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***Education:***

- **Ph.D.** in Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, August 2005
  - **M.A.** in Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, May 2004
  - **B.A.** in History, with honors, Brown University, Providence, RI, 1998
  - **National Teaching Certification** in High School Social Studies, December 1998
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***Specializations:***

- Social and Political Theory (Modern and Contemporary)
- Political Theories of Education
- Black Political Thought
- Methodologies in the Social Sciences

***Competence:***

- Political Theory in Literature and Film
  - Race and Ethnic Jewish Studies
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***Publications:***

**Published Books:**

- 1 *Why They Couldn't Wait: A Critique of the Black-Jewish Conflict over Community Control in Ocean Hill–Brownsville (1967–1971)*. New York: RoutledgeFalmer, 2001. Xiv + 192 pages. [Named one of *The Gotham Gazette's* Best Books about Civil Rights, February 2003; see <http://www.gothamgazette.com/book/civilrights/title/3/0>.]
- 2 *A Companion to African-American Studies*, edited with an introduction by Lewis R. Gordon and Jane Anna Gordon. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2006. Xxxv + 668 pages. **The e-book version was named *eBook of the Month for February 2007* by NetLibrary.**
- 3 *Not Only the Master's Tools: African-American Studies in Theory and Practice*, edited with an introduction by Lewis R. Gordon and Jane Anna Gordon. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2006. Xii + 321 pages.

- 4 with Lewis R. Gordon, *Of Divine Warning: Reading Disaster in the Modern Age*. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2009. X+176 pp. Volume 9 of *The Radical Imagination Series*, edited by Henry A. Giroux and Stanley Aronowitz.

### **Contracted Book**

- 1 *Creolizing Political Theory: Reading Rousseau Through Fanon*. New York: Fordham University Press. Expected publication, Fall 2010.

### **Edited and co-edited refereed journal issues:**

- 1 “Special Symposium on Radical Education.” *Radical Philosophy Review*, 5, nos. 1–2 (2002–2003): 96–185.
- 2 “Creolizing Rousseau.” Edited by Jane Anna Gordon and Neil Roberts. *The C.L.R. James Journal* 15, no. 1 (Spring 2009): 1–300.

### **Published and at press refereed journal articles, review essays, and online dossiers:**

- 1 “Special Symposium on Radical Education: Introduction,” *Radical Philosophy Review* 5, nos. 1–2 (2002–2003): 96–100.
- 2 “Legitimacy from Modernity’s Underside: Potentiated Double Consciousness,” *World & Knowledges Otherwise: A Web Dossier*, special issue: *Post-continental Philosophy*, edited by Nelson Maldonado-Torres 1, dossier 3 (Fall 2006): <http://www.jhfc.duke.edu/wko/dossiers/1.3/jgordon.pdf>
- 3 “Failures of Language and Laughter: Anna Julia Cooper and Contemporary Problems of Humanistic Pedagogy,” *Philosophical Studies in Education* 38 (2007): 163–178.
- 4 “Many Jewish Currents: Cheryl Greenberg’s *Troubling the Waters*,” *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society* 9, no. 4, (October 2007): 364–367. [Review essay]
- 5 “Performing Legitimate Power: Ngugi wa Thiong’o’s *Wizard of the Crow*,” *Performance Research* 2, no. 3 (Fall 2007): 150–155. [Review Essay]
- 6 “Democratic Transitions: A Review Essay of George Carew’s *Democratic Transition in Postcolonial Africa* and Charles Tilly’s *Democracy*,” *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 34, no. 4 (2008): 471–478. [Review essay]
- 7 with Neil Roberts, “Introduction: The Project of Creolizing Rousseau,” *The C.L.R. James Journal: A Review of Caribbean Ideas* 15, no. 1 (Spring 2009): 1–16.
- 8 “Creolizing Rousseau: Forging a General Will in Frantz Fanon’s *Wretched of the Earth*,” *The C.L.R. James Journal: A Review of Caribbean Ideas* 15, no. 1 (Spring 2009): 17–53.

- 9 “Hannah Arendt’s Political Theology of Democratic Life,” *Journal of Political Theology*, 10, no.1 (2009): 327–342.
- 10 “Beyond Anti-Elitism: Black Studies and the Pedagogical Imperative,” *The Review of Education, Pedagogy, and Cultural Studies*, 32, no. 1 (2009): 22 m.s. pp.

**Published and at press refereed book chapters:**

- 1 with Lewis R. Gordon. “On Working through a Most Difficult Terrain: Introducing *A Companion to African-American Studies*.” In *A Companion to African-American Studies*, edited with an introduction by Lewis R. Gordon and Jane Anna Gordon. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2006. Pp. xx–xxxv.
- 2 “Challenges Posed to Social-Scientific Method by the Study of Race.” In *A Companion to African-American Studies*, pp. 279–304.
- 3 with Lewis R. Gordon. “Introduction: Not Only the Master’s Tools.” In *Not Only the Master’s Tools: African-American Studies in Theory and Practice*. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2006. Pp. ix–xi.
- 4 “Double Consciousness and the Problem of Legitimacy in Political Thought.” In *Not Only the Master’s Tools*, pp. 205–225.
- 5 “The Gift of Double Consciousness: Some Obstacles to Grasping the Contributions of the Colonized.” In *Postcolonialism and Political Theory*, edited by Nalini Persram. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2007. Pp. 143–161.
- 6 with Lewis R. Gordon. “Reading the Signs: A Philosophical Look at Disaster.” In *Schooling and the Politics of Disaster*, edited by Kenneth J. Saltman. New York: Routledge, 2007. Pp. 3–19.
- 7 “The Grammars of Monotheism and Polytheism: Reading Dissent through an Insight from Hannah Arendt.” In *Textual Dissensions and Political Dissidence: Dissent in Racial, Sexual, Gender-related and National Identity Formations*, edited by Jean-Paul Rocchi. Paris: Presses Universitaires de Nancy, 2008. Pp. 65–83. [Revised reprint of journal article #8 above]
- 8 with Lewis R. Gordon, “What the Right Learned from Charles Houston That the Left Did Not,” in *Essays in Honor of Charles Houston*, ed. by James Conyers, Jr. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, forthcoming, 30 manuscript pages.

**Refereed book reviews:**

- 1 Review of Cheryl Greenberg’s *Troubling the Waters: Black-Jewish Relations in the American Century*, for *Diverse Magazine* (August 2006): [http://www.diverseeducation.com/artman/publish/article\\_6260.shtml](http://www.diverseeducation.com/artman/publish/article_6260.shtml)

- 2        Review of Paul Fairfield's *Public/Private*, for *Philosophy in Review/Comptes rendus philosophiques* Volume XXVI, No. 6 (December 2006): 404–406.
- 3        Review of Matthew Simpson's *Rousseau's Theory of Freedom*, for *Philosophy in Review/Comptes rendus philosophiques* 27, no. 3 (June 2007): 236–238.
- 4        Review of Amy Binder's *Contentious Curriculum: Afrocentrism and Creationism in American Public Schools*, for *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society* 10, no. 3 (July 2008): 302–304.

**Interview:**

- 1        *Be'chol Lashon / In Every Tongue* (2009):  
[http://bechollashon.org/BL\\_test09.html](http://bechollashon.org/BL_test09.html)
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**Presentations:**

- 1        *Invited Lecturer*. “Racial Conflict in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville Conflict.” The Swearer Center, Brown University. Providence, RI. December 1998.
- 2        *Panelist*. “The General Will and the Will in General in American Race Politics.” *Race and the U.S. Constitution*, The Philosophy Born of Struggle Society. Brown University. Providence, RI. October 2002.
- 3        *Invited Lecturer*. “Race and Politics in American Education.” Holy Cross College. Worcester, MA. March 2003.
- 4        *Plenary Speaker*. “Challenges Posed to Social-Scientific Method by the Study of Race.” Annual Black Studies Conference. University of Missouri. Kansas City, Missouri. April 2003.
- 5        *Moderator*. *Phenomenology in the Thought of Jean-Paul Sartre*. Sartre Society of North America. Purdue University. West Lafayette, IN. September 2003.
- 6        *Moderator*. Unyielding Power of Thought. The Philosophy Born of Struggle Society. Rutgers University. Newark, NJ. October 2003.
- 7        *Panelist*. “Changing State and Society in Africa.” *Scholar for a Day Conference on Peter Geschiere*. African Studies, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. March 2004.
- 8        *Moderator*. *Racial Invisibility*. Caribbean Philosophical Association Meeting: *Shifting the Geography of Reason*. Christ Church, Barbados. May 2004.
- 9        *Moderator*. *Constitutional Law and Indigenous Rights*. Race and Philosophy Conference. Philosophy Department, University of New South Wales. Sydney, Australia. July 2004.
- 10       *Presenter*. “The General Will and Double Consciousness.” *Shifting the Geography of Reason II: Gender, Science, and Religion*. Caribbean Philosophical Association. Old San Juan, Puerto Rico. June 2005.
- 11       *Presenter*. “Portrait of a Black Scholar.” Black Civil Society in American Political Life: A Conference in Honor of Martin Kilson. Institute for the Study of

- Race and Social thought, Temple University. Philadelphia, PA. September 2005.
- 12 *Invited Speaker* on preparing the prospectus for the doctoral dissertation in political science. Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. October 2005.
  - 13 *Invited Lecturer*: “Why They Shouldn’t Wait: The Decline of Black–Jewish Relations and Ongoing Problems of Black Political Legitimacy.” Center for Global Ethics, George Mason University. Fairfax, VA. April 2006.
  - 14 *Presenter*: “*Of Legitimation and the General Will: Creolizing Rousseau through Fanon.*” *Shifting the Geography of Reason III: Aesthetics, Science, and Language*. Caribbean Philosophical Association. Montreal, Canada. August 2006.
  - 15 *Presenter*: “Creolizing Rousseau: Forging a General Will in Frantz Fanon’s *Wretched of the Earth*.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. September 2006.
  - 16 *Presenter*: “Monstrous Modernity: Frankenstein’s Creature, the Black, and Other Unassimilable, Naturalistic Extremes.” *Monsters and the Monstrous: Myths and Metaphors of Enduring Evil*, 4<sup>th</sup> Global Conference. Mansfield College, Oxford University. Oxford, England. September 2006.
  - 17 *Presenter*: “Language and Laughter: Anna Julia Cooper’s Reflections on the Nature of Humanistic Educational Standards.” *Cultivating a Community of Interest: Building Bridges, Sharing Aims*. Ohio Valley Philosophy of Education Society (OVPES). Dayton, OH. September 2006.
  - 18 *Presenter*: “Conceptualizing Freedom and Sovereign Power Polytheistically: Thinking with Hannah Arendt’s *Human Condition*.” *Hannah Arendt in the Twenty-first Century: A Global Discourse*. Baylor University. Waco, TX. November 2006.
  - 19 *Respondent*: “Reply to Critics.” *Author Meets Critics* panel for *A Companion to African-American Studies and Not Only the Master’s Tools*. American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings. Washington, DC. December 2006.
  - 20 *Presenter*: “Making Democratic Theory Rigorous: A Reading of George Carew and Charles Tilly,” *Political Theory I: Democratic Theory*. Caribbean Philosophical Association Annual meeting. University of the West Indies at Mona, Jamaica. June 2007.
  - 21 *Presenter*: “Politics of Affirmation or Fostering Academic Maturity?: The Pedagogical Challenge of Black Studies.” *Creolizing Philosophy of Education I: Dialoguing through Africana Thought on Disciplines, Pedagogy, and Maturation*. OVPES. Dayton, OH. September 2007.
  - 22 *Invited Lecturer*: “The Role of Imagination in Political Theory.” University of Cape Town. Cape Town, South Africa. February 2008.
  - 23 *Presenter*: “Between Art and Empiricism: The Role of Imagination in Political Theory,” Panel: *Politics, Community, and Imagination*, at the *Conference on Imagination*, Center for the Humanities at Temple. Philadelphia, PA. March 2008.
  - 24 *Presenter*: “To Be Literal: An Exploration of Experiential Sources of Shared Metaphors.” Panel: *Rethinking Representation*. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2008.
  - 25 *Discussant*: For 3 papers on the panel *Forgiveness, Apology, Confession, Mourning*. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2008.

- 26 *Discussant*: For 4 papers on the panel *Politics in Time*. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2008.
- 27 *Presenter*: “Blackness as a Site of Vulnerability.” *Global Antiracist Racism*. Maison des Sciences de l’Homme. Paris, France. June 2008.
- 28 *Invited Lecturer*: “Anna Julia Cooper’s Feminist Theory of Education.” Women’s Studies. Northern Illinois University. DeKalb, IL. October 2008.
- 29 *Presenter*: “Creolizing Political Theory: Reading Rousseau through Frantz Fanon.” Rousseau and Revolution International Conference. Aarhus, Denmark. March 13-15, 2009.
- 30 *Presenter*: “Creolizing Political Theory: Reading Rousseau through Frantz Fanon.” Center for the Humanities at Temple. Temple University. Philadelphia, PA. April 2009.
- 31 *Invited Public Lecturer*: “Decolonizing Thought, Education, and Pedagogy.” DePaul University. Chicago, IL. May 2009.
- 32 *Lead Presenter*: “Degrees of Statelessness: Vulnerability and Political Capital.” *Racism Against Peoples without States*. Maison des Sciences de l’Homme. Paris, France. June 2009.
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***Research and Teaching Experience:***

- 2008– **Assistant Professor**. Department of Political Science, with affiliation in Judaic Studies, Temple University. Philadelphia, PA
- 2007– **Research Fellow**. Institute for Jewish Research and Community. San Francisco, CA.
- 2005– **Associate Director**. Center for Afro Jewish Studies, Temple University. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2005–2009 **Associate Director**. Institute for the Study of Race and Social Thought, Temple University. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2005–2008 **Lecturer**. Department of Political Science, with affiliation in Judaic Studies, Temple University. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2004–2005 **William Penn Dissertation Fellow**. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2002–2004 **William Penn Teaching Fellow**. Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania

***Courses Taught:***

Modern Women Political Thinkers (Honors), Spring 2009

Rousseau in Africana Political Thought (Graduate Seminar), Fall 2008

History and Significance of Race in America (Gen Ed), Spring 2008, Fall 2008

Introduction to Political Theory (Honors), Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2009

Introduction to Political Theory, Fall 2007

Political Theory in Literature and Film (Honors), Fall 2007, Fall 2009

Radical Theories of Education, Spring 2006, Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2009

Theories and Uses of Power, Fall 2005, Fall 2006

Undergraduate Capstone: Researching the Politics of Inequalities in Education, Fall 2006

Independent Studies: Senior Thesis, Alison Huxta, Fall 2006; Queer Political Theories, Michael Ginda, Spring 2007; Teaching Philosophies of History, Katelynn Waller, Spring 2007; Developing a Strategic Plan for School Desegregation in Philadelphia Today (two-semester study), Julia Hillengas, Spring 2007 to Spring 2008; The Politics of Contemporary Slavery, Daniel Henrich, Spring 2009; PBS Education Outreach Internship, Tamara Johns, Spring 2009

### ***Doctoral Committees:***

#### *Committee Member:*

Heather Colleti, Ph.D. in Philosophy, expected 2011. Dissertation on how the perspective of care ethics can illuminate and offer alternatives to exploitative relations within and affected by global care chains. Temple University.

Greg Graham, Ph.D. in Political Science expected 2010. Dissertation on political tragedy in postcolonial Jamaica and South Africa. Temple University.

John Hykel, Ph.D. in Political Science expected 2011. Dissertation in comparative political theory focusing on elective affinities between Confucianism and contemporary Western republicanism. Temple University.

Vincent Beaver, Ph.D. in Philosophy, expected 2011. Dissertation Jean-Paul Sartre's theory of alienation. Temple University.

#### *External Reader:*

Jack Kerwick, Ph.D. in Philosophy 2007. Dissertation on conservative liberalism; defended in August 2007.

Nicolaus Fogle, Ph.D. in Philosophy 2009. Dissertation on Pierre Bourdieu's field theory; defended April 2009.

Ronel Swart, M.Ed in Curriculum and Instructional Design and Development 2009. Master's Thesis on evaluating the influence of Freirian pedagogy on post-apartheid South African environmental education curricula. University of Pretoria, South Africa.

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***Service to the Profession, Temple University, and Additional Experience:***

- Representative, Faculty Senate, Temple University. Philadelphia, PA. 2009–
- Organizer, Political Theory Workshop, Department of Political Science, Temple University. Philadelphia, PA. 2009–
- Member, Committee on the Status of Women, Temple University. Philadelphia, PA. 2008–
- Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, Temple University. Philadelphia, PA, 2008–
- Associate Director. Center for Afro Jewish Studies, Temple University. Philadelphia, PA. 2005–
- Associate Director. Institute for the Study of Race and Social Thought, Temple University. Philadelphia, PA. 2005–2009
- Reviewer, *PS: Politic Science and Politics*, 2007
- Director of ISRST–Paulo Friere Charter School Partnership Program, Institute for the Study of Race and Social Thought, 2006–2008
- Organized and directed the *Politics in Film Series*, Institute for the Study of Race and Social Thought, 2006–2007
- Organized “Power and Political Legitimacy” panel, American Political Science Association Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, 2006; “Monstrous Types and Races,” Mansfield College, Oxford University, 2006; “Nineteenth-Century Africana Philosophy of Education,” Ohio Valley Philosophy of Education Society, 2006
- Referee for *Caribbean Studies*. San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2006
- Think Tank Participant in *Be’chol Lashon* (In Every Tongue), a project on Jewish diversity organized through the Institute for Jewish Research and Community in San Francisco, CA, 2005–

***Awards, Fellowships, and Special Nominations:***

- Faculty Fellow, Center for the Humanities at Temple University (2009–2010)
- *eBook of the Month* by NetLibrary for *A Companion to African-American Studies*. February 2007
- Dissertation nominated for the 2006 Leo Strauss Prize in Political Theory, American Political Science Association
- Alvin Rubenstein Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Graduate Student in Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania (2005)
- William Penn Dissertation Fellow (2004–2005)
- *Gotham Gazette*’s Best Books about Civil Rights for *Why They Couldn’t Wait: A Critique of the Black-Jewish Conflict over Community Control in Ocean Hill–Brownsville (1967–1971)*, February 2003
- William Penn Doctoral Fellow (2001–2004)
- Rowe Fellow (2002–2003)
- Community Service Award, Howard Swearer Center for Public Service (1998)
- Charles Royce Fellowship, Brown University (1997–1998)

***Languages:***

- Fair reading and speaking knowledge of French

***References:***

Rogers Smith, Political Science, University of Pennsylvania  
Drucilla Cornell, Law School, University of Cape Town  
John Puckett, School of Education, University of Pennsylvania  
Paget Henry, Sociology and Africana Studies, Brown University