

# Shay Welch

Curriculum Vitae

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## ***Current position:***

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Spelman College, Present

## ***Past positions:***

Gaius Charles Bolin Fellow in Philosophy, Williams College 2009-2011

## ***AOS/AOC:***

AOS: Social/Political Philosophy, Feminist Ethics, Native American Philosophy

AOC: Ethical Theory, Critical Race Theory, Social Epistemology, Feminist Epistemology, Embodied Cognitive Theory

## ***Education:***

Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY.

Program in Social, Political, Ethical, and Legal Philosophy

PhD in Philosophy 2010

Certificate in Feminist Theory 2010

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.

MA in Philosophy 2006

Women's Studies Letter 2006

University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL.

BA in Philosophy 2002

BA in Political Science 2002

## ***Fellowships and Awards:***

- Summer Seminar in Neuroscience and Philosophy, Team Research Grant with Stacey Humphries (UPenn Center for Cognitive Neuroscience), "Embodied Metaphors in Dance as Schematic Representation using fMRI Imaging". (under consideration)
- Romanell Phi Beta Kappa Professorship Award, Nominee, 2020 (under consideration)
- New Directions Fellowship, Mellon Foundation, Nominee, 2019
- Spelman College Vulcan Teaching Excellence Award, Awarded, Spring 2018

- Individual Research Grant, Ruth Landes Memorial Research Fund, The Reed Foundation, Spring 2018
- Spelman College Faculty Development Grant Award, Spring 2018
- Spelman College President's Award for Teaching Excellence, Nominee, Spring 2016
- Hypatia Diversity Individual Small Grant, Spring 2015
- Spelman College Small Grant Award, Spring 2015
- Spelman College Small Grant Award, Fall 2014
- Spelman College President's Award for Scholarly Achievement, Nominee, Spring 2014
- Spelman College Small Grant Award, Spring 2014
- Spelman College Small Grant Award, Spring 2013
- Future of Minority Studies and Mellon Foundation Publishing Fellowship, Summer 2012
- Spelman College President's Award for Scholarly Achievement, Nominee, Spring 2012
- Gaius Charles Bolin Fellowship, Williams College, 2009-2011
- Clifford D. Clark Graduate Fellowship, Binghamton University, 2006-2009
- Creighton Club New York State Philosophical Association Graduate Student Presentation Award, November 2007

### ***NEH Submissions:***

- NEH Summer Research Stipend, "Choreography as Embodied Critical Inquiry", Summer 2020 (under consideration)
- NEH Summer Research Stipend, "Native Chaos Theory and the Politics of Difference", Summer 2015 (rejected)
- Project Director, NEH Summer Institute, Spelman College Summer Institute for the Study of Social Identities and Public Philosophy, Submitted, March 2013, March 2014 (rejected)

### ***Publications:***

#### Books:

- *Choreographing as Embodied Critical Inquiry* (In progress)
- *The Phenomenology of a Performative Knowledge System: Dancing with Native American Epistemology*. Palgrave Macmillan 2019
- *Existential Eroticism: A Feminist Approach to Women's Oppression-Perpetuating Choices*. Lexington Books, 2015
- *A Theory of Freedom: Feminism and the Social Contract*. Palgrave Macmillan Publishing Co., 2012.

#### Anthology Chapters:

- Native American Feminist Philosophy. *Handbook on Feminist Philosophy*. Oxford University Press, *forthcoming*

- “Native Chaos Theory and the Politics of Difference”. In the *Routledge Companion to Contemporary Feminist Philosophy*, Routledge Press (2017)
- “Imagination and Wonder: Native Cognitive Schemas and Democratic Ethics”. In *Phenomenology and the Political*. Rowman and Littlefield (2016).

Peer Review Articles:

- Musing, “Grace, Gracefully, and Graciousness: Oppression and Moral Responsibilities in Feminist Relationships in Academia”. Co-authored with Serene Khader and Jeanine Weekes Schroer (forthcoming, *Hypatia: FEAST Special Issue*)
- “The Cognitive Unconscious and Native Implicit Ways of Knowing” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 25 (1), 2019.
- “Dancing as Native American Epistemology”. *APA Newsletter on Native American and Indigenous Philosophy*, Spring 2018.
- “Radical-cum-Relational: Bridging Native Individual Autonomy and Feminist Ethics”. *Philosophical Topics* 41, no. 2 (Fall) 2015: 203-223.
- “A Discursive General Will: How Collective Reasoning Strengthens Social Freedom”. *Constellations*, vol. 23, no. 1 (March 2014): 96-110.
- “Social Freedom and the Value(s) of Friendship”. *Amity: Journal of Friendship Studies*, vol. 1 (2013): 53-68.
- “Transparent Trust and Oppression”. *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, vol. 16, no. 1 (January 2013): 45-64.
- “Social Freedom and Commitment”. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, vol. 15, no. 1 (Spring 2012): 117-134.

Invited Publications:

- Author exchange with Sebastian Lynn Purcell on the intersections between Native American and Aztec Epistemology. *Social Epistemology Today* (in progress)

Conference Publications

- “The Ambigendered Übermensch.” *Proceedings of the New York State Philosophical Association 153<sup>rd</sup> Conference*, November 2007.

Invited Pedagogy Articles:

- “Fit, Mentoring, and Commitment.”. *Hypatia, FEAST Special Issue: Current Work in Feminist Ethics and Social Theory*, vol. 26, no. 4, Fall 2011: 888-894.

Book Reviews:

- Review Essay. Khader, Serene. *Decolonizing Feminism: Transnational Feminism and Globalization*. Rowman and Littlefield, 2017. In *Human Studies* (June 2019).
- Review Essay. Graham, Laura and H. Glenn Penny (eds.). *Performing Indigeneity: Global Histories and Contemporary Experiences*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2014. *Newsletter on Indigenous Philosophy* (Fall 2016).
- Review Essay. Goeman, Mishuana. *Native Women Mapping our Nations*. University of Minnesota Press, 2013. *Hypatia* (declined book upon review)
- Review Essay. Weir, Allison. *Identities and Freedom: Feminist Theory between Power and Connection*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, Fall 2014

- Review Essay. *Feminist Interventions in Ethics and Politics*, ed. Andrew, Barbara, Keller, Jean, & Schwartzman, Lisa, *Social Theory and Practice*. Vol. 33, No. 1. January 2007: 159-162.

### ***Key Note/ Colloquia Invitations:***

- “The Cognitive Unconscious and Native Implicit Ways of Knowing”, Dr. David Ross Boyd Colloquium Speaker, Department of Philosophy, University of Oklahoma, Spring 2019
- “Contemporary Native Dancing as Epistemic Resistance”, Colloquium Speaker, Department of Philosophy, Colorado State College, September 2019
- Featured speaker, Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute, 2018
- “Native American Philosophy”, Colloquium speaker, Department of Philosophy, DePauw University, January 2017
- “Desperate Rationality”, Keynote, Michigan State University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, March 20, 2015
- “Women’s Self-Perpetuated Oppression: Complicity and Moral Responsibility in Collective Action Problems”. Colloquium speaker, Department of Philosophy, George Washington University, January 30, 2015
- “Trauma as Desperation”. Keynote, Center for Ethics and Zeta Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, Georgia State University, April 18, 2014

### ***Presentations:***

#### Invited Speaker:

- “Before You Shoot Your Shot: What is ‘Toxic Masculinity’”. Panelist. Morehouse College, February 2019
- “Native American and Hindu Ethics”. The Science of Ethics and Values Across Borders: The Bhaktivedanta Institute, Georgia Tech Academy of Medicine. September 12, 2015.
- “Indigenous Pedagogies in Practice”. Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Atlanta, September 8-10, 2015.
- “Violent Resistance as Desperate Rationality: The Rational Response to a Corrupt State”. Central APA Committee on Public Philosophy session: *Ferguson and Social Justice*, February 2015
- “Radical-cum-Relational: A Feminist Understanding of Native Individual Autonomy.” Eastern APA, December 2013
- “Transparent Trust and Oppression”, Spelman College, Women’s Herstory month speaker, March 2013
- “A Discursive General Will”, SOPHIA: Series on Political Philosophy, October 2012
- “Social Freedom and the Value of Friendship”. International Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Madrid 2012.

#### Contributions:

- “Fetishizing Indigenizing: Why ‘Indigenizing the Academy’ can be Colonial Violence”. Pacific APA, San Francisco 2020

- Book panel for *The Phenomenology of a Performative Knowledge System: Dancing with Native American Epistemology*. Speakers: Brian Burkhart, Sebastian Purcell, Alejandro Santana. Pacific APA, San Francisco 2020.
- “Contemporary Native Dancing as Epistemic Resistance”, Resistant Imaginations, University of Oregon, February 2019
- “Dance as Native American Epistemology”. Pacific APA, Committee on the Status of Native American and Indigenous Philosophy. San Diego, March 2018).
- Book panel for *Existential Eroticism*. Speakers: Anita Superson (University of Kentucky), Tracy Isaacs (Western University), Tempest Hemming (Vanderbilt University). Society for Analytical Feminism, Boston 2016.
- “Desperate Rationality and Violent Resistance”. American Political Science Association Annual Conference. San Francisco, Sept. 3-6, 2015
- “Native Chaos Theory and the Politics of Difference”. Hypatia Conference for Diversifying Philosophy. Villanova University, May 28-30, 2015.
- Invited participant, Coalition for Racial Diversity Retreat, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, August 2014
- “Radical-cum-Relational: A Feminist Understanding of Native Individual Autonomy.” Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST), Tempe, AZ, October 2013
  - International Social Philosophy Conference: North American Society for Social Philosophy (NASSP), Quinniapac, CT, June 2013
- “Social Freedom in Collective Reasoning”. Second Annual International Multidisciplinary Conference on Political and Civic Participation, University of Surrey, UK, April 2012.
- Mellon Foundation Feminist Ethics Workshop, Depauw University, June 1-5, 2010.
- “Democratic Equality, the Freedom Threshold, and Strong Sufficiencyarianism”. Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2010
- “Commitment and Freedom”
  - Binghamton University Fall Colloquia Series, December 2009
  - North American Society for Social Philosophy 27<sup>th</sup> International Philosophy Conference, Ryerson University, July 2010
- “Social Consent”
  - Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory, Clearwater, Fl, September 2009
  - North American Society for Social Philosophy 26<sup>th</sup> International Philosophy Conference, St. Joseph’s University, July 2009
- “The Ambigendered Übermensch”. New York State Philosophical Association 153<sup>rd</sup> Conference, Geneva, NY, November 2007
- “Native Americans and Inclusive Membership”. North American Society for Social Philosophy 24<sup>th</sup> International Social Philosophy Conference, Millersville University, July 2007
- “Why Feminists Should Be Anarchists”. Radical Philosophy Association, Creighton University, November 2006
- “Relevant Differences, Equal Consideration, and Equal Rights”:

- 2005 Conference on American Philosophy, University of South Florida, November 2005
- 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Women and Society Conference, Marist College, September 2005
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophy, Interpretation, and Culture Conference, Binghamton University, April 22 and 23, 2005
- Society for Women's Advancement in Philosophy Conference for the Philosophical Implications of the March for Women's Lives, Florida State University, September 24, 2004

Invited Presentations:

- Roundtable panelist. "The Question of the Real in Feminist Philosophy". Emory Roundtable on Philosophy. Emory University, October 15, 2015
- Commenter: "Are Skill-Selection Immigration Policies Just?". Central APA Plenary Session, February 2015
- "Indigenous Studies in the Academy", Future of Minority Studies Conference, September 2012
- Discussant, Panel on Justice and Fraternity, International Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Madrid, July 2012.
- Panel on Bodily Integrity, National Women's Studies Association, November 2011.

***Public Philosophy Activities:***

- Interview, New Books in Philosophy Podcast, Spring 2020
- Co-Choreographer and Performer, Fieldworks, CORE Dance emerging artists showcase, "Infinitely Framed: The Erotic Violence of Narcissistic Technology", December 8, 2019
- Consultant, D iVi De, Seven Stages Performance Arts Center, May 2019
- Invited Guest Speaker, "Embodied Metaphor and Choreographing Narratives". 2018 Atlanta Aerial Arts National Festival. Saturday April 7, 2018.
- Interview, APA Blog, What It's Like to be a Philosopher, Spring 2018

***Courses Taught:***

- Epistemology
- Introduction to Political Philosophy
- Native American Philosophy
- The Philosophy of Sex and Domination
- Introduction to Ethics
- Advanced Seminar in Ethics
- Introduction to Philosophy
- History of Western Philosophy: Ancient
- Moral Luck and Luck Egalitarianism (Williams College)
- Law and Justice (Binghamton University)

***Service to the Profession:***

- Editorial service:  
Series creator and editor: APA Blog, “What It’s Like to be at an HBCU/TCU”, 2019-present  
Editorial Board member, *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*  
Advisory Board member, *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*  
Co-Editor/Editorial Board member, *APA Newsletter, Committee on the Status of Indigenous Philosophy*  
Section Editor, PhilPapers, Feminist Ethics
- Grant referee:  
National Science Center, Poland:  
“The role of embodied metaphors in solving choreographic problems in dance”  
HS1 - Fundamental questions of human existence and the nature of reality
- Book referee:  
Michigan State University Press  
Routledge Press  
Oxford University Press
- Manuscript referee:  
*Ethical Perspectives*  
*Public Affairs Quarterly*  
*Amity: Journal of Friendship Studies*  
*Hypatia*  
*Canadian Journal of Native Studies*  
*Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*
- Steering Committee Member, “Extending the Reach of Scholarly Society Work to HBCU Faculty”, APA/AHA Mellon Foundation Grant, 2017-2019
- Member, Committee for the Status of Indigenous Philosophers, APA, 2010-present
- Member, APA Committee on Academic Career Opportunities and Placement, 2017- present
- FEAST Chair, 2020-present
- FEAST Steering Committee, Diversity Chair, 2015- 2019
- FEAST, Steering Committee, At-Large position, 2012-2015
- 2013 FEAST, Conference Program Committee
- 2013 FEAST Conference organizer of graduate student mentoring and activities
- 2009 FEAST, Organizer and Facilitator, FEAST Mentoring Program meeting, September 2009.
- FEAST graduate student representative to the Steering Committee, 2008- 2009
- Founder, FEAST Graduate Student Mentoring Program, 2008
- Founder and Organizer of the SWAP Conference for Topics of Diversity in Philosophy, Spring 2005 and Spring 2006

***Professional Associations:***

- American Philosophical Association (APA)
- Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST)
- Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP)

- North American Society for Social Philosophy (NASSP)
- Radical Philosophy Association (RPA)
- International Political Science Association (IPSA)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Society of Analytic Feminism (SAF)
- National American Indian Studies Association

### **Service to the College:**

- Faculty Council At-large, 2019-present
- Faculty Welfare Committee (3 year position), Elected, Fall 2016-Spring 2019
- Faculty Council Junior Faculty Representative, Appointed by Junior Faculty Committee, Spring 2015
- Junior Faculty Standing Committee (3 year position), Elected, Fall 2012-Spring 2015
- Women's Research and Resource Center Steering Committee, Ad Hoc, Spring 2013- 2015
- Lead faculty member for Philosophy for the Mellon Research/Capstone Initiative (3 year position), Appointed by Department Chair. Work and projects continued for the department beyond term, Fall 2013- Spring 2016
- Speaker, Faculty Research, New Student Orientation, "Embodied Cognitive Science and Choreography", Fall 2019
- IRB Review Board Spring 2019- present
- Presidential Awards selection committee 2019
- Coordinator of Fellowships and Scholarships for Githii Honors Scholars Program, Fall 2015- 2016
- Reviewer for potential Honors Program Fellowship database, Fall 2015-2017
- Teaching Research and Resource Center, Advisory Board, Fall 2014- 2017
- Mellon Foundation Social Justice Fellow Advisory Board Member, Fall 2013-2017
- 2013 Faculty Institute Panel Participant addressing Inquiry-Based Learning

### **Service to the Department:**

- A Day in the Life, Philosophy representative, Fall 2019
- Organizer, Philosophy majors and minors graduate school workshop, Fall 2019
- Major and Minor Fair, Philosophy representative, Spring 2019
- Search Committee member (Administrative Assistant)
- Philosophy Club advisor, Spring 2019-present
- Created curriculum map for the Philosophy program.
- Invited and Organized department consultant visit for Inquiry-Based Learning Assessment and Evaluation, Dr. Nisha Gupta, Specialist in Culminating Experiences and Ideas to Action, Delphi Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Louisville.
- Invited and organized department speakers:



- Prof. Kris Sealey (Fairfield University; Spelman class 2001) Spring 2016: presentation on decolonial theory in Moby Dick.
  - Prof. Chris Lebron (Yale University) Fall 2015: presentation on ideology and rights.
  - Prof. Rebecca Kukla (Georgetown University) Spring 2015: presentation on philosophy of language and expressions of sexual consent.
  - Prof. Alison Bailey (Illinois State University) Fall 2011: presentation on the Ethics of Indian Women's participation in Western surrogacy contracts.
  - Prof. Chris Cuomo (University of Georgia) Spring 2012: presentation on Environmental Ethics and the oil industry.
  - Prof. Vance Ricks (Guilford College) Spring 2012: presentation on digital forms of friendship.
  - Prof. Lorraine Mayer (Brandon University) Fall 2012: presentation on Native American Feminism.
- Philosophy Representative for Major Declaration Fair (Fall 2011, Spring 2012)
  - Advising for majors and minors
  - Series on Political Philosophy in Atlanta (SOPHIA) Co-Founder and Organizer, Fall 2012- Present. Speakers I arranged during my semester as series organizer:
    - Kipton Jenson (Morehouse College)
    - Chioke I'Anson (Virginia Commonwealth University)
    - Noelle McAfee (Emory University)
    - Peter Lindsay (Georgai State University)
  - Social Justice Fellow Mentor (Sylonda Lang)
  - UNCF Mellon Fellow Mentor (Ayanna Spencer)
  - UNCF Mellow Fellow Mentor (Nia Bush)
  - UNCF Mellow Fellow Mentor (Mikaela Brown)
  - UNCF Mellow Fellow Mentor (Spencer Nabors)
  - UNCF Mellow Fellow Mentor (Ananda Griffin)
  - Organizer of the co-sponsored Black Herstory event between the Spelman College Social Justice Fellows program and the Agnes Scott Women's Studies Department key note speaker—Rachel Swarms, Fall 2012
  - Organizing student trips to local philosophy and philosophy-related conferences in Atlanta:
    - National Women's Studies Association, 2011
    - American Philosophical Association, Eastern, 2013
    - Public Philosophy Conference, Philosophy Public Network, 2013
    - Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, 2015
    - SOPHIA colloquia
    - Agnes-Scott colloquia
    - Emory colloquia
  - Initiated and Coordinated department's nomination of Teresa King for Administrative Professional of the Year Award (Spring 2012, Spring 2015)

- Assisting with the organization of the annual department Phi Sigma Tau honors ceremony and celebration for graduating majors.

***References:***

Professor Bat-Ami Bar On	Binghamton University	ami@binghamton.edu
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Professor Kyle Whyte	Michigan State University	<a href="mailto:kwhyte@msu.edu">kwhyte@msu.edu</a>
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