

## Kristin B. Waters

### Professional:

Resident Scholar  
Women's Studies Research Center  
Brandeis University  
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### Education

University of Connecticut, Ph.D., Philosophy, 1981  
Graduate Summer School, Exeter College, Oxford University, England,  
Summer 1977  
Preliminary research for the dissertation, Oxford University,  
Department for External Studies, Summer and Fall 1977  
University of Connecticut, M.A., Philosophy, 1974  
Bard College, A.B., Philosophy, 1973, Honors

### Professional Appointments

Resident Scholar, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University, 2010-present  
Professor of Philosophy, 2004 – present, Department of Philosophy, Worcester  
State University.  
Chair, Department of Philosophy, 2004 - 2010, Worcester State University.  
Visiting Scholar, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University, 2008-2010  
Visiting Research Associate, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University,  
Spring 2007. Renewed for 2007-2008.  
Interim Coordinator, Liberal Arts and Science Curriculum, 2007-2008  
Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of Women's Studies, Worcester  
State College, 1999-2004  
Assistant Director, Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies, College of  
the Holy Cross, 1997-1999  
Coordinator of Women's Studies in Worcester Consortium Colleges, 1996-1997  
Clark University, Worcester, Mass., Visiting Research Professor in Women's  
Studies, 1996-1997  
College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass., Lecturer, Center for  
Interdisciplinary and Special Studies, 1991 - 1997  
Clark University, Worcester, Mass., Government Department,  
Assistant Professor, Spring 1994, 1995, COPACE, 1988-1990  
Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, Visiting Assistant  
Professor of Philosophy, Spring 1989.  
Clark University, Worcester, Mass., Assistant Professor of Philosophy,  
1981-1987, Instructor, 1980-1981

Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL, Instructor, 1979 -1980

### **Selected Grants and Funded Activities**

- Davis Educational Foundation Grant: "A New Model for a Changing College."  
Chief writer and principal investigator for a \$248,000 grant for curriculum transformation at Worcester State College – 2007-2010.
- Worcester State College Faculty Development Grants: research on African American women political theorists of the 19th century, for 2000-2001, 2001-2002; research on Maria Stewart and David Walker, 2006-2007, 2010.
- Hewlett-Mellon Grant: co-wrote proposal and organized Women's Studies Curriculum Development Workshop, College of the Holy Cross, August, 1998.
- Colleges of Worcester Consortium. Supervised the compilation and publication of the Colleges of Worcester *Consortium Women's Studies Handbook* with funding from the 1996 Seed Grant Program
- Massachusetts Department of Education Chapter 188 Grant for a local early childhood enrichment program, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1997 Award -- \$25,000 each year. Competitively selected.
- Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary Foundation, 1993, Grant of \$4,000 for the Wales Historical Society.
- Massachusetts Cultural Council Collaborative Assistance Grant, 1992, for \$2,000 for various local organizations to work with the Northeast Documentation Center, Andover, in restoring historic documents. An additional \$600 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council provided support for mounting and framing antique photographs. Curated exhibit "Pictorial Views of Wales."
- Mellon Curriculum Development Grant: Awarded to the Clark University Women's Studies Program. Contributed to the development of and team-taught the first Women's Studies Capstone Seminar, Summer and Fall 1985.
- Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy of the National Endowment for the Humanities Grant to support conference: "Violent Pornography: Legal Censorship or Alternative Community Responses?" April 1983
- Humanities Institute. Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy of the NEH. Competitively selected participant for weeklong workshop on Humanities and the Media, Hampshire College, August 1983.

### **Selected Courses Taught**

Introduction to Philosophy	Academic Success
Analytic Reasoning	Problems in Ethics
Epistemology	Social and Political Theory
Feminist Theory and Practice	Global Feminism
Gendered Fields	Introduction to Women's Studies
History of Contemporary Philosophy	History of Modern European

**Dissertation:** *The Demands of Libertarianism: Is Robert Nozick's Minimal State Justified?*  
University Microfilms (Ann Arbor, Michigan) 1981

**Publications:**

- Book Review: *Canon Fodder: Historical Women Political Thinkers*, Penny Weiss, in  
APA Feminism and Philosophy Newsletter, Fall 2010, Volume 10, Number One.
- Encyclopedia Entry: ROSE, Ernestine L. Susmond Potowski (1810-1892), by Paula  
Doress-Worters and Kristin Waters, *Dictionary of Early American Philosophers*,  
ed. Dorothy Rogers, Thoemmes Press, forthcoming 2011.
- Journal Article: "Wonderful Philosophies of Mary Seacole," *Philosophia Africana:  
Analysis of Philosophy and Issues in Africa and the Black Diaspora*, Volume 12,  
number 2, Fall 2009.
- Book Review: *The Trouble Between Us: An Uneasy History of Black and White Women  
in the Feminist Movement*, Journal of American History, 2008.
- Book: *Speaking Their Minds: Black Women's Intellectual Traditions*, ed. Kristin Waters  
and Carol Conaway, Burlington: University of Vermont Press, 2007. Recipient of  
the Letitia Woods Brown Award for Best Anthology of 2007 from the  
Association of Black Women Scholars.
- Book Chapter: "Some Core Themes in Black Feminist Theory," in *Speaking Their  
Minds: Black Women's Intellectual Traditions*, University of Vermont Press,  
2007.
- Journal Article: "Some Core Themes in Nineteenth Century Black Feminism,"  
(abbreviated version), *Proceedings of the Caribbean Philosophical  
Association*, Oxford University Press. (Spring 2007)
- Book Review: "Black and White Women's Travel Narratives: Antebellum Explorations,"  
Cheryl J. Fish, University of Florida Press. Gainesville, 2004, *Journal of  
American Culture*, 39:2, June 2006.
- Book Review: *Discovering Feminist Philosophy*, Robin May Schott, Rowman  
and Littlefield 2003, in *Women's Studies International Forum*, 2004.
- Book Review: *September 11, 2001: Feminist Perspectives*, ed. B. Winter. Spinfex 2002,  
in *Women's Studies International Forum*, 27, 2004, pp. 603-604.
- Book Review: *Radical Feminism Today*, Denise Thompson, Sage, 2001, in  
*Women's Studies International Forum*, 2002.
- Book Review: *Ngarrindjeri Wurruwarrin: A World That Is, Was and Will Be*, by  
Diane Bell, Spinfex Press, 2000, in *NWSA Journal*.
- Book: *Men and Women Political Theorists: Enlightened Conversations*, edited and with  
critical introductions, Blackwell Publishing Inc., 2000
- Book Review: *Revisioning the Political: Feminist Reconstructions of Traditional  
Concepts in Western Philosophy*, ed. N. Hirschmann and C. di Stefano, in  
*Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, Spring 1997.
- Book Chapter: (Re)turning to the Modern: Radical Feminism and the Postmodern Turn,  
in *Radically Speaking*, ed. by Diane Bell and Renate Klein, Spinfex Press, 1996.

- Book Chapter: "Women in Kantian Ethics: A Failure at Universality," in *Modern Engendering: Critical Feminist Readings in Modern Western Philosophy*, ed. Bat-Ami Bar On, SUNY Press, 1993.
- Book Review: *Abortion, Politics and the Law*, by Eva Rubin, *Women's Studies International Forum*, Vol. 12, No. 2, 1989.
- Book Review: *The Science Question in Feminism*, by Sandra Harding, *Women's Studies International Forum*, Vol. 10, No. 6, 1987.
- Article: "Abortion, Technology and Responsibility," *Journal of Social Philosophy*, Vol. XVI, No. 3, Winter 1985.
- Article: "Against Violent Pornography," *Clark Now*, Spring 1984.

### **Selected Works in Progress:**

- "Crying Out For Liberty: Freedom and Equality in Early Abolitionism, to be submitted to the *Journal of American History*, June 2011.
- Freedom and Equality in Women's Intellectual Movements*, projected book project.
- Vital Elements: Nineteenth Century Black Feminist Theory*, monograph. (See "Crying Out for Liberty." Publishers have enquired about the manuscript)
- "Transforming Political Theory: A Race and Gender Inclusive Course," submitted to *PS*.
- "Reclaiming Epistemology: Feminist Ethics and Standpoint Theories" Accepted with revisions by *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*.
- "What (Im)mortal Hand or Eye? Symmetry, Asymmetry and the Connections Between Feminist Communicative Ethics and Feminist Epistemology"
- "Some Concepts of Adoption," submitted for inclusion in book on philosophical conceptions of adoption.

### **Selected Papers and Presentations:**

- Invited Speaker: "Five Arguments about Oppression," at the California Roundtable and Philosophy and Race, Northwestern University, October, 2010.
- Presentation: "Economic Autonomy and Civil Life: Slavery Arguments in the United States," at the Caribbean Philosophical Association annual meeting, Cartagena Colombia, August, 2010
- Panel Presentation: "Swimming against the Tide: Crossing the Curriculum in Women's Studies," in the session, *Margaret Fuller and Her "Friends": Women in the American Renaissance*, New England Historical Association Conference, Salem State College, April, 2010
- Invited Speaker: "J.S. Mill, Lani Guinier, and the U.S. Congress," Humanities Scholars Collaborative, Worcester, Mass., April 2010
- Moderator and Panel Organizer: "Violence Against Women: Local Activism and Global Connections" for the conference *The Personal is Political: Feminist Activism over Time* at the Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center, March 2010.
- Invited Speaker: "Black Women's Intellectual Traditions," Wednesday Morning Club, Rome, NY, February 2010

Invited Lecture and Docent Training: "Plato's *Symposium* and the Greek Art Collection," Worcester Art Museum, November, 2009.

Performance: "Aphra Behn: A Woman's Comedy," a play written by Kristin Waters and performed at the Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center by professional actors including, Elliot Norton Award winner Annette Miller. Talkback led by Scott Edmiston, Director, Office of the Arts

Lecture: "Crying Out For Liberty: Concepts of Freedom and Equality in the Early Abolitionism," American Political Science Association, February 2009

Keynote Speaker: Elvira Dowell Lecture for Women's History Month, College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, New York. "Crying Out For Liberty: Concepts of Freedom and Equality in the Early Abolitionism," March, 2008

Panelist: Symposium: *Women's Work and Women's Place, 1800 to 1950*. Roundtable on "Working with New Realities, 1850-1950," presentation, "The Brass Button Speaks: Anna Julia Cooper on Elite Education for Women," Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center, Spring, 2008

Invited Speaker: "Crying Out For Liberty: Concepts of Freedom and Equality in the Early Abolitionism," at a conference, "Abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade: Telling the Story," The College of the Bahamas, February 2008.

Invited Speaker: "Power and Resistance: Black Feminist Political Theory" at a session entitled "Women's Studies at Work in the World: Theoretical Interventions," sponsored by the division on Women's Studies in Language and Literature, Modern Language Association meeting, Chicago, December, 2007.

Lecture: "Crying Out For Liberty: Concepts of Freedom and Equality in the Early Abolitionism," Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center, November 2007.

Invited Speaker: *The Geography of Reason* conference, "Crying Out For Liberty: Concepts of Freedom and Equality in the Early Abolitionism," Caribbean Philosophical Association meeting, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, June, 2007

Invited Speaker: "Black New England: Visible Lives, Remembered Places," University of New Hampshire, June 1-2, 2007, "Crying Out For Liberty: Concepts of Freedom and Equality in the Early Abolition Movement"

Lecture: "Historical Perspectives on Black Women's Political Thought," Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center, May 15, 2007

Book Launch presentations: Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center, April 25, 2007, Worcester State College, April 30, 2007, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, May 9, 2007.

Presentation: "Power and Resistance: Black Feminist Political Theory," delivered at the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Philosophical Association, Montreal, Canada, 2006

Presentation: "Power and Resistance: Intellectual Traditions of Black Feminist Theory," National Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, California, June 2006

Invited Speaker: "Wonderful Philosophies of Mary Seacole," Caribbean Philosophical Association, May 2005

Invited Speaker: "Some Core Themes in Nineteenth Century Black Feminism,"  
Caribbean Philosophical Association, June 2004

Panel Presentation: "Developing a Feminist Pedagogy for Today's  
Classroom," *On Teaching at WSC* with Profs. Lisa Boehm, Julie Frechette, Sarah  
Sharbach. October 2003

Conference: Race, Gender and Rights in African American  
Women's History, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Schlesinger Library of Harvard  
University (Attended) October 2003.

Organized panel and presented: National Women's Studies Association  
Annual Conference, New Orleans, Panel Discussion: Teaching and Research:  
Engaging the Lives of Women. June 2003

Study Group meeting and conference: SOFPHIA (Socialist Feminist Philosophers),  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, NYC. May 2003

Invited Speaker, conference on Black Women in the Academy sponsored by  
the African American Studies Program at Purdue University, "Taking the Long  
View: Black Feminist in the Nineteenth Century," March 2003.

Paper Accepted: 10<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the International Association of  
Women Philosophers (IAPH), presentation: North American Black Feminism in  
the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Barcelona, Spain. October 2002. Paper accepted but did not  
attend.

Philosophy Born of Struggle: Race and the Constitution, Brown University,  
Providence, Rhode Island October 2002.

Presenter: Northeastern Political Science Association, Providence, RI, "Some  
Core Themes in Nineteenth Century Black Feminism," November, 2002.

Moderator: 12<sup>th</sup> Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, "Imagined  
Traditions, Contested Identities in Africa and the United States" University  
of Connecticut. June 2002

Panel Organizer and Presenter: IV International Scientific Workshop, "Women on  
the Threshold of the XXI Century" Havana, Cuba, November 12-16 2001  
"Human Rights Across Cultures"

Invited Speaker: "Some Core Themes in Nineteenth Century Black Feminist  
Theory," American Political Science Association National Meetings, San  
Francisco, CA., August, 2001.

Presenter: "Feminist Critiques of Liberalism: Can They Travel East? Their  
Relevance in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union," by Nanette Funk,  
Brooklyn College, CUNY. at the meeting of Socialist Feminist Philosophers  
(SOFPHIA), September 2001, at UMass, Amherst.

Author: "Some Core Themes in Nineteenth Century Black Feminist  
Theory," presented by Ann Ferguson, UMass, Amherst, at the meeting of  
Socialist Feminist Philosophers (SOFPHIA), April 2001, John Jay College, NYC.

Panel Presentation: "Terror, Violence and Human Rights," Violence  
Prevention and Awareness Teach-In. Worcester State College. October 2001,

Moderator / organizer of a panel for the conference, *Women 2000: "Race and  
Gender: A Common Struggle for Empowerment?,"* with Beverly Guy-Sheftall,  
Anna Julia Cooper Professor, Spelman College, Rosalyn Terborg-Penn, Professor  
of History, Morgan State University, Joyce Avrech Berkman, Professor of

- History, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and Deidre Hill, Clark University, Worcester, October 2000
- Invited Speaker: "Taking the Long View: From Maria W. Stewart to Anna Julia Cooper," at *Gendering Ethics/ The Ethics of Gender* an international interdisciplinary conference, Leeds, England, June, 2000.
- Invited Speaker: "Canon-Busting: From Anna Julia Cooper to Maria W. Stewart" Clark University, February 2000
- Invited Speaker: Northeast Political Science Association, "Transforming Political Theory: A Race and Gender Inclusive Course," November 1999.
- Invited Speaker: "Using Traditional Sources to Transform the Curriculum," National Association of Women Educators, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1999.
- Invited Speaker: "Two Concepts of Liberty: Maria W. Stewart and John Stuart Mill", 8th Symposium of the International Association of Women Philosophers: *Lessons from the Gynaeceum: Women Philosophizing --Past, Present, Future*, - August 6 - 10, 1998
- Panel Presentation: "Feminism: Past, Present and Future," at *Borders/Crossings/Passages: Women Reinterpreting Development*, the National Women's Studies Association Conference, June 1996
- Invited Speaker: "What (Im)mortal Hand or Eye? Symmetry, Asymmetry and the Connections Between Feminist Communicative Ethics and Feminist Epistemology", Society for Women in Philosophy tribute to Iris Marion Young, Distinguished Philosopher of 1994, American Philosophical Association Meetings, Boston, December 1994.
- Panel presentation: "Myriad Knowledges: Feminist Ethics at Work and Play" New York State Women's Studies Association Meetings, Russell Sage College, March 1992.
- Address: "Epistemology Reclaimed: Feminist Ethics and Systems of Knowledge," presented to the Society for Women in Philosophy at the American Philosophical Association Annual Meetings, Boston, December 1990.
- Address: "Sameness and Difference: Some Thoughts on Feminism and Ethics," Bard College, Spring 1989 and Assumption College Spring 1990
- Address: "Anarchism and Rational Morality," Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology Study Group, Spring 1986
- Address: "Gilligan's Use of the Concept of Autonomy," Society for Women in Philosophy Annual Meeting, Mount Holyoke College, April 1985
- Address: "Permanent Property Rights and the Lockean Proviso," American Philosophical Association, Western Division, Detroit, 1985
- Panel Presentation: "Clark University's Undergraduate Interns" APA Eastern Division Meetings, 1984
- Address: "Censorship, Civil Rights and Pornography," Clark University Alumnae Speakers Program, March 1984

Presentations: From 1984 to the present I have delivered numerous addresses to university groups on feminism, racism and other topics.

### **Selected Presentations at Area Colleges:**

Panel Discussion: "Terror, Violence and Human Rights," WSC Violence Prevention and Awareness Teach-In Week, October 2001  
Lecture: Research: Philosophy, Political Theory and Women's Studies, for the graduate proseminar in Women's Studies, Clark University, October 2001  
Faculty Forum: "Transforming the Curriculum in Political Theory: A Case Study," Worcester State College, February 2001.  
Presentation, "Some Core Themes in Nineteenth Century Black Feminism," at "Engendering Knowledge: Women's Studies at Worcester State College," April 2001  
Workshop: "The Chilly Climate: Strategies for Change" at A Day of Thought about Sexual Harassment, College of the Holy Cross, Spring 1998

I have given numerous other presentations at various colleges and universities.

## **University and Academic Service**

### **Worcester State College Service**

Celebration of Scholarship Committee, 2010-2011  
Women's Studies Advisory Board, 2006-present  
Center for the Study of Human Rights Advisory Board, 2006-present  
Interim Coordinator, Liberal Arts and Science Curriculum, 2007-2008  
College Executive Board. 2006 - present (Elected position)  
General Education Subcommittee of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. 2003-2006 Co-Chair, Summer 2005  
Liberal Studies Committee. 2001-2003  
Strategic Planning Committee, 2003  
NEASC Accreditation Committee on Faculty, 2001  
Director of Women's Studies, 1999 - 2004  
Faculty Diversity Exchange, 1999-  
Honors Faculty Group, 2000-2001  
Liberal Learning Faculty Group, 1999-  
Organized, with Prof. Anne Falke, conference on "Women and Science," April 2000, featuring nationally known speakers and including lectures and discussion, workshops and exhibits.  
Organized Jackson Katz lecture, "More Than A Few Good Men: American Manhood and  
Organized the conference "Engendering Knowledge: Women's Studies at Worcester State College," April 2001

## **Community Service**

*Women's Words* Committee: contributed to the organization of four city-wide events to benefit YWCA/Daybreak, and "Women and Film" at WSU, May 2011

Worcester Art Museum, Salisbury Committee, 2010-present  
 Originator and Coordinator: WAM Educational Tours, a project to encourage and coordinate COWC faculty in creating and giving specially designed tours at the Worcester Art Museum.

Worcester Women's History Project, Member 1996-2011  
 Consultant to the Project for the conference, *Women 2000* for planning, marketing and outreach. 2002 – Member, Steering Committee

Corporator, Worcester Art Museum, 1998- 2008 and member of the Diversity Committee

With Holy Cross Classics Professor Nina Coppolino team-taught a workshop on "Notions of Citizenship Ancient and Modern," in conjunction with the "Antioch" exhibition, October 2000

Board of Directors, YWCA Worcester, 2003-2007

Member of the Daybreak Services of the YWCA Standing Committee, 2000 -present, Co-Chair, 2003- 2007  
 Daybreak Breakfast, annual fundraiser committee, 2000 - 2007.

Wales Library Trustee – 2001- 2002

Wales Cultural Council - 1989 - 1996, Chair, 1992 - 1996 .

Wales Historical Society - 1987 - 1995, President, 1989-1991

Wales Elementary School Early Childhood Advisory Council - 1989-1997

Wales Elementary School Advisory Council - 1992 - 1994

Wales Elementary School Self-Evaluation and Accreditation, Curriculum Committee, Chair, 1993-1994

Board of Directors, Member, Edward Street Day Care Center - 1985-1986  
 Worcester Alliance for Education - Member 1990-2001

### **Journal editorial reviews and posts**

Editorial Board: *Women's Studies International Forum*  
 Reviewed submissions for *Feminism and Philosophy Newsletter* 1995-  
 Reviewed submissions for *Hypatia*, 1994 - 1997  
 Reviewed submissions for *Women's Studies International Forum*, 1987-1988  
 Reviewed submissions for the *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, 1989  
 Reviewed submissions for *Idealistic Studies* 1982- 1987  
 Reviewing manuscripts for various publishers.

### **Professional Societies**

Caribbean Philosophical Association, Chair, Committee on Gender  
 American Philosophical Association  
 National Women's Studies Association  
 North American Society for Social Philosophy  
 Society for Analytic Feminism  
 Society for the Study of Women Philosophers  
 Society for Women in Philosophy

I am a member of numerous other professional, local, state and national organizations.

**References – On Request**