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EDUCATION

- 2009 Ph.D. Philosophy
University of Hawaii, Manoa

Dissertation: Embodying Morality: A Pluralistic Approach to the Cultivation of Moral Perception and Action Through the Body
- 2003 Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies
University of Hawaii, Manoa
- 1999 M.A. Philosophy, *with distinction*
University of Hawaii, Manoa
- 1996 B.A. Philosophy and Religion (double major), *cum laude*
University of Richmond

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2016- Special Assistant Professor & Public Relations Coordinator
Department of Philosophy, Colorado State University
- 2015-2016 Director, First Year Experiences, Office of Undergraduate Experiences
Assistant Professor Adjunct, Department of Philosophy
University of Colorado Denver
- 2011-2015 Faculty Coordinator, Learning Communities and First Year Success
Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy
Metropolitan State University of Denver
- 2008-2011 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
Metropolitan State University of Denver
- 2007-2008 Coordinator of Philosophy & Ethics Program
Visiting Assistant Professor, Public Affairs: Ethics, Politics, and Social Policy
Wells College
- 2005-2007 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy & Religion
Ithaca College

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Buddhist Philosophy, Feminist Theory, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Applied Ethics, Phenomenology

PUBLICATIONS

Books, Edited

Asian and Feminist Philosophies in Dialogue: Liberating Traditions. 2014. Co-edited with Jennifer McWeeny. New York: Columbia University Press. 336 pp.

Book Chapters

"Dōgen, Feminism, and the Embodied Practice of Care." 2014. In *Asian and Feminist Philosophies in Dialogue: Liberating Traditions*. Ed. Jennifer McWeeny & Ashby Butnor, 223-243. New York: Columbia University Press.

"Feminist Comparative Methodology: Performing Philosophy Differently." With Jennifer McWeeny. 2014. In *Asian and Feminist Philosophies in Dialogue: Liberating Traditions*. Ed. Jennifer McWeeny & Ashby Butnor, 1-33. New York: Columbia University Press.

"Cultivating Self, Transforming Society: Embodied Ethical Practice in Feminism and Zen Buddhism." In *Buddhism as a Stronghold of Free Thinking?: Social, Ethical and Philosophical Dimensions of Buddhism*. 2011. Ed. Siegfried C.A. Fay and Ilse Maria Bruckner, 56-74. Nüestall, Germany: Ubuntu.

In progress:

"The Social and Political Context of 4E Cognition," with Matthew MacKenzie. To be published in *Feminist Philosophy of Mind*, edited by Keya Maitra and Jennifer McWeeny.

In progress:

"Understanding the Social Embeddedness of Zen Buddhist Practice: A Feminist Analysis of *Bodymind (shinjin 身心)* Cultivation." To be published in *Buddhist Feminism(s) and Femininities*, edited by Karma Lekshe Tsomo. Lexington Books.

Journal Articles

"Critical Communities: Intellectual Safety and the Power of Disagreement." 2012. *Educational Perspectives*. 44 (1-2): 29-31.

"Bringing P4C into the Undergraduate Classroom." 2004. *Thinking: The Journal of Philosophy for Children*. 17 (1-2).

"Self and Social Engagement in Zen Buddhism and Western Feminism." 2001. *East-West Connections: Review of Asian Studies*. 1 (1): 29-47.

Professional Newsletter Articles

"Why Feminist Comparative Philosophy?" co-written with Jennifer McWeeny. 2009. *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*, Ed. Amy Olberding, 9 (1).

"Liberating Traditions: Essays in Feminist Comparative Philosophy. A Report on the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Group Panel at the Eastern APA." 2009. *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies*, Ed. Gary Mar, 8 (2).

SELECTED AWARDS & GRANTS

2013	Distinguished Visiting Scholar University of Hawaii, West Oahu
2013	21 st Century College Readiness Center Program Grant, <i>Thinking About Books</i> Center for Urban Education, MSU Denver
2012	Course Enhancement Grant: Learning Communities Learning Communities and First Year Success, MSU Denver
2012	Diversity Initiative Grant for <i>Summer Seminar in Philosophy</i> President's Office, MSU Denver
2011	Outstanding Faculty Leadership Award Learning Communities and First Year Success, MSU Denver
2007	Fred L. Emerson Humanities Collaboration Award, <i>Studies in Embodied Ethics</i> Ithaca College
2002	Francis Davis Award for Excellence in Teaching University of Hawaii, Manoa

COURSES TAUGHT

1000 level

Introduction to Eastern Religions
Introduction to World Philosophies
Ethics of Global Poverty
Introduction to Ethics
Moral and Social Problems
Introduction to Philosophy
Philosophy as a Way of Life
Introduction to Logic
Logic & Critical Thinking
Communication in Action
Introduction to Women's Studies

2000 level

Ethics
Bioethics

Asian Philosophies
Feminist Philosophy
Ancient & Medieval Philosophy

3000-4000 level

Philosophies of East Asia
Buddhist Philosophy
Chinese Philosophy
Japanese Philosophy
Contemporary Eastern Religious Thought (upcoming)
Comparative Thought: Philosophy of the Body
Non-Western Religions
Self-Cultivation: East & West
Feminist Philosophies
Literary Theory and Criticism

RECENT POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Special Assistant Professor of Philosophy & Public Relations Coordinator, CSU (August 2016-)

The Public Relations Coordinator position was recently created to enhance the impact of philosophy and a philosophical education for CSU students and our larger campus community. Some of the duties of this position include: managing the department's public relations efforts; working closely with the CLA communications team; developing marketing materials; leading recruitment efforts to increase numbers of undergraduate students and incoming first-year students; developing an undergraduate living/learning community to enhance the learning of students interested in philosophy, religions, and related issues; working with the CLA Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies and relevant campus units to provide leadership for the department's efforts to enhance undergraduate philosophy student success and retention efforts; working with the Academic Support Coordinator (ASC) assigned to the department to integrate faculty mentoring of students with the ASC's advising of first-year and sophomore students; writing and distributing the department's biannual newsletter.

Director of First Year Experiences, University of Colorado Denver (Jan. 2015-Aug. 2016)

As Director of First Year Experiences, I worked in collaboration with faculty and staff across academic and student affairs units to develop and facilitate innovative interdisciplinary, inter-school/college, and all-campus programs designed to improve student learning, retention, diversity, and success. My primary projects included leadership and management of programs offered through the Office of Undergraduate Experiences (UE) that serve or particularly impact first-year students, such as our First Year Experience seminars and learning communities. Ongoing initiatives included collaboratively developing and directing programs that increase the learning experience and retention of undergraduate students, examples of which include Early Alert, a supplemental instruction program, a transfer-student program parallel to the FYS program, and a seminar program for students on academic probation.

Campus Leadership, CU Denver

Director, First Year Seminar (FYS) program

- Developed and implemented First Year Seminar program consisting in Core Curriculum courses with integrated FYS components, including transition-to-college skills, campus workshops, community events, advising, and integrated skills lessons. Related duties included: recruit, train, and mentor FYS faculty; course development, including Core Curriculum approval, and scheduling; sustain partnerships with campus offices, including Peer Advocate Leadership (PAL) program in Student Life, academic support offices, and Office of Diversity and Inclusion; collaborate with Institutional Research director to gather, analyze, interpret, and present assessment data and revise program accordingly; market FYS program to new students in collaboration with orientation and advising offices; supervise faculty and professional staff; oversee FYS budget and expenditures.
- Taught PHIL 1111, currently offered as "The Life You Can Save: The Ethics of Global Poverty."
- Designed and implemented new extended orientation course, UNIV 1111: College Success in collaboration with FYS subcommittee. The course focuses exclusively on the transition to university by developing academic skills and strategies, engagement with campus resources, awareness of personal strengths, identity, and motivation, and inclusive behaviors and attitudes in a diverse community setting. Piloted 10 sections in Fall 2016 and recruiting students in need of academic support, first-generation students, and international students.
- Increased FYE offerings for first-year students. Served 480 students in Fall 2015 (with 26 faculty and 17 PALs); building capacity for 700+ students in Fall 2016 (with 40 faculty and 30 PALs).

Co-chair/Founder, First-Year Advisory Council (FYAC)

Co-chaired faculty, staff, and administrative group to collaborate and improve upon all aspects of the first-year student experience, from admission to persistence to second year.

Chair, Learning Communities (LC) Steering Committee

Lead team of academic and student affairs professionals, including associate deans, advisors, academic coordinators, faculty, and student life staff, to research, develop, implement, expand, and assess learning communities program on campus.

High Impact Practices (HIP) Taskforce

- Participated in UE-sponsored campus dialogue on best practices in implementing and assessing high impact practices, including FYS, LC, service learning, undergraduate research, global learning, writing intensive classes, and collaborative learning. Worked collaboratively to transform CU Denver into a HIP campus, in conjunction with NASH and AAC&U initiatives.
- Lead subcommittees on two HIPs (FYE and LC) and report work to the HIP Taskforce.

- HIP Grant Advisory Board. Designed and reviewed faculty grants to integrate HIPs into courses and degree plans; guide faculty groups through semester and year-long HIP projects.
- Co-chaired Undergraduate Experiences Symposium with keynote speaker George Kuh.

Academic Integrity (AI) Taskforce

- Participated on taskforce with associate deans, faculty, and staff from undergraduate schools/colleges and Graduate School to develop and implement common AI policy.
- Served as primary editor of AI policy and procedures to reflect campus consensus.
- Collaborated with AVC for Undergraduate Experiences and Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards to refine policy, procedures, and committee bylaws to standardize AI processes in consultation with legal team and policy experts in Provost's Office.
- Worked with campus constituents to move toward implementation of common policy and procedures, including the development of new online resources and reporting forms.
- Planned strategy for increasing faculty and student awareness of AI policies.

Early Alert

Facilitated Early Alert program by supporting and communicating effectively with faculty, advisors, and campus offices regarding participation in initiative; collaborated with software partner to effectively deliver program to campus community; assessed effectiveness of program; present assessment data and foster campus dialogue regarding program direction.

Committee Participation

Inclusive Campus Action Network

Undergraduate Council

Undergraduate Working Group

Academic Success Task Force

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP)

Professional Development

- Annual First Year Experience Conference. National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition. 2015 (Dallas, TX) and 2016 (Orlando, FL).
 - Preconference workshop on Program Assessment, February 2015
- Institute on Developing and Sustaining First-Year Seminars, sponsored by the National Resource Center for the First Year Experience. Atlanta, GA. July 2015

Faculty Coordinator, Learning Communities and First Year Success, MSU Denver (2011-2015)

Learning Communities and First Year Success at MSU Denver offers integrated and paired academic learning communities, peer mentorship, supplemental instruction, a common reading experience, and targeted events for academic growth and community building. I crafted the FYS faculty coordinator position to best serve and support the 100+ faculty teaching in the program each year. My initiatives included: faculty orientations, semester-specific resource guides, monthly newsletters, For Faculty, By Faculty Workshop series, faculty strategy sessions, co-creation of a first-year seminar, co-facilitation of a faculty learning community, and expansion of the common reading program in conjunction with the campus-wide program, 1 Book/1 Project/2 Transform.

Notable Accomplishments

- Co-created and piloted a new general studies course for first year students, *Communication in Action*, focused on social change and service learning.
- Co-developed and implemented the For Faculty, By Faculty workshop series. Offered six workshops in 2013-14 featuring undergraduate research, writing expectations, universal design for learning, and technology in the classroom.

- Revitalized the service-based 1 Book/1 Project/2 Transform program by increasing faculty and student participation. In 2013-2014, the program has grown exponentially to include approximately 37 learning communities, 25 faculty, and 750 students.
- Selected and brought nationally known speakers to campus: Rebecca Cox (author of *The College Fear Factor*) and Constance Staley (author of *Teaching College Success*).
- In conjunction with the Excellence in Equity initiative, invited Eduardo Bonilla-Silva (Duke University), author of *Racism without Racists*, to campus for faculty workshop on cultural competency in the classroom (held April 2015).

University Service, MSU Denver

Committees on Student Learning/Programs

- 1 Book/1 Project/2 Transform Joint Reading Committee, 2012-2015
- Service Learning Advisory Committee, 2012-2013
- First Year Seminar Taskforce, 2012-2013
- First Year Success Implementation Committee, 2011-2012
- Learning Communities and First Year Success Advisory Committee, 2010-2011

Student Advising

- Faculty Representative at New Student Orientation/SOAR Experience, 2011-2013
- Faculty Advisor, MSU Philosophy Student Conference: "Self and Community: Global and Multicultural Perspectives." April 2011
- Faculty Advisor, MSU Philosophy Student Environmental Ethics Conference: "An Interdisciplinary Approach to Reshaping Our Relationship With Nature." April 2010

Faculty Advocacy

- Chair, Faculty Senate Teaching Excellence Awards Committee, 2014-2015
- Faculty Senator, Category II Faculty Representative (of 95 faculty), 2012-2015
- Participant, Faculty Learning Community on Service Learning, 2012-2013
- Co-Facilitator, Faculty Learning Community on Teaching First-Year Students, 2011-2012

Community Outreach

- Program Designer & Faculty for *Thinking about Books*, an after-school literacy and critical thinking program for third graders at Cheltenham Elementary. 2013- 2014
- Program Co-Coordinator & Faculty, "Big Thinkers Seminar" for Denver Public Schools 9th Grade College Readiness Camp. July 2012
- Program Coordinator & Faculty for high school philosophy program, *Summer Seminar in Philosophy*. May-June 2012

Professional Development

- Engaged Faculty Institute, Colorado Campus Compact. MSU Denver. Denver, CO. February-March 2013
- First Year Seminar Leadership Institute. National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition. Univ. of South Carolina. Columbia, SC. April 2012
- Faculty Learning Community Developers' and Facilitators' Institute. International Alliance of Teacher Scholars. California State Polytechnic Univ. Pomona, CA. June 2011
- Annual First Year Experience Conference. National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition. (Atlanta 2011; San Antonio 2012)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES

Philosophy/Religion

Upcoming: Authors Meet Critics—*Asian and Feminist Philosophies in Dialogue: Liberating Traditions*. American Philosophical Association: Western Division Meeting. Seattle, WA. April 2017.

“Situating Zen: A Feminist Analysis of Bodymind Cultivation.” Philosophy Colloquium: Colorado College. November 2015.

“Understanding the Social Embeddedness of Zen Buddhist Practice: A Feminist Analysis of *Bodymind* (*shinjin* 身心) Cultivation.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Diego, CA. November 2014.

Roundtable Participant. “Liberating Traditions: Asian Religions and Transnational Feminisms.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Diego, CA. November 2014.

Keynote Address, “Philosophical World-Travelling: The Case of Embodied Ethics.” Third Annual Hawaii Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. University of Hawaii, West Oahu. February 2013.

Panel Chair and Commentator. International Conference on Problems of the Self: Debates in Consciousness, Subjectivity, and Otherness. Jawarharlal Nehru University. New Delhi, India. January 2013.

“Ethics as Human Ecology: A Buddhist Approach.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy. Honolulu, HI. May 2011.

“Obstacles to Ethical Know-How: A Comparative Approach.” University of Colorado at Denver. Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series. Denver, CO. April 2011.

“Empathetic Connections: Cultivating Concern Across Difference.” Featured Speaker, MSU Denver Philosophy Student Conference: “Self and Community: Global and Multicultural Perspectives.” Denver, CO. April 2011.

“Embodying Morality: Feminism, Buddhism, and the Cultivation of Care.” Annual Meeting of the Association of Feminist Ethics and Social Theory. Clearwater, FL. September 2009.

“Embodying Morality: Ethical Skill in Feminism and Zen Buddhism.” Special Session of the Society for the Advancement of Asian Philosophy and Asian-American Philosophers. American Philosophical Association: Central Division Meeting. Chicago, IL. February 2009.

Program Chair and Commentator, “Liberating Traditions: Themes in Feminist Comparative Philosophy.” Group Panel for the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. December 2008.

Presenter on Closing Plenary Panel, “The Future of Comparative Philosophy.” Invited Presentation. Annual Meeting of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. Pacific Grove, CA. June 2007.

Program Chair and Commentator on Opening Plenary Panel, “Explorations in Feminist Comparative Philosophy: The Ethics of Emotions.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. Pacific Grove, CA. June 2007.

"Moral Perception and Action in Zen Buddhist Philosophy." Special Session of the Association of Chinese Philosophers in North America: "Buddhism and Consciousness." Invited Presentation. American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division Meeting. Washington D.C. December 2006.

"Cultivating Self, Transforming Society: Buddhist and Feminist Perspectives on Social Justice." Meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World. Invited Presentation. American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division Meeting. Washington D.C. December 2006.

"Embodying Morality: Feminist and Buddhist Conceptions of the Role of the Body in Moral Cultivation." Invited Lecture. Binghamton University. Philosophy Department Colloquium Series. Binghamton, NY. November 2006.

"Embodying Compassion: The Role of the Body in Ethical Relationships." Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy Group Panel. American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division Meeting. New York, NY. December 2005.

"Embodying Compassion: The Role of the Body in Ethical Relationships." Annual Meeting of the Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy. Pacific Grove, CA. October 2005.

"Critical Potentialities: Identity and Coalition Politics." 14th Annual Women & Society Conference. Marist College. Poughkeepsie, NY. September 2005.

"Suffering: Utilitarian, Buddhist, and Feminist Perspectives." Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Group Panel. American Philosophical Association: Central Division Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2005.

Commentator to Panel, "Justice, Care, and Compassion: Comparative Approaches." Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Group Panel. American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division Meeting. Boston, MA. December 2004.

"Seeing and Doing in Dōgen's Zen." Annual Meeting of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. Pacific Grove, CA. June 2004.

"Ethical Negotiations at the Intersection of Feminist and Zen Buddhist Subjectivities." University of Hawaii Women's Studies Program Colloquium Series. Honolulu, HI. May 2003.

"Rethinking the Politics of Identity: Some Comparative Feminist Insights." Annual Meeting of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy. Pacific Grove, CA. May 2003.

Conference Coordinator. "Opening Remarks." Inaugural meeting of the international Uehiro Cross Currents Philosophy Conference. March 2003. Honolulu, HI.

"Oppressive or Empowering? The Appropriation of Indigenous Spiritualities in Ecofeminism." East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference. Honolulu, HI. February 2002.

"Western Feminism and Japanese Buddhist Conceptions of Self and the Role of Social Engagement." Seventh Annual National Conference of the Asian Studies Development Program. East-West Center. Honolulu, HI. July 2000.

"Western Feminism and Japanese Buddhist Conceptions of Self and the Role of Social Engagement." University of Hawaii: School of Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Studies Conference. Honolulu, HI. April 2000.

"A Critical Look at Critical Buddhism." University of Hawaii: School of Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Studies Conference. Honolulu, HI. April 1999.

Student Success

"Bridging the Faculty-Staff Divide." Program Chair and Presenter.

- MSU Denver Professional Development Conference. Denver, CO. June 2014.
- 26th International Conference on the First Year Experience. Waikoloa, Hawaii. June 2013.

"Learning Communities in the First Year: Results from a Pilot Study." Program Chair and Presenter. Faculty Forum, Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning. University of Northern Colorado. Greeley, CO. October 2013.

"From Pilot to Program Assessment: Developing a Community-focused Model of First Year Success." Co-Presenter. 26th International Conference on the First Year Experience. Waikoloa, Hawaii. June 2013.

"The First Year Experience and Student Success." Invited two-hour workshop for faculty and staff at University of Hawaii, West Oahu. February 2013.

"Exploring Social Issues via Course Integration: Experience from a First Year Success (FYS) Learning Community." Co-presenter. Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Reno, NV. March 2013.

"Service-Learning 101: Developing Service-Learning Courses for the Urban School." Group Poster Presentation. National Service-Learning Conference. Denver, CO. March 2013.

Presentations at MSU Denver First Year Success Brown Bag Lunch Seminars

- "Envisioning Learning Community Possibilities." April 2012.
- "Creating Critical Communities." April 2011.

"Our First Year College Learners: Who They Are and What They Need from Us." Program Chair and Presenter. Metro State Spring Forum: Teaching at its Best. Denver, CO. February 2012.

REFERENCES

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