

**Joseph L. Smith, Ph.D.**  
Curriculum Vitae

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**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Africana Philosophy, Classical American Philosophy (esp. William James & John Dewey), Foucault

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Literature, Social Political Thought, Elementary Logic, Ethics

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**EDUCATION**

2021 LL.M. International Economic Law, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China  
2020 Ph.D. Philosophy, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois  
2006 M.A. Systematic Theology, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY  
2001 B.A. Philosophy, Kutztown University, Kutztown, Pa

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**POSITIONS HELD**

Fall 2021 - Present	<i>Assistant Professor</i> , School of Africana and Multicultural Studies, and School of History and Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Summer 2017	<i>Visiting Professor</i> , University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, China
Summer 2016	<i>Visiting Professor</i> , University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, China
Spring 2010 – Spring 2016	Teaching Assistant at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL.

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## **AWARDS, HONORS, DISTINCTIONS**

- 2022-2023 African-American China Leadership Fellows Program, Washington, D.C.  
2022 Mississippi Watershed Project Fellowship – **Award of \$1200**  
2018-2020 Sino-US Cultural Exchange Scholarship, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China  
2018-2020 Sino-US Cultural Exchange Scholarship, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China  
2010-2016 Southern Illinois University Teaching Fellowship  
2016 Honorable Mention Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship  
2015 Honorable Mention Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship  
2015 Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Graduate Student  
Travel Grant  
2011 SIU Robert Lee Sims Helping Hand Scholarship  
2010 SIU Underserved Fellowship
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## **LANGUAGES**

Chinese (intermediate)

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## **RESEARCH**

### **Book Length Manuscripts**

*The Niggarization of Black Male Bodies* (under contract with SUNY Press).

### **Peer Reviewed Articles, Book Chapters, and Review Essays**

“Black Subversive Memory and a Black Progressive Leadership as Resources for Black Male Engagement in Prolonged Resistance Against White Power Structures,” in *Black and Male: Critical Voices from Behind the Racial Veil*, ed. George A. Yancy, (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2022).

Review of *Look, A White!: Philosophical Essays on Whiteness*, by George Yancy, in “Philosophy and the Concept of Race,” special issue of *The New School for Social Research Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 35:1-2 (2014).

“The Scottsboro Boys’ Experiences as Resource to Create a More Perfect Union,” in *Documenting the Black Experience: Essays on African American History, Culture and Identity in Nonfiction Films*, ed. Novotny Lawrence, (North Carolina: McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers), 2014.

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## **TEACHING**

Assistant Professor at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL.

Fall 2022 PHIL 599/AFR 499B: *Topics in Africana Philosophy: Selected Works of Richard Wright*  
AFR 215: *The Black Experience in a Pluralistic Society*

Spring 2022                    PHIL 455 & 590/WGSS 591/AFR 499C: Black Male Studies  
AFR 215: : The Black Experience in a Pluralistic Society

Fall 2021                      PHIL 102: Intro to Philosophy  
AFR 215: : The Black Experience in a Pluralistic Society

Visiting Professor at University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, China

Summer 2017                    *Global Business and Poverty: Economic and Philosophical Perspectives*, International Summer School

Summer 2016                    *Global Business and Poverty: Economic and Cultural Perspectives*, International Summer School

Teaching Assistant (main instructor) at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL.

Fall 2015-Spring 2016        PHIL 210: American Mind  
Spring 2011 – Spring 2014   AFR 215: The Black Experience in a Pluralistic Society  
Spring 2014                      AFR 499: Race and Democracy, (Graduate Level Seminar)  
Summer 2014                    Saluki Summer Bridge Program: Race & Hip Hop

Classes as Teaching Assistant at SIU

Fall 2014 – Spring 2015      PHIL 104: Ethics  
Spring 2010                      PHIL 105: Elementary Logic  
Fall 2010                         AFR 215: The Black Experience in a Pluralistic Society

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#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2022 “A Schematic Account of the Objectification Mechanisms of the Color Line for Black Men within the Post-Civil-Rights Context Between 1965 and the 2000’s” *Caribbean Philosophical Association*, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2016 “Mapping the Material Conditions for the ‘Niggerization’ of Black Bodies: How Black Urban Ghettos and Prison Industrial Complex Maintain the Color Line,” *Society for Phenomenology And Existential Philosophy Conference 55th Annual Meeting*, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 2015 “How the ‘Nigga’ Was Born: the ‘Nigger’ as Prelude to the ‘Nigga,’” *European Pragmatism Conference 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting*, Paris, France.
- 2014 “Envisioning Beauty Beyond the Market: Black History as Resource for Black Leadership,” co-presented with Dr. Kenneth Stickers, *1<sup>st</sup> Annual Men of Color*

Conference, Student Support Services, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL.

- 2014 “The Niggarization of Black Bodies: an Outline of the Black Panther’s Conception of the Black Lumpen Proletariat in Blaxploitation Films,” *Caribbean Philosophical Association Annual Meeting*, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2014 “The Niggarization of Black Bodies: Foucault’s Notion of Genealogy and the Gaze as Starting Points to Theorize the Niggarization of Black Bodies,” *Society for the Study of Africana Philosophy*, NY, NY.
- 2013 “The Niggarization of Black Bodies,” *California Roundtable on Philosophy and Race*, DePaul University, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 “The Niggarization of Black Bodies.” *21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference Philosophical Collaborations*, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL.
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#### **INVITED SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS**

- 2022 Keynote Speaker entitled, “Juneteenth and the Necessity of Black History and Memory,” Shawnee Community College, Ullin, IL.
- 2022 Invited talk entitled, “The Niggarization of Black men,” *A Black Male Initiative Series: Transforming Perceptions*, Black History Month, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL.
- 2021 Invited Speaker presentation titled, “Mapping Foucault’s Conception of the Objectifying and Internalizing Mechanisms within *Discipline* and *A Bio-Politics of the Population*,” Agora, School of History and Philosophy at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL.
- 2015 Invited panelist, Panel Title: “The State of Black Men,” *Third Black Men of Excellence Banquet*, Center for Inclusive Excellence, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL.
- 2014 Invited panelist, Panel Title: “Hidden Histories and the Need for the Civil Rights Act,” screening and discussion of *Scottsboro: An American Tragedy* at 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Carbondale Community Arts conference, Carbondale, IL.
- 2013 Invited talk entitled “My Personal Journey in Finding Tools for Hope within Black Culture,” *Illinois Youth Center* (Juvenile Detention Center), Harrisburg, IL.
- 2013 Invited talk entitled “Introduction to Zen Meditation: Quieting the Mind with Breathing Exercise,” *Buddhist Fellowship Student Organization* at

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Spring 2022

*Committee Member of COLA Faculty Development Committee*

Fall 2022-Present

*Committee Member of COLA Council*

Fall 2022-Present

*Faculty Co-Advisor, Black Male Roundtable (RSO)*

Fall 2021-Present

*Faculty Advisor, Africana Studies Club (RSO)*

Fall 2021-Spring 2022

*Committee Member of the Search Committee for the Director of the School of Africana and Multicultural Studies*

Fall 2021-Spring 2022

*Committee Member of the Curriculum Committee for the School of Africana and Multicultural Studies*

Fall 2021

*Faculty Representative for the Philosophy Department at Philosophy Club event*

Fall 2021

*Faculty Representative for Africana Studies at Black Resource Center student services event*

Fall 2021

*Faculty Representative for Africana Studies at Black RSO Fair event*

Fall 2021

*Faculty Representative for COLA at SIU Graduate School student services event*

Fall 2016- Spring2018

*Project Manager for Education Justice Project of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. EJP is a college-in-prison program that serves Danville Correctional Center in Danville, IL.*

Spring 2016

*Search Committee Member, Africana Philosophy Position, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Carbondale,*

Spring 2015

*Panel and Program Organizer, Black Body Symposium, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*

Fall 2014

*Search Committee, Textual Editor Position, John Dewey Center, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

March 2022-Present

*Committee Member* on the Citizens Advisory Board for Jackson County  
State's Attorney, Murphysboro, IL