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Position

Associate Professor of Philosophy (September 2006-present).

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy (May 2006)

University of Georgia (Athens, GA)

Dissertation Title: "Cultural Membership, Moral Responsibility, and Inquiry."

Directed by Victoria Davion, Ph.D.

Master of Arts in Philosophy (December 1997)

University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)

Master's Thesis: "A Feminist Revolution." Directed by Joanne Waugh, Ph.D.

Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies (May 2003)

Institute for Women's Studies, University of Georgia (Athens, GA)

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (August 1993)

University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Charlotte, NC)

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (December 1989)

Winthrop University (Rock Hill, SC)

Areas of Specialization and Competence

AOS: Feminist Philosophy, Ethical Theory, and Animal Ethics

AOC: Critical Thinking, Social/Political Philosophy, and Applied Ethics

Language: Reading knowledge of French

Courses

Environmental Ethics

Ethics and Business

Feminist Philosophy

Philosophy of Food

Philosophy of Love, Sex, and Friendship

Principles of Ethics

Reasoning and Critical Thinking

Social and Political Philosophy

The Lives of Animals
The Problem of Human Evil

January Interim Courses

Are We Right About Rights?

Feminism and Animals

Our Peculiar Relationship with Animals

Have a Cow, Don't Eat One! An Introduction to Vegetarianism

Viva La Vegan

Publications

- “Affected Ignorance and Animal Suffering: Why the Lack of Extensive Debate about Factory Farming May Put Us at Moral Risk,” *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*, (August 2008).
- “Feminist Ethics,” with Rosemarie Tong, *The Ethics Reader*, ed. Troy Williamson, TSTC Publishing (2008). Reprint.
- "Feminist Ethics," with Rosemarie Tong, *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Revised May 2009)*, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/win2003/entries/feminism-ethics/>
- “Gender: The Politics of Sameness or Difference?” *The Global Studies Dictionary*, eds. Alexander N. Chumakov, Ivan I. Mazour, and William C. Gay, with Forward by Mikhail Gorbachev (Prometheus Books: Amherst, NY 2007).
- “The Institution of Marriage,” *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Philosophy and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues*, vol. 4, no. 1, (Fall 2004).
Online: <http://www.apa.udel.edu/apa/publications/newsletters/v04n1/lgbt/04>
- “Feminist Vision of Gender,” *International Global Studies Encyclopedia*, eds. I.I. Mazour, A.N. Chumakov, W.C. Gay (Moscow: Raduga, 2003): 154-157.
- “Gender Justice in the Health Care System: Past Experiences, Present Realities, and Future Hopes,” with Rosemarie Tong, *Medicine and Social Justice: Essays on the Distribution of Health Care*, eds. Rosamond Rhodes, Margaret Batting, Anita Silvers (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002): 224-234.
- “Epilogue,” *Globalizing Feminist Bioethics: Crosscultural Perspectives*, eds. Rosemarie Tong, Gwen Anderson, Aida Santos (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2000): 334-336.

Book Reviews

Western Turf Wars: The Politics of Public Lands Ranching by Mike Hudak (Biome Books, 2007); *Society and Animals Journal* 17 (2009) 185-186.

Beyond Epistemology: A Pragmatist Approach to Feminist Science Studies by Sharyn Clough (Rowan and Littlefield, 2003); *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, vol. 5, no. 1 (Fall 2005).

Controversies in Feminism by James Sterba (Rowman and Littlefield, 2001); *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, vol. 2, no. 1 (Fall 2002): 121-123.

Existentialia Africana: Understanding Africana Existential Thought by Lewis Gordon (Routledge, 2000); *Essays in Philosophy: A Biannual Online Journal*, vol. 2, no. 2 (June 2001). Online: <http://sorrel.humboldt.edu/~essays/williamsrev.html>

Justice for Here and Now by James Sterba (Cambridge University Press, 1998); *Concerned Philosophers for Peace Newsletter* 19, no.1 (Spring 1999): 18-20.

Editorials

- “Myths about Milk,” *Spartanburg-Herald*, April 20, 2009.
- “Fight Global Warming by being Vegetarian,” *Greenville News* (November 7, 2008).
- “Our Peculiar Relationship with Animals,’ A New Course at Wofford College,” *Critter Magazine*, Greenville, SC (December 2008).
- “Concepts that Feminism and Vegetarianism Share,” *Root Magazine*, Volume 2, issue 3 (Fall 2008).

Committee Memberships

Wofford College:

- Financial Aid (2011-12)
- Presidential Advisory Council (2009-11)
- Academic Planning and Research Standing Committee (2007-09)
- Women’s History Month Committee (2006-10)

Professional Papers

- “Ethics of Care and Humane Meat,” Joint meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society and the South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Elon University (Elon, NC: February 2012)
- “Female Slave Narratives and Spatial Metaphors,” 31st Annual Southeastern Women’s Studies Association (University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC: April 5, 2008).
- “Feminist Critiques of Marriage,” Citizenship and Leadership Symposium (Wofford College: April 15, 2008).

Professional Development

The Rutland Institute Events Conference- Elevating Ethics in Upstate Business and Education, participant, Clemson University (May 26, 2010).

Faculty Workshops at Wofford College

- *Conversations about Writing*, (April 6, 2009)
- *Writing Workshop* (May 21 2009)
- *20 Instructional Strategies that Engage the Brain and Teaching Assessment* (August 27 and 28, 2007)
- *Writing Across the Curriculum* (May 31, 2007).

Research grant

Wofford College Summer Research Grant (Summer 2007). Award amount: \$4,000.

Editorial Position

Academic Advisory Board Member: *Taking Sides: Clashing Views in Gender*, McGraw-Hill Publishing (2010).

Community Service

Board member, *Animal Allies*, Spartanburg, SC (current)

Volunteer, *Farm Sanctuary*, Orland, California (Summer 2012)

Volunteer, *Rabbit Sanctuary*, Simpsonville, SC (Winter 2010).

Volunteer, Walk for Animals, *Farm Sanctuary*, Greenville, SC (Fall 2008 and 2009).

Co-faculty sponsor of Longleaf Holdings winning the “Spartanburg Best Business Award” (Spring 2008).

Volunteer for feral cat program, *Animal Allies*, Spartanburg, SC (Spring 2007).

Guest Speaker

Panelist for film showing of *The Witness*, Hub-Bub Showroom, (Spartanburg, SC: June 25, 2009).

“Factory Farming and Global Warming” Spartanburg Sierra Club Meeting (April 23, 2009).

“The Feminist and Vegetarian Connection,” *Roots Magazine* fundraising event (Spartanburg, SC: November, 15 2008).

“Exploring Vegetarianism,” Nutrition course at Greenville Technical College (Greenville, SC: February 12, 2008).

Graduate Work

Teaching Positions

Instructor of Record: University of Georgia, Department of Philosophy (August 2002-May 2005).

Teaching Assistant: University of Georgia, Department of Philosophy (August 2001-May 2002).

Lecturer: University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Department of Philosophy (January 1998-December 2000).

Instructor (Part-time): Queens College, Division of Continuing Education
(Charlotte, NC: October 1997-October 2001).

Courses Taught at University of Georgia

Critical Thinking
Introduction to Ethics
Introduction to Philosophy

Courses Taught at University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Changing Realities of Women's Lives
Feminist Philosophy
Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Women's Studies

Queens College, Charlotte, NC

Logical Reasoning for the GRE, LSAT, and GMAT Examinations

Professional Papers

“Defending Reasonable Rawls: Liberalism and Political Coercion.” Second Annual North Georgia Student Philosophy Conference, Kennesaw State University (Kennesaw, GA: April 2004). Received Best Graduate Paper Award.

“Moral Responsibility on the Social Level: A Critique of Cheshire Calhoun's *Responsibility and Reproach*.” Joint meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society and the South Carolina Society for Philosophy, North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC: February 2004).

“State Regulation/Protection and Gay Marriage.” Georgia Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Pine Mountain, GA: November 2003).

“A Feminist Dilemma.” Second Annual Georgia Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Georgia (Athens, GA: March 2002).

“The Phenomenology of Evil: A Feminist Perspective.” Graduate Colloquium in Philosophy, University of Tennessee (Knoxville, TN: March 2000).

“Reflections on Nel Nodding's *Women and Evil*.” North Carolina Philosophical Society, Duke University (Durham, NC: February 2000).

“A Feminist Revolution.” Joint meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society and the South Carolina Society for Philosophy, University of South Carolina (Columbia, SC: February 1998).

Discussion Paper

Commentator on “A Feminist Critique and the Limits of the Master/Slave Paradigm: Simone de Beauvoir on Hegel's *Antigone*.” American Philosophical Association,

Eastern Division Ninety-Seventh Annual Meeting (New York, NY: December 2000).

Editorial Positions

Issue Editor: *Essays in Philosophy: A Biannual Online Journal*

“Feminine Politics in Popular Culture: The Construction of Gender,” vol. 4, no. 1, Department of Philosophy, Humboldt State University, Arcata, California, (January 2003). Online: <http://sorrel.humboldt.edu/~essays/williams.html>

Editorial/Research Assistant for Rosemarie Tong: *Globalizing Feminist Bioethics: Crosscultural Perspectives*, eds. Rosemarie Tong, Gwen Anderson, Aida Santos (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, December 2000).

Committee Memberships

University of Georgia:

Women’s History Month Committee (2003-04).

Women’s Studies Student Symposium Committee (2002-03).

Grants and Honors

Distinguished Dissertation Award in the field of Humanities and Fine Arts, Department of Philosophy at the University of Georgia, nominated, (Summer 2007).

Dissertation Completion Grant, University of Georgia Graduate School (August 2005).
Award amount: \$15,300.

Women’s Studies Faculty Development Seminar

Women’s Studies Program, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Charlotte, NC: May 30-June 2, 2000).

Graduate Teaching Awards

Teaching Portfolio Award

This award recognizes my teaching portfolio as a representative model for documentation of teaching excellence. Graduate School, University of Georgia (Athens, GA: December 2004).

Teaching Assistant Mentor

Selected to participate in the 2004-2005 TA Mentor Program offered by the Office of Instructional Support and Development and the Graduate School, University of Georgia (Athens, GA: August 2004-May 2005).

Teaching Seminar for Advanced Graduate Students in Philosophy

Selected to participate in the co-sponsored American Association of Philosophy Teachers and the American Philosophical Association teaching seminar, University of Toledo (Toledo, Ohio: August 4-8, 2004). Recipient of \$300 grant.

University of Georgia Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award

This award recognizes that my teaching performance ranks in the top ten percent of all teaching assistants serving the University of Georgia. Office of Instructional Support and Development, University of Georgia (Athens, GA: April 2004).

Graduate Teaching Departmental Assistant Award

Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia (Athens, GA: August 2001-May 2005).

References

Victoria Davion, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy and Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia (Athens, GA)

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Christine Dinkins, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Wofford College (Spartanburg, SC)

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