

CURRICULUM VITAE

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RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

1. Completed monograph, currently in production, Cambridge University Press: *Being Responsible for the Past: Reparative Responses to Historic Injustice*, forthcoming 2026.
2. Essay: "Human Collectivity in Viola F. Cordova's *How It Is*: An associative view of moral responsibility," accepted as a chapter in a new volume on Viola F. Cordova's *How It Is*; University of Arizona Press, Joseph Miller (editor), forthcoming 2026-27.
3. Publication: "Reproduction, Structural Injustice, and the Problem of Speaking for Others," chapter under contract, *Women and Their Body*, De Gruyter Press, Jil Muller (editor), forthcoming, 2025-26.
4. Professional Development (related to racial justice): Selected as a participant, NEWLAMP (Northeast Workshop to Learn About Multicultural Philosophy), an Institute funded by the National Endowment for Humanities (NEH), June 24-28, focused on Native American, Indigenous, and Land-Based Philosophy, and centering Sovereignty, Land, Decolonization, Indigenous Feminisms, and Cultural Reclamation.
5. Invited Talk (November 2024): "Being Responsible and Making Reparations: A Path to Repair of the Past," Brown University, Slavery and Justice Events, Ruth. J. Simmons Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University

Ph.D., Philosophy, May 1999.

Dissertation: "Morality and Emotion"

M.A., Philosophy, 1994.

Brown University

B.A., Biomedical Ethics, with Honors, 1991.

Thesis: "Autonomy vs. Beneficence: Whose Concerns Override in a Pregnancy Complicated by Placenta Previa?"

EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Bates College, 2023-present.

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Bates College, 2008-2023.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Bates College, 1999-2008;
I shared the position with my spouse, Frank Chessa, 2001-2005.

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Davis, 1998-1999.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Feminist Bioethics, Moral Psychology, Social Philosophy (Race and Gender).

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy.

MONOGRAPH in production, Cambridge University Press, (Hilary Gaskin, editor), completed summer 2025.

Being Responsible for the Past: Reparative Responses to Historic Injustice; a monograph on reparations and responsibility, including chapters:

Chapter 1: The Problem

Chapter 2: Speaking About Historical Injustice: Some Preliminaries

Chapter 3: What is it to Make Reparations?

Chapter 4: To Whom Are Reparations Owed? Some Parameters

Chapter 5: Who Owes Reparations? Being Morally Responsible for Actions Outside Our Core Agency

Chapter 6: Collective Moral Responsibility: European-Descended People as a Trans Temporal Collective

Chapter 7: Moral Luck, Accounting, and Moral Responsibility Without Blame

Chapter 8: The Possibility of Anger Without Blame

Chapter 9: Making Reparations: Mis-Steps and First Steps

Chapter 10: Conclusion

PUBLICATIONS (blind peer-reviewed)

"Reproduction, Structural Injustice, and the Problem of Speaking for Others," a chapter in *Women and Their Body*, De Gruyter Press, Jil Muller (editor), forthcoming 2025-26.

Special Issue, "Reparations," editors, Christina Nick and Susan Stark, *The Journal of Social Philosophy*, 2024.

"Introduction," to the special issue, "Reparations," co-authored by Christina Nick and Susan Stark, *The Journal of Social Philosophy*, 2024.

"A Path to Repair of the Past," in the special issue, "Reparations," *The Journal of Social Philosophy*, 2023.

"Homebirth and the Maternity Outcomes Emergency: Attending to Race and Gender in Childbirth," *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*, March, 2021.

Commentary on Kelly Arenson, "Some Doubts about the Moral Value of Pity," *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*, volume XXXIV, 2019 (invited).

"Overcoming a Puzzle about Inclusion and Anti-Racism," *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, Fall, 2016; newsletter published by the APA Committee on the Status of Women in Philosophy.

"Ordinary Virtue," *Res Philosophica*, October 2015

"Implicit Virtue." *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology*, September, 2014

"Virtue and the Value of Affective Transformation," *Sex, Love, and Friendship: Studies of the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love 1993 – 2003*, Value Inquiry Book Series, Volume II, Rodopi Press, 2011.

"Emotions and the Ontology of Moral Value," The Journal of Value Inquiry, 2004.

"Taking Responsibility for Oppression: Affirmative Action and Racial Injustice," Public Affairs Quarterly, July 2004.

"A Change of Heart: Moral Emotions, transformation and moral virtue," Journal of Moral Philosophy, April 2004.

"Virtue and Emotion," Nous, September 2001.

PODCASTS and BOOK REVIEWS

"Susan Stark on the Intersection of Gender and Race," FAB Gab (a podcast of the *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*), Episode 7, April 15, 2021.

"Gender Across Generations," with Aidan Stark-Chessa, The Youth Take: A Maine Boys to Men Podcast, 2021.

Review of Developing the Virtues, Julia Annas, Darcia Narvaez, Nancy Snow (eds), Oxford University Press, 2016, Notre Dame Philosophical Review, January 2017.

Review of Jaegwon Kim's Mind in a Physical World, co-authored with Frank Chessa, Metapsychology Website, May, 2001.

WORKS in PROGRESS

"Human Collectivity in Viola F. Cordova's *How It Is*: An associative view of moral responsibility" a chapter in a new volume on Viola F. Cordova's *How It Is*; University of Arizona Press, Joseph Miller (editor), forthcoming 2026-27

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Upcoming: "Human Collectivity in Viola F. Cordova's *How It Is*: An associative view of moral responsibility," Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 2026.

Invited Talk: "Being Responsible and Making Reparations: A Path to Repair of the Past," Brown University Slavery and Justice Events, Ruth. J. Simmons Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, November 2024.

Case Commentator, Maine Health Ethics Consortium, "An Argument for Respecting Autonomy and Promoting Racial Justice," February 2024.

"Intersectionality, Reproduction, and Parenting: Justice and Social Transformation, "Women and Their Body," Paderborn University, Paderborn, Germany, March 2023

"Reparation, Responsibility, and Collective Agency," Manchester Centre for Political Theory (MANCEPT) workshop entitled "Corporate Agency and the Responsibilities of Citizens and States" (September 2022).

"Reparations and Collective Identity," Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association,

Poster Session, (January 2022).

"Reparations and Identity," Social Ontology Conference, International Social Ontology Society, (August 2021).

Grand Rounds, Maine Medical Center, "Structural Racism and Sexism: A few thoughts on truth, repair, and transformation," (April, 2021).

"What Does it Mean to Make Reparations?" poster presentation at the *Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association* (April, 2021); also presented at Bates College, Investigating Ideas, Fall 2020.

"Reparations, COVID-19, and the Persistent Ideology of White Supremacy," MANCEPT conference, University of Manchester, Center for Political Theory, Manchester, UK, September, 2020.

"Being Responsible and Making Reparations," Northern New England Philosophy Association Meeting, The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, November 9, 2019.

"Responsibility and Reparations for Racism," St. Anselm College Colloquium in Philosophy, 2018.

Commentary on Kelly Arenson, "Some Doubts about the Moral Value of Pity," Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH, February, 2018

"Seeking Common Ground on Abortion," American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, Kansas City, MO, October, 2017.

"Some Stoic-inspired Questions about Love," Bates College, October 2016.

"The Stoics on Virtue, Emotion, and Desire," Bates College, November, 2015.

"A (modest) Defense of Homebirth," NNEPA Annual Meeting, Lewiston, ME, September, 2015; American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, San Diego, CA, October 2014.

"Implicit Associations and the Practice of Medicine," Presentation to Tufts University Medical Students, May, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

"Ordinary Virtue," Pacific Division of the APA, San Diego, CA, April, 2014.

"The Practice of Virtue," Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, Maine Medical Center, November, 2013.

Commentator "Bioethics and Film" for medical students, Maine Medical Center, April 2013.

"Ordinary Virtue," University of Maine, Orono, Colloquium, November, 2012.

"On the Value of the Liberal Arts: the liberal arts will make you rich," Bates College, September 2012.

"The Ethics of Care," Maine Medical Center, Ethics Committee Retreat, September, 2011.

"White Privilege and Shame," Northern New England Philosophy Association, Bates College, October 2006.

"Commentary on Troy Jollimore's "Second-Order Desert and the Problem of Moral Luck," Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March 2004.

"A Change of Heart: Moral Emotions, transformation and moral virtue," invited presentation at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, December 2003.

"A Change of Heart: Moral emotions, transformation, and moral virtue," Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March, 2003.

"Emotions and Virtue," talk given at the Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship Retreat, October 2002.

"Emotions and Moral Motivation," Brown Bag Lunch, Bates College, November, 2001.

"Sympathy and Moral Worth," colloquium paper, Royal Institute of Philosophy Conference, July 2001; earlier version presented as a colloquium paper, Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April, 2000; invited paper, University of Southern Maine Colloquium, April, 2000.

"Virtue and Emotion," Maine Philosophical Institute meeting, Bowdoin College, April, 2000; invited paper, University of California, Davis Colloquium, December 1998.

"Breasts, Bodies, and Norms," invited paper, Dowling College, March, 2000; colloquium paper, Far West Popular and American Culture Association, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, February, 2000; invited paper, Nammour Symposium, California State University, Sacramento, April 1999.

"Why Equal Protection *Requires* Exclusionary Practices," invited paper, UNLV, February 2000.

AWARDS

Enhanced Sabbatical, Bates College 2024-25.

Enhanced Sabbatical, Bates College, 2017-2018.

Enhanced Sabbatical, Bates College, 2010-2011.

Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship, 2002-2003.

Dissertation Fellowship Award, Philosophy Department, Georgetown University, 1995-1996.

Mensa Education and Research Foundation Scholarship, 1994-1995.

Philosophy Department Teaching and Research Fellowship, 1991-1994.

Fellow, Georgetown University, Writing Fellows Program, 1992.

Thomas J. Watson Memorial Scholarship, 1987-1991.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT and ACTIVITIES

Related to racial justice and equity:

- Selected as a participant (June 2024), NEWLAMP (Northeast Workshop to Learn About Multicultural Philosophy), an Institute funded by the National Endowment for Humanities (NEH) and focused on Native American, Indigenous, and Land-Based Philosophy and centering Sovereignty, Land, Decolonization, Indigenous Feminisms, and Cultural Reclamation.
- Participant, Bates College, "Taking Responsibility Learning Group," a staff and faculty group committed to learning about and addressing historic and ongoing injustice committed by settlers against the Wabanaki peoples, 2022-present.

- Participant, Pine Reading Group and Indigenous Fictions Reading Group, 2024-present.
- Participant, Bates College, Wabanaki REACH Interactive Map Workshop, May 2023.
- Participant: “An Introduction to Transitional Justice (Maine): Truth, Reconciliation, Reparations, and Community Building,” an 18-hour course sponsored by the Truth Telling Project, Think Peace, Mindbridge, the South Portland (ME) Human Rights Commission, the Permanent Commission (in Maine) on the Status of Racial, Indigenous, and Tribal Populations, October – December, 2022.
- Co-organizer with Lauren Ashwell, panel discussion “Decolonizing/Liberating Philosophy, Logic, Reasoning,” Bates College, Martin Luther King Jr. Day observation (January 2022); panelists included: David Livingstone Smith (UNE Faculty in Philosophy), Kayla Jackson ’19 (Rutgers PhD program), John McClendon (MSU Faculty in Philosophy), Subrena Smith (UNH Faculty in Philosophy).
- Panelist, on a panel on housing injustice, racism, reparations, homelessness, in concert with the performance of *Luck of the Irish*, October 2021; organized by Diana Zhou ’22 and Professor Elizabeth Phillips (Bates Faculty in Theater and Dance).
- Participant, day-long workshop, “Antiracism Organizing in Maine” Gathering, October 2021.
- Participant, Bates College, “Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation,” Workshops I, II and III, 2020-21
- Co-organizer with Kayla Jackson ’19 a panel discussion “Abolition,” Bates College, Martin Luther King Jr. Day observation (January 2021); panelists include: Kayla Jackson ’19 (Rutgers PhD program), Jerome Bennett ’10, Professor Michael Rocque (Bates faculty in Sociology).
- Participant, Advisory Group to Representative Rachel Talbot Ross, supporting her in bringing legislation on requiring the teaching of African American history at all grades in Maine schools, on legislation for reparations, and on legislation to remove racial slurs from place names in Maine (passed 2020), 2020-21.
- Participant in webinars through the Equity Literacy Institute (ELI) (I participated in two 4-week webinars, 2 hours per week), 2020-2021.
- Participant, Bates College, Commons Conversations (students, staff and faculty) on Equity and Inclusion, Summer 2020.
- Participant, Philosophy department reading group on reparations Winter, 2020.
- Participant and reviewer (providing feedback on workshops), Racial Equity Institute, “Groundwater Approach” workshop, September 28 and 29, 2019; and November 23 and 24, 2020.
- Participant, Faculty Development Seminar on Sara Ahmed’s *On Being Included*, Fall 2018.
- Participant: Faculty Learning Community, a year-long seminar on diversity, inclusion and education, 2011-2012.

Other professional activities:

Reviewer for MIT Press, 2019.

Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Journal of Philosophy of Emotion*, 2016.

Participant, Reading group on the Stoics, Bates College, 2015 – 2017.

Participant, “The Art of Teaching Philosophy,” Amherst College, June 2014.

Member, Writers Group, participating faculty from Bates, Bowdoin, and UNH.

Reviewed Tenure applications for junior faculty in philosophy at Washington State University and Connecticut College, 2012.

Participant, Mellon Innovation Fund Lecture Series, 2008-2010.

Reviewer for *Hypatia*, *Mind*, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, *Res Philosophica*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Ethics*, ongoing.

Session chair and organizer, Northern New England Philosophy Association Meeting, Bates College, 2006.

Colloquium Session Chair, Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association Meeting, March 2006.

Organized the Maine Philosophical Institute Meeting at Bates College, May 2001.

Member, Ethics and Political Philosophy Reading Group, participating faculty from Colby, Bates, Bowdoin, and USM, 1999-2005.

Professional Memberships:

Member, Society for the Philosophy of Emotion, 2016 – present.
Member, International Social Ontology Society 2020-2022
Member, American Philosophical Association (ongoing).
Member, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (periodic).

BATES COLLEGE TEACHING

Seminars: Reparation and Responsibility, Moral Realism and Irrealism; Virtues and Emotions; Moral Rules and/or Particulars.

200-level courses: Land-Based Ethics (in development, 2025-26); Ancient Philosophy/Ancient Greek Philosophy; Moral Philosophy; Moral Luck/Moral Luck and Social Identity; Philosophy and Feminism/Feminist Philosophy; Philosophy of Psychology; Introduction to Philosophy; Contemporary Moral Disputes.

FYS: Luck and the Moral Life; Feminist Ethics.

Short Term: Philosophy Thesis Redesign; Teaching Philosophy; Moral Luck; Philosophy of Psychology; Concepts of Self; Reparations; Ethics of Care (substantial course redesign 2022).

BATES COLLEGE SERVICE

Service 2025-2026:

Chair, Martin Luther King Jr. Day Planning Committee

Member, Academic Standing Committee

Member, Space Advisory Committee, convened by Vice President for Finance, Geoff Swift 2016-present.

Past Service:

Member, Committee to rewrite Student Code of Conduct

Member, Academic Affairs Council (2020-2024)

Division Chair for Humanities (2020-2024)

Member, advisory group for the Bates – Roux Institute collaboration, Spring, 2021 - 2022.

Member, Learning Associates Fund for Humanities and Social Sciences 2020-2023.

Member, Synergy Advisory Committee (for the arts 2020-2023).

Co-chair, Faculty Governance Review Committee, 2019-2022.

Standard Coordinator (Governance Standard) NEASC Review, 2018-2021; reviewed interim report, 2025.

Faculty Review Board, 2016-2021.

Member, Finances Team, an ad hoc committee convened by President Spencer to advise senior staff on financial implications of COVID-19.

Chair, Internal Review Committee for Program in Environmental Studies review, 2019-2022.

Co-chair, Martin Luther King Jr. Day Planning Committee, 2015 - 2020

Philosophy Department Chair, 2018-2019.

Philosophy Search Committee co-chair, 2018-2019.

Mentor to new faculty member, C3 consortium 2016-2018.

Co-chair, Committee on Faculty Governance, 2014-2015.

Member and Self-Study author (1 of 3), Philosophy Department enhanced review, 2014-2015.

Standard Coordinator and Team member, NEASC interim report, Faculty Standard (Coordinator) and Governance Standard (Team member), 2014-2015.

Member, Internal Review Committee for History Department review, Fall 2013.

Member, Philosophy search committee for Mellon Post-Doc, 2013.

Member, selection committee for the Student Commencement Speaker, 2013, 2014.

Member, Committee on Faculty Governance, 2011-2015.

Member, Professional Writing Tutor Search committee, Spring, 2010.

Facilitator, Organizer, two-day Faculty workshop on first year writing and assessment, June 2010.

Chair, First Year Seminar and Writing Committee, 2008-2010.
 Member, Director of Writing Search Committee, 2008-2009.
 Member, Philosophy Department Search Committee, 2008-2009.
 Facilitator, two-day Faculty workshop on first year writing and assessment of writing, June, 2009.
 Member of planning committee for the two-day Faculty workshop on first year writing and assessment of writing (along with Judy Head, Joanne Cole, Pat Hager, and Ellen Peters), 2008-2009.
 Member, Davis Foundation Grant Application Committee, Spring and Summer 2007.
 Member, Peer Writing Tutor Program Oversight Committee, 2007-2008.
 Member, Registrar Search Committee, 2006-2008.
 Member, Bates General Education Implementation Committee, 2006-2010.
 Co-Chair First Year Seminar and Writing Committee, 2006-2008.
 Member, Medical Studies Committee, Bates College 2005-2007.
 Member, Teaching Development Committee, Bates College, 2004.
 Member, Philosophy Department search committee, Bates College 2002-2003.
 Member, Cognitive Psychology Search Committee, Bates College 2001-2002
 Member, Committee on the Writing Workshop and First Year Seminars, Bates College, 2001-2002
 Member, Committee on Academic Standing, Bates College, 2000 – 2002.
 Member, Chaplain's Advisory Committee, Bates College, 2000 – 2002, 2003-2004.
 Member, Committee on Eating Concerns, Bates College, 2000 – 2001.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer and participant, Atlantic Black Box and WalkWhere2024, organizations addressing unjust histories in Maine related to the Trans-Atlantic slave trade and genocide of Indigenous peoples in New England.

Member and volunteer, Neighbors in Need, an all-volunteer organization that provides needed household (and other) items to asylees in the Portland area, 2018-present.

Guest lecturer in philosophy, North Yarmouth Academy (2020), Maine Coast Waldorf High School, (2020), Maine Girls Academy (2018).

Volunteer at Maine Coast Waldorf School (formerly Merriconeag WS), Freeport, ME, including:

- President, Board of Trustees, 2016-2020.

MCWS is a +/- 300 student, 50+ faculty independent school in Freeport, ME. The school has an annual operating budget of \$4.5M. During my term, I oversaw a \$6.3M capital campaign to fund a 12,000sf new high school building (\$3.8M) that is the first US high school to be “net zero” and to have the “Passive House” certification, one of the highest green energy certifications in the US; capital campaign also funded \$2.5M of capital improvements to other buildings. I oversaw an overhaul of the administrative structure of the school, bringing school in line with best practices of independent Waldorf schools of its size, including hiring a Business Director, a position new to the school. With faculty and administration, I facilitated collaborative decision-making at all levels: at the Board, on committees, and among the faculty and administration. With the Board, I held responsibility for the budget, health, safety, sustainability of the school. I coordinated all health and safety related decision-making relative to the schools COVID-19 response, February 2020 - June 2020. I was/am centrally involved in bringing conversations, workshops, and faculty development on equity and inclusion to the school for the past 10 years.

- Co-chair and co-founder, Committee on Equity and Inclusion, 2016-present.
- Member, Strategic Planning Committee, 2018-present.
- Secretary, Board of Trustees, 2014 – 2016.
- Volunteer Teacher, MCWS, New Gloucester and Freeport, ME.
 - Guest lecturer in philosophy at MCWS High School, Winter 2020.
 - Taught a fall term elective, “Ethics,” to 12 high school students, fall 2012.
 - Taught “Introduction to Speech and Debate,” to middle school students, Spring 2016, Spring, 2014 and Fall 2014.
 - Brought students from Bates to MCWS as part of “Teaching Philosophy” short term, May 2016.

- Volunteer at Merriconeag Waldorf School, Freeport, Maine: Class Parent, assist with events, development, and fundraising, including the annual tuition assistance auction, 2009-present. Facilitated conversation on Epictetus (Greek Stoic, ~100 CE) with the Rotary, Lewiston, Maine, 2010. Volunteer for Ballard House, Maine's only freestanding birth center. Mailings, lead tour and information nights, help coordinate mother's lunch, 2002-2004. Volunteer at children's tennis league, Falmouth high school courts, summers 2011- 2014. Volunteer to the Maine Humanities Council to lead a discussion on the events of 9/11, October, 2001. "An Introduction to Philosophical Thinking," a lecture given with Frank Chessa to high school students, Pine Bush High School, Pine Bush, New York, November 2001. "The Problem of Moral Luck," a lecture given with Frank Chessa to high school students, Highland High School, New Paltz, New York, November 2000.

OTHER TEACHING

University of California, Davis:

Graduate Seminar: Partial Morality.

Undergraduate Courses: Ethical Theories; Problems of Normative Ethics; Introduction to Philosophy; History of Ethics; Ethical and Social Problems in Contemporary Society.

Georgetown University (full responsibility for course design, content, lectures, grading):

Undergraduate Courses: Luck and the Moral Life; Introduction to Logic; Ethics and Public Policy; Ethics; Introduction to Philosophy.

Medical School: Bioethics (Georgetown College of Medicine).

Non-credit adult education courses: Feminist Philosophy; Bioethics.

REFERENCES UPON REQUEST

