

# CÉLINE LEBOEUF

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy (especially Phenomenology and Existentialism),  
Feminist Philosophy, Critical Philosophy of Race

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Ancient Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy

## EMPLOYMENT

### Florida International University

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2016 – present

Affiliate Faculty, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, 2016 – present

## EDUCATION

### Harvard University

Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2008 – 2016

Dissertation: *The Social Constitution of the Body: Bodily Alienation and Bodily Integrity*

Committee: Sean Kelly (chair), Nancy Bauer, Tommie Shelby

A.B. in Philosophy (cum laude), 2003 – 2007

## PUBLICATIONS

### Published Articles and Book Chapters

#### *Peer-Reviewed*

2019. “‘The Audacity of Hope’: Reclaiming Obama’s Optimism in the Trump Era.” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 33 (2): 256–267.

2019. “Anatomy of the Thigh Gap.” *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* 5 (1).  
<https://doi.org/10.5206/fpq/2019.1.7312>

2018. “Reforming Racializing Bodily Habits: Affective Environment and Mindfulness Meditation.” *Critical Philosophy of Race* 6 (2): 164–179.

*Invited*

2017. “Anger as a Political Emotion: A Phenomenological Perspective.” In *The Moral Psychology of Anger*, eds. Myisha Cherry and Owen Flanagan. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
2015. “‘One is not born, but rather becomes, a woman’: The Sex-Gender Distinction and Simone de Beauvoir’s Account of Woman.” In *Feminist Moments*, eds. Susan Bruce and Kathy Smits. London and New York: Bloomsbury Publishing.

Published Reviews

2019. “Review of A Companion to Simone de Beauvoir.” Spring 2019 APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy.
2019. “Review of Helen Ngo’s The Habits of Racism.” *Critical Philosophy of Race* 7 (1): 212–217.

Articles and Book Chapters Accepted for Publication

*Peer-Reviewed*

2020. “The Embodied Biased Mind.” In *An Introduction to Implicit Bias: Knowledge, Justice, and the Social Mind*, eds. Erin Beeghly and Alex Madva. New York: Routledge.
2019. “Simone de Beauvoir’s Feminist Art of Living.” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* SPEP 2018 Special Issue.
2019. “‘What Are You?’: Addressing Racial Ambiguity.” *Critical Philosophy of Race*.

*Invited*

2020. “The Legacy of Simone de Beauvoir.” In the *Oxford Handbook of Feminist Philosophy*, eds. Ásta Kristjana Sveinsdottir and Kim Q. Hall. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2020. “What Wisdom Is There in the Body? Bodily Suffering and Happiness.” In appear in *Nietzsche and Epicurus*, eds. Vinod Acharya and Ryan Johnson. New York: Bloomsbury Publishing.

Popular Articles

2019. “Take a View from Above.” Medium.  
<https://medium.com/stoicism-philosophy-as-a-way-of-life/take-a-view-from-above-d24d423f978a>

2019. “On Growing as a Teacher of Philosophy.”

<https://philife.nd.edu/news-blog/blog/on-growing-as-a-teacher-of-philosophy/>

2019. "Reflection on the 2018 NEH Reviving Philosophy as a Way of Life Program."

<https://philife.nd.edu/news-blog/blog/reflection-on-the-2018-neh-reviving-philosophy-as-a-way-of-life-program/>

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Award for Research, College of Arts, Sciences, and Education, Florida International University, 2018

NEH Summer Institute, "Reviving Philosophy as a Way of Life," July 2018

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, Pennsylvania State University, 2017 – 2018

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, 2015 – 2016

Harvard Horizons Scholar, 2015

Bok Certificate of Excellence and Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, Fall 2014

Bok Certificate of Excellence and Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, Spring 2014

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Harvard University, 2010

Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard University, November 2006

John Harvard Scholar, Harvard University, 2005

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Upcoming

"Body Positivity: What Is It? What Do We Want It to Be?," Department of Philosophy, University of Miami, October 2019

### Past

"Reviving Philosophy as a Way of Life: A Feminist Perspective," Diverse Lineages of Existentialism II, June 2019 [cancelled]

"What Are You?" – Addressing Racial Ambiguity," Department of Philosophy, DePaul University, May 2019

"What Are You?" - Reflections on the Phenomenology Mixed-Race Experience," Eastern APA, January 2019

"Simone de Beauvoir's Feminist Art of Living," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 2018

"Feminist Pornography: What Would Simone de Beauvoir Say?," 25th International Conference of the Simone de Beauvoir Society, October 2018

"What Are You?" – Addressing Racial Ambiguity," California Roundtable on Philosophy and Race, October 2018

"Reforming Racializing Bodily Habits: Mindfulness Meditation as an Intervention," The Logic of Racial Practice: Embodied Cognition, Habitus, and Implicit Bias Symposium, University of Pittsburgh, April 2018

- “ ‘The Audacity of Hope: Reclaiming Obama’s Optimism in the Trump Era,’  
American Philosophies Forum, April 2018
- “‘What Are You?’ – Alienation and Objectification in Mixed-Race Experience,”  
Rock Ethics Institute, Pennsylvania State University, January 2018
- “Anatomy of the Thigh Gap,” Eastern APA, January 2018
- “In Simone de Beauvoir’s Footsteps: A Philosophy of Walking,” Philosophy  
Department, Pennsylvania State University, November 2017
- “Feminism and Simone de Beauvoir’s Art of Living,” 24th International Conference  
of the Simone de Beauvoir Society, June 2017
- “Reforming Racializing Bodily Habits: The Practice of Mindfulness,” Mentoring  
Workshop for Pre-tenure Women in Philosophy, June 2017
- “In Simone de Beauvoir’s Footsteps: Feminism Embodied,” GEA Humanities  
Faculty Lecture, Florida International University, April 2017
- “Mindfulness in the Classroom,” University of Miami, April 2017
- “Reforming Racializing Bodily Habits,” philoSOPHIA, March 2017
- “Embodying Resistance to Racial Oppressions,” CUNY Graduate Center MAPshop,  
February 2016
- “Embodying Resistance to Racial Oppressions,” Rock Ethics Institute, Pennsylvania  
State University, October 2015
- “Anatomy of the Thigh Gap,” Workshop on Feminist Ontology, MIT, October 2015
- “Embodying Resistance to Oppressions,” Harvard Horizons Symposium, May 2015
- “Alienation and Objectification in the Works of Beauvoir and Fanon,” Diverse  
Lineages of Existentialism Conference, Southern Illinois University at  
Edwardsville, June 2014
- “Alienation and Objectification in the Works of Beauvoir and Fanon,” European  
Philosophy Workshop, Harvard University, December 2013

## TEACHING

### Florida International University

*Existentialism*, Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Fall 2019

*Introduction to Philosophy*, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019,  
Summer 2019, Fall 2019

*Philosophy of Gender and Race*, Spring 2019

*Phenomenology*, Spring 2017

### Harvard University

*Gender and Race*, Fall 2014 (primary instructor)

*Aristotle’s Ethics*, Spring 2014 (primary instructor)

*The Meaning of Life*, with Mathias Risse, Spring 2015

*Heidegger: Being and Time*, with Sean Kelly, Fall 2013

*Nature*, with Joyce Chaplin, Spring 2013

*Introduction to Early Modern Philosophy*, with Alison Simmons, Spring 2012

*Human Being and the Sacred in the History of the West*, with Sean Kelly, Fall 2011

*Plato*, with Russell Jones, Spring 2011

*Issues in Ethics*, with Thomas Scanlon, Spring 2011

*Introduction to the Problems of Philosophy*, with Bernhard Nickel, Fall 2010

## **SERVICE**

Coordinator, Ignite Campaign, Florida International University, 2019 – present  
Personnel Committee, Department of Philosophy, Florida International University,  
2018 – present  
Coordinator for Speaker Series, Department of Philosophy, Florida International  
University, 2018 – 2019  
Presenter, Cultivating Underrepresented Students in Philosophy, Pennsylvania State  
University, June 2018  
Referee, *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, 2017 – 2018  
Referee, Florida Philosophical Association Conference, 2017  
Arts and Sciences Library Committee, Florida International University, 2016 – 2017  
Committee Member, Minority Participation in Academic Philosophy, Harvard  
University, 2013 – 2014  
Graduate Representative, Harvard University, 2011 – 2012 and 2013 – 2014  
Assistant to the Head Tutor in Philosophy, Harvard University, 2011 – 2012  
Referee, Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference, 2010

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

*Simone de Beauvoir Society, 2018 – present*  
*American Philosophical Association, 2015 – present*  
*Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, 2014 – present*  
*The Merleau-Ponty Circle, 2014 – present*

## **LANGUAGES**

French (native fluency) and German (reading knowledge)

(August 2019)