty, University of Hamburg (Spring 2006)
* Guest Professor, Seminar für Geistesgeschichte und Philosophie der Renaissance, University of Munich, Munich, Germany (2003)
* National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship (Spring 2002)
* Herzog August Bibliothek, Fellowship, Wolfenbüttel (Summer 2002)
* Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst, Fellowship (Fall 2001)
* American Council of Learned Societies, Fellowship for Recent Recipients of the Ph.D. (1990-91)
* Fulbright Scholarship, Leibniz Archives, Münster, West Germany, 1984-85; and Fulbright Scholarship Extension (Fall 1985)

**Main Areas of Interest**

Early modern philosophy, late medieval women, the history of women in philosophy, history of Platonism

**Main Current Projects**

* General editor, *Oxford Philosophical Concepts*  
  A series that offers a new approach to philosophy’s past and its relation to other disciplines. Each volume brings together eminent scholars to excavate the sources of prominent philosophical concepts, and to explore the history of their uses. There are over 20 published volumes and more in the works.
* Co-editor with Melvin Rogers, *Oxford New Histories of Philosophy*A series devoted to publishing primary texts and philosophical commentaries on topics and figures that have gone unstudied in the history of philosophy.
* Author, *The Philosophy of Anne Conway*  
  Monograph on the English Seventeenth-century philosopher Anne Conway. Will appear in *Oxford* *New Histories of Philosophy*.
* New translation and edition of Anne Conway’s *Principles of the Most Ancient and Modern Philosophy*, with Andrew Arlig, Laurynas Adomaitis, and Jasper Reid  
  Will appear in *Oxford* *New Histories of Philosophy.*
* Author, *Feeling the Way to Truth: Women, Reason, and the Development of Modern Philosophy*  
  Monograph arguing that core assumptions about seventeenth-century philosophy need to be reconsidered and that the writings of medieval and early modern women play a much more significant part in the history of philosophy than has been recognized.
* Author, *Platonisms in Early Modern Thought*  
  Monograph on the diversity of Platonisms that form the background to early modern thought and identify the range of Platonist assumptions underling early modern philosophy, theology, and art.

**Public-Facing Work: Op-Eds & Major Interviews**

* “The Politics of Art,” Lead Presentation, OPERA America, Annual Conference (April 2021)
* “Bodies trapped, minds free at MDC: lit class changes lives of imprisoned,” *New York Daily News* (March 23, 2021) [[link](https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-bodies-trapped-minds-free-at-mdc-20210323-ihjlqr52gjap5j5fvrsutdmndm-story.html)]
* Just Ideas showcased in French Embassy’s International Night of Ideas (January 29, 2021) [[link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rLPIHCUy8_E)]
* Just Ideas promoted by Marc Sanders Foundation (December 31, 2020) [[link](https://vimeo.com/495607996)]
* “Is Reason Overrated? Rethinking the Whole History of Western Thought,” Columbia Summer Ideas Exchange, Conversation Moderated by June Cross, Emmy-Award winner, Professor of Journalism, and Director, Documentary Journalism Program at Columbia Journalism School (June 17, 2020) [[link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cNwJvbTewm0)]
* “The Philosophical Origins of Patriarchy: Plato, Hippocrates, and Aristotle laid the foundations on which centuries of sexism were built,” *The Nation* (July 1, 2019) [[link](https://www.thenation.com/article/archive/patriarchy-sexism-philosophy-reproductive-rights/)]
* “Reading gives people in prison hope. But some states want to take their books away,” *NBC News* (January 25, 2018) [[link](https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/reading-gives-people-prison-hope-some-states-want-take-their-ncna840806)]
* “Descartes is Not Our Father,” *The New York Times* (September 25, 2017) [[link](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/25/opinion/descartes-is-not-our-father.html)]
* “Gender, Class, and Incarceration,” *Ms. Magazine* (September 16, 2016) [[link](https://msmagazine.com/2016/09/16/gender-class-and-incarceration/)]
* “Never mind a second chance. Our incarcerated women need a first one,” *The Guardian* (August 17, 2016) [[link](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/aug/17/us-women-prison-population-crime-rates)]
* Nationally televised news report about higher education in prison focused on my class: “Why NY is expanding top tier higher education in prisons,” *CBS This Morning* (July 9, 2016) [[link](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/new-york-state-prisons-expanding-higher-education-program-for-prison-inmates/)]
* “Update: Columbia University divesting from private prison companies. Why other schools should too,” *The Washington Post* (September 13, 2015) [[link](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2015/07/15/columbia-university-divesting-from-private-prison-companies-why-other-schools-should-too/)]
* “The Lessons of Juneteenth still matter 150 years later,” *The Washington Post* (June 18, 2015) [[link](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2015/06/18/the-lessons-of-juneteenth-still-matter-130-years-later/)]
* “Radical Pop-Up Schools: A new way to reach educationally disadvantaged communities,” The Washington Post (June 16, 2015) [[link](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2015/06/16/radical-pop-up-schools-a-new-way-to-reach-educationally-disadvantaged-communities/)]
* With Andrew Janiak, “Philosophy’s gender bias: For too long, scholars say, women have been ignored,” The Washington Post (April 28, 2015) [[link](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/grade-point/wp/2015/04/28/philosophys-gender-bias-for-too-long-scholars-say-women-have-been-ignored/)]
* “I teach philosophy at Columbia. But some of my best students are inmates,” *The Washington Post* (March 24, 2015) [[link](https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2015/03/24/i-teach-philosophy-at-columbia-but-the-best-students-i-have-are-inmates/)]
* “Sorry, Fox: Obama Was Right About Christianity's ‘Terrible Deeds,’” Essay against Islamophobia, *Talking Points Memo* (February 6, 2015) [[link](https://talkingpointsmemo.com/cafe/sorry-fox-obama-was-right-about-christianitys-terrible-deeds)]
* “Hard Truths about Prison Sexual Violence, *Takepart* (March 5, 2015)

**Major and Recent Publications**

Books

* *Early Modern Philosophy: Mind, Matter, and Metaphysics*, co-edited with Eileen O’Neill (Oxford University Press, 2005)
* *Leibniz’s Metaphysics: Its Origins and Development* (Cambridge University Press, 2001; paperback edition, 2006)

Articles and Chapters

* “Empowering Philosophy,” American Philosophical Association Proceedings (2020) [[link](https://www.academia.edu/44590864/Empowering_Philosophy)]
* “The Philosophical Roots of Western Misogyny,” *Philosophical Topics, Vol. 46, No. 2,* 182-208 (2020)
* “The Contextualist Revolution in Early Modern Philosophy,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (July 2019), 525-44
* “Conway’s Response to Cartesianism” in *The Oxford Handbook of Descartes and Cartesianism*, eds. Steven Nadler, Tad M. Schmaltz, and Delphine Antoine-Mahut (Oxford University Press, 2019)
* “Anne Conway’s Metaphysics of Sympathy” in *Feminist History of Philosophy: The Recovery and Evaluation of Women’s Philosophical Thought*, eds. Eileen O’Neill and Marcy Lascano (Springer, 2019)
* “Descartes’ Debt to Teresa of Ávila, Or Why We Should Work on Women in the History of Philosophy,” *Phil Studies* (August 2016)
* “Seventeenth-Century Universal Sympathy: Stoicism, Platonism, Leibniz, and Conway” in *Sympathy: A History*, ed. Eric Schliesser (Oxford University Press, 2015), 108-39
* *“*The Methodology of the Meditations: Tradition and Innovation,*” Cambridge Companion to Descartes’ Meditations,* ed. David Cunning, CUP, 2014, 23-47
* “Prefacing the Theodicy,” *Essays on the Theodicy*, eds. Larry Jorgensen and Sam Newlands, OUP, 2014, 13-42
* “Knowledge and Suffering in Early Modern Philosophy: G.W. Leibniz and Anne Conway,” *Emotional Minds*, ed. Sabrina Ebbersmeyer, De Gruyter, 2012
* “Platonism in Early Modern Natural Philosophy: The Case of Leibniz and Conway,” *Neoplatonic Natural Philosophy*, eds. Christoph Horn and James Wilberding, Oxford University Press, 2012, pp. 103-26
* “The Platonism at the Core of Leibniz’s Metaphysics: God and Knowledge,” *Platonism and the Origins of Modernity: The Platonic Tradition and the Rise of Modern Philosophy*, ed. S. Hutton, Ashgate Press, 2008

**Invited Papers, Professional and Public**

* “The Big Lie in the History of Philosophy and What We Can Do About It,” Union College, New York, January, 2022
* “Using Philosophy’s Past to Diversify Philosophy,” Invited Lecture in Philosophers on Diversity Lecture Series, Philosophy Department, Brown University, December 2021
* “Biology and the Creation of Female Inferiority,” Westfall Lecture, Department of History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine, Indiana University, November 2021
* “The Big Lie in the History of Philosophy and What We Can Do About It,” Keynote Speaker, University of Groningen, Methodology Summer School, July 2021
* “Rethinking the History of Philosophy and Its Relation to Art,” Harvard University, Villa I Tatti, June, 2021
* “Anne Conway’s Radical Philosophy,” Key Note Speaker, Conference, Women and Early Modern European Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, March 2020 (postponed)
* “Non-Linear History of Philosophy,” Key Note Speaker, Conference on Non-Linear Narratives, Bucharest, Romania, March 2020. Cancelled
* “Weird Metaphysics in the Seventeenth Century,” *A Night of Philosophy*, Brooklyn Public Library, February 2020
* “How Women Changed the Course of Philosophy and then Were Forgotten,” Philosophy Department, Northwestern University, January 2020
* “Philosophy’s Radical Past that You’ve Never Heard About,” The New School, *A Night of Philosophy*, October 5, 2019
* “Descartes’ Doubts and Demons, or Why We Should Work on Women in the History of Philosophy,” Philosophy Department, The Ohio University, April, 2019
* “Descartes’ Doubts and Demons, or Why We Should Work on Women in the History of Philosophy,” Philosophy Department, University of Virginia, March, 2019
* “Self-Reflection and Virtue: Teresa of Ávila, Montaigne, and Leibniz,” Finding the Way to Truth: Sources, History, and Impact of The Meditative Tradition, Conference, Columbia University, February 1-2, 2019
* “Descartes’ Doubts and Demons, or Why We Should Work on Women in the History of Philosophy,” Hall Memorial Lecture, University of Iowa, January, 2019
* “Descartes’ Doubts and Demons, or Why We Should Work on Women in the History of Philosophy,” Philosophy Colloquium, Tufts University, January, 2019
* “Alternative Facts: How Descartes Became our Father (When He Isn’t),” *Narratives in Philosophy: Post-Kantian Philosophers and the Misrepresentation of Philosophy’s Past*, APA, Eastern Division, January, 2019
* Discussant and Coordinator, Panel on Brooklyn’s Metropolitan Detention Center Program, St. Francis Inaugural Prison and Reentry Possibilities Conference, Brooklyn, New York
* “Feeling the Way to Truth: Women, Reason, and the Development of Modern Philosophy,” Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, Public Lecture, September, 2018
* “How Women Changed the Course of Philosophy,” Dutch Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, May 2018
* “God’s Absence, Or Why Life Needs to Suck Sometimes,” Bombay Beach Biennale, March 2018
* Crossing Boundaries Lecture Series, Michigan State University, February 2018
* “Crossing Boundaries/Rethinking Justice: The U.S. Prison Industrial Complex and Its Undermining of Democracy”
* “Crossing Boundaries/Rethinking the History of Philosophy, or How Women Changed the Course of Philosophy”
* “Descartes’ Demons and Debts, or The Importance of Studying Women in the History of Philosophy,” Philosophy Department, University of California, Berkeley, October 2017
* “Affective Metaphysics: Women and the Development of Philosophy,” Minorities and Philosophy Lecture, University of Texas, Austin, September 2017
* “How Women Changed the Course of Philosophy, 1300-1700,” Brooklyn Public Philosophers, Brooklyn Public Library, April 2017
* “Suffering and Truth,” Bombay Beach Biennale, Bombay Beach, CA, April 2017
* “Criminal Justice, Mass Incarceration and the Undermining of Democracy,” 55th annual Frank Fraser Potter Lecturer, School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs along with the Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service at Washington State University, March 2017
* “Philosophy and Incarceration,” Conference, Yale University, February 2017
* “Agency and Suffering: Women Then and Now,” Capen Lectures, State University of New York, University at Buffalo, October 2016
* “Meditating on Truth: How women changed the course of philosophy 1300-1600 and laid the groundwork for Descartes’ *Meditations*”
* “Early modern women, suffering and agency: The Case of Anne Conway (1631-79)”
* “Race, Gender, and Suffering in the Prison Industrial Complex”
* “The Prison Industrial Complex and the Undermining of American Democracy,” Public Lecture, Democracy and Public Philosophy, Villanova University, April 2015
* “Conway and Happiness,” Conference on Happiness in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Madison, March, 2016
* “Conway and Seventeenth-Century Philosophy,” Invited Symposium, American Philosophical Association, Chicago, March, 2016
* “Rethinking Rationalism and Early Modern Philosophy,” Department of Philosophy, Indiana University, February, 2016
* “There’s No Excuse: Philosophy Courses Can Easily Be More Inclusive,” Workshop on Diversifying the Canon, Princeton University, February, 2016
* “Feeling the Way to Truth, The Real Story about the Development of Early Modern Philosophy,” The Inaugural Margaret Dauler Wilson Occasional Lecture, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, February, 2016
* “A God In and For All Creatures: Anne Conway’s Radical Notion of Divinity,” Twelfth NYU Conference on Issues in Modern Philosophy, “God,” NYU November, 2015
* “Feeling the Way to Truth: Late Medieval Women and the Development of Early Modern Philosophy,” Department of Philosophy, Kontanz, October, 2015
* “Methodology in the History of Philosophy,” Keynote Speaker, History of Philosophy Society, De Paul University, Chicago, May, 2015
* “How Women Changed the Course of Philosophy, 1300-1700, Sprague & Taylor Annual Lecture, Brooklyn College, April 2015
* “Early Modern Women Philosophers,” Symposium, APA, Pacific, April 2015
* “Sympathy: Conway, Leibniz,” Seminar, Society for Yearly Modern Philosophy at Yale, March, 2015
* “Rethinking Early Modern Rationalism: The Lessons of Anne Conway’s Philosophy,” *Symposium on Women in Modern Philosophy*, APA, Pacific Meeting, April, 2015
* “Conway and Cartesianism,” Descartes Society, APA, Eastern Division Meeting, December, 2014
* “Conway on the Identity of Individuals,” Symposium on Substantial Unity:  Conway, Locke and Leibniz,” APA, Eastern Division Meeting, December, 2014
* Workshop on the History of Philosophy, Keynote Speaker, University of Tromsø, Norway, December 2014
* “Feeling the Way to Truth: Women, Reason, and the Development of Early Modern Rationalism,” Philosophers Speak Lecture Series, Seton Hall University, November, 2014
* “Feeling Our Way to Truth: Women, Reason, and the Real Story about Early Modern Rationalism,” Sue Weinberg Lecture, SWIP, City University of New York, October, 2014
* “Reconsidering Early Modern Rationalism,” Seminar, University of Oslo, Norway, May, 2014
* “Radical Rationalism in Seventeenth Century Philosophy: The Case of Anne Conway,” Colloquium, Temple University, May, 2014
* “Suffering, Sympathy, and Meditation: A Reconsideration of Seventeenth-Century Rationalism,” Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, April, 2014
* “Suffering and Reason in Early Modern Philosophy,” Colloquium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March, 2014
* “Suffering, Sympathy, and Ultimate Truths,” Colloquium, Texas A & M, February, 2014
* “Wollstonecraft,” Lecture, Core Curriculum, Columbia University, February, 2014
* Seminar on Anne Conway’s Radical Rationalism, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, January, 2014
* “Creating Women *ex nihilo* or Why It’s So Hard to Do feminist History of Philosophy: The Case of Anne Conway,” Invited participant for Panel on Feminist History and Philosophy of Science, Society for Analytic Feminism, American Philosophical Association, December 2013
* “Recruiting and Retaining Black Philosophers,” Invited Participant, Panel Discussion arranged by Committee on the Status of Black Philosophers, American Philosophical Association, December 2013
* “Meditating and Seventeenth-Century Philosophy,” University of Oslo, November, 2013
* “Knowledge, Evil, and the Rationalists,” Lecture, University of Helsinki, November, 2013
* “The Philosophy of Anne Conway,” Lecture and Seminar, University of Helsinki, November, 2013
* “The Epistemological Problem of Evil,” Graduate Conference, University of Oslo, November, 2013
* “Evelyn Fox Keller’s *Reflections on Gender and Science*,” Discussion with E.F. Keller, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Columbia University, October, 2013
* Panel Discussion on The Role of the Humanities in Higher Education, *Many Minds, Many Stripes*, University Wide Conference, Princeton University, October 17-19, 2013
* “Suffering and Sympathy: Three Lectures,” All Souls Unitarian Church, All Souls, Unitarian Church, Series of 3 lectures, September, 2013
* “The Ecstasy of Knowledge: Reason and Passion, Rome and Beyond,” American Academy of Rome, May 2013
* “Knowledge and Evil,” The Hebrew University, March, 2013
* “Ultimate Knowledge and How to Get It: Descartes and Leibniz,” Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, March, 2013
* “The Epistemological Problem of Evil,” University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, January 2013
* “Rationality, Rationalism, and the Place of Passions in Anne Conway,” Workshop on (Ir)Rationality and the Passions in Early Modern Thought, Princeton, December 2012
* “Evil and Knowledge,” Duke University, November 2012
* “Anne Conway’s Metaphysics of Sympathy,” Discussion in Alan Nelson’s Seminar, University of North Carolina
* “Sympathy in the History of Philosophy,” North Carolina State, October 2012
* “Sympathy in Early Modern Philosophy,” Workshop for *Sympathy: A History*, Virginia, June 2012
* Commentator, “Symposium: Early Modern Women Philosophers,” American Philosophical Association, December 2011
* “Leibniz, Spinoza, and the Epistemological Problem of Evil,” Philosophy Department, University of Texas, Austin, October, 2011
* “Activity and Nature: Ficino, Mechanism, and Early Modern Philosophy,” Princeton-Penn-Columbia Graduate Conference in the History of Philosophy, Keynote Speaker, April 2011
* “Leibniz and Your Divine Perfection,” Public Lecture, St. John’s College, Santa Fe, April 2011
* “Leibniz’s Activity,” Keynote Speaker, Workshop on Early Modern Philosophy, Fordham University, February, 2011
* “Spiritual Spaces: Philosophy, Theology, and Architecture,” All Souls, Unitarian Church, Series of 3 Lectures, January, 2011
* “Women Philosophers in the Curriculum,” Conference in Honor of Sue Weinberg, CUNY Graduate Center, October, 2010
* “Leibniz on Discovering God in Nature,” International Symposium, *300 Years Since Publication of Essais de Théodicée*, Reception and Transformation, Berlin/Potsdam, October 8-11, 2010
* “Knowledge and Suffering in Early Modern Philosophy: G.W. Leibniz and Anne Conway,” International Conference on *Emotional Minds: Passions and the Limits of Pure Inquiry* *in the Seventeenth Century*, University of Munich, Munich, October 14-16, 2010
* “Leibniz and the Epistemological Problem of Evil,” *Leibniz’s Theodicy: Context and Content*, University of Notre Dame, September 2010
* “Galileo on Reality and Science,” Italian Academy, Public Lecture, February 11, 2010
* “Platonism and the Spiritual Quest,” All Souls, Unitarian Church, Series of 3 lectures, January, 2010
* “Seventeenth-Century Platonists and the De-Partitioning of the Soul,” Conference on Partition of the Soul in Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy, TOPOI, Humboldt University, Berlin, October, 2009
* “Losers: Good Examples of Bad Scientist, Café Humanities, Public Lecture, June 15, 2009
* “Mental Gymnastics: How Minds Rescued the ‘New’ Philosophy,” New England Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, Harvard University, May 29-30
* “Core Moments: Intersection of Philosophy, Literature and Art,” Mini-Core Course, Three Seminars, February-March, 2009
* “Leibniz and Spinoza on Epistemological Optimism,” Zeno Lecture, Zeno Lecture Series in Philosophy, Universities of Leiden and Utrecht, The Netherlands, April 2009
* “Sympathy as a Core Ingredient in Early Modern Philosophy: Leibniz and Conway,” Funky Causation Workshop, Leiden Institute of Philosophy, April 2009
* “Divinity, Power, and Nature: Marsilio Ficino and Early Modern Philosophy,” John-Hopkins University, March 23 2009
* “You ARE God: The Beauty and Weirdness of Leibniz’s Philosophy,” St. John’s College, Annapolis, Maryland, February 2009
* “Anne Conway’s Metaphysics of Method,” New York/New Jersey Research Group, December 2008
* “Ultimate Knowledge and How to Get It,” Colloquium for First Year Class, Quest University, Vancouver, B.C., September 2008

**(Recent) Academic Service (2010-21)**

* Original Member, Board of Director, Member, Student Justice League, devoted to working with incarcerated people on legal grievances, 2021 -
* President of American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 2019-20
* Vice-President and President of American Philosophical Association, 2018-19
* Director of the Center for New Narratives in Philosophy (CNNP)
* Organizer New Narratives in Philosophy Graduate Student Colloquium, 2018, 2019
* Conferences, Workshops, Professional Conference Sessions:
* *Workshop to Explore the Philosophy of Anton Amo (April 18, 2020)*
* *Seeking Authority: Women, Genre, and Philosophical Reflection in Medieval and Early Modern Europe (February 15-16, 2020)*
* *Finding the Way to Truth: Sources, History and Impact of the Meditative Tradition (February 1-2, 2019)*
* *Early Modern Kabbalah and Its Relevance to the Thought of Anne Conw*ay (June 21, 2018)
* A CNNP session at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association “Post-Kantian Philosophers and the Misrepresentation of Philosophy’s Past” (January, 2019)
* A CNNP session at the Central Division Meeting the American Philosophical Association “From Sor Juana to Uranga: Lessons from Mexican Philosophy” (March 2019)
* A CNNP session at the Pacific Division Meeting the American Philosophical Association “Sympathy in Theory and in Practice: the Moral and Political Philosophy of Sophie de Grouchy and her Interlocutors” (April 2019)
* Board Member*, Journal of Modern Philos*ophy, current
* Creator and Organizer of Just Ideas, a Mini-Course Program at Brooklyn’s (maximum security federal) Metropolitan Detention Center [[link](https://vimeo.com/293264010)]
* Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Editor of Women in the History of Philosophy, 2018- present
* Decarceration Subcommittee, Just Societies Initiative, Columbia University, 2018
* Executive Committee, Institute for Research on Women, Gender and Sexuality, 2016-18
* Teacher at Taconic Correctional Facility, Spring 2015 - Spring 2017 and in Metropolitan Detention Center, Fall 2017; Created and maintained Mini-courses at MDC, Justice-in-Education, Center for Justice, Columbia University
* Member, EPPC Committee on Innovative Teaching and Learning, 2016-17
* Faculty Adviser, Students’ Audit, Columbia University, 2015-present
* NEH Fellowship Committee, 2016
* Organizer, Conference, “Philosophy’s Past, 1300-1850,” February, 2017
* Organizer, Conference, “Exploring the Philosophy of Émilie Du Châtelet,” June 1-3, 2016
* Villa I Tatti, Tuscany, Harvard University, Short-Term Fellowship Reader, 2016
* Whiting Fellowship Committee, 2016
* National Humanities Center, Selection Committee, February 2014
* Chair, Literature Humanities, Core Curriculum, Columbia University, 2010-12; 2013-14
* Developed with Columbia College Students new Core Curriculum Website
* Executive Committee, American Philosophical Association, 2012-15
* North American Editor, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, 2003-present
* Chair, Literature Humanities: Masterpieces of Western Literature and Philosophy, 2010-12, 2013-14. This is an interdisciplinary course that all first-year Columbia College students take. There are roughly 1200 students and 60 instructors. The chair oversees interdisciplinary lectures and discussions, selects preceptors, and sets intellectual standards.
* Curator, Student Projects, *Homer in Harlem*. This is a year-long series of events celebrating the work of the Harlem artist, Romare Bearden, especially his collages, Black Odyssey.
* “Recruiting and Retaining Black Philosophers,” Invited Participant, Panel Discussion arranged by Committee on the Status of Black Philosophers, American Philosophical Association, December 2013.
* Workshops for books in Oxford Philosophical Concepts: *Space: A History*, *Faculties: A History*, *Health: A History*, *Evil: A History*
* Developed an interdisciplinary website for Literature Humanities and the Core Curriculum of Columbia College including artworks, music, comics, literature, and dance [[link](http://www.college.columbia.edu/core/lithum)]
* Member of Search Committee for the College Dean, Spring, 2012.
* Conference on *Evil, Evil to the Core Curriculum of Columbia College* and related Workshop for contributors to the *Evil* volume, eds. Andrew Chignell and Scott MacDonald, *Oxford Philosophical Concepts*, OUP, April 2012
* Organized conference, *The Reinvention of Space*, 1400-1800, Mellon Interdisciplinary Conference, December, 2010
* Organized Workshop for editors of *Oxford Philosophical Concepts* volumes on Space, Time, Occasionalism, Propositions, Memory, Consciousness, Perception, and Eternity, December 2010
* American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Advisory Committee to the Program Committee, 2010-13