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Dr. JACOBY ADESHEI CARTER

POSITIONS

CUNY: John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Associate Professor, *September 1st, 2014 – Present.*

CUNY: John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Assistant Professor, *September 1st, 2007 – 2014.*

CUNY: John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Instructor, *September 1st, 2006 – August 31st, 2007.*

VISITING POSITIONS

Alain LeRoy Locke Visiting Scholar, Purdue University, Fall 2015 – Spring 2016.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Purdue University, May 2007.

Dissertation Title: *Social Inquiry: A Pragmatist Analysis of Just War Theory's Explanation of Terrorism*

Master of Arts in Philosophy, Purdue University, May 2003.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Wilberforce University, May 2001.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

AOS: Social and Political Philosophy, African-American Philosophy, Pragmatism, Philosophy in the Americas, Value Theory,

AOC: Environmental Ethics, Animal Ethics, Just War Theory, History of Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Philosophizing the Americas: An Inter-American Discourse co-edited with Hernando Estevez. (Under Contract with Fordham University Press expected publication in 2017).

African American Contributions to the Americas' Cultures: A Critical Edition of Lectures by Alain Locke. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.

Philosophic Values and World Citizenship: Locke to Obama and Beyond, co-edited with Leonard Harris, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2010.

Books in Edited Series:

Urquidez, Alberto. *A New Theory of Racism: Attaining Clarity and Dissolving Confusion*,

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New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan Publishing (Under Contract).

Carter, Jacoby Adeshei. (2016) *African American Contributions to the Americas' Cultures: A Critical Edition of Lectures by Alain Locke*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan Publishing.

Ferguson, Stephen C. (2015) *Philosophy of African American Studies: Nothing Left of Blackness*, New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan Publishing.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

“Does “Race” Have a Future or Should the Future Have “Races”? Reconstruction or Eliminativism in a Pragmatist Philosophy of Race,” *Transactions of the Charles S. Pierce Society*, (Winter 2014): 50:1, pp. 29–47. 19p.

“The Insurrectionist Challenge to Pragmatism and Maria W. Stewart’s Feminist Insurrectionist Ethics,” *Transactions of the Charles S. Pierce Society*, (Winter 2013): 49:1, pp. 54–73.

“When Reason Fails Us: How We Act and What We Do when We do not Know What to Do,” co-authored with Sarah Louise Scott, *The Pluralist*, (Spring 2013): 8:1.

“Differences in Dangerousness: The Moral Inequality of Soldiers and Non-State Actors” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, (Fall 2012): 19:2, pp. 81-91.

“Environmental Pragmatism, Global Warming, and Climate Change,” *Contemporary Pragmatism*, (June 2012): 9:1, pp. 133–150.

“Just/New War Theory: Non-State Actors in Asymmetric Conflicts,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, (Fall 2009): 16:2, pp. 1–11.

Encyclopedia Articles:

“Alain LeRoy Locke,” *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Summer 2012), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL =<<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/sum2012/entries/alain-locke/>>.

Book Chapters:

“Inter- American Philosophy of Race: José Martí, Alain Locke, and José Vasconcelos on Race, and Nationality,” *Philosophizing the Americas: An Inter-American Discourse*, Eds. Jacoby Adeshei Carter and Hernando A. Estévez. Fordham University Press: New York, NY. (Chapter in Progress)

“Racing the Canon: Philosophy of Race in the United States from Jefferson to (Alain) Locke” *The Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Race*, Eds. Paul C. Taylor, Linda Martin

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Alcoff, and Luvell Anderson. Routledge Publishing: New York, NY. (Forthcoming)

“Between Reconstruction and Elimination: Alain Locke’s Philosophy of Race,” *The Oxford Handbook of Race and Philosophy*, Ed. Naomi Zack. Oxford University Press: New York, NY, 2017.

“Two Unreconciled Strivings: Racial Constructionism and Eliminativism in the Philosophy of Race and its Relevance to Public Relations,” in *Culture, Social Class, and Race in Public Relations: Perspectives and Applications*, edited by Damion Waymer. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, LLC, 2012.

“New Moral Imperatives for World Order: Alain Locke on Pluralism and Relativism,” in *Philosophic Values and World Citizenship: Locke to Obama and Beyond*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, LLC, 2010.

“Introduction” in *Philosophic Values and World Citizenship: Locke to Obama and Beyond*. Co-authored with Leonard Harris. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, LLC, 2010.

Reviews:

“Review of Lewis R. Gordon, *An Introduction to Africana Philosophy*”, Cambridge University Press, 2008, for Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews posted 11/07/2008

“Review of Erin McKenna and Andrew Light, *Animal Pragmatism; Rethinking Human-Nonhuman Relationships*.” *Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Newsletter*, No.102, October 2005 St. Bonaventure, NY, pp. 15-20.

“Review of Hugh P. McDonald, *John Dewey and Environmental Philosophy*.” *Contemporary Pragmatism*. Edited by Shook, John R. and Paulo Ghiraldelli, Jr. Vol. 2, 1, June 2005 New York, NY, pp. 208-210.

Work in Progress:

“Alain Locke and William James on Value Pluralism Reconsidered”

This article is a response to recent scholarship on Locke and James. In it I defend my account of Locke’s axiology against recent criticism, and argue for the benefits of my view over others.

Critically Pragmatic Dimensions of Alain Locke’s Philosophy of Cultural Democracy and Peace”

Alain Locke argued that the achievement of cultural democracy on the world stage was a requisite for peace internationally. This required for Locke the achievement of cultural democracy in the domestic context even as it was sought in the international arena. Crucial to the achievement of cultural democracy both domestically and internationally was the successful rapprochement between democratic practices and ideals and racial tensions,

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practices, and creeds, both domestically and in a global context. Beyond the amelioration of racial tensions, Locke argued that cultural democracy required both a spirit, and institutionalized practice, of cultural pluralism; that is, a spiritual, moral, and practical commitment to valuing diversity, and a practical and institutional commitment to reciprocal exchange between diverse cultures in a democratic society. Locke argued that this required, at least initially, a commitment to toleration as a moral and political imperative, but more than that it required the cultivation of the moral, political, and social habits necessary for moving beyond toleration to a state of mutual respect and appreciation between diverse cultures. This paper examines these aspects of Locke's philosophy as critically pragmatic foundations of his philosophy of peace. It is argued that many of Locke's concerns on the domestic and international scale are of continuing concern in the contemporary world.

“Insurrectionist Ethics and Pragmatism: Is There A Way Forward?”

This article seeks to defend the insurrectionist ethical challenge to pragmatism against the efforts of recent apologists for pragmatism. In it I press the case of insurrectionist ethics against pragmatism, and offer further ramifications of the challenge to the field.

“Alain Locke's Critical Pragmatist Philosophy of Assimilation”

Michael Omi and Howard Winant present in their book Racial Formation in the United States three paradigms of race: the ethnicity theory of race, the class-based theory of race, and the nation-based theory of race. This paper will focus on the first of these three paradigms: the ethnicity theory of racial formation. Key to that theoretical perspective is the view that races are cultural, rather than, biological groups. As such, the boundaries that demarcate racialized populations are not static and fixed. For this reason, the concepts of assimilation and cultural pluralism are essential features of the ethnic theory of race. The African American pragmatist philosopher Alain L. Locke is arguably a representative of the ethnicity paradigm of race. However, it is argued in this paper that Locke's philosophy of race represents a critical pragmatist version of the ethnicity theory of race that avoids many of the criticism aimed at that paradigm. The paper considers assimilation as a racial program/practice that Locke advocated early in his career. It is further argued that Locke begins as an assimilationist but as his philosophy of race becomes more critical, he is compelled to abandon that position in favor of cultural pluralism. The paper ends with a presentation of cultural pluralism as Locke's mature philosophy of race, one that is informed by aspects of the African American intellectual tradition that make it a more critical philosophy of race than any pragmatist alternatives.

GRANT ACTIVITY

PSC-CUNY Faculty Award B 2011-2012. Grant Amount: **\$3,999.00**

City University of New York (CUNY) Faculty Fellowship Publication Program Fellow (FFPP), December 16, 2011 through May 11, 2012. Grant Amount: **\$3,999.00**

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City University of New York (CUNY) Diversity Projects Development Fund Awardee (DPDF), December 2011 through August 2012. Grant Amount: **\$4,743.85**

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks:

“Alain Locke’s Critical Pragmatist Philosophy of Assimilation,” public lecture delivered at the University of Virginia’s College at Wise, March 31, 2017.

“Great Text Discussion” on Alain Locke’s “Color: Unfinished Business of Democracy,” at the 11th Annual Atlantic Coast Pragmatist Workshop held at the University of Virginia’s College at Wise, March 31, 2017.

“Alain Locke’s Critical Pragmatist Philosophy of Cultural Democracy” as part of an invited session of the Alain Locke Society I organized at the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Annual Meeting, Birmingham, AL, March 16 – 18, 2017.

SAAP I will be part of an Author-Meets-Critics Session on my latest book *African American Contributions to the Americas’ Cultures* as well as presenting a paper a part of the Alain Locke Society session at the conference and chairing two sessions.
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African American Contributions to the Americas’ Cultures: A Critical Edition of Lectures by Alain Locke, Author-Meets-Critics Session at the Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, Texas A & M University, State College, TX November 3–5, 2016.

“Alain Locke’s Critical Pragmatist Philosophy of Ethnic Race” Texas Tech University Philosophy Department Colloquium, Friday, October 28, 2016.

“Inter-American Philosophy of Race: José Vasconcelos, Alain Locke, and José Martí on Race and Nationality,” Texas Tech University Public Colloquium, Thursday, October 27, 2016.

“Alain Locke’s Philosophy of Race,” as part of *Race Contacts and Inter-Racial Relations: A Centennial Symposium in Honor of Alain L. Locke*, invited panel organized by the Alain Locke Society at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Portland, OR, March 3 – 5, 2016.

“Afrodescendant Contributions to the Three Americas: Alain Locke’s Lectures in Haiti,” Purdue University, February 11, 2016.

“Between Reconstruction and Elimination: Alain Locke’s Philosophy of Race,” Invited Symposium on the 100th Anniversary of Alain Locke’s lectures *Race Contacts and Interracial Relations* held at Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (APA), January 8, 2016.

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“Abandoning Pernicious Race Creeds: Alain Locke's Philosophy of Race,” as part of *Race Contacts and Inter-Racial Relations: A Centennial Symposium in Honor of Alain L. Locke*, invited panel organized by the Alain Locke Society at the Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, University of Connecticut, Storrs, November 6 – 7, 2015.

“African Descendant People’s Racial Contributions and the Americas’ Cultures,” Purdue University, African American Studies Center Colloquium Series, October 29, 2015.

“Race and Nationality: Inter-American Perspectives on Constructionism and Eliminativism” Morgan State University, Philosophy Department Colloquium October 22, 2015

“African-American Philosophy and Literature: Reflections on, and with, Richard Wright and Alain Locke” as part of a three-part panel with Professor Kristie Dotson on “Crossing Disciplines: African American Philosophy and Literature” presented at the Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University of Oregon, Eugene July 7 – 12, 2014.

“Race: An Examination of Inter-American Perspectives,” St. John’s University Department of Philosophy and Office of Learning Communities, Concourse C07, Astor Place Campus, November 6, 4:30–6pm.

“Alain Locke: Value Theory and Critical Pragmatism” as part of a three-part panel on “Critical Pragmatism and Insurrectionist Ethics” at the *Summer Institute in American Philosophy* held at the University of Oregon, Eugene, July 16–21, 2012.

“New Moral Imperatives for World Order: Locke on Pluralism and Relativism” presented at a meeting of the Society for the Study of African Philosophy, February 17, 2008.

“Terrorism and Just War Theory” invited presentation for The Southern University Literary Society, October 20, 2005.

Conferences:

African American Contributions to the Americas’ Cultures: A Critical Edition of Lectures by Alain Locke, Author-Meets-Critics Session at the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Annual Meeting, Birmingham, AL, March 16 – 18, 2017.

“An Inter-American Discourse on Race, Nationality, and Cosmopolitanism,” Second European Pragmatism Conference, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France, September 9–11, 2015.

“The Negro’s Contribution to the Culture of the Americas,” Books—In—Progress presentation at the Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University College, Dublin, Dublin Ireland, June 8 – 13, 2015.

“The Insurrectionist Challenge to Pragmatism” presented at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, Purdue University, October 24 – 26, 2013.

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“Cosmopolitan Eliminativism: Alain Locke, José Vasconcelos, and José Martí on World Citizenship” as part of an Invited Session of the Alain LeRoy Locke Society at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, held at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, March 7–10, 2013.

“Just/New War Theory: The Moral Inequality of Soldiers and Non-State Actors in Asymmetric Conflicts” Invited Speaker for Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ July 25–31, 2011.

Panelist and Moderator for the Philosophical Dialogue between Africa and the Americas entitled “Africa and its Diaspora” held at Purdue University, West Lafayette Indiana, April 18–20, 2011 sponsored by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), and the Alain Locke Society.

“An Argument for Toleration from Relativism” presented at a meeting of the Alain L. Locke Society at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association Saturday, December 27th, 2008

“Just War Theory and Asymmetrical Conflicts,” presented at the 60th Annual Northwest Philosophical Conference, University of Oregon, Eugene, December 5th & 6th, 2008

“An Argument for Toleration from Relativism” presented at the 16th Meeting of the Alain L. Locke Society, George Washington University, November 7th & 8th, 2008

Commentary on Celia Bardwell-Jones’ “Border Communities and Royce: the Problem of Translation and Reinterpreting Feminist Empiricism and Kara Barnette’s “Testimony, Advocacy, and Error: Lorraine Code’s Ecological Thinking and Josiah Royce’s Loyalty to Truth” read in my place at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing, MI, March 13 - 15, 2008.

“New Moral Imperatives for World Order: Locke on Pluralism and Relativism” presented at the New York Pragmatists Forum, Fordham University, February 25, 2008.

“New Moral Imperatives for World Order: Locke on Pluralism and Relativism” presented at a meeting of the Alain L. Locke Society, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN November 1-3, 2007.

“Locke on Ideological Peace” presented as part of a panel discussion with Lee McBride, Ph.D. and Greg Moses, Ph.D. entitled *Peace, War, and African-American Philosophy* at the Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy at Central APA, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL, April 18-21, 2007.

Commentary on John Joseph’s, “Experience as Medium: John Dewey and a Traditional Japanese Aesthetic” and Phillip Seng’s, “Dewey and Movies: A Missed Opportunity?” at the

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34th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Marriott Columbia, Columbia, SC, March 8 -10, 2007.

“Pragmatist Axiologies: A Lockean and Deweyan Response to a Challenge” presented at a meeting of the Alain L. Locke Society, Saint Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, PA, November 10-11, 2006.

“A Pragmatist Response to Terrorism” presented at The Ninth Annual Meeting of The Midwest Pragmatist Study Group of The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Loyola University, Chicago, IL. September 24 - 25, 2005.

Commentary on Noelle McAfee’s “Thinking Pragmatically about Feminism and Politics” presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Double Tree Hotel, Bakersfield, CA, March 3-5, 2005.

“The Art of Cultural Transformation: John Dewey and Alain Locke on Art and Culture,” presented at The 11th Annual Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick New Jersey October 22 & 23 2004.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PHI 102: Introduction to Ethics

PHI 105: Critical Thinking

PHI 202: American Philosophy

PHI 203: Political Philosophy

PHI 231: Knowing, Being, and Doing: Philosophical Method and Its Applications

PHI 310: Ethics and Law

PHI 315: Philosophy of the Rule of Law: Theory and Practice

PHI 354: Africana Philosophy

PHI 400: Senior Seminar in Ethics

HJS 250: Justice in the Western Tradition

HJS 315: Research Methods in the Humanities and Justice Studies

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP) Executive Board Member

Alain LeRoy Locke Society, Director

AWARD AND HONORS

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Faculty Recognition Awards, Mid-Career Award