

# Justin L. Clardy, PhD

Curriculum Vitae

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Santa Clara University  
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## Areas of Specialization

Social & Political Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Emotions

## Areas of Competence

Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Race & Gender, Philosophy of Love and Sex

## Education

*University of Arkansas*  
Ph.D., Philosophy, 2017

*University of Arkansas*  
M.A., Philosophy, 2013

*Pepperdine University*  
B.A., Philosophy, 2011

## Academic Appointments

*Santa Clara University*  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2020-Current

*Stanford University Thinking Matters Fellow*  
Post-Doctoral Fellow, 2017-2020

*University of Arkansas African and African American Studies Dissertation Research Fellow*  
Research Fellow, 2015-2017

*University of Arkansas*  
Teaching Assistant, 2012-2017

*University of California, Berkeley*  
Visiting Researcher, Fall 2015  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Niko Kolodny

*Pepperdine University*  
Visiting Professor, Summer 2013

## Dissertation

*Civic Tenderness: Love's Role in Achieving Justice*  
University of Arkansas, Spring 2017  
Advised by: Dr. Warren Herold

## **Current Projects**

### **Monographs**

1. *Love Hates Us: Love, Race, and Non-Monogamies in America*, Manuscript in Progress

### **Edited Special Issues**

1. Special Issue of *The Journal Of Applied Philosophy*, Papers from the 2022 Philosophy and Non-Monogamies Conference, with Carrie Jenkins and Ellie Anderson (Under Review)

### **Articles**

1. "Polyamory in Black: A Companion Justification for Minimal Marriage", *Journal of Applied Philosophy* special issue on *Philosophy and Non-monogamies*, Under Review, Submitted August, (2023)
2. "Black Love", *Philosophies* special issue on *The Philosophical Richness and Variety of Sex and Love*, Under Review, Submitted July (2023)

### **Publications**

#### **Books**

1. *Why It's OK to Not Be Monogamous*, Routledge (2023)

#### **Journal Articles**

1. "Monogamies, Non-Monogamies, and the Moral Impermissibility of Intimacy Confining Restraints", *The Journal of Black Sexuality and Relationships*, (2020)
2. "I Don't Want To be a Playa No More: An Exploration of the Denigrating effects of 'Player' as a Stereotype Against African American Polyamorous Men", *Analyze Journal of Gender and Feminist Studies*, No. 11 (25), (2018)
3. "On the Reasons of Love", *Proceedings of the Kent State University May 4<sup>th</sup> Philosophy Graduate Student Conference*, (2012)
4. "Knowledge and Rational Desirability", *Dialogue*, Vol. 54 No. 2-3, (2012)
5. "Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Alternative Possibilities: An Empirical Investigation," *Polymath*, Vol. 2 No. 2, (2012)
6. "On the Nature of Romantic Love", *Valley Humanities Review*, Vol. 2 No.1, (2011)

#### **Book Chapters**

1. "Towards a Progressive Black Sexual Politics: Reading African American Polyamorous Women into Patricia Hill Collins' Black Feminist Thought", *Routledge Companion to Love*, Routledge, Ed. Ann Brooks, (2021)
2. "Justin Clardy on Love and Relationships", *Unmuted: Conversations on Prejudice, Oppression, and Social Justice*, Oxford University Press, (2019)
3. "Civic Tenderness as a Response to Child Poverty in America", *Philosophy and Child Poverty: Reflections on the Ethics and Politics of Poor Children and their Families*, Springer, (2019)

#### **Book Reviews**

1. "Love in the Dark: Philosophy by Another Name", *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, (2018)

### **Conference Presentations**

1. "Black Love", *APA Pacific w/ the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love*, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

2. "Our Hearts Confined: Marriage and Black Polyamorous Non-Being", *Radical Philosophy Association Conference*, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022
3. "Civic Tenderness: Love's Role in Achieving Justice", *Caring Democracy: Current Topics in the Political Theory of Care*, Prague, Czech Republic, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017
4. "Emotional Affairs", *Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, Seattle, WA, April 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2017
5. "Civic Tenderness", *Eros as Sensual Intelligence Conference*, Ottawa, Canada, June 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2015
6. "What We Owe To Our Exes", *Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, Vancouver, Canada, April 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2015
7. "On Tenderness", *Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, Vancouver, Canada, April 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2015
8. "Civic Tenderness: A first Approximation", *Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, St. Louis, MO, February 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2015
9. "On Romantic Love and Constancy", *University of New Mexico Philosophy Graduate Student Conference*, Albuquerque, NM, March 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2014
10. "Exclusivity and Romantic Relationships", *Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, San Diego, CA, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014
11. "Stability and Romantic Love", *Ethics in Leadership Conference on the Theological Virtue of Love*, La Crosse, WI, March 15, 2013
12. "Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Alternative Possibilities: An Empirical Investigation," *Midwest Division Meeting of the Society for Christian Philosophers*, Conway, AR, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012
13. "On the Reasons of Love," *Kent State's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Conference*, Kent, OH, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012
14. "On the Nature of Romantic Love," *Thomson Rivers University Philosophy Conference*, British Columbia, Canada, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Invited Talks

1. "Marriage Reform & Civic Tenderness: The Case of Black Polyamory," *The University of Arkansas Invited Public Lecture*, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023
2. "Civic Tenderness and Marriage Reform", *Care Forum with Daniel Engster, Asha Bhandary, and Joan Tronto*, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023
3. "Polyamory in Black," *Til Reason Do Us Part*, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023,  
<https://www.justinclardy.com/media>
4. "Polyamory in Black," Santa Clara University Humanities Brown Bag Lecture, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022
5. "Polyamory in Black: A Companion Justification for Minimal Marriage", *Lecture Series in Social Rights and Relationship Goods at Rice University*, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022,  
<https://www.justinclardy.com/media>
6. "Relata: Toward a Social Ontology of Black Love", Olmsted Initiative for Ethics at LaFayette College, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022
7. "White Supremacy in Polyamory", *Poly Pages Webcast Speaker Series*, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021
8. "Infinite Love for Finite Lovers: Minding Your Polyamorous Bandwidth", Poly Cultural Diversity Alliance, July 4<sup>th</sup> 2020
9. "Emotional Affairs", *Delivered to the Philosophy Department at Cal Poly Pomona*, October 24<sup>th</sup> 2019

10. “Monogamies, Non-Monogamies, and the Moral Impermissibility of Intimacy Confining Restraints”, *Delivered to the Philosophy Department at Pepperdine University*, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019
11. “Civic Vulnerability as a Generative Site of Obligation”, *University of Arkansas African and African American Studies Graduate Fellows Research Symposium*, University of Arkansas, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016
12. “Marriage and Commitment”, *University of Arkansas Graduate Philosophy Roundtable*, University of Arkansas, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014
13. “On Tenderness”, *The Metaphysics of Love Project Pilot Workshop*, University of British Columbia, Canada, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014
14. “On Tenderness”, *University of Arkansas Graduate Philosophy Roundtable*, University of Arkansas, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014
15. “On Polyamory”, University of Arkansas, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014
16. “Call to Consciousness: A Critical Look at Contemporary Hip-hop in America”, Panel Discussion, University of Arkansas, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013
17. “Love, Obligation, and Contracts”, *University of Arkansas Graduate Philosophy Roundtable*, University of Arkansas, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

## **Public Philosophy**

### *Television Appearances*

1. “This Couple is in an Open Marriage and Why They Love It”, Tamron Hall Show, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020

### *Select Radio/Podcasts Appearances*

1. “Volume XII: Afropessimism”, *PAGES Pod*, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023
2. “Volume X: The Case for Rage”, *PAGES Pod*, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023
3. “Volume IX: Sad Love w/ Carrie Jenkins”, *PAGES Pod*, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023
4. “Why It’s Ok to Not Be Monogamous”, Interview with Brian D. Earp, *Yale-Hastings Program in Ethics and Health Policy*, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023
5. “Race and Polyamory w/ Dr. Justin Clardy”, *The Elizabeth Cunningham Show*, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022
6. “Polyamory”, Life Full Circle Radio, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022
7. *KJLH The Love Zone Podcast*, co-host with Kevin Nash and Aishia Deal, 2021 (6 episodes)
8. “Do All Polyamorous Couples Think the Same?”, *The Spectrum* by Jubilee, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021
9. *KJLH Black Men’s Empowerment Summit* Panelist on Black Love, December 6<sup>th</sup> 2020
10. “Black and Poly in these Times”, *Life on the Swingset Podcast*, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020
11. “State of the Union”, Normalizing Non-monogamy Podcast, July 6<sup>th</sup> 2020
12. “UnMute Podcast Episode 002: Justin Clardy on Love”, The UnMute Podcast with Myisha Cherry, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2015
13. “On Education and the My Brother’s Keeper Initiative”, Life Full Circle Radio with Miguel Lloyd
14. “The Next Generation of Intellectuals Series: Justin Clardy”, Life Full Circle Radio with Miguel Lloyd, November 23, 2013

### *Select Writings in Public Philosophy*

1. “Musings: On Being and Non-Being: The Impossibility of Black Polyamorous Existence (Part II)”, *Urfavilosopher Medium Blog*, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

2. "Musings: A Non-Monogamous Reading of Baldwin's Giovanni's Room", *Urfavfilosopher Medium Blog*, <https://urfavfilosopher.medium.com/musings-a-non-monogamous-reading-of-baldwins-giovanni-s-room-a6111675e948>, June 18<sup>th</sup> 2022
3. "Musings: On Being and Non-Being: The Impossibility of Black Polyamorous Existence (Part I)", *Urfavfilosopher Medium Blog*, <https://urfavfilosopher.medium.com/musings-on-being-and-non-being-the-impossibility-of-black-polyamorous-existence-part-i-1f84dc7fd434>, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022
4. "Remembering bell hooks: A Reflection on Lesser Known Contributions to Black Non-monogamous Thought", *Urfavfilosopher Medium Blog*, <https://urfavfilosopher.medium.com/remembering-bell-hooks-a-reflection-on-lesser-known-contributions-to-black-non-monogamous-thought-7deae440444a>, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2022
5. "Disclosures Vol. 6: Little Secrets and Sneaky Links", *Urfavfilosopher Medium Blog*, <https://urfavfilosopher.medium.com/disclosures-vol-6-little-secrets-and-sneaky-links-ca9b1f4b3c4f>, September 6<sup>th</sup> 2021
6. "Musings: Real Love and Fabrication", *Urfavfilosopher Medium Blog*, <https://urfavfilosopher.medium.com/musings-real-love-love-and-fabrication-ea568fd10533>, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2021
7. "Musings: The Misadventures of Relationship Anarchism: A Challenge for RA as a Relational Identity", *Urfavfilosopher Medium Blog*, <https://urfavfilosopher.medium.com/musings-the-misadventures-of-relationship-anarchism-a-challenge-for-ra-as-a-relational-identity-426d985b8ceb>, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2021
8. "Musings: What Kind of Black Man am I? Failed Metaships and the Double Bind of Black Masculinity for African American Polyamorous Men", *Urfavfilosopher Medium Blog*, <https://urfavfilosopher.medium.com/musings-what-kind-of-black-man-am-i-87c97ccd2632>, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021
9. "Musings: Romantic Friendships", *Urfavfilosopher Medium Blog*, <https://urfavfilosopher.medium.com/musings-romantic-friendships-b3ce02a4d7a7>, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2021
10. "Musings: 'Will You Accept These Roses?': A Reflection on the Bachelor, Race, Love, Monogamy, & Non-Monogamous Virtues", *Urfavfilosopher Medium Blog*, <https://urfavfilosopher.medium.com/musings-will-you-accept-these-roses-dc1dc748f148>, April 19<sup>th</sup> 2021
11. "Musings: Intentional Short-term Relationships", *Urfavfilosopher Medium Blog*, <https://urfavfilosopher.medium.com/musings-intentional-short-term-relationships-5caf9ef3a52f>, April 12<sup>th</sup> 2020
12. "Disclosures Vol. 5: For the Weekend". *Urfavfilosopher Medium Blog*, <https://urfavfilosopher.medium.com/disclosures-vol-5-for-the-weekend-b39870774714>, October 30<sup>th</sup> 2020
13. "Disclosures Vol. 4: Boyfriend # Who?", *Urfavfilosopher Medium Blog*, <https://urfavfilosopher.medium.com/disclosures-vol-4-boyfriend-who-8e7d71d803fd>, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2020
14. "Disclosures Vol. 3: 'Neither: Rethinking Brandy and Monica's The Boy is Mine'", *Urfavfilosopher Medium Blog*, <https://urfavfilosopher.medium.com/disclosures-vol-3-neither-rethinking-brandy-and-monicas-the-boy-is-mine-5e241f9b82f7>, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020
15. "Disclosures Vol. 2: Unrecognizable B.U.D.D.Ys", *Urfavfilosopher Medium Blog*, <https://urfavfilosopher.medium.com/disclosures-vol-2-unrecognizable-b-u-d-d-ys-30c540d91969>, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

16. "Bury Me an Honest Man: On the Politics of Black Non-monogamy", *The Vim Blog*, <https://thevimblog.com/2020/07/14/bury-me-an-honest-man-on-the-politics-of-black-non-monogamy/>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
17. "The Dissolution of Cheating: Kevin's Heart", *The Vim Blog*, <https://thevimblog.com/2018/04/25/the-dissolution-of-cheating-kevins-heart/>, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2018.
18. "A Short Concertation on Emotional Affairs", *Daily Nous*, <http://dailynous.com/2018/02/14/valentines-day-special-philosophers-on-love-relationships-jealousy-autonomy-respect-affairs-desire/#CLARDY>, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2018.
19. "The Socratic Method and Conversational Violence", *The Vim Blog*, <https://thevimblog.com/2017/05/18/the-socratic-method-and-conversational-violence/>, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2017
20. "3 Precautions of Interracial Coalition Building", *The Vim Blog*, <https://thevimblog.com/2017/04/09/3-precautions-for-interracial-coalition-building/>, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2017
21. "Love, Obligation, and Contracts", *The Metaphysics of Love Blog*, Ed. Dr. Carrie Jenkins, (<http://www.themetaphysicsoflove.com/blog/2014/7/1/guest-post-by-justin-clardy-love-obligation-and-contracts>), July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014
22. "Marriage and Commitment", *Ethnografis*, <https://ethnografis.com/2014/09/01/justin-clardy-marriage-and-commitment/>, September 1<sup>st</sup> 2014

### **Courses Taught**

#### *Santa Clara University*

- Culture and Ideas I: Philosophy Society and Culture
- Culture and Ideas II: Philosophy Society and Culture
- Philosophy of Race
- Ethics and Race
- Ethics and Politics
- Love, Sex, and Race

#### *Stanford University*

- Emotion
- What is Love?
- Justice and the University
- Progress: Pros and Cons
- Design that Understands Us

#### *University of Arkansas*

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Ethics
- Love and Morality

#### *Pepperdine University*

- Western Civilization I
- Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Movement 1954-1985 (Co-taught w/ Dr. Damian Jenkins)

### **Honors and Awards**

#### *National*

- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on Care, 2022 (\$3,500)
- Center for Positive Sexuality Research Grant, 2021 (\$1,500)
- Northwest Arkansas Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship, 2012 (\$1000)

*Internal*

*Santa Clara*

- Santa Clara University JEDI Grant (\$3,000)

*University of Arkansas*

- Vernon Teaching Award, University of Arkansas, 2017
- Philip S. Bashor Award for Excellent Graduate Scholarship, University of Arkansas, 2016
- University of Arkansas African and African American Studies Dissertation Fellowship Recipient, University of Arkansas, 2015-2017
- Benjamin Franklin-Lever Fellowship, University of Arkansas, 2011

**Service and Other Professional Involvement**

*Major Professional Service*

- Co-organizer, Conference on Philosophy and Non-Monogamies, 2022
- Organizer, American Philosophical Association Central Division Conference panel on Emotions, 2015
- Referee for *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Western Canadian Philosophical Association*

*Santa Clara University*

- Advisor, Independent Study on Tenderness for Elaine Almeida (Doctoral Student, University of Wisconsin Madison)
- Judge, Regional Ethics Bowl Competition
- Library Liaison for the Department of Philosophy
- Advisory Council, Center for the Arts and Humanities
- Café Socrates Presentation on “Polyamory”
- Advisor, Undergraduate Students within the Department of Philosophy

*Stanford University*

- Advisor, Independent Study on Love for Omar Rafik El-Sabroun
- Volunteer for Stanford first-year-student move-in day

*University of Arkansas*

- University of Arkansas Graduate Philosophy Roundtable Director, Fall 2014-Spring 2015
- Event Chairman, Black Graduate Student Association, University of Arkansas, 2013-14

*Pepperdine University*

- Established Pepperdine University’s inaugural Multicultural Graduation Ceremony and Reception, 2011

**Professional Organizations**

American Philosophical Association, Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love, Society of Young Black Philosophers, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.