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Curriculum Vitae

I. RESEARCH FOCUS

Decolonization, Social Justice, Women Philosophers, Anti-female Thought, African Philosophy, Political Philosophy, Literary Studies, Animal Studies

II. EDUCATION

- 2014** Doctorate awarded in Philosophy (summa cum laude)
- 2011-2014** Doctoral studies in Philosophy at FREE UNIVERSITY (Berlin)
- 2005** Master of Arts in ›Philosophy‹ and ›Modern German Literature‹ at FREE UNIVERSITY (Berlin) (very good)
- 1998-2005** Studies in ›Philosophy‹ and ›Modern German Literature‹ at CHRISTIAN-ALBRECHTS-UNIVERSITY (Kiel) and FREE UNIVERSITY (Berlin)

III. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/SERVICE

- 2025-today** English Language Arts Teacher, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2025-today** Completion of Pre-Service Training at BALTIMORE CITY TEACHING RESIDENCY PROGRAM
- 2025-today** Resident at BALTIMORE CITY TEACHING RESIDENCY PROGRAM
- 2024-today** Adjunct Philosophy at TOWSON UNIVERSITY, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- Responsibilities*
- Teaching in-person and remote asynchronous undergraduate courses
 - Course development
 - Pastoral Care of Students
- 2024-today** Adjunct English and Humanities at HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Hagerstown, Maryland, USA
- Responsibilities*
- Teaching in-person and remote asynchronous undergraduate courses
 - Course development
 - Pastoral Care of Students

2024-today	Section Editor for Africa for the WOMEN PHILOSOPHERS HERITAGE COLLECTION in collaboration with DE GRUTER and the HISTORY PHILOSOPHERS AND SCIENTISTS, UNIVERSITY OF PADERBORN, Germany, Series Editor Ruth Hagengruber
2023-2024	Visiting Assistant Professor for Philosophy at GETTYSBURG COLLEGE, Pennsylvania, United States of America <i>Responsibilities</i> - Teaching 100 and 200-level courses, including development of syllabi, preparation, and holding of weekly sessions and lectures; supervision, grading midterm and final exams; weekly holding of office hours - Development and teaching of new course PHIL-140 “How should we live? An Introduction to African Philosophical Ethics of the 20th and 21st century” - Contribution to Gettysburg campus culture (Organization of events, working with College Clubs) - Pastoral Care of Students - Continuation of Research (including numerous publications, keynotes, public lectures etc.)
2022-2023	Lecturer in World Philosophy with SOAS (THE SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES) at the UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, United Kingdom <i>Responsibilities</i> - Teaching of undergraduate courses, incl. development of syllabi, preparation, and holding of weekly sessions and lectures, supervision of BA-dissertation, marking and moderation of marking, preparation, and review of exam questions and assignments; allocation of supervisors; weekly holding of office hours - Extracurricular teaching (writing workshops and philosophical workshops, organization of three lecture series and special events) - Development of new undergraduate and new graduate program - Contribution to SOAS campus culture (Participation in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Athena Swan Charter and Serious Cases Triage Panel) - Pastoral Care of Students - Outreach events (with City School of London) - Continuation of Research (incl. numerous publications, keynotes, public lectures etc.)
2023-today	Member of the Editorial and Advisory Board of the JOURNAL OF WORLD RELIGIONS AND INTERFAITH HARMONY
2022-today	Editor of APA STUDIES ON PHILOSOPHY AND THE BLACK EXPERIENCE
2022-today	Editorial Advisory Board Member for INTELLECTUS. THE AFRICAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY

2022-today	Co-Director and Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Project DEMOGRAPHICS IN PHILOSOPHY
2022-today	Member of the Working Group WOMEN IN THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY of the GERMAN SOCIETY FOR PHILOSOPHY (DGPhil AG FRAUEN IN DER GESCHICHTE DER PHILOSOPHIE)
2021-2024	Appointed Committee Member for the STATUS OF BLACK PHILOSOPHERS at the AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION (APA)
2021-today	Associated Researcher of the CENTER FOR THE HISTORY OF WOMEN PHILOSOPHERS AND SCIENTISTS (HWPS) at Paderborn University, Germany
2021-today	Editorial Consultant of the ARUMARUKA: JOURNAL OF CONVERSATIONAL THINKING for the areas of African/Africana, comparative and intercultural philosophy
2021-today	Member of the Editorial Board of PHILOSOPHIES IN CONVERSATION
2021-today	Consultant for the AFRICAN RESEARCHERS NETWORK for PHILOSOPHY AND RACIAL STUDIES
2020-today	Editor at DIVERSITY READING LIST
2019-2022	Independent scholar based in Knoxville, TN, U.S.A.
2018-today	Member of the Advisory Editorial Board of EWANLEN: A JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY (Ekpoma, Nigeria)
2018-today	National Delegate of Germany and member of the Editorial Board for FILOZOFSKI POGLEDI. PHILOSOPHICAL VIEWS, Belgrade, Serbia
2015-2019	Independent scholar based in Berlin, Germany
2006-2019	Full-time work as quality assurance engineer at THINK-CELL SALES GMBH & CO. KG (Berlin)

IV. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

PAPERS/BOOKS PUBLISHED

- (1) »Beatrice Okyere-Manu, Léocadie Lushombo (eds.), African Women's Liberation Philosophies, Theologies, and Ethics, 2024. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, xix, 301pp. ISBN 978-3-031-39133-0 (e-book PDF)«, in Theoria 72 (184), 93-95
- (2) »Radicalizing Ubu-ntu. Some Critical Thoughts on Mogobe Ramose's Philosophy of Ubu-ntu and a Proposal for Its Desuperiorisation«, in: Kenneth Uyi Abudu, Kevin Gary Behrens,

- and Elvis Imafidon (eds.): »African Philosophy and Deep Ecology«, Routledge, London, New York, 41-54, <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003480914-4>
- (3) »Good Practices for Improving Representation in Philosophy Departments« [in collaboration with Eric Schwitzgebel and Elly Vintiadis], in: APA Studies on Philosophy and the Black Experience 24.2, 2025, 8-21, https://www.apaonline.org/page/black_experience_apastudies
 - (4) »Philosophy of Liberation. A Conversation with Nigerian Philosopher Abosede Priscilla Ipadeola«, in: APA Studies on Philosophy and the Black Experience 24.2, 2025, 21-28, https://www.apaonline.org/page/black_experience_apastudies
 - (5) »A Highly Annoying and Very Questionable Book. Lazy arguments, pseudo-inclusion, tokenism, a longing to maintain the status quo and other disturbing oddities in *Ethics: Theory and Contemporary Issues*, 10th edition, 2024, by Barbara MacKinnon and Andrew Fiala«, APA Studies on Philosophy and the Black Experience 24.2, 2025, 28-32, https://www.apaonline.org/page/black_experience_apastudies
 - (6) »Sophie Bọsẹdé Olúwólé on Yorùbá Philosophy, Knowing, not-Knowing and the Pain of Letting Go«, in: Ada Agada, Emmanuel Ofuasia, and Bruno Yammelluan Ikuli (eds.): »Contemporary African Metaphysical Thought«, Routledge, Palgrave Macmillan, Cham, 2024, 105-129, https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-73963-7_7
 - (7) »‘Writing assures me I am.’ A Review of Tsitsi Dangarembga’s ‘Black and Female’«, in: APA Studies on Philosophy and the Black Experience 24.1, 2024, 10-11, https://www.apaonline.org/page/black_experience_apastudies
 - (8) »A Masterclass in Rewriting the History of African Philosophy. Some Remarks on Sophie Bọsẹdé Olayemi Olúwólé’s milestone ‘Socrates and Ọrúnmilà. Two Patron Saints of Classical Philosophy’«, in: APA Studies on Philosophy and the Black Experience 24.1, 2024, 12-14, https://www.apaonline.org/page/black_experience_apastudies
 - (9) »An Ingenious Revolution of Epistemology. A review of Abosede Priscilla Ipadeola’s Feminist African Philosophy Women and the Politics of Difference«, in: APA Studies on Philosophy and the Black Experience 24.1, 2024, 14-17, https://www.apaonline.org/page/black_experience_apastudies
 - (10) »Andro*-Superiorism. Anti-female* Thought and the Superhuman Fallacy in Western canonical Philosophy«, in: Arùmarùka: Journal of Conversational Thinking 4.1, 2024, 60-93, <https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/ajct.v4i1.4>
 - (11) »Mythologie der Gynophobie. Eine philosophische und autobiographische Erkundung über den Andro-Superiorismus«, in: Vanessa Albus, Volker Haase (eds.): »Autobiographisches Philosophieren« (Philosophie und Bildung), Berlin, Lit, 2024, 126-143, <https://lit-verlag.de/isbn/978-3-643-14970-1/>
 - (12) »Some thoughts on Olúfẹ́mi Táíwò’s Against Decolonisation«, in: APA Studies. Philosophy and the Black Experience 23.1, Fall 2023, 12-15, https://www.apaonline.org/page/black_experience_apastudies
 - (13) »Handbook of African Philosophy« (in cooperation with Elvis Imafidon and Mpho Tshivhase), Springer, Cham, 2023, <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-25149-8>
 - (14) »Onto-normative Monism in the ሐተታ (hāteta) of Zera Yaqob: Insights into Ethiopian Epistemology and Lessons for the Problem of Superiorism«, in: Peter Aloysius Ikhane, Isaac E.

- Ukpokolo (eds.): »African Epistemology: Being and Knowledge«, Routledge, London, 2023, 145-158, <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/edit/10.4324/9781003182320/african-epistemology-peter-alloysius-ikhane-isaac-ukpokolo>
- (15) »African Metaphysics or African Existentialism?: Some Critical Remarks on Aribia David Attoe's "Groundwork for a new Kind of African Metaphysics"«, in: *Arūmarūka: Journal of Conversational Thinking* 2.2., 2022, 34-40, <https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/ajct.v2i2.3>
 - (16) »Eröffnende Bemerkungen zum 44. Sokratischen Treffen „Afrikanische Philosophie“«, in: *Mitteilungen der Sokratischen Gesellschaft* 61, 2022, 8-10
 - (17) »Contempt begets contempt«, *Striped Insights*, <https://aureliapangolini.substack.com/p/contempt-begets-contempt>, 27.1.2022
 - (18) »Decolonial Philosophical Praxis Exemplified Through Superiorist and Adseredative Understandings of Development«, in: Jonathan Okeke Chimakonam, Edwin Etieyibo, Ike Dimegwu (eds.): »Essays on contemporary Issues in African Philosophy«, Springer, Cham, 2022, 209-226, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-70436-0_14
 - (19) »What sayest thou of thyself? Some remarks on the entanglement of Life and Narration and its ethical implications for the philosophical canon«, in: Francis Ikhianosime, Gregory Ogbenika (eds.): »Formation of the Human Person in the 21st Century. Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference, Seminary of All Saints, Uhiele-Ekpoma, Edo, Nigeria (March 18th – 20th, 2020)«, Uhiele-Ekpoma, Floreat Systems Publications, 2021, 12-18, <https://www.acjol.org/index.php/ekpoma/article/view/1653>
 - (20) »Quid aliud agat or How one should live. An analysis of the Jesuit drama of Georg Bernardt from the perspective of existential philosophy«, in: Małgorzata Lisecka, Magdalena Lisecka (eds.): »Jesuit Culture between Texts and Arts«, Wydawnictwo Naukowe Uniwersytetu Mikołaja Kopernika, Toruń 2021, 63-72
 - (21) »Desuperhumanizing Whiteness«, in: LaVada Taylor (ed.): »Implications of Race and Racism in Student Evaluations of Teaching: The Hate U Give Students«, Lexington, Lanham, Boulder, New York, London, 2021, 159-178
 - (22) »Embracing an Ethical Epistemological Approach in African Higher Education« (in cooperation with Yvette Freter), in: Siseko H. Kumalo (ed.): »Decolonisation as Democratisation. Global Insights into the South African Experience«, HSRC Press, Cape Town, 2021, 127-150, <https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/9780796926166/html>
 - (23) »Schande und Chance in Zeiten der COVID-19-Pandemie«, *Philosophie aktuell*, <https://www.philosophie.ch/philosophie/highlights/philosophie-aktuell/schande-und-chance-in-zeiten-der-covid-19-pandemie#>, 20.4.2020
 - (24) »Decolonization of the West, Desuperiorisation of Thought, and Elative Ethics«, in: Elvis Imafidon (ed.): »Handbook of African Philosophy of Difference«, Springer, Cham, 2020, 105-127, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-04941-6_5-1
 - (25) »Veganismus als Anti-Nihilismus. Ein Beitrag zum kauntierlichen Superiorismus«, in: *Zeitschrift für Kritische Tierstudien* 2, 2019, 93-99
 - (26) »Das Drama vom Menschen, der nicht Mensch sein durfte. Tätige Aufklärung in Lessings »Emilia Galotti««, in: *Mitteilungen der Sokratischen Gesellschaft* 58, 2019, 68-78

- (27) »The Metaphysics of Friendship. On Normativity as heightened vitality«, in: Yearbook of the Irish Philosophical Society 2016/2017, ed. by Haydn Gurmin and Susan Gottlöber, 2019, 12-24
- (28) »Nursing as Accommodated Care. A Contribution to the Phenomenology of Care. Appeal – Concern – Volition – Practice«, in: Franziska Krause, Joachim Boldt (eds.): »Caring in Healthcare. Reflections on Theory and Practice«, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke, 2018, 36-49, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-61291-1_3
- (29) *In cooperation with:* Joachim Boldt, Annelieke Driessen, Tobias Haeusermann, Franziska Krause, Pei-Yi Liu, Tim Opgenhaffen, and Annekatrin Skeide: »Conclusion: Asking the Right Questions«, in: Franziska Krause, Joachim Boldt (eds.): »Caring in Healthcare. Reflections on Theory and Practice«, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke, 2018, 283-291, https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-61291-1_14
- (30) »Europas Dekolonisationsverweigerung. Über die Notwendigkeit der Selbstenthöhung Europas«, philosophie indebate, <https://philosophie-indebate.de/3059/indebate-europas-dekolonisationsverweigerung-ueber-die-notwendigkeit-der-selbstenthoehung-europas/>, 2018
- (31) »Democritus on Being and Ought. Some remarks on the existential side of early Greek Atomism«, in: Akropolis: Journal of Hellenic Studies 2, 2018, 67-84, <https://doi.org/10.35296/jhs.v2i0.23>
- (32) »White Supremacy in Eurowestern Epistemologies. On the West's responsibility for its philosophical heritage«, in: Synthesis Philosophica. Journal of the Croatian Philosophical Society 33, 2018, 237-249, <https://doi.org/10.21464/sp33115>
- (33) »Tolerance, Respect and Earnestness: An Examination of Material Difference and Formal Identity«, in: Ewanlen. A Journal of Philosophical Inquiry 1, 2017, 10-16
- (34) »Das Böse als Exzess der Selbstsorge. Ein Kapitel einer Phänomenologie der Normativität«, in: Ana Honnacker, Eicke Brock (eds.): »Das Böse erzählen. Perspektiven aus Philosophie, Film und Literatur« (Philosophie aktuell. Studien und Diskurse, Band 15), Lit-Verlag, Berlin, 2017, 41-61
- (35) »Substantialistische Übersetzung als humanistische Praxis. Zu Hölderlins Arbeit an Sophokles«, in: Beate Sommerfeld, Karolina Kęsicka, Malgorzata Korycińska-Wegner, Anna Fimiak-Chwilkowska (eds.): »Übersetzungskritisches Handeln. Modelle und Fallstudien« (Studien zur Germanistik, Skandinavistik und Übersetzungskultur, vol. 16, ed. Stefan H. Kaszyński, Andrzej Kątny, Maria Krysztofia), Peter Lang, Frankfurt am Main, Bern, Bruxelles, New York, Oxford, Warszawa, Wien, 2017, 181-192
- (36) »Verachtung als Politik. Zum Grundsatzprogramm der Alternative für Deutschland«, philosophie indebate, <https://philosophie-indebate.de/2894/indebate-verachtung-als-politik-zum-grundsatzprogramm-der-alternative-fuer-deutschland/>, 2017
- (37) »Wirklichkeit und existentielle Praxis. Vorarbeiten zu einer Phänomenologie der Normativität entwickelt an narrativen Texten der altgriechischen, neutestamentlichen, mittelhoch-deutschen und klassischen deutschen Literatur« (Philosophie aktuell, vol. 14), Lit-Verlag, Berlin, 2016, <https://lit-verlag.de/isbn/978-3-643-13171-3/>
- (38) »Muss Philosophie nachmetaphysisch sein?«, in: fiph-Journal 28, 2016, 39,
- (39) »Andauernde Feier des Heiligen. Über Goethes panhierarchische Religiosität«, in: Agnieszka K. Haas, Dariusz Pakalski (eds.): »Religion und Philosophie in neuerer deutschsprachiger

Literatur und Kunst. Erkundungen auf Haupt- und Nebenwegen« (Studia Germanica Gedanensia 34), Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego, Gdańsk, 2016, 28-36

- (40) »Der arme Deutsche. Zur Argumentation der »Patriotischen Europäer gegen die Islamisierung des Abendlandes«, in: 360°. Studentisches Journal für Politik und Gesellschaft 10, 2015, 16-22, <https://doi.org/10.3224/360grad.v10i2.21803>
- (41) »On the Existential Situation of a Person with Dementia: The Drama of Mankind is repeated in the Drama of Dementia«, in: Journal of Health Science 3, 2015, 205-216, <https://doi.org/10.17265/2328-7136/2015.05.002>

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- (1) »Yorùbá Metaphysics and Yorùbá Epistemology in Sophie Bọsẹdé Olúwólé (1935-2018)«, in: Ruth Hagengruber, Mary Ellen Waithe (eds.): Encyclopedia of Concise Concepts by Women Philosophers, <https://ecc.historyofwomenphilosophers.org/>

OTHER PUBLISHED WORKS

- (1) »A Comparative Introduction to the Philosophy of Non-Human Animals«, Reading Group Blueprint, Diversity Reading List, 2023, <https://diversityreadinglist.org/blueprints/>
- (2) »Superiorism«, Thoughts Podcast, Episode 29, hosted by Hamish Stewart and Alexandros Constantinou, November 1, 2021, <https://anchor.fm/thoughtsuofg/episodes/Episode-28--Superiorism-ft--Bjoern-Freter-e19josi/a-a6qd9b9>
- (3) »African Languages and African Philosophy«, Reading Group Blueprint (in collaboration with Sara Peppe), Diversity Reading List, 2021, <https://diversityreadinglist.org/blueprints/>

TRANSLATIONS (ENGLISH TO GERMAN)

- (1) Lautner, Péter: »Erkenntnis, Selbsterkenntnis (Denken)«, in: Christian Tornau (ed.): Plotin-Handbuch. J. B. Metzler, Stuttgart, translated from English to German, 2024, 203-209
- (2) Lautner, Péter: »Wahrnehmung (Sinneswahrnehmung)«, in: Christian Tornau (ed.): Plotin-Handbuch. J. B. Metzler, Stuttgart, translated from English to German, 2024, 423-429