

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**Michael J. Monahan of Philosophy**  
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**Special Fields:**

Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Race and Racism, Africana Philosophy, Ethics

**Degrees:**

B.A., Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, Philosophy, 1995

M.A., University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, Philosophy, 1998

Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, Philosophy, 2003

**Academic Experience:**

Teaching Assistant, Philosophy, University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, 1996-2001

Visiting Lecturer, Philosophy, University of Nevada Las Vegas, 2001–2003

Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Marquette University, 2003-2009

Associate Professor, Philosophy, Marquette University, 2009-present

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

*The Creolizing Subject: Race, Reason, and the Politics of Purity*, Fordham University Press, 2011

**Chapters in Books**

“Contracting Neighborhood: Social Reality and Human Nature at Work in Suburbia,”

*Tensional Landscapes: The Dynamics of Boundaries and Placements*, Gary Backhaus and John Murungi, eds., Lexington Books (2003), pp. 153-162.

**Articles in Print**

“Nietzsche’s Laughter, Plato’s Beard,”

*Dialogue*, Volume 37, Nos. 2-3 (1995), pp. 57-61.

“The Person as Signatory: Contractarian Social Ontology at Work in Suburbia,”

*Listening*, Volume 37:2 (2003), pp. 116-135

“The Conservation of Authenticity: Political Commitment and Racial Reality,” *Philosophia Africana*, Volume 8:1 (2005), pp. 37-50

“Private Property and Public Interest,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, Volume 12:2 (2005), pp. 17-21

“On the Question of Latin American Philosophy,” *APA Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy*, Volume 5:1, pp. 15-17

“Recognition Beyond Struggle: On a Liberatory Account of Hegelian Recognition,” *Social Theory and Practice*, Volume 32:3 (2006), pp. 389-414

“Race, Colorblindness, and Continental Philosophy,” *Philosophy Compass* 1 (2006): 10.1111/j.1747-9991.2006.0040.x (reprinted in Special Issue on Race, *Philosophy Compass* 3:v2, Feb. 2008)

“The Practice of Self Overcoming: Nietzschean Reflections on the Martial Arts,” *The Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*, Volume 34 (2007), pp. 39-51

“Sartre’s *Critique* and the Inevitability of Violence: Human Freedom in the *Milieu* of Scarcity”, *Sartre Studies International*, Volume 14, Issue 2, 2008: 48-70

“The Education of Racial Perception”, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, Volume 36:2, 2010: 209-229

“Emancipatory Affect: bell hooks on Love and Liberation”, in *The CLR James Journal*, Volume 17:1 (2011), pp. 102-111

“On the Politics of Purity: A Reply to Critics”, book discussion of *The Creolizing Subject* in *The CLR James Journal*, Volume 18:1 (2012), pp. 217-223

“The Concept of Privilege: A Critical Appraisal”, in *The South African Journal of Philosophy*, 33:1 (2014), pp. 73-83

### **Book Reviews in Print**

Review: Rodney C. Roberts, *Injustice and Rectification*, in *Philosophia Africana*, Volume 10:1, 2007: 69-72

“Liberalism and the Challenge of Race: Two Views” Review Essay: Derrick Darby, *Rights, Race and Recognition* and Ronald R. Sundstrom, *The Browning of America and the Evasion of Social Justice*, in *Social Theory and Practice*, Volume 36:4, 2010, pp. 689-704.

Review: Paul C. Taylor, *Race: A Philosophical Introduction*, *The South African Journal of Philosophy*, 32:3, 2013: 285-289

Review: José Medina, *The Epistemology of Resistance*, The American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy, Volume 13:2, 2014, pp. 52-54

### **Miscellaneous (non-refereed) Publications**

“Africana Philosophy: Globalizing the Diversity Curriculum”, *Diversity & Democracy*, Volume 10:3, pp. 12-13

### **PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND/OR PAPERS PRESENTED**

“Reason, Value, and Cross-Cultural Criticism,” Presented at the second annual Interdisciplinary Conference at the University of Southern California Saturday, April 3, 1999.

“Race, Seriality, and Authenticity,” Presented at the Brown University Phenomenology Roundtable, June 9, 2001.

“Contracting Neighbor-hood: Social Reality and Human Nature at Work in Suburbia,” Presented at Fourth Annual International Conference for the Society for Philosophy and Geography, Towson University, April 27, 2002.

“Racism and Institutional *Mis*recognition,” Presented at Second Annual Phenomenology Roundtable, Brown University, June 28, 2002.

“Philosophy and Activism,” Plenary presentation at 2002 Radical Philosophy Association Conference, Brown University, November 8, 2002

“Private property, free speech, and the ‘public good’: selfhood and political agency in a context of media monopoly,” Presented at the meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March 28, 2003.

“Hip-Hop and Cultural Appropriation,” presented at the Marquette University conference on Hip Hop and Social Change, November 2003.

Chaired a session at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Philosophical Association, April 2004

Chaired a session at the Conference on Caribbean Culture and Literature at Marquette University, October 2004

“Reciprocity, Assistance, and Structural Adjustment: A Phenomenology of Liberation in the Caribbean,” presented at the meeting of the Caribbean Philosophical Association in Barbados, West Indies, May 2004

Moderated session at the Conference on Caribbean Culture and Literature at Marquette University, October 2004

“Rehabilitating Whiteness: The Case of Irish Transportation,” presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Caribbean Philosophical Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 2005

“Reflections on the Question of Latin-American Philosophy”, presented at the Eastern Division meeting of the APA, New York City, December 2005

“Martial Arts as Nietzschean ‘Self-Overcoming’”, presented at the Pacific Division meeting of the APA, Portland Oregon, March 2006

“On Becoming Anti-Racist: Nietzschean Reflections on Racial Psychology”, presented at the Heretical Nietzsche Studies conference, Temple University, April 2006, and at the Central Division meeting of the APA, Chicago, April 2006

“Sartre on Scarcity and Violence”, presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Phenomenology Roundtable, Temple University, June 2006

“Scarcity, Violence, and Liberation”, presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Caribbean Philosophical Association in Montreal, Canada, August 2006

“Racial Seeing and the Educated Palette: A Liberatory Phenomenology of Racial Perception”, presented at the California Roundtable on Philosophy and Race in San Francisco, California, September 2006

“The Education of Racial Perception”, presented at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 2006

“The Education of Racial Perception”, presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Caribbean Philosophical Association in Mona, Jamaica, June 2007

“Conjuring Whiteness: Race and Irish Transportation in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Barbados”, presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium in Bridgetown, Barbados, August 2007

“Community, Identity, and Conflict in Theory and Practice: Exploring Urban Violence from an Interdisciplinary Perspective” presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Chicago, November 2007

“On Becoming Anti-Racist”, presented in the colloquium series of the department of History and Philosophy at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados, February 2008

“Racial Justice and the Politics of Purity”, presented at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Society, April 2008

“Racial Justice and the Politics of Purity”, presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Phenomenology Roundtable, New York, May 2008

“History, Politics, and the Reality of Race”, presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Caribbean Philosophical Society, Guadeloupe, June 2008

“Racial Justice and the Politics of Purity”, presented at the California Roundtable on Philosophy and Race, UC Berkeley, October 2008

“What Love’s Got to Do With It: The Role of Love in bell hooks’ Philosophy of Liberation”, presented at Lewis University’s annual philosophy conference, Romeoville, Illinois, February 2008

“Race, Gender, and the Purification of Reason”, presented at the Center for Latino Policy Research, UC Berkeley, November 2009

“Race, Gender, and the Purification of Reason”, presented at the Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados, November 2009

“The Subject of Recognition: Sovereignty, Tragedy, and Race”, presented at the Universidad de los Andes in Bogota, Colombia, August 2010

“Is Race Real? Taxonomy, Meaning, and the Biology of Race”, presented as part of the Biology Department’s Colloquium series at John Carroll University, November, 2010

“Recognition, Epistemology, and Ethics”, presented at the Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados, November 2010

“Mind, Body, Identity, and the Practice of the Martial Arts: Teaching Martial Arts in a Philosophy Seminar”, presented to the Society for the Study of Philosophy and the Martial Arts at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 2011

“Privilege, Scarcity, and Oppression”, presented to the California Roundtable for Philosophy and Race, UMass Boston, September 2011

“Author Meets Critics: *The Creolizing Subject*”, book panel presented at the Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Washington, D.C., December 2011

“*The Creolizing Subject*: A Conversation with Michael Monahan”, book panel presented at the Caribbean Philosophical Association, University of the West Indies St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad, July 2011

“Race, Phenomenology, and Recognition”, presented to the Phenomenology Research Group at Loyola University, Chicago, October 2012

“Maturity, Freedom, and Living Phenomenologically”, presented to the Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Rochester, New York, November 2012

“Race, Phenomenology and Recognition”, presented at the “Phenomenology and Its Futures” conference at the University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa, March 2013

“Race, Reason, and Colonialism”, presented as part of the philosophy department colloquium series at Stellenbosch University in Stellenbosch, Republic of South Africa, April 2013

“Is Race Real? A Phenomenological Approach”, presented as part of the religion and philosophy department colloquium series at the University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, Republic of South Africa, April 2013

“On Creolization as *Telos*”, presented as part of the philosophy department colloquium series at the University of Ft. Hare, East London, Republic of South Africa, May 2013

“On Creolization as *Telos*”, presented as part of the politics department colloquium series at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, Republic of South Africa, May 2013

“Strangeness and Maturity in Samantha Vice’s ‘How Do I Live in This Strange Place?’”, presented as a public lecture at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, Republic of South Africa, May 2013

“Ontology and Race”, presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference at Purdue University, Indiana, October 2013

“Phenomenology in the Global South: The Case of South Africa”, presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Caribbean Philosophical Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 2013

“Inter-American Philosophy”, presented at the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Denver, Colorado, March 2014

“Phenomenology in and of the Americas: on Sánchez’s Critique of Jorge Portilla’s *Fenomenología del Relajo*”, presented at the American Philosophical Association’s Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, California, April 2014

“Whither Creolization: on the *Telos* of Creolization as *Praxis*”, presented at the Caribbean Philosophical Association annual meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, June 2014.

## **TEACHING**

### **Undergraduate Courses Taught**

Phil 1001: Philosophy of Human Nature

Phil 2310: Theory of Ethics

Phil 3710: Political Philosophy

Phil 3770: Feminist Philosophy

Phil 3780: Africana Philosophy

Phil 4320: Contemporary Ethical Problems

Phil 4330: Business Ethics

Phil 4953: Undergraduate Seminar (Nietzsche’s Positive Ethics)

Phil 4953: Undergraduate Seminar (Community and Conflict in Theory and Practice – co-taught with Dr. Sarah Feldner)

HOPR 010: Hip-Hop, Philosophy, and Politics

HOPR 020: Philosophy and Martial Arts

### **Graduate Courses Taught**

Phil 6460: Philosophy of Freedom

Phil 6710: Political Philosophy

Phil 6957: Text/Seminar in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy: Hegel’s *Philosophy of Right*

Phil 6959: Seminar: Philosophy of Race and Racism

Phil 6957: Text/Seminar in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy: Nietzsche’s Ethics

Phil 6959: Seminar: Justice and the Politics of Recognition

### **At the University of Nevada Las Vegas**

Introduction to Philosophy

Reason and Critical Thinking  
Contemporary Moral Problems – “Philosophy and Race”  
Honors Seminar – “Philosophy and Race”

**At the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign**

Introduction to Philosophy  
Introduction to Ethics  
Contemporary Moral Problems – “Philosophy and Race”

**COMMITTEES AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**University Service**

Academic Director, South Africa Service Learning Program (Spring Term, 2013)  
Director, University Core of Common Studies (July 2009-present)  
Member, University Assessment Committee (Fall 2009-present)  
Member, Office of International Education Faculty Advisory Committee (Fall 2009-present)  
Faculty Advisor and head instructor for (martial arts club) Kuk Sool Won of Marquette (2004-present)  
Panel presenter for the 2006 “Conversations on Learning”, Marquette University, January 2006  
Invited guest speaker on Freedom and Social justice at a meeting of Marquette’s JUSTICE organization, March 2006  
Invited guest speaker on Violence and Identity at Marquette’s annual JUSTICE teach-in, October 2006  
Committee to develop Human Rights Institute (2005-2007)  
Participant in “Global Futures” program (2006-2007)  
Participant in ACLU Contemplative Practice Program 2007-2008  
Lead discussion on Africana Philosophy for meeting of faculty teaching in the “Diverse Cultures” knowledge area for Marquette’s Core Curriculum, November 2007  
Participated in panel discussion on “Civil rights and Hip-Hop” for Multi-Cultural Urban/Suburban Emerging Leaders Program at Marquette University, November 2007  
Participated in panel discussion on “Men, Masculinity, and Sexual Violence for Violence Opposition in Community Education student organization at Marquette University, November 2007  
McNair Scholars Program Faculty mentor (summers of 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)

**College Service**

Pre-Major Advising (2004-2010)  
Committee to develop Pan-African Studies Program (2003-2004)  
Committee to develop Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies Program (2006)  
Committee to restructure the African-American Studies Program (2006)  
Director, Africana Studies Program (2008-present)  
Represented Africana Studies at “Explore the Majors Fair” (2009, 2010)

**Department Service**

Acting Chair (2013-14)  
Represented department at “Explore the Majors Fair” (2004, 2008)  
Represented department at “Discovery Days” (2005)  
Director of Placement (2004-2006)  
Faculty Moderator for Philosophy Graduate Student Association (2004-2006)  
Undergraduate Committee (2008-present)  
Executive Committee (2005-2007, fall 2014-present)  
Advising of majors and graduate students (2004-present)  
Presenter on diversity in the classroom at the Marquette Philosophy Department’s TA training program, August 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Invited guest speaker on diversity in the Curriculum for the Mellon-Sponsored seminar on teaching at Marquette University, September 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009  
Presented “Philosophy of Race and Racism” for the Marquette Undergraduate Philosophy Colloquium, November 2007

### **Community Service**

Volunteer at Riverwest Food Coop (2003-2005)  
Consultant for People’s Books Cooperative on the restructuring of their Philosophy selection (2007)

### **Professional Service**

Referee for the *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*  
Referee for *Social Philosophy Today*  
Referee for Duke University Press  
Referee for Fordham University Press  
Referee for Polity Press  
Referee for Routledge Press  
Referee for the American Philosophical Association’s Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy  
Vice President of the Caribbean Philosophical Association (2008-2013)  
Treasurer of the Caribbean Philosophical Association (2013-present)  
Organized and Hosted the Phenomenology Roundtable Meetings at Marquette University in 2007 and 2011

### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

Caribbean Philosophical Association  
Hegel Society of America  
American Philosophical Association  
North American Sartre Society  
North American Society for Social Philosophy

### **ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS**

U of Illinois List of *Teachers Rated as Excellent* - Spring 1999  
U of Illinois List of *Teachers Rated as Excellent* - Spring 2000  
Straz Tower Faculty Member of the Month, November 2004  
Honors Program Students’ Association Faculty of the Month, November 2005  
Helen Way Klingler Interdisciplinary Teaching Award (\$20,000) – 2006  
Participant in NEH Summer Institute on Latin American Philosophy hosted by SUNY Buffalo, (\$3,000), 2005  
Diversity Grant – hosting Lewis R. Gordon as The Ralph H. Metcalfe St. Chair (\$3,500), 2006  
Appointed a Scholar of the Institute for the Study of Race and Social Thought (\$750), June 2007  
Summer Faculty Fellowship (\$5,000), 2009, 2011