LISA M. MADURA

Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH AREAS:

AOS: Social and Political Philosophy, Critical Philosophy of Race, Feminist Philosophy

AOC: Continental Philosophy (phenomenology, existentialism), Ethics & Moral Philosophy

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, August 2023

Dissertation: “Toward a Theory of Whiteness and Racial Habit”

M.A. Philosophy, University of Nevada, Reno, May 2016

Additional Graduate Certificate: Gender, Race, & Identity Program

B.A. Philosophy, University of Nevada, Reno, May 2011

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2023–2026 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, UCLA Department of Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

**Articles and Chapters**:

“Post-Race” in *Routledge Resources Online – Race and Racism*, ed. John Solomos, co-authored with Paul C. Taylor and Eric MacPhail (Forthcoming 2025)

“The Philosophy of Race” in *Cambridge Handbook of Analytic Philosophy*, ed. Marcus Rossberg, co-authored with Paul C. Taylor, Takunda Matose, and Eric MacPhail (Forthcoming 2025)

“Racial Habit” in *Routledge International Handbook of New Critical Race and Whiteness Studies*, ed. Rikke Andreaassen, Catrin Lündstrom, Suvi Keskinen, Shirley Ann Tate, co-authored with Paul C. Taylor (Routledge, 2023), 295–307.

“Hospitality and the Political Economy of Care” in *Refugees Now: Rethinking Borders, Hospitality, and Citizenship,* eds. Kelly Oliver, Lisa Madura, and Sabeen Ahmed (Rowman & Littlefield, 2019), 63–80.

**Articles in Progress**:

“Evidentialism, Relationality, and Testimonial Injustice: Against the Distributive Paradigm” (under review)

“Merleau-Ponty and Race Theory” (under review)

**Commentaries**:

“The Excesses of Testimonial Injustice,” *Social Philosophy Today* (Forthcoming, 2025)

“A Distinction Without a Difference: On Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson’s Conception of Synthetic Terrorism,” *Syndicate Philosophy* (2019) https://syndicate.network/symposia/philosophy/genealogies-of-terrorism/

“Government of the People, By the People, For the Best: A Challenge to the Possibility of Nietzschean Democracy,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 35, no. 2 (2019): 5–7.

**Edited Volumes**:

*Refugees Now: Rethinking Borders, Hospitality, and Citizenship* eds. Kelly Oliver, Lisa Madura, and Sabeen Ahmed, Rowman & Littlefield, 2019.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

**Invited Presentations**

“A Critical Phenomenology of Racial Habit,” *Queen’s University Critical Phenomenology Workshop Series*, Remote, July 2023.

**Conference Presentations**

“The Virtue of Discomfort: A Critical Phenomenology of Habit in Crisis,” *North American Society for Social Philosophy*, Portland, OR, July 2023.

“Can Phenomenology Be Critical?: Reconsidering the Value of Merleau-Ponty for Race Theory,” *Clemson Embodiment and Race Conference*, Remote, November 2021.

“Blowing Up Your Spot: Addressing the Backlash to #MeToo Through a Phenomenology of Productive Discomfort,” *North American Society for Social Philosophy*, Remote, July 2021.

“Giving Weight to Reasons: Toward a Feminist Conception of Deliberation,” *American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, January 2020.

“The Ambivalence of the At-Home: A Phenomenology of Productive Disruption,” *North American Society for Social Philosophy*, San Francisco, CA, June 2019.

“Anti-Social Habit and Critical Disruption” *philoSOPHIA*, St. Johns, NL, May 2019.

“Anti-Social Habit and Critical Disruption,” *Clemson Embodiment and Race Conference*, Clemson, NC, April 2019.

“The Deliberative Ideal and the Problem of Inclusion,” *UT Philosophy Conference: The Moral and Political Challenges of Speech*, Knoxville, TN, April 2019.

“Giving Weight to Reasons: Toward a Feminist Conception of Deliberation,” *Tennessee Philosophical Association*, Nashville, TN, October 2018.

“Anti-Social Habit and Critical Disruption,” *Midwest Society for Women in Philosophy*, Nashville, TN, November 2018.

“Welcoming the Migrant Other: The Socio-Political Implications of Ethics as Hospitality,” *Vienna Refugee Workshop*, Vienna, Austria, August 2017.

“The Foundations of Eating Disorders: An Existential Perspective,” *UNR College of Liberal Arts Graduate Symposium*, Reno, NV, February 2014.

“Authenticating the Ironist: A Pragmatist Defense of Selfhood in the Age of Irony,” *UNR College of Liberal Arts Graduate Symposium*, Reno, NV, February 2013.

**Invited Commentaries**

Comments on Yixuan Wu, “Racializing Perception and Vicarious Desire,” *American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting,* New York City, Jan. 2025.

Comments on Paul C. Taylor, *Black is Beautiful,* Author Meets Critics, *Vanderbilt University Community Book Panel*, Nashville, TN, March 2019.

Comments on Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson, *Genealogies of Terrorism*, Author Meets Critics,

*Tennessee Philosophical Association*, Nashville, TN, Oct. 27–28, 2018.

Comments on Gabriel Zamosc-Regueros, “Democracy and the Nietzschean Pathos of Distance,” *Southwestern Philosophical Society*, Denver, CO, Nov. 2018.

Comments on Ryan McCoy, “Heidegger, Science, and the Objectivity of the Present-at-Hand,” *Tennessee Philosophical Association*, Nashville, TN, Oct. 27–28, 2017.

TEACHING

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| *Adjunct Lecturer*, University of San Francisco  Social and Political Philosophy  Ethics  Philosophy of the Human Person  Existentialism  Great Philosophical Questions  *Instructor*, Vanderbilt University  General Logic  Introduction to Philosophy  *Teaching Assistant*, Vanderbilt University  Social and Political Philosophy  Ethics  *Instructor*, University of Nevada, Reno  Introduction to Philosophy  Core Humanities: The Modern World  20th Century Continental Philosophy  *Teaching Assistant*, University of Nevada, Reno  Introduction to Women’s Studies  Philosophy of the Arts  Core Humanities: The Modern World | Fall 2023  Fall and Spring 2021–2023  Fall 2022, Spring 2023  Fall 2020, 2021  Fall 2020  Spring 2020  Fall & Spring 2018–2019, Summer 2018–2020  Fall 2017  Spring 2016  Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2016  Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Summer 2016  Spring 2014  Fall 2015, Spring 2016  Fall 2015  Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2014, Fall 2015 |

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Research Assistant under the direction of Professor Paul C. Taylor, 2022–2023

Research Assistant under the direction of Professor Kelly Oliver, 2020–2022

Research Assistant under the direction of Professor Robert B. Talisse, 2017–2020

Online Course Design Institute, Vanderbilt University, Center for Teaching, Summer 2020

SERVICE

*North American Society for Social Philosophy*

2025 Book Award Committee

2024 Book Award Committee

*Vanderbilt Philosophy Graduate Student Association*

2020–2021 Graduate Programming Committee

2019–2020 Vice President

2019–2020 Minorities and Philosophy Chairperson

2019–2020 Graduate Reading Group Organizer –The Politics of Recognition

2017–2018 Research and Professionalization Committee

2016–2019 Colloquium Programming Committee

*UNR Philosophy Graduate Student Association*

2012–2016 President

Oct. 2015 Founding Organizer & Chairperson, Second Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference

Oct. 2014 Founding Organizer & Chairperson, First Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference

**Professional Memberships**

American Philosophical Association

North American Society for Social Philosophy

Society for Women in Philosophy

AWARDS AND HONORS

Vanderbilt Berry Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award, 2018

Vanderbilt Berry Graduate Student Departmental Service Award, 2017

University of Nevada, Reno, Distinguished Teaching Assistant, 2014

UNR Leonard Graduate Scholarship for Academic Excellence, 2014

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

UCLA Philosophy Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Race and Social Ethics, 2023–2026

Marc Sanders Foundation Philosophy in Media Fellow, 2025

Vanderbilt Graduate Philosophy Teaching Fellowship, 2016–2022

University of Nevada, Reno Philosophy Teaching Assistant Fellowship, 2012–2015

REFERENCES

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| Paul C. Taylor, Ph.D.  Presidential Professor of Philosophy  University of California, Los Angeles  Email: [ptaylor@humnet.ucla.edu](mailto:ptaylor@humnet.ucla.edu) | Robert B. Talisse, Ph.D.  W. Alton Jones Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN  Email: [robert.talisse@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:robert.talisse@vanderbilt.edu) |
| Karen Ng, Ph.D.  Associate Professor of Philosophy  Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN  Email: [karen.ng@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:karen.ng@vanderbilt.edu) | Linda Martín Alcoff, Ph.D.  Professor of Philosophy  Hunter College – CUNY  Email: [lmartina@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:lmartina@hunter.cuny.edu) |
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