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Ph. D., Philosophy 2014. Saint Louis University. Saint Louis, MO.  
B. A., Philosophy 1993. Xavier University of New Orleans. New Orleans, LA.

Areas of Specialization:

Africana Studies and Social Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence:

Ethics and Critical Theory

Academic Appointments:

Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow (2015-present) Saint Louis University  
Philosophy Adjunct (2014) Saint Louis University  
Philosophy Adjunct (2014) Lindenwood University  
Philosophy Adjunct (2002-2003) Forest Park Community College

Teaching Experience:

Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics, Multicultural Ethics, Contemporary Black  
America, Graduate Reading Course: Practical Black Theology

Awards and Fellowships:

Minority Fellowship (Saint Louis University)  
Preparing for Administrative Academic Careers Fellowship (Saint Louis  
University)

Professional Activities and Memberships:

Member, The American Philosophical Association  
Member, Philosophers Born of Struggle  
Member, International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and  
Reinforcing Iron Workers  
Member, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated  
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Dissertation:

“Neo-Soul Politics: A Naturalistic and Critical Approach to Black Social Reform”  
Committee: James Bohman, Michael Barber, and William Rehg

Publications in Professional Journals:

“Naturalism and Its Implications for Black Social Criticism” *The Pluralist*  
(Accepted and queued for publication).

Publications in Edited Volumes:

“Contesting the Notions of ‘Thugs and Welfare Queens’: Combating Black Derision and Death,” in *Gendering Knowledge in Africa and the African Diaspora: Navigating a Contested Terrain* edited by Olajumoke Yacob-Haliso and Toyin Falola (NY: Routledge, Forthcoming).

Works In Progress:

“Black Radical Democracy”  
“Who Stole the Soul?”  
“B-Boys and D-Boys: The Overlooked Connection between Drugs, Hip-Hop, and Black Existential Authenticity.”

Presentations:

“Hip-Hop, Respectability, and Black Male Existential Authenticity.” Philosophy Born of Struggle. Texas A&M University. College Station, Texas. November 3, 2016.

“The Will to Be vs. the Will to Power: Identity, Disclosure, and Justifiable Insurrection.” Critical Theory Roundtable. Yale University. New Haven, Connecticut. October 3, 2015.

“Ferguson, Baltimore & the Politics of Local Resistance?” Traditions of Ideology Critique 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Society for MacIntyrean Social Enquiry. Saint Louis University. Saint Louis, Missouri. July 25, 2015.

“Black Radical Social Activism.” Social Activism: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. Saint Louis University. Saint Louis, Missouri. February 17, 2015.

“The Role of the Social Critic: Generator or Restorer of Reflexivity?” Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Carbondale, Illinois. November 6, 2014.

“Neo-Soul Politics.” Summer Institute in American Philosophy. University of Oregon. Eugene, Oregon. July 7-12, 2014.

“Thugs and Welfare Queens: Self-Authorship and Identity for African Diasporas.” The University of Texas Africa Conference. Austin, Texas. April 3-6, 2014.

“Black Mass Democracy.” Global and Local Social Justice Conference. Saint Louis University. Saint Louis, Missouri. February 28, 2014.

“Black Radical Democracy.” National Association of African-American Studies and Affiliates Conference. Baton Rouge, Louisiana. February 13, 2014.

with Richard Dees. "Responsibility and Natural Inequalities: Effort and Desert." Philosophical Collaborations Conference. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. March 2000.

Community Service:

Omega Squires Mentorship Program (2015)  
Save our Sons Program: Keynote Speaker (2015)  
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