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### EDUCATION

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- **Ph.D.**, Department of Political Science, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. June 2007.  
Qualifying Exam Fields: Political Theory, Comparative Politics  
Dissertation title: "Freedom as Marronage: The Dialectic of Slavery and Freedom in Arendt, Pettit, Rousseau, Douglass, and the Haitian Revolution"  
*Committee:* Patchen Markell (Chair), Danielle Allen, Julie Saville, Iris Marion Young
- **Exchange Scholar**, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. 2004-2005. Faculty advisor: Rogers M. Smith
- **M.A.**, Department of Political Science, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. June 2003.  
Masters Thesis: "The Concept of Freedom in Ras Political Thought"  
Readers: Iris Marion Young, Susan C. Stokes
- **Visiting Graduate Student**, Department of Government, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica. Summer 1999. Personal Assistant to Trevor Munroe, faculty member and Senator in the Jamaican Parliament
- **B.A.** in Afro-American Studies (*with Honors*), **B.A.** in Law and Public Policy, Brown University, Providence, RI. May 1998. Honors Thesis on the thought of Sylvia Wynter.  
Readers: Lewis R. Gordon, Paget Henry

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Social and Political Theory (Modern and Contemporary)  
African-American Political Thought  
Theories of Freedom

Caribbean Politics and Thought  
Critical Race Studies  
Politics in Literature

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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American Law and Public Policy  
History of Political Thought

Continental Philosophy  
Philosophy of Religion

### TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Associate Dean of the Faculty**, Dean of the Faculty's Office, Williams College, 2023-present.
- **Full Professor**, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, Scarborough and St. George campuses, 2022-23.
- **Guest Lecturer**, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, Scarborough and St. George campuses, 2021-22.
- **Full Professor**, Africana Studies Department and Faculty Affiliate, Departments of

Political Science and Religion, Williams College, 2020-present.

- **Chair of the Department of Africana Studies**, Williams College, Williamstown, MA, 2019-21.
- **Associate Professor with tenure**, Africana Studies Department and Faculty Affiliate, Departments of Political Science and Religion, Williams College, 2014-20.
- **Chair of the Department of Religion**, Williams College, 2015-16.
- **Assistant Professor**, Africana Studies Program and Faculty Affiliate, Department of Political Science, Williams College, 2008-14.
- **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Department of Political Science and Center for Africana Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, 2007-08.
- **Lecturer**, Department of Political Science and Center for Africana Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, 2006-07. Founding Coordinator of the CAS Critical Thought Collective (ASCTC).
- **Teaching Assistant**, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2004. Graduate Teaching Assistant for: (1) Hegel & Marx (Patchen Markell, primary instructor); (2) From Restructuring to Revolution: Why Did the Soviet Union Collapse? (Ronald Grigor Suny, primary instructor).
- **High School Teacher**, Georgetown Preparatory School, North Bethesda, MD, 1999-2001, Summer 2003. (1) A.P. United States Government & Politics, (2) World History, and (3) English as a Second Language (ESL). Other positions held: (a) Head Coach of the Speech Team, (b) Moderator for the Black Student Union, and (c) Head Teacher for international ESL program.
- **Intern**, Amnesty International USA, Washington, DC, Summer 1999.
- **Project Assistant**, Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin, L.L.P, 1998-99. Paralegal in Washington, DC law firm that is devoted to the practice of both Criminal and Civil litigation.
- **Courses Taught at the Undergraduate and Graduate Levels:**
  - Contemporary Africana Social and Political Philosophy
  - Douglass, Davis, Obama: Fugitive Democratic Theory
  - Foundations of Afro-Caribbean Thought
  - Frederick Douglass and the Idea of Freedom
  - Garveyism
  - Heroes/Anti-Heroes in Contemporary TV and Cinema
  - Hip Hop and Political Theory
  - Introduction to Africana Studies
  - Modern Political Thought
  - Political Freedom in Africana Thought
  - The Black Radical Tradition
  - The Political Theology of Bob Marley
  - The Political Thought of Frantz Fanon
  - Rastafari: Dread, Politics, Agency
  - Seminar for Research Grant Recipients
  - Senior Seminar in Political Theory—Heretical Political Theory: Hannah Arendt and C.L.R. James
  - Sylvia Wynter, Black Lives, and Struggle for the Human

## **PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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### **Books**

- 1) *Freedom as Marronage* (single-authored, The University of Chicago Press, 2015).
- 2) *Creolizing Rousseau* (co-edited with Jane Anna Gordon, Rowman & Littlefield International, 2015).

- 3) *Journeys in Caribbean Thought: The Paget Henry Reader* (co-edited with Jane Anna Gordon, Lewis Gordon, and Aaron Kamugisha: Rowman & Littlefield International, 2016).
- 4) *A Political Companion to Frederick Douglass* (sole editor, The University Press of Kentucky, 2018). Contributors: Bernard R. Boxill, Nick Bromell, Nicholas Buccola, Angela Y. Davis, Jason Frank, Paul Gilroy, Robert Gooding-Williams, Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro, Margaret Kohn, Vincent Lloyd, Peter C. Myers, Anne Norton, Herbert Storing, Jack Turner.
- 5) *Creolizing Hannah Arendt* (co-edited with Marilyn Nissim-Sabat: Rowman & Littlefield, June 2024).

### **Series Editor**

With Jane Anna Gordon: *Creolizing the Canon*. Bloomsbury/Rowman & Littlefield. 2014-present.

### **Refereed Journal Articles and Review Essays**

- 1) "Hannah Arendt and C.L.R. James on Totalitarianism and Modern Politics" (with Marilyn Nissim-Sabat), *HA: Journal of the Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and Humanities*, 2021.
- 2) "Juxtaposition, Hemispheric Thought, and the Bounds of Political Theory," *Contemporary Political Theory*, vol. 18, no. 4, fall 2019.
- 3) "Theorizing Freedom, Radicalizing the Black Radical Tradition: On *Freedom as Marronage* Between Past and Future," *Theory & Event*, vol. 20, no. 1, January 2017.
- 4) "Fanon's Rebel Fifty Years Later," *Karib: Nordic Journal for Caribbean Studies*, fall 2015, pp. 56-77.
- 5) "Violence, Livy, Freedom," *Small Axe* 43, March 2014, pp. 181-192, with a reply by Deborah Thomas entitled "Violence, Mourning, and Political Alternatives."
- 6) "Henry's Bird: Political Philosophy, Political Economy, and Late Modern Leadership," *Antigua and Barbuda Review of Books*, vol. 6, no. 1, 2013.
- 7) "State, Power, Anarchism" [on marronage and political agency in James C. Scott's thought], *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 9, no. 1, March 2011, pp. 84-88.
- 8) "Justice, Non-Ideal Theory, and the Critique of Condescending Liberalism," *New Political Science*, vol. 31, no. 2, June 2009, pp. 239-245.
- 9) With Jane Anna Gordon, "Introduction: The Project of Creolizing Rousseau," *The C.L.R. James Journal: A Review of Caribbean Ideas*, vol. 15, no. 1, spring 2009, pp. 3-16.
- 10) "Recognition, Power, and Agency: The Recent Contributions of Axel Honneth to Critical Theory," *Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy*, vol. 37, no. 2, April 2009, pp. 296-309.
- 11) "The Concept of Disavowal in Sibylle Fischer's Political Imaginary," *The C.L.R. James Journal*, vol. 12, no. 1, spring 2006, pp. 141-155.
- 12) "Más allá del silencio y la memoria: El Concepto del renegación en la obra de Sibylle Fischer," *Caribbean Studies*, special issue on New Caribbean Philosophy, vol. 33, no. 2, July-December 2005, pp. 209-215, with a reply by Sibylle Fischer entitled, "Respuesta a Clevis Headley y Neil Roberts."
- 13) "Fanon, Sartre, Violence, and Freedom," *Sartre Studies International*, vol. 10, no. 2, 2004, pp. 139-160, with a reply by Robert Bernasconi entitled "Identity and Agency in Frantz Fanon."
- 14) "Colonialism & Its Legacies: New Directions in Contemporary Political Theory," *Philosophia Africana*, vol. 7, no. 2, August 2004, pp. 89-97.
- 15) "Winston James and the Writing of Caribbean History in America," *The C.L.R. James Journal*, vol. 10, no. 1, winter 2004, pp. 258-270.

### **Edited Journal Issues and Working Papers Series**

- 1) *Juxtaposition, Hemispheric Thought and the Bounds of Political Theory: Juliet Hooker's Theorizing Race*

- in the Americas. Editor, *Contemporary Political Theory*, fall 2019. Contributors: Juliet Hooker, Keisha Lindsay, Anne Norton, James Martel, and Inés Valdez.
- 2) *Paget Henry's 70th Year*. Guest co-editor with Jane Anna Gordon, Lewis Gordon, and Aaron Kamugisha, *Antigua and Barbuda Review of Books*, vol. 10, no. 1, summer 2017, 198 pages.
  - 3) *Trayvon Martin, Race, and the Contours of Contemporary Political Theory*. Guest editor, *Theory & Event* symposium, vol. 15, no. 3, September 2012. Contributors: George Ciccariello-Maher, Michael Hanchard, Ange-Marie Hancock, Christopher Lebron, Stephen Marshall, Anne Norton, Mark Reinhardt, and Anna Marie Smith.
  - 4) *Creolizing Rousseau*. Co-edited by Jane Anna Gordon and Neil Roberts. Special issue of *The C.L.R. James Journal*, Spring 2009, 300 pages. Contributors: Chiji Akoma, Gertrude Gonzalez de Allen, George Carew, Tommy Curry, Lewis R. Gordon, Wilson Harris, Paget Henry, María Lugones, Nelson Maldonado-Torres, Sylvia Marcos, Charles W. Mills, Emily Nacol, Alexis Nouss, Mickaella Perina, Sally Scholz, Madina Tlostanova, and Karen Torjesen.
  - 5) *CAS Working Papers in Africana Studies* (JHU Center for Africana Studies). 2007-2013. Co-edited by Neil Roberts and Ben Vinson, III.

### **Book Chapters**

- 1) "Foreword" to Alexandra Roch, *L'Expression du marronnage dans la Caraïbe anglophone et francophone aux 20e et 21e siècles* (Paris: Editions L'Harmattan, forthcoming).
- 2) "Foreword" to Roger Berkowitz, Jess Feldman, Jana Schmidt, and Miko Zeldes-Roth, eds., *Hannah Arendt on Race and Racism* (Berlin: De Gruyter Brill, 2026).
- 3) "Foreword" to Teodros Kiros, *Zara Yacob's Inauguration of Modernity and Cardiocentrism* (Bloomsbury/Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2024).
- 4) "Philosophizing a Love Supreme." Introduction to Cornel West with Teodros Kiros, *Conversations with Cornel West* (Trenton: Africa World Press, 2021).
- 5) "Angela Y. Davis: Abolitionism, Democracy, Freedom," in Melvin Rogers and Jack Turner, eds., *African American Political Thought* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021).
- 6) "Comparative Freedom and Marronage in Frederick Douglass," in Nick Bromell and R. Blakeslee Gilpin, eds., Norton Critical Edition of Frederick Douglass, *My Bondage and My Freedom* (New York: W.W. Norton & Co., 2020). Adapted from sections of *Freedom as Marronage*.
- 7) "Authoritarianism and Civilization: Du Bois, Davis, and Trump," in Christopher Howard-Woods, Colin Laidley, and Maryam Omid, eds., *#Charlottesville: Before and Beyond* (New York: Public Seminar, 2018).
- 8) "Rousseau, Flight, and the Fall into Slavery," in Jane Anna Gordon and Neil Roberts, eds., *Creolizing Rousseau* (London: Rowman & Littlefield International, 2015), pp. 193-223.
- 9) "Sylvia Wynter's Hedgehogs: The Challenge for Intellectuals to Create New 'Forms of Life' in Pursuit of Freedom," in Anthony Bogues, ed., *After Man, Towards the Human: Critical Essays on Sylvia Wynter* (Kingston: Ian Randle Publishers, 2006), pp. 157-189.

### **Refereed Poetry**

- 1) "Marronage Between Past and Future: Requiem for Édouard Glissant," in John Drabinski and Marisa Parham, eds., *Theorizing Glissant: Sites and Citations* (London: Rowman & Littlefield International, 2015).
- 2) "Marronage Between Past and Future," *The C.L.R. James Journal*, vol. 18, no. 1, Fall 2012, pp. 5-6.

## **Encyclopedia Articles and Entries**

- 1) “Frantz Fanon” in Terence Ball (General Editor), Roxanne Euben, et. al, *The Cambridge Dictionary of Political Thought* (forthcoming)
- 2) “Frantz Fanon” and “Hybridity” in Mark Bevir, Ed., *SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Theory* (Thousand Oaks and London: SAGE Publications, Inc., 2010).

## **Reviews**

- 1) David Scott, *Irreparable Evil: An Essay in Moral and Reparatory History*, in *New West Indian Guide* (forthcoming 2026).
- 2) Sylvia Wynter, *We Must Learn to Sit Down Together and Talk About a Little Culture: Decolonizing Essays, 1967-1984*, in *Philosophy and Global Affairs* (forthcoming 2026).
- 3) Robbie Shilliam, *Decolonizing Politics: An Introduction*, and Olúfẹ́mi Táíwò, *Against Decolonisation: Taking African Agency Seriously* (review essay), in *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 23, no. 1, 2025.
- 4) An Yountae and Eleanor Craig, eds., *Beyond Man: Race, Coloniality, and Philosophy of Religion*, in *New West Indian Guide*, vol. 98, nos. 3-4, 2024.
- 5) Clinton Hutton, *Colour for Colour, Skin for Skin: Marching with the Ancestral Spirits Into War Oh at Morant Bay*, in *New West Indian Guide*, vol. 92, nos. 1-2, 2018.
- 6) Christopher Achen and Larry Bartels, *Democracy for Realists: Why Elections Do Not Produce Responsive Government*, in *Perspectives on Politics* symposium, vol. 15, no. 1, March 2017.
- 7) Gary Wilder, *Freedom Time: Negritude, Decolonization, and the Future of the World*, in *Theory & Event*, vol. 19, no. 4, October 2016.
- 8) Richard King, *Arendt and America in Society for U.S. Intellectual History*, June 2016).
- 9) Teodros Kiros, *Hirut and Hailu and Other Short Stories*, dual publication in *The C.L.R. James Journal* (2016) and *Fusion Magazine* (November 2015).
- 10) Jimmy Casas Klausen, *Fugitive Rousseau: Slavery, Primitivism, and Political Freedom*, in *Perspectives On Politics*, vol. 13, no. 3, September 2015, pp. 829-831, with a reply by the author.
- 11) Paul Gilroy, *Darker than Blue: On the Moral Economies of Black Atlantic Culture* (The W.E.B. Du Bois Lectures), in *Patterns of Prejudice*, vol. 45, no. 4, September 2011, pp. 363-366.
- 12) Bert van den Brink and David Owen, eds., *Recognition and Power: Axel Honneth and the Tradition of Critical Social Theory*, in *Philosophy in Review/Comptes Rendus Philosophiques*, vol. 29, no. 5, October 2009, pp. 378-380.
- 13) Paul Gilroy, *Postcolonial Melancholia*, in *Shibboleths: A Journal of Comparative Theory*, vol. 2, no. 2, June 2008.
- 14) Tommie Shelby, *We Who Are Dark: The Philosophical Foundations of Black Solidarity*, in *Souls*, vol. 9, no. 2, 2007, pp. 184-186.
- 15) David Scott, *Conscripts of Modernity: The Tragedy of Colonial Enlightenment*, in *Journal of Haitian Studies*, vol. 12, no. 2, 2006, pp. 152-157.
- 16) Angela Davis, *Abolition Democracy: Beyond Prisons, Torture, and Empire; Interviews with Angela Davis*, in *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society*, vol. 8, no. 4, 2006, pp. 78-80.

## **Interviews**

- 1) Podcast interview on *Creolizing Hannah Arendt* with the New Books network, March 20, 2025: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/creolizing-hannah-arendt>
- 2) Radio interview on Radio Kingston’s For the Love of the World series, “On the Revolutionary Spirit: Hannah Arendt and Black Political Thought,” January 28, 2025: <https://radiokingston.org/en/broadcast/for-love-of-the-world-amor-mundi-conversations-with-the-hannah-arendt-center-at-bard-college/episodes/on-the-revolutionary-spirit-hannah-arendt-and-black-political-thought>

- 3) Podcast interview with The Black Studies Podcast: “Neil Roberts,” November 4, 2024:  
<https://blackstudiespodcast.substack.com/p/neil-roberts-department-of-africana>
- 4) “Remembering Seminar Philosopher Charles W. Mills,” *NPR All Things Considered*, September 27, 2021:  
<https://www.npr.org/2021/09/27/1040983258/remembering-seminar-philosopher-charles-w-mills>
- 5) “Reckoning and Responsibility,” *Williams Magazine*, Fall 2020:  
<https://magazine.williams.edu/2020/fall/special/reckoning-and-responsibility/>
- 6) Podcast interview with the New Books network: “Neil Roberts on How Ideas Become Books in Africana and AfroAm Studies,” June 9, 2020:  
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/neil-roberts-on-how-ideas-become-books-in-africana-and-afroam-studies/>
- 7) Podcast interview on *A Political Companion to Frederick Douglass* with the New Books network, September 17, 2018:  
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/neil-roberts-a-political-companion-to-frederick-douglass-up-of-kentucky-2018/>
- 8) Radio interview on *A Political Companion to Frederick Douglass*, WXIR Rochester NY, summer 2018:  
<https://soundcloud.com/user-581431118/new-book-examines-political-afterlives-of-douglasss-work>  
Transcribed and republished as “The Long Legacy of Frederick Douglass,” *Open Democracy*, August 28, 2018:  
<https://www.opendemocracy.net/beyondslavery/neil-roberts-darien-lamen/long-legacy-of-frederick-douglass>
- 9) TV interview on *A Political Companion to Frederick Douglass* and Douglass’s significance today: “African Ascent with Prof. Neil Roberts,” August 2018: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOkiNLtC-4Q>
- 10) Podcast interview on *Freedom as Marronage* with the New Books network & Center for Global Ethics and Politics, December 18, 2015:  
<http://newbooksinhumanrights.com/2015/12/18/neil-roberts-freedom-as-marronage-u-of-chicago-press-2015/>
- 11) TV interview on *African Ascent* focused on the meaning of freedom: “African Ascent with Neil Roberts,” June 2015:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0WpHWvqAdg&list=PLOnSPQUZ6WPBTNjfnKwEeQvkukWhu5b1F&index=7>.
- 12) Guest on the MSNBC TV show *Nerding Out* to discuss the *Freedom as Marronage* book, police, Baltimore, and #BlackLivesMatter, May 7, 2015. Links to three segments:  
<http://www.msnbc.com/nerding-out/watch/defining-freedom-441499715880>  
<http://www.msnbc.com/nerding-out/watch/should-we-abolish-the-police--441495107853>  
<http://www.msnbc.com/nerding-out/watch/occupy-the-faculty-lounge-441504835706>
- 13) Radio Interview on NPR/WAMC: “Williams College Professor Neil Roberts on Ferguson Tensions,” August 19, 2014: <http://wamc.org/post/williams-college-professor-neil-roberts-ferguson-tensions>.
- 14) Podcast Interview with The Johns Hopkins University Press on the Travyon Martin symposium in *Theory & Event*, November 12, 2012: <http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/podcasts.html>.
- 15) “An Interview with Neil Roberts on Conceptualizing Political Freedom,” *The Firebrand*, May 5, 2012.
- 16) “Liberal-Arts Diversity Officers to Hold Forum on Attracting, and Keeping, Minority Faculty,” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, August 30, 2011:  
<http://chronicle.com/article/Liberal-Arts-Diversity/128847/>

### **Selected Works in Progress and Forthcoming Publications**

- 1) *How to Live Free in an Age of Pessimism*: single-authored book
- 2) *The Oxford Handbook of Sylvia Wynter*, co-edited with Carole Boyce Davies.
- 3) *Conversations with Neil Roberts*: book focused on my thought, in conjunction with Teodros Kiros.
- 4) On Haile Selassie I.

**CONFERENCE PAPERS, SPEECHES, AND LECTURES DELIVERED**

*(NB: Condensed for brevity. Several additional presentations delivered from Feb. 2021-present).*

- 1) “Angela Y. Davis: Abolitionism, Democracy, Freedom.” January 21, 2021. The University of Chicago.
- 2) “Bard College President Leon Botstein in Conversation with Neil Roberts on Election 2020.” November 23, 2020. Bard College.
- 3) “Africana Philosophy and the Idea of Freedom.” November 20, 2020. Public Lecture, Oxford University Public Philosophy.
- 4) “How to Live Free in an Age of Pessimism.” November 18, 2020. Public Lecture, Boston University.
- 5) “Protests in Perspective: Lessons from the Past.” October 5, 2020. Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs and the Open Society University Network.
- 6) “Political Thought in the Shadow of Frederick Douglass.” September 25, 2020. Public Lecture, University of Richmond.
- 7) “On Baldwin and *I Am Not Your Negro*.” July 16, 2020. Duke University Forum #Docuhistory series two-part live Twitter film screening conversation and subsequent Public Lecture.
- 8) “Creolizing Arendt, Creolizing Thinking.” March 5, 2020. Public Lecture, Johns Hopkins University.
- 9) “Creolizing Arendt, Creolizing Thinking.” January 17, 2020. Public Lecture, Georgetown University.
- 10) “How to Live Free in an Age of Pessimism.” November 15, 2019. Featured address (via live video), Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès & Columbia University in Paris.
- 11) “How to Live Free in an Age of Pessimism.” November 11, 2019. Keynote address, Stone Center, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.
- 12) “How to Live Free in an Age of Pessimism.” October 11, 2019. Richard Iton Distinguished Memorial Lecture, University of Toronto.
- 13) “On Murad Idris’s *War for Peace*.” August 30, 2019. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting.
- 14) “Black Humanities and Decolonising the University.” May 17, 2019. Public Lecture & Workshop, University of Bristol.
- 15) “How to Live Free in an Age of Pessimism.” May 16, 2019. Public Lecture, University of Bristol.
- 16) “How to Live Free in an Age of Pessimism.” May 14, 2019. Public Lecture, Birkbeck School of Law.
- 17) “How to Live Free in an Age of Pessimism.” May 3, 2019. Public Lecture, University of Massachusetts-Amherst.
- 18) “Against Pessimism.” March 30, 2019. Public Lecture, Amherst College.
- 19) “How to Live Free in an Age of Pessimism.” March 27, 2019. Public Lecture, co-sponsored by Africana Studies and the Political Theory Workshop, University of Pennsylvania.
- 20) “How to Live Free in an Age of Pessimism.” March 20, 2019. Public Lecture, University of Alabama.
- 21) “Marronage, Disavowal, and the Archive.” February 22, 2019. Public Lecture, Davidson College.
- 22) “Living with Other: Conscience, Coercion, and Freedom.” January 25, 2019. Keynote address, Washington University.
- 23) “Frederick Douglass.” December 10, 2018. Public Lecture, The Robert Frost Stone House Museum, Bennington College.
- 24) “On Radicalizing the Black Radical Tradition.” November 9, 2018. Public Lecture, Brown University.
- 25) “Scholarship and Intellectual Life: A Non-Linear Tale.” November 8, 2018. Mellon Mays Program, Brown University.
- 26) “W.E.B. Du Bois and Political Thought in the Shadow of Frederick Douglass.” July 10, 2018. Public Lecture co-sponsored by The Mastheads project and the Berkshire County NAACP, The Berkshire Athenaeum.
- 27) “Why Marronage Still Matters.” March 22, 2018. Public Lecture, Tulane University.
- 28) “Why Marronage Still Matters.” February 22, 2018. Public Lecture, Stony Brook University.
- 29) “Why Marronage Still Matters.” October 17, 2017. Public Lecture, Wesleyan University.
- 30) “Professional Failure: Implications for the Social Sciences.” October 12, 2017. Washington, DC. National Science Foundation workshop.
- 31) “On James Martel’s *The Misinterpellated Subject*.” September 3, 2017. Paper presented at the APSA Annual Meeting.

- 32) "Marronage and Political Imagination." April 28, 2017. Los Angeles. Paper prepared for a colloquium at the University of California-Los Angeles.
- 33) "On Juliet Hooker's *Theorizing Race in the Americas*." April 14, 2017. Vancouver. Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association (WSPA) Annual Meeting.
- 34) "Diversifying or Decolonizing Academe?" March 30, 2017. New York City. Talk delivered at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation MMUF annual meeting.
- 35) "Theorizing Freedom, Radicalizing the Black Radical Tradition." March 28, 2017. Public Lecture, The New School.
- 36) "If Rousseau Was Your Roommate." March 22, 2017. Public Lecture, Catholic University of America.
- 37) "Theorizing Freedom, Radicalizing the Black Radical Tradition." March 2, 2017. Public Lecture, George Mason University.
- 38) "Theorizing Freedom, Radicalizing the Black Radical Tradition." October 25, 2016. Public Lecture, Johns Hopkins University.
- 39) "Freedom as Marronage." March 26, 2016. San Diego. Talk & reply to respondents, author-meets-critics roundtable, WSPA Annual Meeting.
- 40) "Political Thought in the Shadow of Douglass." March 25, 2016. Paper prepared for the WSPA Annual Meeting. *Co-panelists*: Lawrie Balfour, Andrew Dilts, Jane Gordon, Keisha Lindsay, Stephen Marshall.
- 41) "Freedom as Marronage." March 4, 2016. Public Lecture, University of Massachusetts-Amherst.
- 42) "Freedom as Marronage." February 26, 2016. Public Lecture, Vassar College.
- 43) "Freedom as Marronage." November 6, 2015. University of Connecticut-Storrs. Talk & reply to respondents, Philosophy Born of Struggle conference.
- 44) "On Rastafari Political Theology." October 17, 2015. New York City. Paper prepared for the conference, Philosophy and Religion in Africana Traditions.
- 45) "Freedom as Marronage." October 7, 2015. Public Lecture, University of Texas at Austin.
- 46) "Angela Y. Davis: Abolitionism, Democracy, Freedom." September 3-6, 2015. San Francisco. Paper prepared for the APSA Annual Meeting. *Co-panelists*: Jennifer Einspahr, Samuel Bagg, Annie Menzel, and Jack Turner.
- 47) "Creolizing Liberty: Roundtable on Neil Roberts's *Freedom as Marronage*." September 3-6, 2015. San Francisco. Respondent to APSA papers by George Ciccariello-Maher, Juliet Hooker, Charles W. Mills, and James Martel.
- 48) "On Angela Y. Davis & Freedom as Marronage." May 20, 2015. Public Lecture, University of California-Los Angeles.
- 49) "Freedom as Marronage." April 28, 2015. Public Lecture, University of Connecticut-Storrs.
- 50) "On Robyn Marasco's *The Highway of Despair: Critical Theory after Hegel*." April 2, 2015. Las Vegas. WSPA author-meets-critics roundtable. *Co-panelists*: Shannon Mariotti, Patchen Markell, Robyn Marasco, and Lori Marso.
- 51) "Political Theory of the Black Atlantic." April 2, 2015. Las Vegas. Discussant on WSPA panel for papers by Adom Getachew, Anuja Bose, and Raul Moreno.
- 52) "Slavery, Hope, Flight: On Freedom as Marronage." March 11, 2015. Public Lecture, Boston College.
- 53) "Angela Y. Davis: Abolitionism, Democracy, Freedom." March 6, 2015. Public Lecture, SUNY Albany.
- 54) "Freedom as Marronage." February 7, 2015. Washington, DC. Public Lecture, Politics & Prose Bookstore.
- 55) "Angela Y. Davis: Abolitionism, Democracy, Freedom." January 23, 2015. Public Lecture, Vanderbilt University.
- 56) "It's Bigger than Hip Hop: Decoding the Trayvon Martin Event." Los Angeles. Paper prepared for the American Studies Association Annual Meeting. *Co-panelists*: Libby Anker, Cristina Beltrán.
- 57) "Angela Y. Davis: Abolitionism, Democracy, Freedom." October 30, 2014. Paper prepared for the Cornell University Political Theory Workshop.
- 58) "Glissant, Marronage, and the Creolizing of Political Theory." June 19-21, 2014. St. Louis. Paper prepared for the Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA) Annual Conference.
- 59) "Bobo Shanti, Reparations, Freedom." May 24-25, 2014. National Museum of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa. Paper prepared for the conference, RAS TAFARI: The Majesty & the Movement.

- 60) “Angela Y. Davis: Abolitionism, Democracy, Freedom.” May 2-3, 2014. Paper prepared for the conference, African American Political Thought: Past and Present, University of Washington, Seattle.
- 61) “It’s Bigger than Hip Hop: Decoding the Trayvon Martin Event.” January 22, 2014. Public Lecture, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.
- 62) “Teaching Garveyism, Teaching Freedom.” October 11-12, 2013. Paper prepared for the conference, Black Radical Thought, Pedagogy and Praxis, University of the West Indies (Jamaica).
- 63) “Trayvon Martin, Guns, and Racial Violence.” September 29, 2013. Public Lecture, Bard College at Simon’s Rock.
- 64) “Slavery and Freedom: The Political Life and Afterlife of Slavery.” August 29-September 1, 2013. Chicago. Discussant on APSA panel for papers by Alan Gilbert, Juliet Hooker, Stephen Marshall, and Shatema Threadcraft.
- 65) “The Examined Life Between Past and Future.” May 25, 2013. Providence. Keynote Address, Mellon Mays Program Graduation Ceremony, Brown University.
- 66) “Du Bois: The Racialized Politics of Labor, Leadership, and Possessive Individualism.” March 28-30, 2013. Hollywood. Discussant on WSPA panel for papers by Andrew Dilts, Andrew Douglas, Desmond Jagmohan, and Shatema Threadcraft.
- 67) “Sylvia Wynter’s Césaire.” July 19-21, 2012. Port of Spain. Paper prepared for the CPA Annual Conference, University of the West Indies (Trinidad & Tobago). *Co-panelists*: Michaeline Crichlow, Gertrude Gonzalez de Allen, and Patricia Northover.
- 68) “Sylvia Wynter’s Césaire.” May 28-June 1, 2012. Le Gosier. Paper prepared for the Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, Guadeloupe. *Co-panelist*: Katerina Seligmann.
- 69) “50 Years Later: Frantz Fanon’s Legacy and the Caribbean.” December 2, 2011. College of the Bahamas, Nassau. *Co-panelists*: Nigel C. Gibson, Jana Evans Braziel, E. Anthony Hurley.
- 70) “Marronage, Critical Theory, and the Symbolic Reconfiguration of Freedom.” September 29-October 1, 2011. Paper prepared for the CPA Annual Conference, Rutgers University. *Co-panelists*: Drucilla Cornell, Kenneth M. Panfilio, Roger Berkowitz, Michiel Bot, and Paget Henry.
- 71) “Seeing Like a Non-State: Rastafari, Schmitt, and the Agency of ‘The Movement.’” September 1-4, 2011. Seattle. Paper prepared for the APSA Annual Meeting. *Co-panelists*: Christopher A. McCoy and Kam Shapiro.
- 72) “Race in a Post-Civil Rights America.” September 1-4, 2011. Paper prepared for the APSA Annual Meeting. *Co-panelists*: Clarissa Hayward, Christopher Lebron, Joseph Lowndes, and Dorian Warren.
- 73) “Freedom as Marronage in Rastafari.” March 22, 2011. Public Lecture delivered at the Intercollegiate Department of Black Studies, The Claremont Colleges.
- 74) “Seeing Like a Non-State: Rastafari, Schmitt, and the Agency of ‘The Movement.’” September 22, 2010. Paper presented at the Yale University Political Theory Workshop.
- 75) “Seeing Like a Non-State: Rastafari, Schmitt, and the Agency of ‘The Movement.’” August 17-20, 2010. Paper prepared for the Inaugural Rastafari Studies Conference (Jamaica). *Co-panelists*: Allan Bernard, Tara Blake, and Clive Redwood.
- 76) “Racism and Imperialism: Counter-Histories.” June 1-3, 2010. Montréal. Discussant on Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) panel papers by Glen Coulthard and Robert Nichols.
- 77) “Africana Thought, Contemporary Political Theory, and Challenges to the Transformation of Disciplines in an Age of Professionalization.” February 23, 2010. Public Lecture delivered at Brown University.
- 78) “Existencia Caribbeana: Why the Haitian Revolution Still Matters.” January 28, 2010. Public Lecture delivered at Dartmouth College.
- 79) “Kant and Rastafari on Respect.” November 3, 2009. WISER Distinguished Lecture, University of Washington, Seattle.
- 80) “Kant and Rastafari on Respect.” September 3-6, 2009. Toronto. Paper prepared for the APSA Annual Meeting. *Co-panelists*: Robert Taylor, David Thunder, Christian Rostbøll, Shaun Young, and Andrew Lister.
- 81) “Kant and Rastafari on Respect.” August 12-15, 2009. Paper prepared for the CPA Annual Conference, University of Miami, Coral Gables.
- 82) “What Fanon Would Say About Gaza Today.” April 14, 2009. Public Lecture, Hampshire College.

- 83) "Frederick Douglass and Barack Obama: Fugitive Refashioning of American Democracy." February 20, 2009. Public Lecture, The Juilliard School.
- 84) "Race and Justice: Reform Liberalism or Reject It?" October 9-12, 2008. Paper prepared for the Association for Political Theory (APT) Annual conference, Wesleyan University. *Co-panelists*: Sally Haslanger, Paul Gomberg, Charles Mills.
- 85) "Frederick Douglass, Fugitive Chain Theorizing, and the Dialectics of Comparative Freedom." August 28-31, 2008. Boston. Paper prepared for the APSA Annual Meeting. *Co-panelists*: Lawrie Balfour, Jimmy Klausen, Anthony Farley, Antonio Vazquez Arroyo.
- 86) "The Racia-Sexual Contract, Intersectionality, and the Decolonization of Contemporary Political Theory." August 28-31, 2008. Boston. Paper prepared for the APSA Annual Meeting Intersectionality Short Course. *Co-panelists*: Rita Dhamoon, Anna Marie Smith.
- 87) "Marronage and Political Imagination in Caribbean Thought." March 28, 2008. Paper presented at the Center for the Humanities, Temple University.
- 88) "Kant and Rastafari on Respect." March 26, 2008. Talk delivered at the Faculty Noon Lecture Series, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University.
- 89) "Douglass, Freedom, and the Flight from Slavery." December 27-30, 2007. Baltimore, MD. Paper prepared for the Eastern APA Meeting. *Co-panelists*: Kathryn Gines, Bill Lawson, and Ronald Sundstrom.
- 90) "Hannah Arendt and Frederick Douglass on the Meaning of Education in Dark Times." September 27-29, 2007. Dayton, OH. Paper presented to the Ohio Valley Philosophy of Educational Annual conference.
- 91) "Arendt and Modern Politics." August 30-September 2, 2007. Co-Discussant (with Sonu Bedi) on APSA panel for papers by Joanna V. Scott, Peter Schotten Lars Peter Rensmann, and Xavier Marquez.
- 92) "Democracy Without Common Ground." August 30-September 2, 2007. Chicago. Co-Discussant (with Eric MacGilvray) on APSA panel for papers by Michaele Ferguson, Ingrid Creppell, Cheryl Hall, and Mihaela Czobor-Lupp.
- 93) "Rastafari as the Creolization of Zara Yacob's Freedom." June 27-30, 2007. Paper presented at the CPA Annual conference (Jamaica).
- 94) "The Concept of Agency in Contemporary Indo-Caribbean Thought." June 27-30, 2007. Paper presented at the CPA Annual conference, University of the West Indies (Jamaica).
- 95) "Frederick Douglass's Marronage: Understanding Political Freedom from Modernity's Underside." February 16, 2007. Public Lecture delivered at the Institute for Research in African-American Studies, Columbia University.
- 96) "The Jazz of Iris Marion Young." December 27-30, 2006. Paper prepared for the Eastern APA Meeting. *Co-panelists*: Seyla Benhabib, Linda Nicholson, Eva Kittay, Jo-Ann Pilardi, Bat-Ami Bar On, Martha Nussbaum, James Sterba, Margaret Walker.
- 97) "Africana Thought Transcending Disciplinary Decadence." December 27-30, 2006. Washington, DC. Paper prepared for the Eastern APA Meeting. *Co-panelists*: Jane Gordon, Lewis R. Gordon, Paget Henry, and John McClendon, III.
- 98) "Completing the Unfinished Lecture: Douglass and the Slave Narratives." November 19, 2006. Paper presented to the Society for the Study of Africana Philosophy, New York City.
- 99) "Race and Political Action." August 30-September 3, 2006. Discussant on APSA panel for papers by Luis Cabrera, Christine Di Stefano, Ari Kohen, Andrew Valls, and Jonathan Kaplan.
- 100) "Disavowing Freedom out of Slavery: Arendt and Pettit." August 30-September 3, 2006. Philadelphia. Paper prepared for the APSA Annual Meeting.
- 101) "Creolizing Rousseau: An Essay on the Origin of Freedom's Slavery in the Language of Caribbean Political Theory." August 1-3, 2006. Paper presented at the CPA Annual conference, Concordia University (Canada). *Co-panelists*: Jane Gordon, Charles Mills.
- 102) "Disavowing Freedom out of Slavery: Arendt and Pettit." April 21, 2006. Paper presented to the University of Virginia Political Theory Workshop.
- 103) "C.L.R. James, Sibylle Fischer, and the Poetics of Haitian Revolutionary Political Theory." March 13, 2006. Public Lecture delivered at the University of Pittsburgh.
- 104) "If John Rawls were Black, or, Liberalism Strikes Back: Repairing Racial Injustice after Black Power."

- October 21-23, 2005. APT Annual conference, Washington University. *Co-panelists*: Lawrie Balfour, Charles Mills, Tommie Shelby, Paul Gombert, Emmett Bradbury.
- 105) “The Concept of Disavowal in Sibylle Fischer’s Political Imaginary.” June 3, 2005. Paper presented at the CPA Annual conference. *Co-panelists*: Sibylle Fischer, Clevis Headley.
- 106) “Freedom as Marronage in the Haitian Revolution: Sociogenic Investigations.” June 4, 2005. Paper presented at the CPA Annual conference, Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe (Puerto Rico). *Co-panelists*: Noel Allende-Goitia, Natalija Mićunović.
- 107) “From Caliban’s to Calherban’s Reason: On Paget Henry’s Sociogenic Intervention.” April 7, 2005. Paper presented at the conference, *Africana Philosophy in Three Movements*, Temple University. *Co-panelists*: Paget Henry, Sibylle Fischer, Tony Monteiro, Clevis Headley.
- 108) “Recognition and Freedom.” October 23, 2004. Paper presented at the conference, *PBOS XI*, Rutgers University-New Brunswick. *Co-panelist*: Anna Stubblefield.
- 109) “The Concept of Freedom in Ras Political Thought.” The James Schouler Lectureship, September 17, 2004. Paper presented to the Johns Hopkins University Workshop in Politics. *Discussant*: Jennifer Lin.
- 110) “The Concept of Freedom in Afro-Caribbean Political Thought.” June 17, 2004. Paper presented at the conference, *Reinterpreting the Haitian Revolution and its Cultural Aftershocks, 1804–2004*, University of the West Indies (Trinidad & Tobago). *Co-panelist*: Jean–Robert Lafortune.
- 111) “Recognition and Freedom in Caribbean Political Theory.” May 19–22, 2004. Paper presented at the inaugural conference of the Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA), University of the West Indies, (Barbados). *Co-panelists*: Eddy Souffrant and Clinton Hutton.
- 112) “Walter Rodney’s Heresy.” October 25, 2003. Paper presented at the conference, *PBOS X*, Rutgers University-Newark. *Co-panelists*: Kerry Brown, Blanche Radford-Curry, Jesse Taylor.
- 113) “Fanon, Sartre, Violence, and Freedom.” September 12, 2003. Paper presented at the North American Sartre Society Biennial conference, Purdue University. *Co-panelists*: Christopher Buck, Anita Chari.
- 114) “Fanon, Violence, and Freedom.” April 26, 2003. Paper presented at the conference, *Eyes on the Mosaic X*, University of Chicago. *Co-panelists*: Anita Chari, Rosa Williams.
- 115) “Reflections on Judge Higginbotham, Jr. and Visible Invisibility in the Law.” October 11, 2002. Paper presented at the conference, *Philosophy Born of Struggle (PBOS) IX*, Brown University. *Co-panelist*: Greg Moses.
- 116) “From Sylvia Wynter’s Hedgehogs to the Challenge for Intellectuals to Create New ‘Forms of Life’ in Pursuit of Freedom.” June 14, 2002. Paper presented at the conference on Sylvia Wynter, University Of the West Indies (Jamaica). *Co-panelists*: Cleavis Headley, Lewis Gordon.
- 117) “Cuba, Jamaica, and the Relationship of an Island East and West: From Havana to Santiago, Martí to Garvey, Castro to Manley.” November 1, 2000. Paper delivered at the conference, *Cross Cultural Learning: Cuba, A Multimedia Discussion*, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- 118) “Castro, Santería, and Afro-Cubans: Political and Spiritual Reflections.” February 1, 1999. Public Lecture delivered at Brown University in celebration of Black History Month.
- 119) “The Thought of Sylvia Wynter.” December 28, 1998. Washington, DC. Paper prepared for the Eastern American Philosophical Association (APA) Meeting. *Co-panelists*: Rowan Ricardo Phillips, Eddy Souffrant.
- 120) “Foucault No Mo’: Legitimizing Africana Philosophy Within the Western Canon.” July 1997. Paper delivered at the Leadership Alliance Research Symposium, New York University Medical Center.
- 121) “Eric E. Williams: Racial Messiah or Hypocrite? A Study of Black Political Leadership, Race, and Ethnicity in Trinidad and Tobago.” April 1997. Paper presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, University of Texas at Austin.

### **PAPERS PRESENTED OR DISCUSSED AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO WORKSHOPS**

- 1) *Presenter*: “Completing the Unfinished Lecture: Douglass and the Slave Narratives.” October 19, 2006. *Reproduction of Race and Racial Ideologies Workshop*. *Discussant*: Robert Gooding-Williams.
- 2) *Presenter*: “For Freedom out of Slavery: Rousseau.” October 2, 2006. *Political Theory Workshop*. *Discussant*: Andrew Dilts.

- 3) *Presenter*: “Freedom as Marronage in the Haitian Revolution: Sociogenic Investigations.” November 3, 2005. Comparing Colonialisms Workshop. *Discussant*: Greg Beckett.
- 4) *Presenter*: “Disavowing Freedom out of Slavery: Arendt and Pettit.” October 31, 2005. Political Theory Workshop. *Discussant*: Andrew Dilts.
- 5) *Discussant* on Anita Chari’s paper, “Rebel Versus Proletarian: Arendt, Marx, and the Politics of Action.” May 10, 2004. Political Theory Workshop.
- 6) *Discussant* on Xavier Guillaume’s paper, “Process, Identity, and Agency.” April 29, 2004. Program on International Politics, Economics and Security Workshop.
- 7) *Discussant* on Jennifer London’s paper, “Political Implications of Symbolic Discourse: Ralph Ellison’s Insight for Potential Suicide Bombers and US Foreign Policy Officials.” March 1, 2004. Political Theory Workshop.
- 8) *Presenter*: “The Concept of Freedom in Ras Political Thought.” December 4, 2003. Reproduction of Race and Racial Ideologies Workshop.
- 9) *Presenter*: “The Concept of Freedom in Ras Political Thought.” October 13, 2003. Political Theory Workshop. *Discussant*: Keisha Lindsay.
- 10) *Discussant* on Sujatha Fernandes’s paper, “Reinventing the Revolution: Artistic Public Spheres and the State in Contemporary Cuba.” October 16, 2002. Comparative Politics Workshop.
- 11) *Discussant* on Victor M. Muñoz-Fraticelli’s paper, “Justice as Fairness Between Generations.” October 28, 2002. Political Theory Workshop.

## **HONORS**

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- The De Gruyter-Arendt Center Lecture in Political Thinking, March 2025.
- Endowed Named Chair: John B. McCoy and John T. McCoy Professor of Africana Studies, Political Theory, and the Philosophy of Religion at Williams College, July 2023-present.
- Inclusive Leadership Program: Association of Independence Colleges and Universities (AICU) in Massachusetts, Third Cohort member, spring 2024.
- Du Bois Forum Fellow, 2024.
- Bard College and Open Society University Network (OSUN) Research Professor in Political Studies, 2020-21.
- Inaugural Alumni-in-Residence, The University of Chicago, Division of the Social Sciences, 2021.
- *Africa Is a Country* best book for the year 2016.
- *Choice* Top 25 Outstanding Academic book for the year 2015: awarded to *Freedom as Marronage*.
- Gordon K. and Sybil Lewis Book Award, Caribbean Studies Association (CSA): awarded to *Freedom as Marronage*.
- First Book Award: Foundations of Political Theory, organized section of the American Political Science Association (APSA). Awarded to *Freedom as Marronage*.
- Finalist, 2016-17 Mellon Mid-Career Fellowship, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University.
- Research/Creative Endeavors Roundtable Grant, Williams College, Fall 2014.
- Career Enhancement Fellow, The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, 2011-12.
- Resident Fellow, Oakley Center for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Williams College, 2011-2012.
- Finalist, 2011-12 Fellowship, W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Harvard University.
- Hellman Fellow, Williams College, 2010-11. Awarded to work on a comparative political theory book project on the Rastafari and Carl Schmitt.
- “*Rethinking Africana Studies*” Grant, Oakley Center for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Williams College, 2010-11. Awarded funding for co-organized year-long faculty seminar and 1-day research symposium featuring invited scholars.
- “*Kant and Rastafari on Respect*” paper nominated for the 2009 Franklin C. Burdette/Pi Sigma Alpha Award for best normative political theory paper presented at the APSA annual meeting.
- Trustees Fellowship, The University of Chicago, Division of the Social Sciences, 2001-2006. Prestigious award that covers full tuition in Graduate School.

- American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2006.
- Doolittle Travel Fellowship, The University of Chicago, 2003.
- Social Science Research Council-Mellon Predoctoral Research Grant, 2001 and 2003.
- Community Service and Social Justice Award, July 2001. Awarded by *The Pepper Bird Magazine*. Other recipients included Senator Jack Reed, literary critic Dorothy Denniston, and historian Rhett Jones.
- Susan Colver Rosenberger Prize, Brown University, May 1998. Awarded at graduation for academic excellence in Afro-American Studies over four years.
- Black History Month 1998, Brown University. Delivered Convocation ceremony Senior class address.
- Leadership Alliance Fellowship, The Johns Hopkins University, Summer 1996. New York University, Summer 1997. Awarded to minority students nationally to perform research with faculty mentors.
- Andrew W. Mellon Mays Scholar (MMUF), 1996-present.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP**

- President, Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA), 2016-19.
- U.S. Fulbright National Screening Committee, Central America and the Caribbean, 2024-25.
- Editorial Board: *Global Black Thought*, 2024-present.
- Advisory Board: *Reading Arendt Today* book series, 2024-present.
- Chair, Leo Strauss Award Committee for Best Dissertation in Political Philosophy, American Political Science Association (APSA), 2023.
- National Selection Committee, Humanities for All Times competition, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2021.
- Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD) Outstanding Article Prize Committee, 2021.
- First Book Prize Committee, Foundations of Political Theory, APSA 2020.
- Program Co-Chair (with Hagar Kotef), Association for Political Theory (APT) Annual Meeting, 2019.
- Program Committee Chair, CPA Annual Meetings: 2017, 2019.
- U.S. Fulbright National Screening Committee, Central America and the Caribbean, 2017-18.
- External Reviewer (with Jessica Millward and Sonia Shiri): Vassar College Africana Studies Program, spring 2018.
- Advisory Board: *Modern Marronage*, 2018-present.
- Program Co-Chair (with Emily Nacol), Foundations of Political Theory, APSA 2017.
- Editorial Board: *Theory & Event*, 2017-present.
- Editor, Race and Philosophy series, AAIHS *Black Perspectives*, 2017-18.
- Advisory Board: *Journal of World Philosophies*, 2017-present.
- Co-organized conference: “Paget Henry’s 70th Year,” The Commons Brooklyn, 2016.
- Executive Editorial Committee: *Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy*, 2015-21.
- Chair, Search Committee (with Anne Norton & Roxanne Euben) to select new editor of *Political Theory*, 2016.
- Best Paper in Political Theory Award Committee (with Juliet Hooker and Shatema Threadcraft), National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), 2016.
- Editorial Advisory Board: *National Political Science Review*, 2015-present.
- Board of Directors, CPA. 2004-present.
- CPA Chair of Publishing Partnerships, 2014-2016.
- External Reviewer (with Sharon Harley): St. Mary’s College African and African Diaspora Studies Program, fall 2014.
- External Reviewer: for tenure & reappointment candidates.
- Advisory Board: *Black Diasporic Worlds* book series, Lexington Books. 2014-present.
- Nominated for Governance Committee, APT, 2013.

- Chair and Discussants Committee, APT 2009 Annual Conference.
- Current membership in the African American Intellectual History Society, African Studies Association, American Philosophical Association, American Political Science Association, Foundations of Political Theory & Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (APSA Organized Sections), APT, CPA, Caribbean Studies Association, The C.L.R. James Society, The Hannah Arendt Center, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, and Western Political Science Association.
- Organized APSA roundtable, “Frederick Douglass and the Power of Persuasion,” September 2013. Panelists: Nicholas Buccola, Lewis Gordon, Isis Leslie, Ange-Marie Hancock, Anne Norton, Jack Turner.
- Organized APA panel, “The Political Thought of Anna Julia Cooper and Frederick Douglass,” December 2007. Panelists: Kathryn Gines, Bill Lawson, and Ronald Sundstrom.
- Manuscript Referee: *African American Intellectual History Society*, *American Political Science Review*; Bloomsbury Publishing; Columbia University Press; *Contemporary Political Theory*; *Critical Philosophy of Race*; Duke University Press; Fordham University Press, *The Journal of Politics*; *National Political Science Review*; Oxford University Press; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Philosophia Africana*; *Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Polity*; Princeton University Press; Routledge; Rowman & Littlefield; *Small Axe: A Caribbean Platform for Criticism*; *Souls*; SUNY Press; Syracuse University Press; *Theory & Event*; University of Chicago Press; University of Georgia Press; University of North Carolina Press; University Press of Kentucky; CPA Annual Frantz Fanon Book Prize.

## **ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **University of Toronto**

- Search Committee (Political Science): Associate or Full Professor in Black Political Thought, 2022-23.
- Delivered public lecture and facilitated discussion after screening of the film, *Concerning Violence*. March 8, 2023. Sponsored by HSSA, the Dean’s Office, and the Critical Student Collective.

### **Williams College**

- Chair, Search Committee: Associate Director of the Rice Center for Teaching: 2025-26.
- Co-Chair, Web Governance Working Group: 2025-26.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Lecturer and Senior Lecturer Academic Appointments: 2025-26.
- Leadership Committee, Collaboratively Optimizing Williams (Workday): 2024-26.
- Consultant, Committee on Admission and Financial Aid: 2024-26.
- Leadership Committee, College Website Redesign: 2024-26.
- Athletics Student-Athletes Prizes Committee: 2024-25.
- Athletics Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee: 2024-25.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Posting and Student Protest: Spring 2024.
- Director, Gaius Charles Bolin Dissertation and Post-MFA Fellowships: 2023-26.
- Executive Committee on Accessibility: 2023-24.
- Hollander Hall Space Utilization Study Committee: 2023-24.
- Trans Inclusion Committee: 2023-25.
- Search Committee: Associate Dean of the Faculty for Academic Affairs, Dean of the Faculty’s Office. Winter-Spring 2024.
- “Ruth Simmons in Conversation with Faculty, Facilitated by Neil Roberts.” February 1, 2024. Event sponsored by the Claiming Williams committee.
- Search Committee: Executive Assistant, Dean of the Faculty’s Office. Summer 2023.
- Interviewer: Administrative Assistant, Dean of the Faculty’s Office and Rice Center for Teaching. Summer 2023.

- W. Ford Schumann Faculty Fellow in Democratic Studies: 2018-21.
- Organized webinar event: “Voting Rights, Election 2020, Colleges, Universities, and Us.” October 20, 2020. Featured the Presidents of Berkshire Community College, Howard University, Rutgers University, and Williams College. Sponsored by the W. Ford Schumann ’50 Program in Democratic Studies.
- “Carol Anderson in Conversation with Neil Roberts on One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy.” September 22, 2020.
- Working Group on Voter Engagement: 2020-present.
- “How to Live Free in an Age of Pessimism.” September 24, 2020. Alumni Relations Faculty Lecture Series.
- Search Committee: Catholic Chaplain. Spring 2020.
- Organized national conference: “Democracy and Freedom Between Past and Future.” April 12-13, 2019.
- Host, Caribbean Philosophical Association Summer School. In conjunction with the W. Ford Schumann ’50 Program in Democratic Studies. June 16-23, 2019.
- “Political Thought in the Shadow of Frederick Douglass.” April 30, 2019. Public Lecture, Tuesday Teas series. Sponsored by the Williams Libraries & Office of the Dean of the Faculty.
- “Africana Studies and the Arts.” April 5, 2019. Speaker for AFR 50th anniversary event.
- “How to Live Free in an Age of Pessimism.” March 7, 2019. Public Lecture, Faculty Lecture Series.
- Primary organizer, Class of ’71 Public Affairs Forum on “Free Speech and Intolerance.” September 27, 2018. Moderator: Jamelle Bouie. Featured speakers: Alicia Garza and Reza Aslan.
- Host for Commencement Speaker Bob Schieffer, June 2018.
- Chair, Lecture Committee. 2017-2018.
- “Finding Voice in the Academy.” September 30, 2017. Speaker on panel at the MMUF Northeast Regional conference.
- Interview Committee, Director of Media Relations, 2017.
- Faculty, Summer Humanities and Social Sciences Program (SHSS), summer 2017 through summer 2018.
- “Freedom in the Age of Trump.” April 6, 2017. Teach It Forward keynote, Washington, DC Alumni Association.
- “Freedom in the Age of Trump.” April 5, 2017. Teach It Forward lecture, Baltimore Alumni Association.
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Review of the Tenure Process, 2015-16.
- “*Between the World and Me*.” February 17, 2016. Facilitated campus discussion on the award-winning book by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Sponsored by the Office of Human Resources.
- Chair, Faculty Lecture Series. 2014-2015.
- “Garveyism and #BlackLivesMatter.” October 3, 2015. Tutorial teaching demonstrations for alumnae/i.
- “Black Bodies and Racial Violence.” September 29, 2015. Moderator of *Shop Talk* forum sponsored by Africana Studies.
- “FIFA: Beautiful Game, Ugly Business.” September 22, 2015. Lecture sponsored by Global Studies.
- “Mentoring Networks & Teaching Groups.” May 4, 2015. Speaker on faculty panel sponsored by First 3.
- Public Lecture, “The Politics of Freedom.” April 12, 2015. Sponsored by the Stanley Kaplan Council.
- Introduced Jeff Chang and Greg Tate for taped public lecture with conversation on racial and ethnic representation in American popular culture. Sponsored by the Davis Center. November 20, 2014.
- Faculty Host of Bicentennial Medalist Kenard Gibbs ’86 at the request of the President’s Office and the Office of Alumni Relations. September 19-20, 2014.
- Speaker on faculty panel for First Generation parents & families: “What is a Liberal Arts College?” Sponsored by the Davis Center. August 23, 2014.
- Speaker on faculty panel exploring Envisioning Caribbean Futures. April 15, 2014. Talk: “Rastafari, Reparations, Freedom.” Sponsored by the Students of Caribbean Ancestry.
- “Advising Theses”: speaker on faculty panel sponsored by First 3. March 6, 2014.
- Speaker on panel devoted to analyses of film, *Fruitvale Station*. September 20, 2013. Images Cinema.

- Delivered Public Lecture, “Trayvon Martin, Guns, and Racial Violence.” Also co-panelist with Gretchen Long, Mérida Rúa, and Scott Wong on classroom pedagogy and the world today. August 15-17, 2013. Martha’s Vineyard Island, MA. Sponsored by the Williams Alumni Office.
- Faculty Lecture Series Committee member, 2013-2014.
- Co-organizer with Katarzyna Pieprzak of the series, “*Power, Freedom, and Madness: Contemporary Francophone Caribbean Film Festival.*” February 18, 25, and March 4, 2013. Images Cinema. Sponsors: Africana Studies, Center for Foreign Languages, International Studies, History, Leadership Studies, Political Science, and Schumann Fund.
- Delivered Public Lecture: “Trayvon Martin, Guns, and Racial Violence.” February 27, 2013. Sponsored by the Black Student Union.
- Delivered Public Lecture to the Williams Boston Regional Association entitled: “What Douglass Would Say about Obama Today.” October 10, 2012. Boston, MA. Sponsored by the Williams Alumni Office.
- Project for Effective Teaching (PET). August 30, 2012. Invited to lead a workshop on teaching methods regarding the scale and range of classroom settings for all new full-time and visiting faculty.
- Presented the pre-circulated paper: “Political Thought in the Shadow of Douglass.” April 17, 2012. Oakley Center Fellows seminar.
- Speaker on faculty panel: “How to Conduct Research Effectively during AP Leave.” February 12, 2012. Sponsored by the Davis Center.
- Presented two pre-circulated chapters from the book manuscript: *Freedom as Marronage*. November 10, 2011. Rethinking Africana Studies Faculty colloquium.
- Presented the pre-circulated paper: “Glissant, Marronage, and Political Freedom.” October 4, 2011. Oakley Center Fellows seminar.
- Sterling Brown Endowed Professorship Selection Committee, Africana Studies Program, 2010-present.
- Committee on Diversity and Community (CDC), 2009-11.
- Speaker on faculty panel exploring the Caribbean Experience in America. April 14, 2011. Sponsored by the Students of Caribbean Ancestry.
- Delivered Public Lecture for Women’s History Month entitled: “Can a Man Be a Feminist? On Understanding the Racia-Sexual Contract.” March 7, 2011. Sponsored by the Women’s Center.
- The Cuban Revolution Fifty Years Later Faculty Seminar participant, Oakley Center, 2009-10.
- Search Committee (Africana Studies): Assistant Professor hires (2009-10 & 2010-11) & several hires including Bolin dissertation fellows, Sterling Brown Professors, postdocs, and Visiting Professors.
- Search Committee (Political Science): Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Theory hire, Spring 2010.
- Delivered Public Lecture on the impact of the Haitian Revolution for contemporary Haiti. February 11, 2010. Talk composed in response to the major January 2010 earthquake in Haiti.
- Speaker on faculty panel devoted to analyses of Junot Díaz’s Pulitzer Prize winning text, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*. January 19, 2010. Sponsored by Williams Reads.
- Delivered Public Lecture and moderated discussion for documentary viewing of Cheikh Djemai’s *Frantz Fanon: sa vie, son combat, son travail*. March 2, 2009. Part of the “*Critical Visions: New Film from Francophone Africa*” Festival series.
- Rhodes and Marshall Fellowships Mock Interview Committee, 2008-present.
- Mentor, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, 2008-present.
- Mentor, Williams College Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program (WCURF), 2008-present.
- Carl Schmitt Faculty Seminar participant, Oakley Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, 2008-09.
- Organizer and Moderator of various campus Public Lectures and Colloquia, 2008-present.
- Thesis Advisor: students in Africana Studies, Political Science, American Studies, English:
  - *Primary reader*: Tony Coleman, Nneka Dennie, Logan Lawson, Brandon Mancilla, Jaelon Terrele Moaney, Medina Mody-Fitzmaurice, Hari Ramesh.
  - *Secondary reader*: Shane Beard, Kenny Jean, Jallicia Jolly, Lina Khan, Michelle May-Curry, Annette Quarcoopome (Joseph-Gabriel), Suiyi Tang, Anisha Warner.

**Johns Hopkins University and University of Chicago**

- *Symposia Organized at The Johns Hopkins University, 2006-08:*
  - Black Feminism Today (featuring Hawley Fogg-Davis and Donna Dale Marcano).
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