**Alex Adamson**

Curriculum Vitae

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**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:** Social andPolitical Philosophy, Decolonial Philosophy, Queer and Feminist Philosophy

**AREAS OF** **COMPETENCE:**  Critical Philosophy of Race and the History of Philosophy

**EDUCATION:**

2018 Ph.D. Philosophy, Stony Brook University

2016 M.A. Philosophy, Stony Brook University

2015 Certificate—Decolonizing Knowledge and Power: Postcolonial Studies, Decolonial

Horizons from The Center of Study and Investigations for Global Dialogues (Barcelona, Spain)

2013 B.A. Philosophy, University of Redlands

**FELLOWSHIPS & FULL TIME POSITIONS:**

Fall 2022-Present Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Babson College

Fall 2021-Spring 2022 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Albion College

Fall 2017-Spring 2018 Max Kade Fellow Collegium Philosophiae Transatlanticum

Visiting Scholar in Residence at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

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**PUBLICATIONS:**

“Beyond the Coloniality of Gender: María Lugones, Sylvia Wynter, and Trans and Intersex Liberation from a Decolonial Perspective” (forthcoming 2022) in *Philosophy and Global Affairs*

“Rosa Luxemburg and the Necessity of Anti-Imperialism for Revolutionary Socialism” in *New Politics* Vol. XVIII No. 3, (Summer 2019)

“C. L. R. James’s Decolonial Humanism in Theory and Practice” in the *C. L. R. James Journal* Vol. 24 No. 1 (Fall 2018): 153-176.

Book Chapter: “Against a Single History, for a Revaluation of Power: Rosa Luxemburg, C. L. R. James, and a Decolonial Critique of Political Economy” in *Creolizing Rosa Luxemburg* eds. Drucilla Cornell and Jane Gordon, Rowman & Littlefield (2021)

Book Review: *Raya Dunayevskaya's Intersectional Marxism* eds. Kevin B. Anderson, Kieran Durkin, and Heather Brown in *Theory, Culture, and Society* (2022) <https://www.theoryculturesociety.org/blog/review-anderson-durkin-brown-raya-dunayevskayas-intersectional-marxism>

Book Review: *A Revolutionary Subject: Pedagogy of Women of Color and Indigeneity* by Lilia D. Monzóin *Philosophy and Global Affairs*, Vol. 1 Issue 1 (2021)

**PRESENTATIONS:**

2023 “Rosa Luxemburg and the International Women’s Strike,” International Rosa Luxemburg Conference Bodø, Norway (March 8, 2023)

2022 “Epistemological Foundations of Transgender Marxism” Trans Philosophy Project Goucher College (October 27)

“Marilyn Buck on Solidarity, Self-Determination, and Revolutionary Political Praxis” Caribbean Philosophical Association Annual Conference Michigan State University (October 28)

“Queer Spirit: Towards the Actualization of Social Freedom,” Hegel Society of America Annual Conference Nashville, TN (October 21-23)

 “Beyond the Coloniality of Gender: María Lugones, Sylvia Wynter, and Intersex

Liberation,” commentator: Emma Velez. Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Annual Conference Texas A&M Hotel and Conference Center (October 13-15).

2021 “Budgets as Moral Documents,” Public Philosophy Network Conference at George Mason University (October 21-23, 2021)

Invited Colloquia: “Beyond the Coloniality of Gender” Philosophy and Public Affairs Colloquium at the University of Amsterdam (June 2, 2021)

“Antiracist Pedagogies: Black Lives Matter in the Classroom,” for Teaching Hub Session at the American Philosophical Association Central Division (February 22-27, 2021)

2020 Book Panel on *Creolizing Rosa Luxemburg* American Political Science Association September 9-13 (Online due to Covid-19)

Residency at Carleton College, February 10-13th: Guest Lecturer in Africana

Studies for Dr. Charisse Burden-Stelly’s course “Globalization and Economic Development in the African Diaspora.” Guest Speaker hosted by the Philosophy and Political Science Departments, “A Revaluation of Power: Ethics, Revolutionary Socialism, and Decolonization”

Invited Colloquia: “Against a Single History: Luxemburg and a Decolonial Critique of Political Economy” Northeastern Illinois University

2019 “Rosa Luxemburg and the Decolonial Critique of Political Economy” Caribbean Philosophical Association Annual Conference June 6-8 | Brown University

 Invited Talk: “Rosa Luxemburg and the Necessity of Anti-Imperialism,” Will Miller Social Justice Lecture Series April 6 | University of Vermont

“Sexuality and Self-Determination,” Oakton Community College Women’s and Gender Studies Conference “Intersect This! Poverty and Privilege Through the Lens of Gender and Sexuality” March 8 | Chicago, IL

2018 “Sylvia Wynter: A Decolonial Humanist,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Annual Conference October 18-20 | Penn State University

 “Rosa Luxemburg and Decolonial Political Theory,” International Rosa Luxemburg Society Annual Conference April 26-29 | Chicago, IL

2017 “The Tragic Comrade Love of Toussaint L’Ouverture and General Étienne

Laveaux and Its Colonial Contradictions,” Caribbean Philosophical Association BMCC | New York, NY

 “Marx’s Queer Humanism,” Historical Materialism NYC, NYU | New York, NY

2016 “José Medina’s Epistemology of Resistance: Ignorance, Solidarity, and Resistant Imagination,” Caribbean Philosophical Association UCONN | Storrs, CT

2015 “A Queer Marxist Analysis of Sex Work,” philoSOPHIA Emory | Atlanta, GA

2014 “Queer and Feminist Critiques of Rawls,” SWIP NYC, CUNY Graduate Center | New York City, NY

**DISSERTATON:** *Queer Spirit: From Marxist-Hegelian Humanism to Decolonial Politics*

**Dissertation Abstract:**

While modern democratic political theory claims to be founded on a humanism oriented towards universal freedom, the conceptual foundations of many Western European thinkers have ontological foundations that naturalize dehumanization. In my dissertation I draw from the work of queer, feminist, and decolonial thinkers to elucidate and address the contradictions of modern political philosophy, particularly as it is outlined in Hegel’s *Philosophy of Right*. I argue that his concept of universal freedom remains abstract as his construction of the modern state does not facilitate freedom universally. There are three critical sites of this failure: (1) heteronormativity and the status of women as both socially necessary but excluded politically, (2) the creation of the “rabble” who, for no clear reason, have become so economically dispossessed they cannot enjoy any form of freedom, and (3) colonialism and its attendant dehumanizing racialization of non-European peoples, justifying their degradation for the well-being of European nation-states. To better address these issues, I offer an account of queer *Sittlichkeit*, decolonial humanism as articulated by Aimé Césaire, Frantz Fanon, and Sylvia Wynter, and decolonial political economy as articulated through a reading of Rosa Luxemburg and C. L. R. James as promising new developments towards articulating the conditions of possibility for a decolonized humanism.

**Dissertation Committee:**

Mary C. Rawlinson, Advisor

Lorenzo Simpson, Chair

Harvey Cormier, Internal Reader

Peter Hudis, External Reader

**PEDAGOGY WORKSHOPS:**

March 2022 – Albion College Symposium on Teaching and Student Learning; co-present poster

 session on Queer Pedagogy.

May-August 2020 – Master Online Teacher Certification, University of Illinois Springfield

April 2020 – Northeastern Illinois University: Open Educational Resources (OER) Workshop

May 2019 – Mercy College: Strategies for Teaching Online

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Babson College

 Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2022)

Albion College

 Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

 Social Philosophy (Fall 2021, Summer 2022)

 Feminist Philosophy (Spring 2022)

Harold Washington College

 Ethics (Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

 Social/Political Philosophy (Spring 2021)

 Online Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2020)

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2021)

Malcolm X College

 Logic (Fall 2019)

 Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies (Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

Northeastern Illinois University

 Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2019, Spring 2020)

Online: Introduction to Philosophy (Summer 2020)

 History of Modern Philosophy (Fall 2019)

 Postcolonial Theory (Spring 2020)

SUNY Purchase

 Gender and Power (Spring 2019)

Western Connecticut State University

 Philosophy of Women and Gender (Spring 2019)

 Philosophy of Love and Friendship (Spring 2019)

 Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2018)

Mercy College

 Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2018)

 Online: Introduction to Philosophy (Summer 2019)

Stony Brook University

Logical and Critical Reasoning (Spring 2017)

Moral Reasoning: Ethics and Epistemology (Fall 2016)

Politics and Society: Social Contract Theory (Fall 2015, Spring 2016)

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

2020-2023 Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST)

2022-2023 Hegel Society of America (HSA)

2020-2022 American Political Science Association

2018-2023 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

2017-2022 American Philosophical Association

2016-2023 Caribbean Philosophical Association

2013-2014 Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute (PIKSI)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Reviewer for Hypatia 2021-2022