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Department of Philosophy  
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**Education:**

Ph.D., philosophy, Northwestern University, 1996  
M.A., philosophy, Northwestern University, 1994  
B.A., philosophy, Miami University (OH), 1992

**Areas of Specialization:**

20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy  
Feminist Theory  
Social/Political Theory  
Critical Social Theory

**Areas of Competence:**

19<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy  
Ethics

**Academic Positions:**

2009-present Parents Distinguished Research Professor in the Humanities, Dartmouth College  
2009-present Professor of Philosophy and Women's and Gender Studies, Dartmouth College  
2006-present Chair, Department of Philosophy, Dartmouth College  
Fall 2006 Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh  
2004-2009 Associate Professor of Philosophy and Women's and Gender Studies, Dartmouth College  
1999-2004 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Dartmouth College  
1997-1999 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Dartmouth College  
1996-1997 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Grinnell College

**Fellowships, Grants, and Awards:**

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Fellowship for Experienced Researchers, 2010-2011

Silberger Scholar, Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, 2009-2010.

Curtis R. Welling Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2004-05.

Junior Faculty Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2003-04.

American Association of University Women American Fellowship, 2002-03.

Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation Grant, Summer 2000.

NEH Award for Summer Institute, "The Idea of a Social Science," conducted by James Bohman and Paul Roth, summer 1998 in St. Louis.

University Fellowship, Northwestern University, 1995-96, 1992-93.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1992.

## **Publications:**

### **I. Books:**

*The Politics of Our Selves: Power, Autonomy, and Gender in Contemporary Critical Theory* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2008).

Reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (online), *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, *Foucault Studies* (online), *Journal of Power*, *Hypatia*, *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy*

*The Power of Feminist Theory: Domination, Resistance, Solidarity* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1999).

Reviewed in *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, *Ethics*, *Hypatia*, *Metaphilosophy*, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*.

### **II. Edited Books/Journal Issues:**

*Hannah Arendt*, Volume for International Library of Essays in the History of Social and Political Thought (Ashgate Press, 2008).

*The Philosophy of Hannah Arendt*, Special Issue of *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 10:2 (May 2002).

### **III. Articles in Refereed Journals:**

"The Power of Disclosure: Comments on Nikolas Kompridis, *Critique and Disclosure*," *Philosophy and Social Criticism* (forthcoming).

"Discourse, Power, and Subjectivation: The Foucault/Habermas Debate Reconsidered," *The Philosophical Forum* 40: 1 (Spring 2009): 1-28.

"Power and the Politics of Difference: Oppression, Empowerment, and Transnational Justice," *Hypatia: Journal of Feminist Philosophy* 23: 3 (2008): 156-172.

- “Rationalizing Oppression,” *Journal of Power* 1: 1 (Spring 2008): 51-65.
- “Justice and Reconciliation: The Death of the Prison?” *Human Studies* 30 (2007): 311-321.
- “Systematically Distorted Subjectivity? Habermas and the Critique of Power,” *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 33: 5 (July 2007): 641-650.
- “Dependency, Subordination, and Recognition: On Judith Butler’s Theory of Subjection,” *Continental Philosophy Review* 38: 3-4 (October 2005): 199-222.
- “Foucault and the Enlightenment: A Critical Reappraisal,” *Constellations* 10: 2 (June 2003): 180-198.
- “Power, Subjectivity, and Agency: Between Arendt and Foucault,” *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 10:2 (May 2002): 131-149.
- “Pornography and Power,” *Journal of Social Philosophy* 32: 4 (Winter 2001): 512-531.
- “The Anti-Subjective Hypothesis: Foucault and the Death of the Subject,” *The Philosophical Forum* 31: 2 (Summer 2000): 113-130.
- “Reconstruction or Deconstruction? A Reply to Johanna Meehan,” *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 26: 3 (May 2000): 53-60.
- “Solidarity after Identity Politics: Hannah Arendt and the Power of Feminist Theory,” *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 25: 1 (January 1999): 97-118.
- “Power Trouble: Performativity as Critical Theory,” *Constellations* 5: 4 (December 1998): 456-471.
- “Foucault’s Debt to Hegel,” *Philosophy Today* 42: 1 (Spring 1998): 71-79.
- “Rethinking Power,” *Hypatia: Journal of Feminist Philosophy* 13: 1 (Winter 1998): 21-40.
- “MacIntyre's Traditionalism,” *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 31: 4 (December 1997): 511-525.

#### **IV. Book Chapters**

- “Ethics and Post-Structuralism,” forthcoming in *Ethics and World Politics*, ed. Duncan Bell, Oxford University Press (2010).
- “Postmodernism, Dekonstruktivism, and Poststrukturalism,” forthcoming in the *Habermas Handbuch*, ed. Hauke Brunkhorst, Regina Kreide, and Cristina Lafont, J.B. Metzler, (2009).
- “The Entanglement of Power and Validity: Foucault and Critical Theory,” forthcoming in *Foucault and Philosophy*, ed. Timothy O’Leary and Christopher Falzon, Blackwell, (2009).

“Third Generation Critical Theory: Benhabib, Fraser, and Honneth,” forthcoming in *The History of Continental Philosophy*, volume 7, *Post-Poststructuralism*, ed. Rosi Braidotti, Acumen Press (2009).

“Gender and Power,” in *Handbook of Power*, ed. Stewart Clegg and Mark Haugaard (London: Sage Publications, 2009).

“Feminism and the Subject of Politics,” in *New Waves in Political Theory*, ed. Christopher Zurn and Boudewijn de Bruin (London: Palgrave Macmillan Press, 2009).

“Introduction,” in *Hannah Arendt*, ed. Amy Allen (Ashgate Press, 2008).

“Feminist Perspectives on Power,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.  
/http://plato.stanford.edu/. (posted October, 2005).

“Foucault, Feminism and the Self: The Politics of Personal Transformation,” in *Feminism and the Final Foucault*, ed. Dianna Taylor and Karen Vintges (Champaign, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2004).

“Foucault on Power: A Theory for Feminists,” in *Rereading the Canon: Feminist Interpretations of Foucault*, ed. Susan Hekman, (University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1996), 265-281.

## **V. Book Reviews and Review Essays:**

“Rethinking Resistance,” Review Essay on David Hoy’s, *Critical Resistance: From Poststructuralism to Post-Critique*, *Journal of Power* 2: 1 (2009).

Review of Maeve Cooke, *Re-presenting the Good Society*, *Constellations* 15: 4 (December 2008): 587-590.

Review of Seyla Benhabib, *The Rights of Others*, *Hypatia* 22: 2 (Spring 2007): 200-204.

Review of Thomas Flynn, *Sartre, Foucault, and Historical Reason*, Volume 2, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (February 13, 2006), /http://ndpr.nd.edu/.

Review of Michel Foucault, *Society Must be Defended*, *Constellations* 12: 4 (December 2005).

Review of Sandra Bartky, “*Sympathy and Solidarity*” and *Other Essays*, *Ethics* 115: 3 (April 2005): 599-601.

Review of Dorothea Olkowski, ed., *Resistance, Flight, Creation: Feminist Enactments of French Philosophy*; Sonia Kruks, *Retrieving Experience: Subjectivity and Recognition in Feminist Politics*; and Herta Nagl-Docekal and Cornelia Klinger, eds., *Continental Philosophy*

*in Feminist Perspective: Re-Reading the Canon in German, Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 30: 2 (Winter 2005): 1706-1711.

“Feminist Narratives and Social/Political Change,” Review Essay on María Pía Lara’s *Moral Textures: Feminist Narratives in the Public Sphere, Philosophy and Social Criticism* 26: 4 (July 2000): 127-132.

Review of Hanna Fenichel Pitkin’s *The Attack of the Blob: Hannah Arendt’s Concept of the Social*, *Metaphilosophy* 31: 3 (April 2000): 333-339.

Review of Allison Weir’s *Sacrificial Logics: Feminist Theory and the Critique of Identity*, *Constellations* 6: 1 (Winter 1999): 123-125.

#### **VI. Other publications:**

“Multiple Feminisms: Response to Noelle McAfee’s ‘Two Feminisms’,” *Symposia on Gender, Race, and Philosophy*, <http://www.mit.edu/sgrp/>. (posted March 2008).

#### **VII. Works in Progress:**

“Foucault and the Politics of Our Selves,” in progress. (Invited contribution for special issue of *History of the Human Sciences*, with papers from Foucault Across the Disciplines Conference. Anticipated publication date: 2010)

“Feminism and the Politics of Our Selves,” in progress. (Invited contribution for Bulgarian journal, *Critique and Humanism*, special issue on Feminism and Critical Theory. Anticipated publication date: 2010).

#### **Invited Papers, Talks, Lectures:**

“The Unforced Force of the Better Argument: Reason and Power in Habermas’s Political Theory,” Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2009.

“The Force of Reason: Re-reading the *Dialectic of Enlightenment*.”

Political Science Department Colloquium, Williams College, March 2009; Workshop on Social and Political Philosophy, Michigan State University, March 2009

“Reason, Power and the Future(s) of Critical Theory,” Eastern Division APA, December 2008.

“The Future of Critical Theory,” Spring 2008 Richard L. Bready Lecture, St. Anselm College, March 2008.

“Foucault and the Politics of Our Selves,” Foucault Across the Disciplines Conference, University of California, Santa Cruz, March 2008

“Rationalizing Oppression,” University of California, Santa Cruz, Philosophy Department Colloquium, March 2008.

“Feminism and the Subject of Politics,” University of Alberta workshop on Philosophy of Sexual Difference and of Embodiment, October, 2007

“Discourse, Power, and Autonomy: The Foucault/Habermas Debate Reconsidered,” Department of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, November 2006.

“The Politics of Our Selves,”

presented to: Department of Philosophy, New School University, October, 2007; Department of Philosophy, Concordia University, September 2007; Department of Philosophy, Vassar College, April 2007; Department of Philosophy, University College Cork, Ireland, November 2006; Department of Political Science and Sociology, National University of Ireland, Galway, November 2006; Political Science Department, University of Florida, January 2006; New York Society for Women in Philosophy, April 2006.

“Justice and Reconciliation: The Death of the Prison?” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 2005.

“Dependency, Subordination, and Recognition: On Judith Butler’s Theory of Subjection.”

presented to: Gender and Women’s Studies Colloquium, Grinnell College, December 2004; Otto Suhr Institute, Freie Universität Berlin, May 2005.

Roundtable Discussion Participant, Feminism Now, Conference sponsored by the Leslie Humanities Center, Dartmouth College, May 2004.

“The Melancholy Subject: On Judith Butler’s Account of Subjection.”

presented to: Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, MIT, March 2003; Humanities Forum, Dartmouth College, May 2003.

Comments on Jana Sawicki’s “Foucault’s Sexual Ethics: Toward an Ethics of Pleasure,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, December 2002.

“Foucault, Feminism, and the Politics of Personal Transformation.”

presented to: Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of New Hampshire, April 2001; Foucault Circle, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 2002.

“Pornography and Power.”

presented to: Dartmouth College/University of Vermont Philosophy Conference, June 1998; Philosophy Department and Gender and Women's Studies Program Colloquium, Williams College, November 1999.

"Freedom, Transgression, and Power: A Reply to Matthew Eshleman," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 1999.

"Reconstruction or Deconstruction? A Reply to Johanna Meehan," American Philosophical Association, Central Division, May 1999.

"Rereading the Canon: A Reply to Sonia Sikka," American Philosophical Association, Central Division, May 1999.

"The Power of Feminist Theory," Women's Studies Brown Bag Lunch Series, University of Maine, April 1999.

"Introduction to Critical Social Theory," with David Owen, presentation to NEH Summer Institute, "The Idea of a Social Science -- 40 Years Later," University of Missouri -- St. Louis, July 1998.

"Solidarity after Identity Politics: Hannah Arendt and the Power of Feminist Theory."

presented to: Feminist Inquiry Seminar, Dartmouth College, February 1998; Political Theory Colloquium, New School University, March 1998.

"Foucault's Hegelian Debt," Conference on Michel Foucault's *History of Sexuality: Twenty Years Later*, DePaul University, November 1996.

### **Conference Papers:**

"The Entanglement of Power and Validity: Foucault and Critical Theory," Foucault Circle, Eastern APA, December 2008.

"The Power of Disclosure: Comments on Nikolas Kompridis's *Critique and Disclosure*," Critical Theory Roundtable, Fordham University, September 2008.

"Recognizing Domination: Recognition and Power in Honneth's Critical Theory," American Political Science Association, August, 2008.

"Reason, Power and the Future(s) of Critical Theory," Conference on Philosophy and the Social Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic, May 2008.

"Systematically Distorted Subjectivity," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 2006

“Systematically Distorted Subjectivity,” Conference on Philosophy and the Social Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic, May 2005.

“Foucault, Autonomy, and the Genetic Fallacy,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March, 2005.

“The Impurity of Practical Reason: Foucault, Kant, and Autonomy,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 2004.

“Power, Discourse, and Autonomy: The Foucault/Habermas Debate Reconsidered,” Conference on Philosophy and the Social Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic, May 2004.

“Power, Gender and Narrativity in the Constitution of the Self,” Critical Theory Roundtable, SUNY Stonybrook, October 2003.

“The Melancholy Subject: On Judith Butler’s Account of Subjection,” Conference on Philosophy and the Social Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic, May, 2003.

“Discourse Ethics vs. Moral Skepticism: The Foucault/Habermas Debate Reconsidered,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL, April, 2002.

“Foucault, Feminism, and the Self: The Politics of Personal Transformation,” Society for Women in Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute for Technology, April, 2002.

“The Best of Both Worlds? Reflections on the Foucault/Habermas Debate,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Goucher College, October, 2001.

“Foucault and the Enlightenment: A Critical Reappraisal,” Conference on Philosophy and the Social Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic, May, 2001.

“Power, Subjectivity, and Critical Agency: Habermas and Feminism,” International Association of Women Philosophers, Zurich, Switzerland, October, 2000.

“Foucault and the Enlightenment: A Critical Reappraisal,” Critical Theory Roundtable, University of Kentucky, October, 2000.

“Power and Subjectivity in Arendt,” Society for the Study of Women Philosophers, at American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Boston, MA, December, 1999.

“The Space of Subjectivity in Foucault’s Archaeology,” International Association for Philosophy and Literature, Trinity College, May, 1999.

“Power, Truth, and the Subject: Between Arendt and Foucault,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, University of Colorado at Denver, October, 1998.

“The Anti-Subjective Hypothesis: Michel Foucault and the Eradication of the Subject,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Philadelphia, PA, December, 1997.

“Power Trouble: Performativity as Critical Theory,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, University of Kentucky, October, 1997.

“Rethinking Solidarity: Hannah Arendt and the Power of Critical Theory,” Critical Theory Roundtable, St. Louis University, September, 1997.

“Identity vs. Solidarity: Hannah Arendt and the Power of Critical Theory,” Conference on Philosophy and the Social Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic, May, 1997.

“Performativity as Critical Theory,” Midwest Critical Theory Roundtable, University of Illinois, October, 1996.

“The Possibility of a Feminist *Political Liberalism*,” Society for Women in Philosophy, Eastern Division, SUNY -- Stonybrook, March, 1996.

“To Speak is to Die: Language and Death in Hegel and Foucault,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, DePaul University, October, 1995.

“On Communicative Power: Habermas’ Appropriation of Foucault,” with Richard Lynch, Midwest Critical Theory Roundtable, St. Louis University, September, 1994.

“Toward a Feminist Theory of Power,” National Graduate Women’s Studies Conference, University of California -- San Diego, May, 1994.

### **Courses Taught at Dartmouth:**

Introduction to the Problems of Philosophy, First Year Seminar: Marx, Nietzsche and Freud, Introduction to Moral Philosophy, Kant and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Phenomenology and Existentialism, Contemporary Continental Philosophy, Contemporary French Feminism, Philosophy and Literature, Philosophy of Art, Feminism and Philosophy, Ethical Theory, Nietzsche and Philosophy, Advanced Seminar: The Philosophy of Michel Foucault, Advanced Seminar: Martin Heidegger’s *Being and Time*, Contemporary Issues In Feminism: Theory and Practice (WGS program), Advanced Seminar: Feminist Theories of Subjectivity and Selfhood (WGS program), Norms and Normalization (MALS course, co-taught with Denise Anthony)

### **Service at Dartmouth:**

Chair, Committee on Organization and Policy, 08-09

Chair, Faculty Coordinating Committee, 08-09

Chair, Search Committee for Director of the Institute for Writing and Rhetoric, 07-08

Committee on Organization and Policy, 06-09

Committee on Priorities, 05-06

Acting Chair, Philosophy Department, 05F

Women's and Gender Studies Personnel Committee, 05W-07S, 09S-12S  
Committee on Instruction, 04F and 05S.  
Member, Creative Writing Program External Review Committee, 05S  
Advisory Committee for the Leslie Humanities Center, 1999-2002.  
Facilitator, Humanities Forum, 2000-2002.  
Women's and Gender Studies Steering Committee, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004-05, 2005-06.  
Women's and Gender Studies Curriculum Committee, Chair, 2004-2006

### **Service and Editorial:**

Editorial Board, *Hypatia*, (2007-2017)  
Editorial Board, *Continental Philosophy Review* (2007-present)  
Editorial Board, *Journal of Power* (2008-present)  
Series Editor, *New Directions in Critical Theory*, Columbia University Press (2006-present)  
Executive Committee of Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (elected) (2006-2009)  
Editorial Board, *Symposia on Gender, Race and Philosophy* (2006-present)  
Board of Advisors, Foucault Society, (2004-present)  
Conference Organizer, Critical Theory Roundtable, (2005)  
Co-president and Conference Co-Organizer (with Sam Levey), Northern New England Philosophical Association, Dartmouth College, (2004)  
Coordinating Book Review Editor, *Constellations*, (2005-present)  
Book Review Editor, *Constellations*, (2004-present)  
Editorial Council, *Constellations*, (2004-present)  
Chair, Committee on the Status of Women of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, (2003-04)  
Member, Committee on the Status of Women of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, (2001-04)  
Advisory Committee to the Program Committee for American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, (2001-04)  
Editorial Associate, *Constellations*, (1999-2004)  
Program Committee, Critical Theory Roundtable, Boston College, (1998)  
Conference Co-Organizer, Midwest Critical Theory Roundtable, Northwestern University, (1995)  
Referee for Northwestern University Press, SUNY Press, MIT Press, Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, Fordham University Press, Broadview Press, McGraw-Hill, *Constellations*, *Hypatia*, *Signs*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Theoria*, *Foucault Studies*, *Inquiry*, Taylor and Francis Journals, *Politics and Gender*, *Continental Philosophy Review*, *Journal of Power*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*.