

Lisa J. McLeod

Curriculum Vitae

Academic Appointments

Northeastern University: (2021-present)

- Part-Time Visiting Lecturer, Department of Philosophy and Religion

Clemente Course in the Humanities (2022-present)

- Philosophy Instructor for Bard College course delivered through The Care Center, Holyoke, Massachusetts

Guilford College:

- Professor of Philosophy (1999-Present; on leave 2021-2023)
- Chair, Philosophy Department, 2014-2017; 2018-2021
- Chair, Program in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (2011-2014; 2020-2021)
- Coordinator, Program in Interdisciplinary Studies (2020-2021)

W.E.B. Visiting Scholars Fellowship (2018-2019)

University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Summer in-residence)

Education

Ph.D. Stanford University, Philosophy, 2000

Dissertation: *Murderous Delusions: The Ethics and Metaphysics of Race*

Adviser: Debra Satz

J.D. UCLA School of Law, 1990

B.A. Philosophy (Highest Honors), University of California at Santa Cruz, 1987

Other Employment

Office of the State Public Defender of California

Deputy State Public Defender, 1990 – 1994,

Los Angeles and San Francisco, California [CA State Bar License 151142 (inactive)]

Publications

- *Unveiling the Color Line: W.E.B. Du Bois and the Problem of Whiteness*, (University of Massachusetts Press: June 2024).
- “Infantile Compartment and Epistemic Failure: W.E.B. Du Bois’s Diagnosis of Whiteness as Irrevocable License,” *Social Theory and Practice*, Vol. 15, Issue 2, April 2024, 257-284.
- “The Rational and the Irrational: Du Bois’s Excavation of Whiteness (1935-1960),” in *Forging American Freedom in W. E. B. Du Bois’s Twilight Years: No Deed but Memory*, ed. Phillip Luke Sinitiere (Univ. of Mississippi Press, 2023). [Invited]
- “Du Bois’s ‘A World Search for Democracy’: The Democratic Roots of Socialism”, *Socialism and Democracy*, 2018, Vol. 32, No. 3, 105-124. [Invited]

- “Just Visiting: Epistemic Obstacles to Justice on Death Row”, in *Philosophy Imprisoned: The Love of Wisdom in an Age of Mass Incarceration*, Sarah Tyson and Joshua Hall, eds. (Lexington Books, 2015). [Peer Reviewed]
- “The Transubstantiation of Andrew Johnson: Du Bois on Whiteness in *Black Reconstruction*,” *Phylon: The Clark Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture*, Vol. 52, Issue 1 (2015) [Peer Reviewed]
- Review: “Falguni Sheth: *Toward a Political Philosophy of Race*” in *Social Theory and Practice*, vol. 36, no. 4 (October 2010)
- Review Essay: “The Wages of Sin: Glenn Loury’s *The Anatomy of Racial Inequality*” in *Social Theory and Practice*, vol. 29, No. 2 (April 2003)

Forthcoming Publications:

- “Du Bois: The Devastating Consequences of White Supremacy for White Folk,” *Oxford Handbook of W.E.B. Du Bois* [invited, under contract]
- “Du Bois on Democracy and Marronage: The Promise of the Archive”, in *Seeds of Du Bois*, ed. Whitney Battle-Baptiste and Richard Benson (University of Massachusetts Press, under contract; anticipated 2024) [Invited]
- “Reconciliation as Capitulation: White Supremacy as Victorious in Du Bois’s *Black Reconstruction*” in Bailey Thomas and Adam Holmes, eds., companion to reissued *Black Reconstruction*, 90th anniversary edition, (UMass Press, under contract; anticipated September 2025) [Invited].

Under Submission:

- “Wealth, Power, and the Collapse of Whiteness: W.E.B. Du Bois’s *The World and Africa*” for *Looking Forward into the Past: W. E. B. Du Bois and the Revolutionary Uses of History*, ed. Stephen Hall Philip Luke Sinitiere and Stephen G. Hall. [Invited]

Manuscripts/ Works in Progress

- “No Place to Be Ourselves: Marronage in Du Bois’s Fiction”
- “Finding Ourselves Where We Least Expect It: White Americans Reading *Souls* Relationally”
- W.E.B. Du Bois, *A World Search for Democracy*, (previously unpublished MS; ed. and Introduction by Lisa J. McLeod)
- “Walking Away: Ursula K. Le Guin on Revolutionary Marronage”
- “Chasing John Brown,” crossover essay on white anti-racism in the U.S.
- “Attending to Whiteness as License with Critical Phenomenology”

Participant, NEH Summer Institute: Geography in the Humanities

Northeastern University
Summer, 2022

Scholarly Presentations:

“How We Proceed from ‘Here’: Attending to Whiteness as License with Critical Phenomenology,”
Northeastern University Philosophy Department, March 29, 2024

“The Promise of Marronage in Du Bois’s Fiction,” African American Intellectual History Society,
Charlotte, NC, March 2023.

“W.E.B. Du Bois on Whiteness as Irrevocable License,” California Roundtable on Philosophy and
Race, Emory University, September 2022

“Whiteness as Irrevocable License: W.E.B. Du Bois as a Philosopher of Race,” American
Philosophical Association, Baltimore, MD, January 2022

“W.E.B. Du Bois’s Radical Vision of Democracy,” African American Intellectual History Society
Conference, University of Texas at Austin, March 2020

“*The Souls of Black Folk* and the Problem of White Folk: A Relational Reading,” California
Roundtable on Philosophy and Race, Marquette University, October 2019

“*A World Search for Democracy* by W.E.B. Du Bois”, Fellowship Presentation, Du Bois Center,
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, November 30, 2018.

“Walking Away: Le Guin on Revolutionary Acts in *Omelas* and *The Eye of the Heron*”, National
Women’s Studies Association, November 2018

“Battling My White Self: Yancy and the System of White Supremacy,” California Roundtable on
Philosophy and Race, Emory University, September 2016.

“The Transubstantiation of Andrew Johnson: Du Bois on Whiteness in *Black Reconstruction*,” W.E.B.
Du Bois and the Wings of Atlanta 50th Anniversary Commemorative Conference, Clark Atlanta
University, February 2013.

Courses Taught:

Northeastern University

- PHIL 1165 Moral and Social Problems in Healthcare
- PHIL 1180 Environmental Ethics
- PHIL 2303 Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy

Guilford College (1999-2021)

- JPS 327-Social Justice Organizing in the U.S. South (Co-Taught Study-away course)

- PHIL 100-Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 111-Introduction to Ethics
- PHIL 150-Africana Philosophy
- PHIL 250-Environmental Ethics
- PHIL 244-Bioethics
- PHIL 247-Philosophy of Law
- PHIL 249-Pacifism & Just War Theory
- PHIL 261-Philosophy and Race
- PHIL 333-Individual Philosopher (W.E.B. Du Bois)
- PHIL 336-Social and Political Philosophy
- PHIL 401-Senior Seminar (Topics included Critical Theory & Critical Resistance; Social Justice Epistemology)
- IDS 400 (Senior Interdisciplinary Seminar): “Border Crossings”
- WGSS 110: Introduction to Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- WGSS 375: Feminist Theory and Methodology

Honors and Activities

Award for Excellence in Teaching (Part-time Instructor)

Northeastern University, 2023

External Reviewer,

- *Social Theory and Practice* 2000, 2018
- Lexington Publishers, 2021
- *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 2024

Dick Dyer “Hearts and Hands” Award

Guilford College

For contributions to student community

Public Talks

“I Don’t See Color?” Panel Presentation, Grace Community Church; May 22, 2017

“Colorblind Racism: Accepting Yancy’s Gift”, Presentation at Congregational United Church of Christ, May 2, 2016

“Working for Justice: The Value and Costs of Emotional Labor at a Liberal Arts College,” Panel Discussion, Guilford College, March 4, 2016

Attendee & Moderator, California Roundtable on Philosophy and Race – 2007-2105, 2017-2018

“What’s Wrong with Colorblindness?” Presentation at Guilford County Public Library, 2012

“What’s Wrong with White People? White Ignorance in the Everyday” Presentation at Guilford College as part of the Multicultural Education Department’s “White Privilege” series, Fall 2011.

Committee Service:

- Curriculum Committee (2020-2021)
- Diversity Action Committee (DAC) (Fall 2016)
- Clerk's Committee (Fall 2013 – Spring 2016)
- Queer and Gender Justice Subcommittee of DAC (Fall 2014 – Fall 2015)
- Strategic Long-Range Planning Committee (Fall 2009 – Spring 2012)
- Educational Policy – Assessment Subcommittee (Fall 2006-Spring 2009)
- Study Group on SACS QEP (Ad Fall 2005-Spring 2006)
- Cultural Pluralism (approx. Fall 2004 – Fall 2006)

Other Service:

- Understanding Racism Workshop Facilitator (Fall 2011 – 2020)
- Convener of White Faculty & Staff Discussion Group (Fall 2015 – Spring 2017)
- Faculty Advisor for SAASA (Sexual Assault, Awareness, Support, and Advocacy) (Fall 2015 – Present)
- Investigator for Title IX (Sexual Assault/Misconduct) cases (Fall 2015 – Spring 2017)
- Guilford College White Caucus Coordinator (2011-2013)