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CURRENT POSITION

Murray and Celeste Fasken Chair in Distinguished Teaching in the Liberal Arts and
Professor of Philosophy

Director, Philosophy for Children Texas (Founder) 2015-

Director, Aggie School of Athens Philosophy Summer Camp for Teens (Founder) 2015-

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D., Philosophy**, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, 1999
- **Masters of Arts in Teaching, Philosophy for Children (P4C)**, Montclair University, Montclair, NJ 1987
- **B.A., Philosophy**, UMBC, Catonsville, MD, 1986

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (Abbreviated)

- **Murray and Celeste Fasken Chair in Distinguished Teaching and Professor of Philosophy**, 2017-22
- **Professor of Philosophy**, Texas A&M University 2013-
- **Director, Women's and Gender Studies** program, Texas A&M University, 2010-2014
- **Copeland Colloquium Fellow**, Amherst College, Amherst, MA 2011-12
- **Cornerstone Research Fellow**, Texas A&M, 2010-14
- **Associate Professor of Philosophy and WGST**, Texas A&M, appointed 2006;
- **Affiliate member of Religious Studies**, Texas A&M University, 2010-
- **Associate Professor Philosophy and Jewish Studies**, Penn State University, 2005-06. Initial appointment: Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Jewish Studies, 2000-2005.
- **Visiting Instructor**, Philosophy, Salisbury University, Philosophy, 1990-1993
- **Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion**, Washington College, Chestertown, MD 1998-1999 (Dec)

PUBLICATIONS

Books—monographs

3. *An Introduction to Modern Jewish Philosophy* (I.B.Tauris Press, 2014 London, MacMillan for U.S. distribution).
2. *Levinas and the Crisis of Humanism* (Indiana University Press, 2013). 246 pages.

Press description: Setting Emmanuel Levinas's (1906-1995) essays on Jewish education within the context of his larger philosophical project, Claire Elise Katz examines his "crisis of humanism," which motivates his description of a new ethical subject. Bringing together his multiple influences on social science and humanities disciplines and his various identities as a Jewish thinker, philosopher, and educator, Katz delves deeply into Levinas's works to understand the grounding of this ethical subject. Katz provides a fresh look at Levinas's work and provokes new thinking about the centrality of education in Levinas's philosophy and how it might transform democracy and society.

Reviewed by Annabel Herzog in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews:

<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/41250-levinas-and-the-crisis-of-humanism/>

Conversation/Review with Jeffrey Bernstein (College of the Holy Cross):

“Ready When You Are: A conversation with Claire Katz about her book, *Levinas and the Crisis of Humanism*), *Journal of French and Francophone Studies*, Vol XXI, No 2 (2014), 123-136. Review with my response to the book. <http://jffp.pitt.edu/ojs/index.php/jffp/article/viewFile/661/668>

Reviewed by Michael Morgan, in AJS Review, Vol 39/ Issue 1 (April 2015), 204-207.

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=9697142&fileId=S0364009414000865>

Selected for Authors meets Readers, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 2015. Respondents: Oona Eisenstadt (Pomona) and Dennis Beach (College of Saint Benedict/St. John’s University)

Selected for Author meets Readers, NALS session of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA November 2015

1. *Levinas, Judaism, and the Feminine: The Silent Footsteps of Rebecca* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2003).

- **Reviewed in:** *Bulletin de la Société Américaine de Philosophie de Langue Française; Canadian Studies in Religion; Continental Philosophy Review; Horizons; Modern Theology; Philosophy and Rhetoric; AJS Review; Hypatia; Studies in American-Jewish Literature*
- Selected for the Current Research Session of the October 2004 meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy.
- **A special session on Women and Jewish Philosophy at the Association for Jewish Studies, December 2004 meeting focused on my monograph, *Levinas, Judaism, and the Feminine*, and the anthology, *Women and Gender in Jewish Philosophy*, edited by Hava Tirosh-Samuelson (Indiana University Press, 2004).**

Books—edited

with Lara Trout, *Emmanuel Levinas: Critical Assessments* (London: Routledge, 2005),

4 volumes.

vol. 1 Levinas, Phenomenology, and his Critics

vol. 2 Levinas and the History of Philosophy,

vol. 3 Levinas and the Question of Religion

vol. 4 Levinas, Politics, and Beyond

Journal Articles

Forthcoming

- With Desirae Embree, “Without friends no one would choose to live’: Friendship, Phronesis, and Philosophy Summer Camp,” *Inquiry*.
- Gender and Rosenzweig: A response to Braiterman, Benjamin, and Palmer, *Bamidbar: a journal of Jewish thought and philosophy*, edited by Susan Shapiro. Accepted, in process.

Published

2016

Symposium on my book, *Levinas and the Crisis of Humanism* with responses by Dennis Beach, Oona Eisenstadt, James Hatley, Martin Kavka, Deborah Achtenberg and my response (2016)

<https://syndicate.network/symposia/philosophy/levinas-and-the-crisis-of-humanism/>

with Oona Eisenstadt, “The Faceless Palestinian: a history of an error,” *Telos* 174, pp. 1-24, Spring 2016.

2015

“The Significance of Narcissism,” *Journal of French and Francophone Studies*, Vol 23, No 2 (2015), 50-58.

2014

“Ready When You Are: A conversation with Claire Katz about her book, *Levinas and the Crisis of Humanism*,” *Journal of French and Francophone Studies*, Review with my response to the book. See above under reviews.

“The Limits of Philosophy: Implications for Education and Moral Subjectivity” invited by *SpazioFilosofico*, January 2014. (Invited paper--Reprinted material from *Levinas and the Crisis of Humanism*)

2013

with John Kaag, “Living with Injustice: Lessons from 1963,” *Ethics & International Affairs*, <http://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2013/living-with-injustice-lessons-from-1963/>

“Doing Before Hearing: the temptation of reason,” *Journal of Scriptural Reasoning*, Spring 2013 Invited (20 ms pages) 2013.

2011

“Jew-Greek redux: Knowing what we do not know—on Diane Perpich’s *The Ethics of Emmanuel Levinas*,” volume 1/number 1, January 2011 *philoSOPHIA: a Journal of Continental Feminism*, 103-111.

“The Stirrings of a Stubborn and Difficult Freedom: Assimilation, Education, and Levinas’s Crisis of Humanism,” *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy*, Vol XVIII, No 1 (2010), 86-105.

2010

with Linda Radzik, “The Ethical Dimensions of Making Amends: A Dialogue,” *South Central Review* 27.3 (Fall 2010): 144–161.

“Some Reflections on a Bad Relationship—some thoughts on mid-career choices for women in philosophy” Committee for the Status of Women, Newsletter for the *American Philosophical Association*, 11-14. (invited—spring 2010)

2008

“Thus Spoke Zarathustra; Thus Listened the Rabbi: Philosophy, Education, and the Cycle of Enlightenment,” *New Nietzsche Studies* (volume 7, numbers 3 and 4, Fall 2007/Winter 2008), 75-90. (Guest editor Debra Bergoffen).

Another version reprinted in *After the Death of a Certain God: Nietzsche and Levinas*, edited by Bettina Bergo and Jill Stauffer (Columbia University Press, 2008), 81-95.

“The Eternal Irony of the Community’: Prophecy, Patriotism, and the Dixie Chicks,” *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, Volume 26, Number 4 (Summer 2008), pp. 139-160.

2007

“Educating the Solitary Man: Levinas, Rousseau, and the Return to Jewish Wisdom” *Levinas Studies: An Annual Review*, Volume 2 (Pittsburgh, PA: Duquesne University Press, 2007), pp. 133-152.

On a word and a prayer: Education, Prayer, and the Affirmation of Faith,” *Journal of Textual Reasoning*, Fall, 2007 (editors Daniel Haskell Weiss and Peter Ochs)
http://etext.virginia.edu/journals/tr/volume5/number1/TR05_01_katz.html

“Levinas between Agape and Eros,” *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy*, vol. 11, no. 2 (Fall 2007), 333-350.

2006

“The presence of the Other is a presence that teaches”: Levinas, Pragmatism, and Pedagogy. *The Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, volume 14/1-2 (2006), pp. 91-108. (guest editor: Catherine Chaliel).

- “Before the face of God one must not go with empty hands: Transcendence and Levinas’s Prophetic Consciousness,” *Philosophy Today*, Volume 50 number 1/5, Spring 2006, pp. 57-68.
- “Jewish Philosophy Today: What Jewish Philosophy Can Say to Contemporary Continental Philosophy,” Introduction to the special issue of *Philosophy Today*, Volume 50, Number 1/5, Spring 2006, pp. 3-5.
- “One is not born a mother” *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy*, Vol. 11, No. 2 (Fall 2007), 447-454. Review essay of Lisa Guenther, *The Gift of the Other* (Albany: SUNY 2006).

2005

- “Raising Cain: Evil and the Question of Responsibility,” *Cross Currents*, Summer, Vol. 55:2 (2005) 215-33.
- “Emmanuel Levinas: The Rhetoric of Ethics” Introduction for the special issue of *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, volume 38:2 (2005), 99-102.
- “Levinas—Between Philosophy and Rhetoric: The ‘Teaching’ of Levinas’s Scriptural References,” *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, volume 38:2, 159-172.
- “Teaching the Other: Levinas, Rousseau and the Question of Education” *Philosophy Today*, Volume 49:2, Summer 2005, pp. 200-207.

2004

- “Emmanuel Levinas and the Jewish Question,” *Religious Studies Review*, 30:1, Winter 2004, 3-11.
- “Teaching Our Children Well: Pedagogy, Religion and the Future of Philosophy,” *Cross Currents*, 53:4, Winter 2004, 530-547.
- High Profile Link:** This essay was web linked in the Essays and Opinion section of *Arts and Letters Daily: A service of The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Weekend edition, April 24-25, 2004, <http://aldaily.com/> weblink directly to essay: <http://www.crosscurrents.org/katzwinter2004.htm>
- High Profile Link:** This essay was web linked to the front page of the electronic version of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and sent out to all of its subscribers with a blurb about the essay, May 5, 2004.

2003

- “Witnessing Education,” *Studies in Practical Philosophy: A Journal of Ethical and Political Philosophy*, Vol. 3, No. 2, 2003, 107-131.
- “The Voice of God and the Face of the Other,” *The Journal of Textual Reasoning*, vol. 2.1 <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/journals/tr/volume2/number1/katz.html>.
- “The Significance of Childhood,” *International Studies in Philosophy*, Volume XXXIV, Number 4, 77-101.

2002

- “‘For Love is as Strong as Death’: Taking another look at Levinas on Love,” *Philosophy Today*, July 2002, vol. 45:5, 124-132.

Before 2000

- “The Neglected Alternative in Kant's Philosophy Revisited,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, January 1995, 91-100.
- “Bridging the Gap,” *Thinking: The Journal of Philosophy for Children*, Spring 1992, pp. 13-15.

Book Chapters

2018

- “The Case for Jewish Philosophy in a Liberal Arts Education,” *The Future of Jewish Philosophy*, eds. Aaron Hughes and Hava Tirosh-Samuels, vol 22, (Leiden and Boston: Brill), 195-208.
- With Hilaire Kallendorf, “Ethics in Disguise: Traces, Faces, and Ghosts in Shakespeare and Levinas,” in *'To See Another Thus': A Meditation of Shakespeare and Levinas*, Ed. Sandor Goodhart (West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press), 147-170.

“Levinas and Education,” for *Oxford Handbook of Emmanuel Levinas*, edited by Michael Morgan, Oxford University Press.

2017

Sadness, Intersubjectivity, and the Lesson of “Inside Out” in *The Moral Psychology of Sadness*, edited by Anna Gotlib. Rowman and Littlefield, 2017, 125-144.

“Education, Technology, and Social Control,” *Philosophy and Technology*, edited by Anthony Beavers (MacMillan, 2017) 31-55.

2016

“Can one still be Jewish without Sartre?” *The Ethical Turn: Otherness and Subjectivity in Contemporary Psychoanalysis*, edited by David Goodman and Eric Severson (New York: Routledge). This essay was an invited lecture at the Psychology and the Other conference, Fall 2012. Parts of the essays are reprinted from my 2013 book, *Levinas and the Crisis of Humanism*. This essay is framed around a different argument that begins with Sartre’s *Anti-Semite and Jew*.

2014

“Philosophy, the Academy, and the Future of Jewish Learning in the 21st Century,” for *Jewish Philosophy in the 21st Century*, eds, Hava Tirosh Samuelson and Aaron Hughes. Brill Publishing.

2012

“Turning toward the Other,” in *Totality and Infinity at 50*, Scott Davidson and Diane Perpich, editors (Pittsburgh: Duquesne University Press, 2012) 209-226. **Refereed**

2010

“Education East of Eden: Levinas, the Psychopath, and the Paradox of Responsibility,” *Radicalizing Levinas*, Peter Atterton and Matt Calarco, eds. (Albany: SUNY Press, 2010) 171-184. **Refereed**

2009

“Educating in the Shadow of Camp William James,” *The Cross and the Star: The Post-Nietzschean Christian and Jewish Thought of Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy and Franz Rosenzweig*, Wayne Cristaudo and Frances Huessy, Editors (Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2009), 333-348

2008

“Thus Spoke Zarathustra; Thus Listened the Rabbi: Philosophy, Education, and the Cycle of Enlightenment,” *Nietzsche and Levinas: “After the Death of a Certain God”*, editors, Jill Stauffer and Bettina Bergo (New York: Columbia University Press, 2008), 81-95. **Refereed**
Another version published in “Thus Spoke Zarathustra; Thus Listened the Rabbi: Philosophy, Education, and the Cycle of Enlightenment,” *New Nietzsche Studies* (volume 7, numbers 3 and 4, Fall 2007/Winter 2008).(Guest editor Debra Bergoffen).

2005

“Introducing Levinas,” Introduction to *Emmanuel Levinas: Critical Assessments*, Vol. 1 (London: Routledge, 2005), 1-6.

“Levinas, History, and Subjectivity,” Introduction to *Emmanuel Levinas: Critical Assessments*, Vol. 2 (London: Routledge, 2005), 1-4.

“Levinas, Judaism, and Religion: The Unlikely Match between Philosophy and Religion,” Introduction to *Emmanuel Levinas: Critical Assessments*, Vol. 3 (London: Routledge, 2005), pp. 1-4.

“Who is the Other?: Moving Beyond Levinas's Ethics,” Introduction to *Emmanuel Levinas: Critical Assessments*, Vol. 4 (London: Routledge, 2005), pp. 1-4.

“The Responsibility of Irresponsibility: Taking Another Look at the *Akedah*,” *Addressing Levinas*, eds., Eric Nelson, Kent Still, Antje Kapust (Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2005). **Refereed**

2004

“From Eros to Maternity: Love and Death in the Work of Emmanuel Levinas,” *On Being Human: Women in Jewish Philosophy*, edited by Hava Tirosh-Samuels (Indiana University Press, 2004), 153-175.

Refereed

- **Reprinted** in *Emmanuel Levinas: Critical Assessments* vol. 2, Claire Katz, editor, (London: Routledge, 2005), pp. 224-247.

2003

“Re-Inhabiting the House of Ruth: Exceeding the limits of the Feminine in *Totality and Infinity*,” *Feminist Interpretations of Emmanuel Levinas*, ed., Tina Chanter (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2001), pp. 145-170. **Refereed**

- **Reviewed:** book review of *Feminist Interpretations of Levinas*, in *Review of Metaphysics*, Winter 2003
- **Reprinted** in *Emmanuel Levinas: Critical Assessments*, volume 4, Claire Katz, editor (London: Routledge, 2005), pp. 190-211.

2000

Translation

- Henri Maldiney, “Flesh and Verb in the Philosophy of Merleau-Ponty” [translated from “*Chair et Verbe dans la Philosophie de M. Merleau-Ponty*”], *Chiasms: The Problem of the Flesh in Merleau-Ponty*, eds. Fred Evans and Leonard Lawlor, Albany: SUNY Press, 2000.

Encyclopedia Entries

- Emmanuel Levinas, *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, John Wiley and Sons, 2014. (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/book/10.1002/9781118474396>) (2000 words)
- “Emmanuel Levinas,” *Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture*, editor Judith Baskin. Cambridge University Press, 2011. (700 words)
- Gender and Sexuality in the History of Western Philosophy, *Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender*, editor, Fedwa Malti-Douglas. Thomson Gale publishing (Macmillan, 2007). (5000 words)
- “Maternal Love in Judaism,” *Encyclopedia of Love*, editor Yudit Greenberg. (Oxford University Press, 2007).

Interviews/Blogposts

Interview with PLATO (Philosophy, Learning, and Teaching Organization) August 2016
<http://www.plato-philosophy.org/pre-college-philosophy-summer-camp-texas/>

TEDx TAMU

“Why the Humanities?” **TEDx TAMU**, April 11, 2015

In progress:

- *Unrepentant Women: Gender, Judaism, and the Limits of Forgiveness* (working title--book project)
- Essay on Simone de Beauvoir and German Idealism, for Jon Stewart ed., *Palgrave Handbook of German Idealism and Existentialism*.
- Entry on Modern Jewish Philosophy for the *Cambridge History of Philosophy*, volume 8, years 1945-2010, edited by Iain Thompson and Kelly Becker. Delivery of essay, February 2017.
- *Growing up with Philosophy Camp*, edited book for the series in Philosophy for Children edited by Tom Wartenberg, Rowman and Littlefield, Delivery of manuscript, August 2019.

Essays on CD Rom

1. "Accusing Philosophy: Levinas--Greek or Jew?," *The European Legacy*, February 2001.
2. "Ambiguous Boundaries in Our Relations With Others: Mapping Together Merleau-Ponty's Two Accounts of Intersubjectivity," *The European Legacy*, Summer, 2001.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

- **Murray and Celeste Fasken Chair in Distinguished Teaching in the Liberal Arts**, 2017-2022
Texas A&M
- **Finalist for the APA Prize for Excellence in Philosophy Teaching**, 2017 and 2018 (rules specify no more than 5 people will be advanced as a finalist)
- **PESCA**, Texas A&M Vice President for Research Awarded December 2015 for 2016-17, (\$9999.30).
- **CASA grant (Cluster Advancement and Success Award College of Liberal Arts)** to work with graduate students in Philosophy and Hispanic Studies and develop a Philosophy Summer Camp for Teens,
 - Awarded Fall 2015 to be used in June 2016.
 - Awarded Fall 2016 to be used in June 2017.
- **Glasscock Faculty Research Fellowship**, Glasscock Humanities Center, Awarded Summer 2014 for 2014-15
- **International Travel Award**, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M, 2014, 2015
- **Glasscock Center for Humanities Research**, Publication Support Grant (\$1000 for cover art permission and license)
- **Copeland Colloquium Fellowship**, Amherst College (Amherst, MA), September 2011-May 2012 (\$50,000)
- **Cornerstone Faculty Fellowship**, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University, awarded March 2011: September 2011-August 2015 (\$30,000 spread over four years).
- **Faculty Development Leave**, Texas A&M University, Spring 2010
- **Glasscock Internal Faculty Fellowship**, Texas A&M University, Spring 2009.
- **Glasscock Travel to Archives Grant** (\$1000)
- **Enhancement for Scholarly and Creative Activities**, Office of the Vice President for Research, Texas A&M University, \$10,000. Summer 2008; Summer 2010.
- **Course development Grant (2008): Texas A&M Women's and Gender Studies (\$750).**
- **Course Development Grant (2007): Texas A&M Glasscock Center for Humanities Research (\$1500)**
- **Research Leave**, Texas A&M College of Liberal Arts, 2006-07.
- **Global Fund Grant (Penn State)** to participate in the Collegium Phaenomenologicum, July 13-20, 2003, Città di Castello, Umbria, Italy.
- **Research and Graduate Studies Office (Penn State)** award for aid to defray the costs of *Emmanuel Levinas: Critical Assessments*, a four volume edited collection for Routledge, \$3500. November 2002
- **Institute for the Arts and Humanities (Penn State)** grant to complete work on my manuscript, *Levinas, Judaism, and the Feminine: The Silent Footsteps of Rebecca*, awarded April 2002. \$700
- **Global Fund Grant (Penn State)**, to present a paper at the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Bergen, Norway, August 2000.
- **Visiting Fellowship in the Ethics Institute at the Pennsylvania State University**, Fall 1999 [declined].
- Griffith Memorial Award for the best philosophy paper by a graduate student, "Human Nature, Sociality, and Aristotle's Final Account of *Eudaimonia*," Southern Society for Philosophy and

Psychology, Nashville, TN, April, 1996

- **Grant:** “Great Wonders: Improving Critical Thinking Skills and Raising Self-Esteem Through the Philosophy for Children Program,” awarded by the Maryland Humanities Council, September 1991.

Opinion Piece

“If Not Censorship, Then What?” *The Baltimore Sun*, December 26, 1990.

PRESENTATIONS

Upcoming

Teaching undergraduates to do pre-college philosophy, APA Central Meeting, Denver, CO, February 21.
Levinas and Existentialism, Diverse Lineages, Washington, DC, June 2-5.

2019

“Remaining sensitive to spilled blood’: Gender and Justice in Levinas’s Reading of 2 Samuel,” J. Richard and Dorothy Shiff Lecture at the University of Toronto, January 7, 2019.

2018

“Friendship and Philosophy Camp,” Jerry Jackson Lecture at Western Carolina University, November 29, 2018.

“Embodied Shame: From Magdalens to Dress Codes,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, State College, PA, October 17-20.

Presentation on Continental Philosophy and Philosophy Camp for Teens, SPEP, October 17, 2018.

“Humanities Education in Challenging Times: Critical Reflection, Ethical Development,” and Pre-College Philosophy, University of Scranton, October 15-16

Community of Inquiry as Transformational Teaching, Texas A&M, April 2018.

Pre-College Philosophy Summer Camps, Central APA, February 2018.

Keynote, Arkansas High School Ethics Bowl, University of Arkansas, January 27, 2018.

2017

Response to Donna Orange, Psychology and the Other conference, Cambridge, MA October 2017.

“The role of pre-college philosophy in improving STEAM education,” STEAM conference, Athens, Greece, July 17-20, 2017.

“Friendship and Philosophy Summer Camp,” International Conference on Philosophical Inquiry with Children, Madrid, Spain, June 30-July 2, 2017.

Plenary presenter, Pre-college philosophy, Salisbury University, April 8, 2017

Keynote, TBA, Jewish Studies program, Gettysburg College, April 1, 2017

“The Benefits of Hosting a Philosophy Camp for Teens and Tweens: A Dispatch from the Aggie School of Athens,” Teaching Hub for the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, MD, January 5, 2017.

2016

“Thinking with Rabbinic Texts: The Next Stage,” Seminar/workshop, Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, December 18-20, 2016.

“#Sorry,NotSorry: Uppity Women, American Values, and the Dixie Chicks,” Lest Lecture, Bethancourt Student Group, Texas A&M, October 4th, 2016

Respondent: Future of Jewish Philosophy in the Academy: Jewish Philosophy in the 21st Century, Arizona State University, September 2016.

Shame on You: Education, Technology, and Social Control, Athens Institute for Educational Research, Athens, Greece, July 2016.

#SorryNotSorry: Keynote, Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, Texas A&M University, May 19,

2016.

Poster presentation, for *Unrepentant Women*, Women's Research on Women, Texas A&M March 30, 2016 (invited)

"Not ready to make nice..." Dixie Chicks, American Values, and the Music we Love to Hate, SWIP Ireland, University College, Dublin, January 29, 2016 (invited)

Can be there Education after Auschwitz? Adorno, Levinas, Nussbaum,

o Trinity College, Dublin, January 27, 2016 (invited)

o University College, Dublin, January 28, 2016 (invited)

"Until the rain fell down on the corpses": Rizpah's role in "Toward the Other," Levinas, Law, and Literature, Antwerp, Belgium, January 20-22, 2016 (referreed)

2015

Author Meets Readers (Levinas and the Crisis of Humanism), American Academy of Religion, November 2015, Atlanta, GA.

Author Meets Readers (Levinas and the Crisis of Humanism), Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 2015, Atlanta, Georgia.

Scholar Session on the work of Pleshette DeArmitt, Kristeva Circle, September 10-11, 2015, Memphis, TN.

"Gender, Justice, and the Limits of Forgiveness: Figuring Rizpah within the Cycle of Revenge,"

Aesthetics and the Feminine Conference, Society for Women in Philosophy (Ireland), Cork, Ireland, July 17-18, 2015.

Presentations on Professional Life, University of Memphis, PhD Alumni conference, April 30-May 2, 2015

"Why the Humanities?" **TEDx TAMU**, April 11, 2015.

"Can there be education after Auschwitz? Levinas and Adorno on Resisting Fascist Thinking," Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, April 2015.

"Childhood and Citizenship: Exploring the Philosophy for Children Program," Childhood Studies Conference, Texas A&M University, March 27, 2015.

2014

"Education after Auschwitz?: Adorno, Levinas, and the Crisis of Humanism," American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 2014.

"...until water fell down on the corpses" Gender and Forgiveness in Levinas's reading of 2 Samuel,

o European Association of Jewish Studies, Paris, France, July 20-24, 2014

o Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, Colorado College, June 2014

o North American Levinas Society, Ocean City, MD, May 2014

o Levinas Research Seminar, Pomona College, April 2014

"What were the women doing...?" Judaism and Gender in creating a diverse campus" What Diversity Means at Texas A&M, Conference on Diversity at Texas A&M, March 6, 2014

Philosophy for Children in the 21st Century—Symposium on Childhood Studies, Texas A&M, March 1, 2014

Gender and Forgiveness in Levinas's Talmudic Commentary—"Toward the Other," Interactive symposium, Texas A&M University, February 21, 2014.

Author Meets Readers: Roundtable discussion on Humanities Education, Jewish Philosophy, and Gender, Texas A&M University, February 7, 2014.

2013

"The Limits of Forgiveness: Reconsidering Arendt's *Eichmann in Jerusalem* after 50 years", Association for Jewish Studies, December 15-17, 2013.

"Is there a limit to Responsibility?: Arendt's *Eichmann in Jerusalem* 50 years later," American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, November 23-26, 2013.

Panelist for a discussion of Judith Butler's *Parting Ways*, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, November 23-26, 2013. **Judith Butler responding.**

Keynote--"Philosophy and its Limits: Humanities Education and the Philosophy for Children Program," Philosophical Horizons, University of Memphis, November 22, 2013.

Invited scholar in residence: Critical Inquiry and Cultural Studies (Illuminations Series), Arizona State University (West Campus), October 24, 2013.

"Education after Auschwitz: Levinas's Crisis of Humanism," **Invited talk.** Grossman Chair in Jewish Studies Lecture Series, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, October 23, 2013.

"*Eichmann in Jerusalem* 50 years later," **Invited speaker,** Jewish Studies Program, Lehigh University, October 7, 2013.

"Can One Still be a Jew without Sartre?" **Featured speaker:** Psychology of the Other, Lesley College, Boston, MA, October 4-6, 2013.

Author meets Readers for *Levinas and the Crisis of Humanism*, North American Levinas Society, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, July 28-31, 2013.

"Can One Still Be Jewish Without Sartre," Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX May 15-17, 2013.

2012

Keynote speaker: Psychology for the Other seminar, Department of Psychology, Seattle University, Seattle, WA, November 9-11.

"For nature has endowed woman with a power..." Levinas and Rousseau on Women and Education, **invited talk,** Women's Studies Program, University of Texas, Dallas, September 13, 2012.

"Education After Auschwitz: Levinas, Humanism, and the promise of Jewish education," **invited talk,** Judaic and Near Eastern Studies, UMass Amherst, February 1.

2011

"... an innate repugnance to see a fellow creature suffer": Self-Sufficiency and Ethical Subjectivity in Rousseau and Levinas, invited talk, Political Science, UMass Amherst, November 30.

Keynote speaker, Phi Sigma Tau Undergraduate/Graduate conference, University of North Texas, October 28-29.

"Great soldiers and statesmen were also great scholars': Levinas, Jewish Education, and the Crisis of Humanism," College of the Holy Cross, October, 6.

Keynote speaker "Memory, Forgiveness and the Stranger," to inaugurate the Holocaust Memorial Social Action site, University of Denver, May 5-6, 2011.

2010

Plenary: "Levinas and the Politics of Education," "Lectures de Difficile Liberté" (Readings of Difficult Freedom), co hosted by *Société internationale de recherches Emmanuel* (SIREL, Paris) and the North American Levinas Society (NALS), **Toulouse, France,** July 5-9, 2010.

Keynote—"The Stirrings of a Stubborn and Difficult Freedom," Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, University of New Mexico, May 28-29, 2010 "Levinas and the Crisis of Humanism," **Invited talk,** SUNY Binghamton, April 29, 2010.

Keynote speaker, Honor Society in Religion, 'Against the current': Levinas, Judaism, and the Crisis of Humanism, Syracuse University, April 28, 2010.

Response to Linda Radzik's *Making Amends: Atonement in Morality, Politics and Law*, Texas A&M University, February 4, 2010.

2009

"Judaism and the Crisis of Humanism," **invited talk** for the Schusterman Jewish Studies Program, University of Texas, Austin, November 18, 2009.

"Jew-Greek Redux," **invited response** to Diane Perpich's *The Ethics of Emmanuel Levinas* (Stanford 2008), Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 29, 2009, Alexandria, VA.

“Doing before Hearing,” **invited presentation** for the symposium “We will do and We will hear,” Penn State Jewish Studies Program, October 25, 2009.

“Rosenzweig’s New Learning; Levinas’ New Humanism,” The International Rosenzweig Congress, Paris, France, May 2009.

Invited presentation on Women and Philosophy—mid-career choices, Committee for the Status of Women, American Philosophical, Vancouver, BC, Association, Pacific Division, April 2009.

Invited Respondent for “Pragmatism, Feminism, and Race” panel at the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Texas A&M University, March 2009.

Keynote—“‘The essence of education is natality’: Philosophy, Practice, and the Politics of Education,” The Sun Conference on Teaching, University of Texas, El Paso, February 27, 2009.

2008

“Education and the Kavannah of Prayer—Levinas and Heschel,” North American Levinas Society, University of Seattle, August 31, 2008-September 2, 2008.

“Educating in the legacy of Camp William James,” **invited talk** for the Conference on Franz Rosenzweig and Eugen Rosenstock-Hussey, Dartmouth, July 11-13,

“Teach these things to your children...’—Levinas, Education, and the Fecundity of Responsibility,”

Keynote lecture, Levinas Research Seminar, Université de Montréal, May 16-18, 2008.

“Can we still be Jewish Without Kierkegaard?: The Binding of Isaac and the Aporia of Responsibility,” **invited talk** at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD, April 29, 2008.

2007

The Politics of the Dixie Chicks, **invited talk** at Baylor University, November 2, 2007.

“Dixie Chick Religion,” **invited talk** for the Celebrating Heschel at 100 conference, Baylor University, November 1-2, 2007.

“Dixie Chick Religion,” **invited talk** for the TAMU Women’s Studies Program, October 19th, 2007.

“Teaching Jewish Studies to Christian Students,” **invited panel** Southwest meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Dallas, TX, March 3-4, 2007.

“Educating the Solitary Man,” **invited lecture** at the University of Denver, February 5th, 2007.

2006

Visiting Scholar for Gender Studies and Religion series on Women and Religion, Topic: Women and Judaism, University of Toledo, October 19-20, 2006.

Invited speaker, Textual Reasoning research group, Indiana University, August 20-21, 2006

Invited speaker for the Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy, session on Lisa Guenther’s book. *The Gift of the Other: Levinas and the Politics of Reproduction* May 29, 2006

Plenary speaker, first annual meeting of the North American Levinas Society (May 14, 2006), Purdue University

Invited speaker for *Decalogues: 10 Judaic Studies Scholars in Conversation*, The Center for Judaic Studies and the Department of Philosophy, University of Denver. May 15-16, 2006.

Guest speaker on Levinas and Midrash, Purdue University, May 2, 2006

Keynote speaker, “Freedom Threatened,” Conference on Academic Freedom, hosted by Gettysburg College, March 24, 2006.

Invited talk, “Educating a Man or Raising a Mensch? Levinas, Rousseau, and the Return to Jewish Wisdom,” Indiana University, January 23, 2006.

2005

Invited lecture on Levinas’s philosophy of education, presentation for Montclair State College, Department of Educational Foundations, December 2005.

Invited presentation/text leader for Levinas’s early philosophical essays, Levinas Research Seminar,

Assumption College, September 2005.

Presentation on Levinas, Jewish Philosophy, and Feminism, Dartmouth Summer Institute: Gender in Judaism and Islam, directed by Susannah Heschel, August 7-11, 2005, Dartmouth College.

“Educating the Solitary Man,” **invited talk** at the University of New Mexico, January 10, 2005.

2004

“Maternity and Political Theology,” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 21, 2004.

Levinas, Judaism, and the Feminine: A Response to Schott and Perpich, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Memphis, TN, October 28, 2004.

“What are little boys made of: Rousseau, Levinas, and Sexual Difference,” Alumni Conference, University of Memphis, May 14-15, 2004.

“Sarah’s Laughter and the Joys of Motherhood: Eros and Responsibility in the Work of Emmanuel Levinas,” **invited paper**, University of Oregon, hosted by Judaic Studies, Philosophy, the University of Oregon Humanities Center, and Romance Languages, April 29, 2004.

Levinas and the Philosophy of History, **invited commentary** for the Society for the Philosophy of History, Central APA, Chicago, IL, April 24, 2004.

“Levinas and War: Reading ‘Damages Due to Fire,’” **Invited presentation**, University of Oregon, Judaic Studies Program, April 29, 2004.

“Levinas’s Prediction of the Catastrophe,” **Invited presentation** and facilitator of a faculty seminar, University of Oregon Judaic Studies Program and the University of Oregon Humanities Center, April 30, 2004.

“Boys Will Be Boys: Sexual Difference and Subjectivity in Rousseau and Levinas,” **invited talk** for the Continental Philosophy Conference, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH, April 2-3, 2004.

“Cain and Abel: The first Murder Mystery,” Penn State Hillel, March 17, 2004.

“The Time for/of Maternity: reply to Gibbs and Grosholz,” Penn State Philosophy Department, March 19 2004.

“Sophie’s Choice: Mothers, Lovers, and Sexual Difference in Rousseau’s *Emile*,” Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Art, Nature, Will, conference at Penn State, February 13-14, 2004.

2003

“The Stranger Within Me: Motherhood, Responsibility, and Creativity,” Society for Philosophy and Creativity, Eastern American Philosophical Association, Washington, D.C., December 26-30, 2003.

“The Other is My Teacher: Levinas, Pragmatism, and Pedagogy,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA, December 21-23, 2003.

“Do you want fries with that?: Philosophy, the Good Life, and Teaching Our Children Well,” **invited inaugural** lecture to the York College of PA department of Humanities and English, October 22, 2003

“Time is Ethics,” **invited response** to Sandra Rosenthal’s “A Time for Being Ethical,” SAAP meeting, Denver, CO, March 2003.

2002

“The Face of Death: Finitude in Levinas and Heidegger,” Association for Jewish Studies, Los Angeles, CA, December 15-17, 2002.

“Abraham, a Drag Queen?—Or, Levinas and the Question of Maternity,” Comparative Literature Lunch and Lecture Series, Penn State University, November 4, 2002.

“Levinas, Judaism, and the Feminine—What’s at Stake?,” Institute for Arts and Humanities, Penn State University, September 17, 2002

“Levinas on Art and Ethics,” panel discussion on art and ethics, Penn State University, September 13, 2002.

“For Love is as Strong as Death: Levinas and Irigaray on Love,” **invited talk** for the Levinas Research Seminar, Harvard Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 5-7, 2002.

2001

- “Levinas and Rosenzweig on Love: A response to Irigaray”: American Philosophical Association, Eastern Meeting, Atlanta, GA, December 27-30, 2001.
- “The Voice of God and the Face of the Other: Levinas, Kierkegaard, and Abraham,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 16-20, 2001.
- “For Love is as Fierce as Death’: Taking Another Look at Levinas on Love,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Baltimore, October 4-7, 2001
- “Unraveling the Binding of Isaac: Reading Levinas and Kierkegaard on the *Akedah*,” Fourth International Kierkegaard Conference, June 9-13, 2001. I could not attend, but my paper was read for me.
- “The Genesis of Alterity: Reading Levinas through Rashi,” International Association of Philosophy and Literature, Atlanta, GA, May 2001.
- “Isaac Unbound: Rethinking Responsibility Through Levinas and Kierkegaard,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Meeting, March 27, 2001
- “Love and Death: The Feminine in the work of Emmanuel Levinas,” On Being Human: Women in Jewish Philosophy conference, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, February 25-26, 2001.

2000

- “Sex and the Single Girl: Levinas, Eros, and the Feminine,” Inaugural Address, Penn State University, December 1, 2000.
- “Accusing Philosophy: Levinas--Greek or Jew,” International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Bergen, Norway, August 14-18, 2000.
- “Unraveling the Binding of Isaac through Levinas and Kierkegaard,” **invited talk**, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, May 3, 2000.
- Invited comments** for Judy Whipps’ talk on Jane Addams, SAAP meeting, Indianapolis, IN, March 2000.
- “The Work of the Feminine and the Continuity of Levinas’s Project,” **invited talk**, Emory University, March 3, 2000

1990-1999

- “How to Be a Dutiful Granddaughter: Living and Teaching in the Shadow of *The Second Sex*,” conference on the Legacies of Simone de Beauvoir, hosted by the Pennsylvania State University Department of Philosophy, November 19-20, 1999.
- “Loving the Torah More Than God: Reading Abraham through Kierkegaard and Levinas,” **invited talk**, Penn State University, October 21, 1999.
- “Feminism, Philosophy, and Academia,” **invited** by St. Mary’s College, Fall 1999.
- “The Responsibility of Irresponsibility: Taking Another Look at the Akedah,” invited paper for the Emory University conference on Levinas and the Judaic, October 14-16, 1999.
- “The Significance of Childhood,” Merleau-Ponty Circle, July 29-August 1, 1999, Wales, UK.
- Invited panel participant** for the Salisbury State University Philosophy Department Spring Symposium on “The Ethics of Cloning,” April 17, 1999.
- “Judaism and Food,” Washington College, February, 1999.
- “Begetting History: Levinas, Genealogy, and the Question of Ethics,” **Invited paper** for the Penn State University philosophy colloquium: The Histories of Philosophy, November 19-20, 1998.
- “Looking for Eros in the Work of Emmanuel Levinas,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Denver, CO, October 10, 1998.
- “Mapping Together Merleau-Ponty’s Two Accounts of Intersubjectivity,” International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Haifa University, Haifa, Israel, August 16-21, 1998.
- “The Drama of Ruth: Pushing the Limits of Levinas’s Categories,” Philosophy, Interpretation, Culture, Binghamton, NY, April 1997.
- “Re-Inhabiting the House of Ruth: Exceeding the Limits of the Feminine in Levinas and the Judaic,”

- Representations of the Others, Mary Washington College, Fredricksburg, VA, April 1997.
- “Ambiguous Boundaries: Locating the Roots of Self-Awareness Within Merleau-Ponty’s Conception of Our Relations With Others,” presented with Tom Nenon at the Philosophical Collaborations conference, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, March 1997.
- “Human Nature, Sociality, and Aristotle's Final Account of *Eudaimonia*,” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Nashville, TN, April, 1996.
- “Human Nature, Sociality, and Aristotle's Final Account of *Eudaimonia*,” Tennessee Philosophical Society, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, November 1995.
- “Philosophical Issues in Business Ethics,” invited presentation for the Symposium on Business Ethics, Murray State College, Murray, KY, March 1995
- “The Neglected Alternative in Kant’s Philosophy,” Southwest Philosophical Society, San Antonio, TX, November, 1994
- “Dominating Education: A Phenomenology of Pedagogy,” summer participant conference, *Collegium Phaenomenologicum*, Perugia, Italy, July, 1994.
- “Legal Perspectives in Teaching Business Ethics,” **Invited Presentation** for the Fogelman School of Business (University of Memphis), 3rd annual business ethics symposium: Legal and Ethical Compliance, June 17, 1994.
- Invited in-service on critical thinking** presented to the faculty of Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, PA, October 11, 1993.
- A modeling session on Philosophy for Children, invited for the Central Division APA, April 23, 1993.
- “Bridging the Gap: Creating a Community Between K-12 and the University,” American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT) Conference on Teaching Philosophy, Burlington, VT, August 9, 1992.
- “Moral Reasoning and Self Esteem Through the Philosophy for Children Program,” *Education in Crisis* colloquium, Salisbury State University, April 11, 1992.
- “To Censor or Not to Censor: Establishing Harm and Determining Responsibility Within the Red Herring of the Pornography Debate” Invited talk
- Glassboro State College (NJ), main campus, March 4, 1992
 - Glassboro State College (NJ), Camden campus, March 4, 1992.
- “Bridging The Gap: Creating a Community Between K-12 and the University,” Mary Washington College, Fredricksburg, VA, February 27, 1992.
- “To Censor or Not to Censor: Establishing Harm and Determining Responsibility Within the Red Herring of the Pornography Debate,” Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, philosophy and feminism discussion group-St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA, November 14, 1991.
- “Philosophy for Children, Critical Thinking, and Self-Esteem,” workshop at St. Francis de Sales School, Salisbury, MD, January 1991.
- “Censorship and the Public Good,” Salisbury State University, Salisbury, MD, October, 1990.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE AND INSTITUTE PARTICIPATION (short-term):

- **Rimon Lecturer**, University of Denver Jewish Studies Program, February 5-9, 2007.
- **Decalogues: Scholars in Conversation**, University of Denver Jewish Studies, May 14-15, 2006.
- **Dartmouth Summer Institute: Gender in Judaism and Islam**, directed by Susannah Heschel, August 7-11, 2005, Dartmouth College.
- **Visiting Scholar, University of Oregon**, April 29—30, 2004 (hosted by Jewish Studies, Philosophy, and the Oregon Humanities Center)
- **Text leader, Collegium Phaenomenologicum**, “Thinking Through the Difference Between Immanence and Transcendence: Levinas, Bergson, and Deleuze,” Città di Castello, Umbria, Italy, July 13-20, 2003
- **Jesse Ball DuPont scholar**, National Humanities Center, Research Park Triangle, North Carolina, June 6-26, 1999

BOOK REVIEWS

- Rethinking Jewish Philosophy: Beyond Particularism and Universalism*, Aaron W. Hughes (Oxford University Press, 2014), *AJS Review*, 39:1 (2015).
- A Covenant of Creatures: Levinas's Philosophy of Judaism*, Michael Fagenblat (Stanford, 2010), in *Shofar*. (Fall 2012) 31:1.
- Levinas's Jewish Thought: Between Athens and Jerusalem*, Ephraim Meir (Hebrew University Magnes Press, 2009) for *Shofar*, Spring 2011 issue (Vol. 29, No. 3) 162-163.
- Levinas and Education: at the intersection of faith and reason*, Denise Egéa-Kuehne, (Routledge, 2008) for *Studies in Philosophy and Education*, Vol 28, No. 4 (2009), 375-381.
- Discovering Levinas*, Michael Morgan, for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, on-line (3870 words).
- Vigilant Memory: Emmanuel Levinas, the Holocaust, and the Unjust Death*, by R. Clifton Spargo (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006) for *Shofar* Spring 2008 (Vol. 26, No. 3) 161-163.
- Rosenzweig and Heidegger: Between Judaism and German Philosophy*, by Peter Gordon, for the *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 43:1, 124-125.
- Abraham! Abraham! Kierkegaard and the Hasidim on the Binding of Isaac*, by Jerome I. Gellman. In (2004), *Reviews. Modern Theology*, 20: 4, 609–633.
- Jews and Gender: The Challenge to Hierarchy*, edited by Jonathan Frankel, *Hypatia*, on-line.
- Driven Back to the Text: The Premodern Sources of Levinas's Postmodernism*, Oona Ajzenstat, *Modern Theology* (2003), vol. 19: 2, 287-313.
- Death and Responsibility: The "Work" of Levinas*, by Dennis King Keenan, *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* December 1999.

NEW COURSES AT TEXAS A&M

- PHIL 489 Philosophy Goes to School (Philosophy for Children) (Spring 2017)
- PHIL 689 Modern Jewish Philosophy: Religion and the State (Graduate, Fall 2016)
- PHIL 682: Philosophical Authors: Emmanuel Levinas (Spring 2011, 2015)
- PHIL/RELS Modern Jewish Philosophy (Spring 2014)
- WGST/PHIL 409 Studies in Gender and Philosophy: Sartre and Beauvoir (Spring 2013)
- Phil 418: Phenomenology and Existentialism (Fall 2007, 2008)
- Phil 208: Philosophy of Education (Fall 2009, spring 2015)
- Phil 375: Philosophy of Visual Media (Summer 2008)
- WGST 200: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (Fall 2008, 2012)
- WGST 401: Feminist Theory (Spring 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2013, 2014)
- WGST 489: Women and Religion (Summer 2007, 2008)
- WGST 680: Theories of Gender (multiple semesters)
- WGST 689: Women and Religion (Summer 2008)

SUPERVISION OF INDEPENDENT WORK: UNDERGRADUATE

Senior/Honors Thesis

- Anna Snyder (in process)
- Cora Drozd
- Desirae Embree
- Chris Black
- Thomas Sekula
- Jessi Green
- Michael Gonzalez

Directed Studies

- Matthew Wester
- Anthony Pepitone

GRADUATE COMMITTEES (TEXAS A&M)

Chair, completed

- Ana Olivares-Alvarado (Masters, Philosophy) Director
- Kristin Drake (PhD, Philosophy) Director, Defended May 2017, Graduated Aug 2017

Chair, In process

- Jonathan Bibeau (PhD, Philosophy) Director

Committee member, In process

Philosophy

- Wendy Bustamante (PhD, Philosophy)

Other

- Thaddeus Atzmon (PhD SOCI) outside reader
- Carrie Murawski (PhD, Comm) Outside reader
- Jaecun Yi (Ph.D. English), outside reader
- Theresa Survillion (Ph.D, Education), outside reader

Committee member, Completed

- Matthew Wester, (PhD, Philosophy)
- Ceylan Engin (PhD SOCI), outside reader
- Sara Kitsch (PhD, COMM), outside reader
- Carrie Murawski (MA, Comm) Outside reader
- Ruth Tsuria (PhD, COMM) outside reader
- Karen Davis (Masters, English), outside reader
- Jennifer Gafney (MA, History, outside reader)
- Jennifer Gafney (PhD, Philosophy)
- Ellie Lockhart (PhD, COMM), outside reader
- Elizabeth Talafuse (Ph.D, English)
- Issac Holyoak (Ph.D., Communication)
- Lauren Lemley (Ph.D, Communication)
- Kyle Mox (Ph.D., English)
- Rebecca South (Ph.D, English)
- Brittany Slatton (Ph.D, Sociology)
- Michelle Johnson (MA, Education)
- Anthony Pepitone (MA, Philosophy)
- Carla Schuster (MA, English)

Undergraduate mentoring—Undergraduate Research and Scholars Program

- Christopher Black (completed May 2014)
- Desirae Embree (completed May 2014)
- Michael Gonzales (completed May 2014)

- Jessi Green (completed May 2014)
- Thomas Sekula (completed May 2014)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITY, AND AWARDS

- **Departmental nomination for Association of Former Students Distinguished Research Award (2014)**
- **Who's Who among America's Teachers**, awarded Fall 2003.
- **Departmental Nomination for a University teaching award:** Philosophy, Penn State, Fall 2003
- **Richard M. Griffith Memorial Award:** awarded by the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology for the best paper delivered by a Ph.D. candidate or recent Ph.D. Awarded for "Human Nature, Sociality, and Aristotle's Final Account of *Eudaimonia*," April 6, 1996.
- **Kappa Delta Pi**, National Education Honor Society
- **Phi Sigma Tau**, National Honor Society in Philosophy

SERVICE ON BOARDS:

- PLATO: Philosophy, Teaching, and Learning Organization, 2018-
- Center for Teaching Excellence Faculty and Student Advisory Board, Texas A&M, 2017-18.
- *New Directions in Jewish Philosophy*, Indiana University Press (series editor, Zachary Braiterman)
- Editorial board: *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy* (appointed 2010)
Levinas Studies: an Annual Review (appointed 2003)
Journal of Textual Reasoning (2002-2005)
- Executive Board, North American Levinas Society, 2008-2014

EDITORIAL WORK

Special Journal Issues:

- *Levinas and Rhetoric (Philosophy and Rhetoric)*, 38:2, Summer 2005.
- *Jewish Philosophy Today (Philosophy Today)*, Winter 2005.

AWARD COMMITTEES

- Book Selection Committee, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
- Jordan Schnitzer Book Award, Association for Jewish Studies, 2008.

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Annals of Tourism Research
Continental Philosophy Review
Journal of Textual Reasoning
Hypatia
Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy
Journal of Speculative Reason
Law, Culture, and Humanities
Political Theory
Religious Ethics
Studies in Philosophy of Education
 Duquesne University Press
 Fordham University Press
 Indiana University Press
 Routledge

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

- Levinas Research Seminar (Penn State, 2000; 2003)
- The Future of Education (Penn State, 2001)
- Burnt Offerings: A day of Talmudic Learning (Penn State, 2004)
- “And God Created Woman”: Levinas, Talmud, and Sexual Difference (Texas A&M 2011)
- Levinas Research Seminar (Texas A&M, 2011)
- North American Levinas Society (Texas A&M, 2011)
- North American Sartre Society (Texas A&M, November 2012)

LEADERSHIP, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND SERVICE:

Texas A&M University

Philosophy for Children program development (2015)—

- Information workshop for teachers and administrators, July 8, 2015
- In-service training workshop (teachers and administrators)
 - October 16, 2015 (40 participants)
 - January 25, 2017 (47 participants)
 - May 2017 Advanced workshop (25 participants)
- Aggie School of Athens Philosophy for Teens Summer Camp: Founder, Director, Supervisor, and Staff
 - June 20-24, 2016
 - June 5-9, 2017

Director, Women’s and Gender Studies (2010-2014)

Philosophy Department

Planning and Resources representative to the college, 2016-
Diversity Committee (Climate and Inclusion), 2013-2014; 2014 (Aug)-2015 (Dec) (chair)
Colloquium Committee, 2009-2010; 2014 (Aug)-2015 (Dec)
Awards Committee, 2014-present
Curriculum Committee-2007-2011
Search Committee—Epistemology--2007-08

Women’s and Gender Studies Program

P&T Committee, Chair (2015)
Merit Review Committee, 2014-2015
Assessment—2014-2015
Program Review Committee (Chair—as Director of WGST)
Women’s Faculty Network Steering Committee (2010-14ex officio, as Director of WGST)
Search Committee—Psychology and Women’s Studies (2007-08)

College

Planning and Resources Committee, 2016-
Post-Tenure Review Committee, Chair (Fall 2015)
Climate and Inclusion Committee (2014-2015)
Undergraduate Education in the Humanities Task Force (Fall 2013-)
Executive Committee (2010- present, as Director of WGST)
Glasscock Humanities Center Book Award Committee, Chair (summer 2010)
Joint Appointment Oversight Committee (Chair) (2007-2009; 2010-current)
Liberal Arts Council (2007-2008)
Diversity Committee (2007-2008)

University

PESCA application reviewer (grants funded by the Vice President for Research), Fall 2016
Academic Civil Rights Investigation Committee (ACRIC), 2016-
Secretary/Treasurer, Faculty Senate, 2016-
Executive Committee, Faculty Senate 2015-
Faculty Senate, 2015-
Climate and Inclusion Committee, Faculty Senate (2015-)
Search Committee, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts (2014-2015)
Vision 2020 Midterm Review, Imperative 4 (chaired by Charles Johnson), 2011
TAMU@50, Committee commemorating the formal admission of women and people of color to
Texas A&M, Texas A&M University, 2013
Council of Principle Investigators, Humanities Representative, January 2013-August 2013

Other

Program Review External Examiner—Philosophy Department, Southern Illinois
University, Carbondale (December 2012/January 2013).
Faculty Advisor to Student Chapter of the National Organization for Women (2008-2009)

Profession

- Committee on Pre-College Instruction in Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, July 2018-July 2021
- Ambassador to Philosophy Ireland, 2016-
- Professional Ethics Committee, American Association of University Professors (June 2013-).
- Program evaluator for the Philosophy Department, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (December 2012).
- Conference organizer, North American Levinas Society (2011 annual meeting at Texas A&M University, May 1-3, 2011).
- Steering Committee, Theology and the Political, Consultation group of the American Academy of Religion (2007-)
- Ad Hoc Committee of the American Philosophical Association to respond to problems in the profession, chaired by William Mann, executive director of the APA (Spring 2006).
- Secretary, PSU chapter of AAUP, December 2005-
- Founding member, PSU chapter of AAUP, December 2005
- Steering Committee, Theology and Continental Philosophy, American Academy of Religion, Fall 2004-2011
- Committee on Pre-College Teaching, American Philosophical Association, 2003-2006.
- Coordinator, fourth annual Levinas Research Seminar, Penn State University, February 16-17, 2003.
- Coordinator and Executive Director of the First Annual Levinas Circle, held at Penn State, April 28-29, 2000.
- **Tenure and Promotion external evaluator**
Arizona State (2017)
Furman College (2017)
College of the Holy Cross (2016)
University of Chicago (2015)
George Mason University (2015)
Haverford College (2014)
University of Denver (2014)
Haifa University (2014)
University of Nevada, Reno (2014)
Baylor University (2013)

Binghamton University (SUNY) (2012)
Fairfield University (2012)
University of Portland (2010)
Penn State University (Erie) (2009)
Pomona College (2008)
Baylor University (2007)

Thesis examination—external

- Edith Cowan University (Australia) December 2012
- Monash University (Australia), February/March 2013

Other Service

- Faculty Advisor to Hillel, Washington College, Fall 1999
- Faculty Advisor to the Washington College Philosophical Society (student organization), Fall 1999-2000
- Co-advisor to the Washington College Philosophical Society (student organization), Spring 1999
- Ph.D. representative, University of Memphis, 1997-98 academic year.
- Student member of hiring committee, University of Memphis, 1995-96 academic year.
- M.A. representative, University of Memphis, 1994-95 academic year.
- Faculty advisor to the student women's organization, Salisbury State University, 1991--1993.
- Member of the "tugboat" committee to reform teacher education, Salisbury State University, Fall 1992.
- Writing Across the Curriculum participant, Salisbury State University, Spring 1991.

Penn State

Philosophy

Undergraduate Committee, July 2005-2006
Honors Advisor, Philosophy, July 2005-2006
Diversity Committee, April 2005-2006
Advisory Committee, Chair, (Philosophy) 2005-2006
Strategic Planning Committee, Chair (Philosophy) 2005
Faculty Search Committee for Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy Department, 2002-03.
Public Events Committee, Penn State Philosophy Dept., 2000-2001; 2002-04.

Jewish Studies

Strategic Planning Committee, Jewish Studies, 2003-2004
Scholarship Committee, Penn State Jewish Studies Program, Spring 2002; 2002-03.

College

Middle East Studies Committee, Penn State College of Liberal Arts, 2000-2006.

University

Facilitator for a book session for incoming first year students, Schreyer's Honors College, September, 2000; August 2002.

INTERVIEWS

- [*Interview with KBTX: Philosophy camp at Texas A&M a big hit with middle and high school students, February 20, 2017.*](#)
- [*Interview with PLATO: philosophy teaching and learning, August 2016.*](#)
- [*Interview with KBTX: February 16, 2016*](#)
- [*Texas A&M Today, July 7, 2015 \(Philosophy for Children\)*](#)

- [*Bryan Eagle, July 19, 2015 \(Philosophy for Children\)*](#)
- [*KBTX television interview, July 29, 2015 \(Philosophy for Children\)*](#)
- *University of Oregon Today*—University of Oregon Humanities Center, Aired December 3, 2004.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES

“Moral Issues and the Philosophy for Children Program,” Salisbury Unitarian Church, Salisbury, MD
November 10, 1991.

“Philosophy for Children and the Public Schools,” Beth Israel Synagogue, Salisbury, MD, October 21, 1990
and November 11, 1990.

COURSES TAUGHT—1987-2015

First year/Sophomore

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Philosophy of Education
- Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies (Women’s and Gender Studies)
- Introduction to Ethics
- Introduction to Philosophy and Feminism
- Introduction to Judaism (First Year Seminar--Jewish Studies)
- First Year Seminar—“But the Bible Says....”
- Philosophy of Education
- Critical Thinking
- Logic
- Values in the Modern World

Junior/Senior

- Foundations of Education (School of Education, University of Memphis)
- Symbolic Logic
- Philosophy of Education
- Feminist Theory (WGST/Philosophy)
- Women and Religion (WGST/Philosophy/Religious Studies/Sociology)
- Ethics
- Moral Issues
- Business, Values, and Society
- Social and Political Philosophy
- Philosophy of Religion
- Contemporary Issues in Religion
- Ancient Philosophy
- Senior Seminar: The Other (Heidegger, Sartre, Levinas, Irigaray)
- Ethics after the Holocaust (Jewish Studies and Philosophy)
- Modern Jewish Thought and Philosophy (Jewish Studies, Religious Studies and Philosophy)
- Honors Seminar: Representations of the Other (Sartre, Irigaray, Toni Morrison, Levinas)
- Existentialism and Phenomenology
- Studies in Gender and Philosophy: Sartre and Beauvoir
- Philosophy for Children

Graduate Level

- Theories of Gender (Cross listed with English, Philosophy, and Women's and Gender Studies – WGST)
- Women and Religion (cross listed with Philosophy, WGST, Sociology, Religious Studies)
- Philosophy of Education/Philosophy for Children (College of Education, Salisbury State)
- Emmanuel Levinas: Immanence, Transcendence, and Sexual Difference
- Phenomenology
- Modern Jewish Philosophy (upper division undergraduate/graduate students enrolled)
- Philosophical Authors--Emmanuel Levinas: Humanism, Education, Politics (Spring 2011)
- Philosophical Authors—Sartre and Beauvoir (Spring 2013)
- Emmanuel Levinas: Between Ethics and Politics (Spring 2015)
- Modern Jewish Philosophy (Fall 2016)