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Education

Harvard University

Ph.D., Romance Languages and Literatures, November 1997
Specialization in Francophone Literature,
Minor: Lusophone Language and Literature
M.A., Romance Languages and Literatures, May 1990

Colorado College

B.A. (cum laude) French Literature, 1987
Berklee College of Music
Performance Studies (Jazz Guitar) 1990-1995
Hamilton College Junior Year in France
Studies at Université de Paris IV (Sorbonne), L'Institut Catholique, 1985-1986

Publications

Books:

1. *Reading Capital's Materialist Dialectic: Marx, Spinoza, and the Althusserians*. Leiden: Brill (Historical Materialism Series) 2024

Reviews:

- "Nick Nesbitt's *Reading Capital's Materialist Dialectic* is a major contribution to the literature on Spinozist Marxism, to our understanding of the stakes of Althusser's theoretical intervention, and to debates about rationalist epistemology more generally. Theoretically daring and impeccably written, it offers a substantial and important reinterpretation

of Marx's dialectical method in *Capital*” —Nathan Brown, Concordia University

2. *The Price of Slavery: Capitalism and Revolution in the Caribbean*. (University of Virginia Press, New World Studies, March, 2022)

Reviews:

- “This is a brilliant study of how Black Jacobin Marxist thinkers tropicalize and transform Karl Marx. With forensic attention to detail in the examination of Marx’s writings, Nesbitt proposes an original theory of the relation of slavery and capitalism. A must-read for anyone who works in Caribbean studies.”—Rachel Douglas, University of Glasgow
- “Ranging from plantation slavery via the Haitian Revolution to the neocolonial present, Nesbitt analyzes both Marx and the Marxist Caribbean critique of social structure and enslavement in meticulously argued and highly suggestive ways. Nesbitt’s innovative and thought-provoking scholarship, combined with the originality of the new argument, means that *The Price of Slavery* is eagerly awaited by readers in Caribbean, slavery, and Marxism studies.”—Charles Forsdick, University of Liverpool

3. *Caribbean Critique: Antillean Critical Theory from Toussaint to Glissant* Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, 2013.

Reviews:

- ‘This is a very important and exciting book. Extending to the whole of the French Caribbean his previous work on the philosophical bases of the Haitian Revolution, Nesbitt has produced the first-ever account of the region’s writing from a consistently philosophical, as distinct from literary or historical, standpoint.’ Professor Celia Britton, University College London.
- ‘While Nesbitt’s work deals primarily with Caribbean and European political philosophy, his interrogations apply to more far-reaching questions involving the contemporary world order. [...] The interrogations that Nesbitt’s work leads us through [...] are of utmost currency in our work as scholars of the contemporary world.’ Alessandra Benedicty (CUNY), *Contemporary French Civilization* 39.3 (2014)
- ‘The book fills an important gap in francophone Caribbean studies, which [...] has not previously been subject to such a rigorously philosophical critical treatment. [...] Some of his arguments are contentious, but they are signs of a particularly engaged and erudite critic whose latest study will prove to be a landmark, indeed seminal, work in Caribbean Critique.’ Martin Munro, *French Studies*, 68.2 (April, 2014)

4. *Universal Emancipation: The Haitian Revolution and the Radical Enlightenment* Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, New World Studies Series, 2008. Selected as a *Choice* outstanding Academic Title for 2009.

Reviews:

- 'Universal Emancipation elevates the Haitian Revolution to its proper place in the pantheon of modern revolutions, beside or even above the French and American Revolutions, as a world historical event. Nesbitt argues that by challenging the assumptions of racial hierarchy, the Haitian Revolution extends and completes the primary lines of the European philosophical tradition, making concrete its abstract notions of freedom, equality, and universality.'—Michael Hardt, Duke University, coauthor of *Empire*
- 'In *Universal Emancipation*, Nesbitt offers a fascinating and nimble exploration of the radical political and philosophical implications of the Haitian Revolution.' —Laurent Dubois, Duke University
- *Choice Outstanding Academic Title of 2009*: 'Nesbitt has written a complex, fascinating analysis of how the Haitian Revolution reflected the most radical ideas of European Enlightenment. [...] This highly original work transcends the usual interpretations of the Haitian Revolution and gives new significance to the meaning of this ultrimportant struggle. Summing up: Highly recommended.' *CHOICE*

5. *Voicing Memory: History and Subjectivity in French Caribbean Literature* Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, New World Studies Series, A. James Arnold, Series Editor, 2003.

Reviews:

- 'Wide-ranging and impressively documented, it revives a broadly dialectical conception of historical agency and artistic innovation in terms that retain both a sharp political edge and a respect for contextual specificity and constraint. [...] Nesbitt's ringing defence of literature as a dialectical practice endowed with the capacity both to acknowledge and transcend the historical circumstances of its production is all by itself a valuable contribution to the renewal of a politics of interpretation.' Peter Hallward, *French Forum*, 31.3, Fall 2006.
- '*Voicing Memory* differs from all the rest: Nesbitt's thesis of a despondent vision of history in Francophone Caribbean literature, one that is retrospective and profoundly critical, represents a new and original approach that parts company with the celebratory interpretation of the historical theme in the literature.' Professor F. Abiola Irele

Editor:

1. *Revolutions for the Future*, Jana Berankova, Michael Hauser, Nick Nesbitt, eds. Lyon: Suture éditions, 2020. Contributors: Jacques Rancière, Etienne Balibar, et al.
2. *The Concept in Crisis: Reading Capital Today*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2017. Contributors: Alain Badiou, Etienne Balibar, Emily Apter, Robert JC Young, Bruno Bosteels, Adrian Johnston, Warren Montag, Nina Power, Knox Peden, and Fernanda Navarro.

“*The Concept in Crisis* shows and tells us why we need Althusser here and now, and it will be a cornerstone for anyone seeking to bring political and philosophical theory into the liberal arts and sciences. Conceived with vision, realized with elegance, and featuring essays whose philosophical and political force astound and dazzle, the publication of *The Concept in Crisis* is an event of the first order and consequence.” — Professor Tom Conley, Harvard University

3. *Sounding the Virtual: Deleuze and the Theory and Philosophy of Music*. Coedited with Brian Hulse (College of William & Mary). Ashgate Publishers, 2010. Paperback edition: London and New York: Routledge, published December, 2016.
4. *Toussaint Louverture: The Haitian Revolution*. New York: Verso, Revolutions Series, 2008.

Associate editor:

Co-editor with Petr Kouba: “Social Ontologies,” *Deleuze and Guattari Studies*, 18:3 (2024).

Aimé Césaire: Poésie, théâtre, essais. A. James Arnold, Project editor. *Textes en prose parus dans Tropiques 1941-1945*; ‘*Commémoration du centenaire de l’abolition de l’esclavage*’ (1948); ‘*L’homme de culture et ses responsabilités*’ (1958). CNRS-éditions, 2013.

Contributions to edited volumes:

- “What is Materialist Analysis? Pierre Macherey’s Spinozist Epistemology.” In *Pierre Macherey and the Case of Literary Production*, Warren Montag and Audrey Wasser, eds. Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2022. 87-118.
- “Racial Capitalism and Social Form.” In *The Conformist Rebellion*, Elena Louisa Lange and Joshua Pickett-Depaolis, eds. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2022. 295-331.

- 'Spectres of the Infinitesimal: Postcolonial Francophone Worlds.' In *African Philosophy for the 21st Century*. Laura Hengehold and Jean-Godefroy Bidima, eds. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2021. 137-159.
- "Critique Under Duress" co-written with Kasia Mika, Jeff Diamanti, and Pablo Valdivia. In *(Un)timely Crises: Chronotopes and Critique*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021. 77-90.
- 'The Concept of the Commodity: Badiou and Marx, 1968/1989,' in *May 68 and the Prague Spring*, Editions Suture, 2020. 122-139.
- 'Critique de l'économie politique antillaise: Sur Glissant, Marx, et Althusser.' *Archipels Glissant*. Saint-Denis: Presses Universitaires de Vincennes, 2020. 79-89.
- 'Preface,' in Alain Badiou. *Sometimes We Are Eternal*. Nick Nesbitt and Jana Berankova, eds. Lyon: Suture Editions, 2019.
- 'Marx's *Grundrisse*: An Inquiry Into the Categorical Structure of Capitalism,' in *The Bloomsbury Companion to Marx*, Andrew Pendakis and Imre Szeman, eds, London: Bloomsbury 2019. 41-56.
- 'Value as Symptom: Althusserian Antihumanism in its Limits,' in *The Concept in Crisis: Reading Capital Today*. Nick Nesbitt, ed. Durham and London: Duke University Press, 2017. 229-279.
- 'Fragments of a Universal History: Structures, Subjects, and Ideas in *The Black Jacobins*.' *The Black Jacobins Reader*. Charles Forsdick and Christian Hogsbjerg, eds. Durham and London: Duke University Press, 2017. 139-161.
- "Critique of Caribbean Violence.' *Réalités et Représentation de la violence en postcolonie*. Eds. Jean-Godefroy Bidima and Victorien Lavou Zoungbo. Perpignon: Presses universitaires de Perpignon, 2016. 163-190.
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- 'Louverture: La Fractura de la historia' in *Toussaint Louverture: Repensar un icono*, eds. Mariana Past and Natalie M. Léger. Santiago de Cuba: Casa del Caribe, 2015. 28-48.
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“Susan Buck-Morss, *Hegel, Haiti, and Universal History*.” *Postcolonial Studies*. 13 (4), December 2010, 489-494.

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“Renée Larier *Francophone Women Writers of Africa and the Caribbean.*” *French Forum*. 26 (3), Fall, 2001.

Teaching Experience

Princeton University

- **Full Professor of French** (September 1, 2010-present)

University of Aberdeen (Aberdeen, Scotland)

- **Senior Lecturer in French**, Centre for Modern Thought, School of Languages and Literature (March 2007-August 2010)

Miami University (Ohio, USA)

- **Associate Professor of French with Tenure** (July, 2004-December 2006)
- **Assistant Professor of French** 1997-2004.
- **Director, “Paris, ville internationale” Summer Workshop in Paris** (June 2000). Responsibilities included conception, administration, and teaching (courses on postcolonial cinema and the postcolonial construction of social space) study-abroad program investigating postcolonial Paris as a cosmopolitan site of globalization.
- **Director, Summer Workshop in Dijon, France** (June 1999). Responsibilities included administration and teaching (graduate seminar on postcolonial theory and literature) of this 5-week program.

Charles University PF (Prague), Dept. of Social Theory and Philosophy, Visiting Professor. ‘Slavery and Modernity’ (Spring 2022)

Anglo-American University (Prague), Visiting Professor. ‘Humans and Machines : Work and Technology in the 21st Century’ (Spring 2016)

Charles University/Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (Prague)

- **Lecturer,** ‘Franz Kafka and the Minority Perspective: A Deleuze and Guattari summer school in Prague’ (July, 2010)

Université du Havre (Le Havre, France)

- **Professeur invité, Groupe de recherches identités et cultures** (June, 2009)

European College of Liberal Arts, Berlin (July-August, 2006)

- **Visiting Professor, International Summer University Program**

Cornell University

- **Visiting Assistant Professor of French** (Department of Romance Studies), and **Mellon Fellow (Society for the Humanities);** 2003-4

Ecole Normale Supérieure, (Fontenay-aux-Roses, France)

- **English Lector** 1995-1996, 1992-1993
- **Problematics of Post-Colonial Literature** (Graduate Seminar) Spring 1996
- **Jazz and American Society: A Musicological and Social History** (Graduate Seminar) Fall 1992

Harvard University, Teaching Fellow 1993-1997.

Professional Service

Chair, Department of French and Italian (Princeton University) (2012-14)

Associate Chair, Department of French and Italian (Princeton University) (2011-12; Spring, 2015)

Manuscript Reviewer: Routledge, Continuum, Columbia University Press, Penn State University Press, University of Virginia Press, Lexington Press, Liverpool University Press, Edinburgh University Press, Wesleyan University Press, *PMLA*, *Antipode*, *French Forum*, *Research in African Literatures*, *Cincinnati Romance Review*, *Journal of Haitian Studies*, *SmallAxe*, *Callaloo*, etc.

Tenure and Promotion Reviews: NYU, SUNY (Stony Brook), Bryn Mawr College, Rutgers University, UC Berkeley, Texas Tech University, Emory University, Syracuse University; Emory University (2012), Tufts University (2012), Amherst University (2012), Syracuse University (2012), University of Michigan (2012), USC (2012)...

External Departmental Review: Department of Romance Languages, University of Pennsylvania (2012)

External Subject Specialist Program Review: Durham University (UK), 2017

Committee Service: Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) Executive Committee (2015-18); Executive Committee, Program in African Studies, Princeton University (2011-15); University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Princeton (2013-16); Search Officer, Department of French and Italian (Spring 2015)

PhD, MLitt, and BA Dissertation External Examiner: University of Hong Kong, University of Glasgow, Goldsmith's University, Swarthmore College, UC Davis

Fellowship/Project Assessment: Wayne State University

Project Director:

- Principal Investigator, "The Crisis of Reason between East and West: Critical Thought in Postwar East-Central Europe," EXPRO Grant project (GAČR) 2025-2030, Institute of Philosophy, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (Decision pending, October 2024)
- Co-convener with Ivan Landa and Alberto Moreiras: *Praxis in Marx and Marxisms*, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, December 14-15, 2022.
- Co-convener with Michael Hauser, Jana Berankova, and the Dept. of Contemporary Continental Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences: *Alain Badiou: Thinking the Infinite*, Alain Badiou, keynote speaker. April 11-12, 2018.
- Co-convener with Michael Hauser, Jana Berankova, and the Dept. of Modern Czech Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences of the conference *Dialectics Returns*, Philosophical Institute AV CZ, September 12, 2019.
- Co-convener with Michael Hauser and Dept. of Contemporary Continental Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences: '68/89: The Philosophy of Jacques Rancière' Jacques Rancière, keynote speaker. October, 2017, Prague.
- Convener, 'Althusser Today,' a round table discussion with Alain Badiou, Bruno Bosteels, and Nick Nesbitt. Princeton University, December 2, 2016.

- Co-convener with Michael Hauser and Dept. of Contemporary Continental Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences: ‘What Does the Word Materialism Mean Today: International Symposium on Alain Badiou, Materialism, and Dialectics.’ September 5, 2016, Prague.
- Co-convener with Petr Kužel and the Dept. of Modern Czech Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences: ‘Ideologies After the End of Ideologies,’ Prague, June 15, 2016, Etienne Balibar keynote speaker.
- Convener and moderator, ‘Je suis Charlie: A Roundtable Discussion,’ with Joan Scott, Didier Fassin, Sophie Meunier, and André Benhaïm. Princeton, February 4, 2015.
- Convener, ‘*Reading Capital*, 1965-2015,’ an international conference with Etienne Balibar, Alain Badiou, Bruno Bosteels, Emily Apter, and Robert Young. Princeton University, December 6, 2013.
- Organizer, ‘Violence and Empire: An Interdisciplinary Workshop’ with Jean-Godefroy Bidima, Alberto Moreiras, and Gary Wilder. Princeton University, March 1, 2013.
- Convener, ‘Haiti: Containing Democracy in the 21st Century,’ a Round Table discussion with Peter Hallward, Kim Ives, Ray Laforest, and Nick Nesbitt. Princeton University, March 3, 2011
- Convener, ‘Haiti and the Politics of the Universal,’ an international conference on Haiti and critical political philosophy, University of Aberdeen, March 12-13, 2010
- Convener, L.P. Irvin international colloquium “Thinking Beyond Borders: Globalization and Universalism in the Francophone World.” Held in Oxford in conjunction with the Collège International de Philosophie (Paris) March 21-22, 2003
- Director, Miami University Intensive Study in Paris, France
Responsibilities included conception, administration, and teaching (courses on postcolonial cinema and the postcolonial construction of social space) study-abroad program investigating postcolonial Paris as a cosmopolitan site of globalization. June 2001
- Convener, Graduate Student Conference: “Postcolonial Dialogues,” featuring key-note speaker Professor J. Michael Dash (NYU), December 2000
- Director, Miami Program in Dijon, France, Summer 2000

PhD and MA Dissertation Director

- Murielle Sandra Tiako Djomatchoua, PhD dissertation, Princeton
- Emily Eyestone, PhD dissertation, Princeton

- Brian Ho, PhD dissertation, Princeton: “L’expression poétique: Gilles Deleuze et les poètes français des XIXe et XXe siècles. Etude génétique.” Defended May 6, 2022
- Renée Altergott, PhD dissertation, Princeton: “Phonographic Imaginaries: The Birth of Sound Recording in France and the French Colonial Empire.” Defended May 2, 2022.
- Robert Decker, PhD dissertation, Princeton: 'Topographies of Time: Spatiohistorical Imagination in Caribbean Narrative,' defended December 12, 2019
- Alex Baron-Raiffe, PhD dissertation, Princeton: 'Writing Greece: The Platonic Legacy of Melete Thanatou in Jacques Derrida's Aporetic Athenian Thanatographies,' defended May 18, 2020
- Sean Higgins, *Toward an Art of Noise: Music, Medium and Listening in the Age of Phonography*. MA, Centre for Modern Thought, University of Aberdeen, June, 2010

Dissertation Committee Member (Princeton): Gavin Arnall (Assistant Professor, U. Michigan, Ann Arbor); Jill Jarvis, (Assistant Professor, Yale University); Anjuli Gunaratne; Yanie Fecu; Joshua Rivas; Sonali Ravi; Jackson Smith; Akrish Adhikari;

Fellowships and Awards

- Awarded 3-year grant from Czech Academy of Sciences; Senior Researcher in the Department of Modern Philosophy, AV ČR. ‘Bolzano to Badiou’ (2019-21). <http://mcf.flu.cas.cz/en>
- Universal Emancipation* selected as a *Choice* outstanding Academic Title for 2009.
- Cornell University Society for the Humanities Mellon Fellowship, 2003-4
- Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship Mentor, October 2005 (Princeton, NJ)
- Nominee, Miami University Alumni Association Effective Educator Award, 2006-7
- Philip and Elaina Hampton Fund for Faculty International Initiatives, co-recipient of award to establish Summer Workshop for Miami University in Guadeloupe, FWI (December 2003)
- Philip and Elaina Hampton Fund for Faculty International Initiatives, co-recipient of award to establish Summer Workshop for Miami University in Dakar, Senegal (August 2000)
- Edmund J. Curley Scholarship for Doctoral Studies, Harvard, 1995-96
- Harvard Graduate Society Fellowship dissertation research grant, 1994-95
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1987

Editorial Board Member

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Invited Lectures

“Reading *Capital* after Lacan: A Materialist Dialectic.” Annual Distinguished Lecture, Department of Romance Studies, Cornell University, March 13, 2025

Book launch panel for *Reading Capital's Materialist Dialectic*, with Riccardo Bellofiore, Vittorio Morfino, and Svenja Bromberg. HM London, November 10, 2024

“From Universal Emancipation to Capitalist Slavery: Reading CLR James and *Capital Against the Grain*.” Keynote talk, “Critical Emancipations 2,” KU Leuven, May 24, 2024

“From Universal Emancipation to Capitalist Slavery.” CUNY Grad Centre, French Department, March 1, 2024

“Marx’s Critique of Capitalist Slavery.” Goldsmith Centre for Philosophy and Critical Theory seminar series “What is Global Critical Theory?” online presentation, February 21, 2024.

“Reading *Capital Against the Grain*: The Concept of Capitalist Slavery.” Warwick Seminar for Interdisciplinary French Studies. Online discussion, January 31, 2024.

“Contradictions de l’émancipation universelle: le problème de la transition.” *La Révolution haïtienne (1791-1804): Implications épistémologiques et juridiques*, online conference. January 1, 2024.

Book Discussion of *The Price of Slavery* with Charly Verstraet and Lucy Swanson; November 15, 2023.

Book Launch of *The Price of Slavery* with Susan Buck-Morss and Joshua Clover, as a part of Red May. Video available [here](#). May 23, 2022.

“Nick Nesbitt in Conversation,” Book Launch of *The Price of Slavery* with John Dabrinski and Keisha Allen, in the series Antiracism: Communities and Collaborations. Video available [here](#). April 20, 2022.

Book Launch discussion of *The Price of Slavery* with John Dabrinski and Keisha Allen, in the series Conversations in Atlantic Theory. Video available [here](#). April 11, 2022.

Book Launch discussion for *The Price of Slavery* at the 20th and 21st Century French Literature conference, with Etienne Balibar, Rachel Douglas, and Peter Hallward. Video available [here](#). March 24, 2022.

- 'Badiou's Lacan, Badiou's (Marx). *Antiphilosophy*, University of Madrid (SP), December 17, 2019.
- 'Crisis and Critique,' *Untimely Crises : Chronotopes and Critique*, Amsterdam October 17, 2019
- 'Listening with Spinoza : Genres of the Musical Intellect and Coltrane's Vernacular Axiomatic.' *Music after Schoenberg*, Prague, September 24, 2019.
- 'Forget Hegel : Pierre Macherey's Spinozist Dialectic.' *Dialectic Returns*, September 12, 2019, Prague.
- 'Penser les œuvres-en-vérités 'simples' : Improvisation et axiomatique vernaculaire chez John Coltrane.' Journées sur *L'Immanence des vérités* d'Alain Badiou, Ircam – Paris, June 7, 2019.
- 'Eleven Theses on Posthuman Imperialism,' Brown University, March 8, 2018.
- 'The Structural Logic of Primitive Accumulation,' Princeton University, April 5, 2017.
- 'Series, Structure, Concept: Boulez' *Penser la musique aujourd'hui*,' NYU, October 6, 2017.
- 'Nine Theses on Posthuman Imperialism,' New School, November 7, 2017.
- 'Marx After Marxism: The Critique of Value in the Age of the iPhone.' Prague, Czech Academy of Sciences, November 23, 2015.
- 'Le posthumain dans ses limites.' Paris, Collège International de Philosophie, October 2, 2015.
- 'Spectres of the Infinitesimal: Posthuman Francophone Worlds.' University of Colorado, Boulder, April 3, 2015
- 'From the Articulation of the Postcolonial to the Poetics of the Posthuman' Keynote talk presented at Oxford University, UK, for the conference 'Language and Identity in Francophone Worlds,' October 24, 2014
- 'Fragments of a Universal History: From the Idea of Equality to the Dictatorship of the Masses in *The Black Jacobins*.' NYU Maison Française, February 28, 2014.
- 'C.L.R. James' *Black Jacobins* and the Concept of Mass Revolution.' Glasgow University, October 29, 2013.

‘Fragments of a Universal History: Masses, Subjects, and Ideas in *The Black Jacobins*.’ *The Black Jacobins Revisited: Rewriting History Conference*. October 28, 2013, International Slavery Museum, Liverpool

‘Fragments of a Universal History: Capitalism, Mass Revolution, and the Idea of Equality in *The Black Jacobins*. Radical Thought on the Margins II, Cornell University. October 5, 2013.

‘Beyond the Subaltern: Clastres, Haiti, and the Universalization of Capital.’ Universidade de Sao Paulo (BR), June 26, 2013.

‘Aimé Césaire: Politique et culture.’ L’abbaye de Fontevraud, ‘Aimé Césaire,’ June 6-7, 2013.

‘Penser la politique avec Césaire: Décolonisation, Autonomie, Communisme.’ *Césaire 2013: Parole due*. Cérisy-la-Salle, September 2013.

‘Experimenting Nation: Who is the Subject of “Algeria”?’ *Impatient Concepts: Literature and Philosophy*, Brown University, April 5-6, 2013.

‘Who Comes After the Fracture?’ Keynote presentation. Graduate Student conference on ‘La Fracture,’ Department of French, Rutgers University, March 3, 2012.

‘Haiti Then and Now’ University of Kentucky, February 3, 2012.

‘Voltaire and Dessalines.’ Southern Intellectual History Circle, College of William and Mary, Feb. 23-25, 2012.

‘Critique of Colonial Violence: Black Jacobinism and the Terror of Equality.’ Vanderbilt University. November 17, 2011.

‘Which Radical Enlightenment?: Spinoza, Jacobinism, and Black Jacobinism.’ Columbia University Department of French, Modern Salon, October 25, 2011.

“From Jacobinism to Black Jacobinism: The Politics of Equality in the Age of Revolution.” Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton NJ, October 12, 2011.

“Critique et clinique : des corps résonants à l’événement musical.” *Deleuze et la musique: un séminaire nomade*. Université Panthéon-Sorbonne Paris I, May 17, 2011.

“From Violence to Terror: C.L.R. James and the Critique of Haitian

Revolutionary Violence.” Boston College, Global Humanities Initiative, April 1, 2011.

“Haiti, the Monstrous Anomaly.” NYU, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, February 28, 2011.

“Beyond *Empire's* Dialectics of (Colonial) Sovereignty: Speculative Anarchism and the Critique of Critique” *Empire: A Retrospective*, University of Pittsburgh, Nov. 18, 2010.

‘Beyond Moderation: Toussaint Louverture and the Radical Radical Enlightenment.’ Keynote speaker, *Caribbean Enlightenment*, University of Glasgow, April 8, 2010.

“Natura naturans: The Spinozian Foundations of the Haitian Revolution.” *Spinoza and Texts*, Dundee University April 7, 2010.

“The Haitian Revolution and the Radical Enlightenment.” St. Andrews University, October 28, 2009.

“Haiti and Democratization” Lecture series in International Relations, University of Aberdeen, October 14, 2009.

“Haiti, or, The Problem of the Political in Francophone Studies.” Princeton University, April 20, 2009.

“The Adventures of the Universal.” Tulane University, February 13, 2009.

“The Haitian Revolution and the Globalization of the Radical Enlightenment” *Paris Croisé*, Freie Universität, November 30, 2007.

“*On Populist Reason* and Postcolonial Theory.” University of St. Andrews *Theoria* Discussion Group. November 2, 2007.

“Radical Enlightenment and Universal Emancipation in the Haitian Revolution.” University of Liverpool, April 23, 2007.

“For a Critical Francophone Studies.” *Francophone Studies in the Twenty-First Century*. Smith College, April 8, 2006.

“Beyond Jacobinism: Universalism and Hegemony in the Haitian Revolution.” Indiana University, Department of French and Italian. April 5, 2006.

“Beyond Jacobinism: Universalism and Hegemony in the Haitian Revolution.” Duke University, Department of Romance Studies, February 3, 2006.

“The Idea of 1804.” *1804 in 2004: Legacies of the Haitian Revolution*. University of Wisconsin, Madison, November 12, 2004.

“The Idea of 1804.” *Our America: Transnational Utopias and the Haitian Revolution in Caribbean and Latin American Culture*. November 4-5, 2004. University of Missouri-Columbia.

“Universal Emancipation: The Idea of the Haitian Revolution.” Plenary Speaker, Association for the Study of African-American Life and History (ASALH) Annual Conference, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, October 1, 2004

“Universal Emancipation: Haiti and the Idea of 1804” Keynote Speaker, *Haiti: Revolutionary Legacies, Contemporary Challenges*, Tulane University, April 13, 2004.

Participant in the round table “Transcending Cultures?” UNESCO Philosophy Day, Paris, Thursday, November 20, 2003.

“Globalizing the Enlightenment: Ethical Universalism and the Haitian Revolution.” Central European University, Budapest. November 3, 2003.

“Honte, culpabilité, et devenir dans l’expérience coloniale.” Cérisy-la-salle colloquium “La honte,” organized by Bruno Schouat. June 26, 2003.

“Universal Decolonization: Globalization and Social Justice in Francophone Studies.” Keynote Speaker, “Wor(l)ds in literature and cinema” conference, Ohio State University. April 4-5, 2003.

“Droit universel et justice postcoloniale.” Collège international de philosophie, Paris, March 10, 2003.

“Persistent Contradictions, Necessary Representations: Edouard Glissant’s Caribbean Political Ecology.” Harvard University Humanities Center, October 4, 2002.

“Léopold Senghor: Les champs d’ombre du dyali mal-aimé.” Radio discussion with Jean-Godefroy Bidima and Nick Nesbitt, hosted by Daniel Maximin on *France Culture*; Broadcast August 25, 2002.

“Histoire, totalité, et d’autres projets modernistes: Vers une conscience écologique chez Edouard Glissant” Collège international de philosophie, Paris, April, 2002.

“Imaginaire producteur et théorie postcoloniale” Collège international de philosophie, Paris, January 2001.

“African Music, Ideology, and Utopia.” Michigan State University, February 16, 2001.

“Reconstructing Postcolonial Autonomy: Negritude and Production-based Subjectivity.” Miami University, December, 1999.

“Négritude césairienne et le sujet producteur.” Collège international de philosophie, Paris, November 1999.

“History Memory Freedom: Reconstructing Autonomy in French Caribbean Literature.” University of Missouri-Columbia, Dept. of Romance Languages, March, 1999.

“The Vernacular Imperative: Music and Literature in Francophone Culture.” The College of William and Mary, Dept. of Modern Languages, February, 1999.

“History Memory Freedom: Reconstructing Autonomy in French Caribbean Literature.” Stanford University, Depts. Of Comparative Literature and French, February, 1999.

“History Memory Freedom: Reconstructing Autonomy in French Caribbean Literature.” University of California, Irvine, Dept. of French, January, 1999.

“History Memory Freedom: Reconstructing Autonomy in French Caribbean Literature.” New York University, Department of French, January, 1999.

“Making History and Poetry Cohabit: Jazz, Memory, and Double Consciousness in French Caribbean Literature.” Tulane University, Dept. of French and Italian, February, 1998.

“Making History and Poetry Cohabit: Jazz, Memory, and Double Consciousness in French Caribbean Literature.” University of Oregon, Eugene, Dept. of Romance Languages, January 1998.

“Writing History with Music in Caribbean Literature,” presented in the series “Sound and Motion: African Diasporan Music and Dance as Text.” Suffolk University Boston, April 1997

“Jazz et historiographie dans le roman antillais,” a lecture at the invitation of Professor Régis Antoine, Centre d’Etudes Francophones, Université de Paris IV, Sorbonne, November 1995

“Aperçu de l’historiographie au sujet de Louis Delgrès.” Presented to the Société d’histoire de la Guadeloupe, Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, March 1995

Conference Papers and Presentations

‘Le langage des marchandises: Pour un materialisme de l’inhumain.’ Cérisy-la-salle, Colloquium Louis Althusser, politique, philosophie, June 28, 2018.

‘Critique de l’économie politique martiniquaise: Sur Glissant, Althusser, et Marx. ‘*Archipels Glissant*’, Paris, May 18, 2018.

‘From Logic to Axiomatics: Badiou, Marx, and the Critique of Hegelian Idealism,’ *Alain Badiou: Thinking the Infinite*. Prague, April 12, 2018.

‘Cavaillès, Althusser, Badiou: On the Theory and Logic of Capitalism,’ *Materialism Today*, Czech Academy of Sciences, September 5, 2016.

‘Spectres of Leninism: Notes on the Ideology of Productionism.’ *Ideologies After the End of Ideology*, Czech Academy of Science, June 15, 2016.

‘Althusser dans l’archive de Cavaillès,’ Collège International de Philosophie, *Philosophie et l’archive*, Paris, May 22, 2016.

‘The Moving Contradiction: Caribbean Work, Caribbean Labor’ Society for Francophone Postcolonial Studies, London, November 13, 2015.

‘Spectres of the Infinitesimal: The Problem with Antiwork.’ Cardiff University, July 10, 2015.

‘Value as Symptom: Althusserian Antihumanism in its Limits,’ HMNY 2015, NYU, April 26, 2015.

Discussant, Princeton Postcolonial Colloquium, March 13, 2015.

‘In Memoriam: Assia Djébar, 1936-2015.’ Princeton University, March 6, 2015.

Panel discussant, book launch: Gary Wilder, *Freedom Time: Negritude, Decolonization, and the Future of the World*. CUNY, February 24, 2015.

Convener and moderator, ‘Je suis Charlie: A Roundtable Discussion,’ with Joan Scott, Didier Fassin, Sophie Meunier, and André Benhaïm. Princeton, February 4, 2015.

‘Subjectivity, Technology, Struggle: The Plastic People of the Caribbean.’ *The Digital Caribbean*, Barnard College, December 5, 2014.

‘*Reading Capital*, 1965-2013: The Theoretical Imperative.’ Introduction at ‘*Reading Capital*, 1965-2015,’ an international conference with Etienne Balibar, Alain Badiou, Bruno Bosteels, Emily Apter, and Robert Young. Princeton University, December 6, 2013.

‘Caribbean Enlightenment, Caribbean Critique.’ MLA Annual conference, Boston, January 2013.

‘Vastey and the Contradictions of Caribbean Critique.’ Nottingham, Nottingham Contemporary, conference ‘Kaffou, November 2012.

‘Kant, Robespierre, and the Invention of Metapolitics,’ *Actuality and the Idea*, Princeton Theory Reading Group Conference, Princeton University, May 12, 2012

‘Haitian Studies: From Archive to Idea’ MLA Annual Conference, Seattle, January, 2012.

‘From Colonial Violence to Anti-slavery in One State: Vastey’s *Le Sytème colonial dévoilé*.’ MLA Annual Conference, Seattle, January 2012.

‘From Jacobinism to Black Jacobinism?: On Natural Law, Violence, and the Use of Analogy in the Haitian Revolution.’ Cornell University, ‘Revolution and Repetition,’ April 15, 2011.

‘Toussaint Louverture et l’imaginaire visuel haïtien.’ *Les memoires de la traite négrière*. Université du Havre, May 7, 2010.

"Democratizing Democracy: Haiti, and the Politics of Truth, from Toussaint to Aristide" Glasgow University, May 26, 2009.

‘Marranism and the Movement of Ideas in the Radical Enlightenment.’ *Marrano Views on Empire and Democracy*, University of Aberdeen, May 15, 2009.

‘From Event to (In)fidelity: The Concept of Decolonization in Contemporary Postcolonial Studies.’ *Contemporary African Culture and Philosophy*, University of Aberdeen, May 1, 2009.

‘Response: Notes on Heidegger’s *Building Dwelling Thinking*.’ University of Aberdeen, February 21, 2009.

“Is Jazz Free? Expression and Assemblage in Improvisation.” *First International Deleuze Studies Conference*, University of Cardiff, August 12, 2008.

“The Voice of Liberty: Universalism and Radical Enlightenment in the Haitian Revolution.” Caribbean Philosophy Association annual meeting, Raizet, Guadeloupe, 5 June, 2008.

“Is Jazz Free? Expression and Assemblage in Improvisation.” Radical Difference: Deleuze and Music. SUNY Buffalo, Manhattan campus, May 24, 2008.

“Voicing (In)justice: the Articulation of Diasporic Politics in the Short Works of Edwige Danticat.” The Burn French Studies Conference, November 17, 2007.

“Turning the Tide: The Problem of Popular Insurgency and the New Haitian Historiography.” *Haiti Now!* University of the West Indies, Port of Spain, Trinidad. May 16, 2007.

“L’Haïti de Jacques-Stephen Alexis et l’écriture du désastre.” Grandeur et décadence de la parole au XXIème siècle. Palacky University, Olomouc, CR, March 22, 2007.

“Sexuality and Violence in Edwige Danticat’s *Masters of the Dew*.” Louisville Foreign Language Conference, February 24, 2006.

“Dissidence and the Art of Dying: Jan Patočka, Vaclav Havel.” Panel discussant in conference “Thinking in/after Utopia: East European and Russian Philosophy Before and After the Collapse of Communism.” Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, Miami University. October 29, 2005.

“Tocqueville and his contemporaries’ views of America.” Panel discussant in conference “America Seen Through Foreign Eyes. Indiana University, Bloomington, March 26, 2005.

“The Cultural and Political Ecology of Haiti.” The Environment and Public Health in Haiti, a Symposium. Miami University. February 4, 2005.

“Empire, Torture, and the Deformalization of Law: Haiti and the 2004 US Elections.” Debate on the place of Latin America in the 2004 US elections. Sponsored by Latin American Studies, Miami University. October 28, 2004.

“Troping Toussaint.” Haitian Studies Association, Miami, Florida International University, October 10, 2003.

"Toward a Global Decolonization: Postcolonial Francophone Studies and Contemporary French Universalism." Kentucky Foreign language Conference, Lexington, April 2003.

"Raoul Peck's 'Lumumba': Black Atlantic Cinema and the Critical Foundations of Postcolonial Civil Society" Kentucky Foreign language Conference, Lexington, April 2003.

"Deleuze, Boulez, and the Politics of Musical Representation" 21st Century French Studies, University of Illinois, Champagne, March, 2003.

"La pensée critique de René Ménéil: D'une esthétique matérialiste à l'esthétique réfléchie" *La réception des littératures francophones*, international colloquium at L'Université de Montréal, October 12, 2002

"Nature, Second Nature, and Musical Subjectivity in Daniel Maximin's *L'île et une nuit*" 20th and 21st Century French Studies, Hartford Connecticut, April, 2002.

"Memory, Critique, Totality: Crises of Historical Representation in Edouard Glissant." International Conference of Caribbean Literature, Fort-deFrance, Martinique. November, 2001.

"*Maxima Amoralia*: Cynicism and Utopia in Mongo Béti's *Histoire du fou*." Kentucky Foreign language Conference, Lexington, April 2001.

"Producing Memory: Autonomous Subjectivity in Edouard Glissant's *Malemort*" Twentieth Century French Studies, UC Davis, CA, March 2001

"Negritude and Production-Based Subjectivity in Aimé Césaire's *Cahier d'un retour au pays natal*." MLA Annual Conference, Washington, December 2000.

"The Sublime Subject and the Contradictions of Postcolonial Autonomy in the Writings of Aimé Césaire." M/MLA Annual Conference, Kansas City, November 2000

"Sounding Autonomy: Towards an Adornian Aesthetics of Jazz." American Studies Association annual meeting, Detroit, October 2000.

"The Subject of History: Troubled Memories in Maryse Condé's *Le cœur à rire et à pleurer*." Kentucky Foreign language Conference, Lexington, April 2000.

"Absolute Freedom and the Sublime Subject in Aimé Césaire's *La Tragédie du roi Christophe*" Twentieth Century French Studies, Philadelphia, PA, March 2000.

“La Créolité: The Variable Geometry of a Polemic.” Midwest Modern Language Association.” Minneapolis, MI, November 1999.

“Le relais du cadastre: Aimé Césaire au moment du centenaire de l’abolition de l’esclavage” Conseil International d’Etudes Francophones, Lafayette, LA, May 1999

“Sounding Autonomy” International Association for Philosophy and Literature conference, Trinity College, June 1999

"Globalization and the Obliteration of Memory: Ciphers of Reification in French Antillean Cultural Production" 20th Century French Studies Colloquium, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 1999

“Memorial Objects: Constructing History in Haitian Popular Art” Miami University Department of French Faculty Lecture Series, December, 1998

“Towards Antillean Autonomy: Recovering Toussaint Louverture in the Poetry and Politics of Aimé Césaire” Haitian Studies Association conference, Port-auPrince, Haiti, October 1998

"Guinée Indépendante!": Remembering Utopia" Society for Research on African Cultures conference "Images of Africa: Stereotypes and Realities." Montclair State University, NJ, October 1998

"Opacity, Nonidentity, and the Obliteration of Memory: Ciphers of Reification in a French Colonial Image" International Association for Philosophy and Literature conference “Interrogating Images,” UC Irvine, May 1998

"Between Mimeticism and Prophecy: Aimé Césaire, *Présence africaine*, and the Creation of the Black Atlantic Field" Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, April 1998

“Rhythm and the Irrational in Aimé Césaire’s *Cahier d’un retour au pays natal*” Miami University Department of French Faculty Lecture Series, November 1997

“Authenticity and the Haitian writer: Confronting Violence in the Work of Edwidge Danticat.” Haitian Studies Association conference *Haitians in the Pan-African community: Culture, Identity, Affirmation*, Detroit, MI: October 1997

Participant in round-table discussion with Maryse Condé at the conference

Slavery in the Francophone world, University of Georgia, October 1997
“Incorporer le passé: Histoire et contre-histoire dans *An tan révolysion* de Maryse Condé”. Conseil International d’Etudes Francophones World Congress, Gosier, Guadeloupe: May 1997

“Henri Christophe’s Citadel: History and Nation Building in Aimé Césaire’s *La tragédie du roi Christophe*.” Haitian Studies Association conference *Beyond 1804: Consensus and Nation Building for the 21st Century*, Xaragua, Haiti, October 1996

“Jazz et mémoire dans *L’Isolé Soleil*: Techniques vernaculaires d’historiographie dans le roman antillais contemporain.” Conseil International d’Etudes Francophones World Congress, Toulouse, June 1996

“Reconsidering European Theory: Adorno’s Theory of Musical Material and the Sociology of Jazz.” Harvard W.E.B. Dubois Society/ Sorbonne conference *African American Music and Europe*, Paris, April 1996

“Shango in the House: Structure and History in Aimé Césaire’s *La tragédie du Roi Christophe*.” North East Modern Language Association Annual Meeting, Boston April 1995

Teaching Fields

French language: all levels	Twentieth Century French Fiction
Haitian Studies	Postcolonial Theory and Studies
French-Caribbean and African Literature and Culture	African Diasporic Music and Cinema
Critical and Post-Marxist Theory	

Professional Activities and Services

Academic Service

- *PMLA Advisory Committee*, francophone literature, 7.2021-6.2024.
- Advisory Board Member, PhD Program in Philosophy of Education, Charles University, Prague (CZ), 2020-present
- Outside reader of book manuscript submissions, Columbia UP, University of Virginia Press; Yale UP, Edinburgh UP, Lexington Press, University of Liverpool Press, Penn State University Press, etc.

- Submissions referee, *French Studies*; *Research in African Literatures*; *French Forum*; *SmallAxe*; *PMLA*; *Francophone Postcolonial Studies*, *Callaloo*; etc.
- Outside evaluator of tenure review and promotion, Bryn Mawr College; Cornell University; Barnard College; Rutgers University; Smith College; etc.
- Editorial Committee Member, *Contradictions/Kontradikce: Časopis pro kritické myšlení* (Prague), 2015
- International Editorial Board, *Éditions Suture* (2018-present)
- External Editorial Committee Member, *French Forum*; Editorial Board Member, *Francophone Postcolonial Studies*
- Contributor, *UNESCO Strategy on Philosophy*, October, 2004
- *Correspondent international*: Collège International de Philosophie (Paris), 1999-present
- Outside Examiner for Honors Students in Francophone Literature, Swarthmore College, May 1999

Princeton University

- Chair, Department of French and Italian, 2012-14
- Associate Chair, Dept. of French and Italian, 2011-12; Spring 2015
- Executive Committee for the University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, 2013-16

University of Aberdeen, Scotland

- External Examiner for Ph.D. dissertation: Wu Jing, "The Logic of Difference in Deleuze and Adorno: Positive Constructivism versus Negative Dialectics." Hong Kong University, 2010.
- External Examiner for Ph.D. dissertation: Lorna Burns, "Creolizing the Canon: Engagements with Legacy and Relation in Postcolonial Caribbean Writing." University of Glasgow, 2007.

Department of French and Italian, Miami University

- Conceived and chaired committee for L.P. Irvin international colloquium "Thinking Beyond Borders: Globalization and Universalism in the Francophone World." Held in Oxford in conjunction with the Collège International de Philosophie (Paris) March 21-22, 2003.
- Organized and directed Miami University Intensive Study in Paris, France; June 2001

- Organizer, Graduate Student Conference: “Postcolonial Dialogues,” featuring key-note speaker Professor J. Michael Dash (NYU), December 2000
- Director, Miami Program in Dijon, France, Summer 2000 •Organizer, Invited Lectures: Edwidge Danticat (NYU), November, 1999, F. Abiola Irele (Ohio State University), April 2000.
- Film Studies Committee Member 2004-2006
- Faculty Advisory Member, Latin American Studies Committee, October 2002-2006
- Faculty Advisor, University Lyceum, a student organization dedicated to advancing intellectual exchange at Miami 2002-2006
 - Organized visit of Mamady Keita, former lead soloist and artistic director with the Ballet Djoliba of Guinea, and Moustapha Bangoura, former choreographer with the Ballets Africains of Guinea, to Miami for workshop in African percussion and dance; 9/8/02
- Organizer, weekly African dance class spring 2000

Additional Information

Language Skills: **French** (near-native fluency), **Czech** (Advanced-Intermediate [B-1]), Brazilian **Portuguese** (advanced reading and speaking), **Italian** (intermediate)