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## Areas of Specialisation

African Philosophy, Critical Philosophy of Race and Gender, Existentialism, Health Humanities

## Areas of Competence and Interest

Community Health, Comparative Literature, Critical Indigenous Studies, Philosophy of Medicine

## Education

- 2017 PhD. University of Queensland (School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry). Thesis title: *Dancing on the Tightrope of Existence: Deconstructing 'Black Consciousness'*.  
Supervisors: Prof Michelle Boulous Walker; Prof Costica Bradatan  
Examiners: Prof Mogobe Ramose (UNISA, South Africa); Prof Kyoo Lee (CUNY, USA)
- 2013 Graduate Certificate in Higher Education. University of Queensland
- 2010 MA in Political Philosophy. Queen's University Belfast
- 2009 MA in Public Advocacy and Activism. National University of Ireland, Galway
- 2005 Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB). University of Zimbabwe

## Employment

- Aug 2019 - Nov 2019 Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, McGill University
- Jan 2018 - ongoing Lecturer, Discipline of Medical Ethics, Law and Professional Practice, St Lucia Clinical Unit, Faculty of Medicine, University of Queensland (UQ)
- April 2016 - Jan 2018 Research Development Manager, Poche Centre for Indigenous Health, UQ
- May 2016 - April 2017 Research Officer, Poche Centre, UQ
- March 2014 - May 2017 Causal Teaching Academic, School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry, UQ
- May 2013 - Dec 2013 Associate Lecturer, School of Population Health, UQ.
- April 2011 - April 2013 Research Officer, Australian Centre for International and Tropical Health, School of Population Health, UQ.
- Jan 2008 - May 2010 Columnist and Blogger, *The Irish Times*
- Aug 2007 - Jan 2008 Trainee Area Manager, Aldi Stores, Ireland
- Aug 2005 - July 2006 Junior Doctor (Junior Resident Medical Officer), United Bulawayo Hospitals

## Teaching

- 2019 Course coordinator for Ethics and Professional Practice 3 (MEDI7231)  
Guest lecturer for: Gender Matters (GEND1010); Health Society and Research (MEDI7107); Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL1002); Social Perspectives in Public Health (PUBH7620).

- 2018 Course coordinator for Ethics and Professional Practice 2 (MEDI7132)  
 Course coordinator for Ethics and Professional Practice 3 (MEDI7231).  
 Guest lecturer for: European Social Philosophy (PHIL2310); Indigenous Women and Men - Gendered Business (ABTS2010); Health Society and Research (MEDI7107); Gender Matters (GEND1010).
- 2017 Guest Lecturer for: Gender Matters (GEND1010); Genders & Cultures (GEND2001); and Indigenous Women and Men - Gendered Business (ABTS2010); Health, Society and Research (MEDI7242).  
 Guest Lecturer and Tutor for: Contemporary Indigenous Social Organisation (ABTS2060); and International Indigenous Perspectives (ABTS3030).
- 2014 - Guest Lecturer and Tutor for: Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL1002); Philosophy and Postmodernism (PHIL2340); Contemporary European Philosophy (PHIL3620); Philosophy Today (PHIL3002).
- 2017
- 2013 Course Coordinator for Health Service Planning and Evaluation (PUBH3001).
- 2011 - Guest Lecturer and Tutor for: Health Systems (PUBH7614); Global Health Policy in Practice (PUBH7645); Health Aspects of Disasters (PUBH7117).
- 2013

### Supervision

Janet Stajic (associate supervisor; co-supervised by Prof Deb Askew and Prof Chelsea Bond), 2019 - ongoing. MPhil. *Exploring the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Role*.

Cai Fong (primary supervisor; co-supervised by Prof Chelsea Bond), 2019 - ongoing. MPhil. *Chinese-Australian experiences of the health system: intersections of culture, identity and perceptions of care*.

Deepa Gajjar (associate supervision; co-supervised by Prof Peter Hill), 2013. Master of Public Health dissertation. *Priority setting within Aboriginal controlled health services*.

Amanda Rosenstock (associate supervision, co-supervised by Prof Peter Hill), 2012, Master of International Public Health project, *Closing the Gaps in Life Expectancy: Uncertainty in the Measure of Indigenous Health Inequity in Australia* (High Distinction).

### Academic Service

- July 2019 Text Seminar Leader for Alia Al-Saji's 'Husserl, Merleau-Ponty, Fanon: Affectivity, Phenomenological Reduction, and the Time of Racialization' *Collegium Phaenomenologicum*, Citta di Castello, Italy
- April 2019 - ongoing Committee Member, Faculty of Medicine Equity and Diversity Committee
- Feb 2019 - Dec 2019 Organising Committee Member and Stream Curator (Cultural Studies and Critical Theory: "Liminality"), *Cultural Studies Association of Australia Conference 2019: Cultural Transformations*, Brisbane, Australia
- Sept 2018 - Dec 2018 Blog Editor, *British Medical Journal - Medical Humanities*
- 2015 - 2018 Founding Board Member of *Queensland Philosophy* (formerly *Queensland School of Continental Philosophy*)
- 2014 - ongoing Peer-reviewer for *African Health Sciences*; *Medical Journal of Australia*; *Australian Journal of Indigenous Education*; *South African Journal of Philosophy*; *African Health Sciences*; *Journal of World Philosophies* ([publons.com/a/1568160/](http://publons.com/a/1568160/))

## Awards & Grants

- 2018 - *Roles and Ritual: The Inala Wangarra Rites of Passage Ball Case Study*. The Lowitja Institute Grant (\$50,000). Named investigator on a research team led by Prof Chelsea Bond.
- 2017 - *Moving beyond the front line: A 20 year retrospective cohort study of career trajectories from the Indigenous Health Program at The University of Queensland*. The Lowitja Institute Grant (\$84,000). Named investigator on a research team led by Prof Chelsea Bond.
- 2016 Hong Kierkegaard Library Summer Fellows Program for Research in Residence, St Olaf College, Northfield MN, USA.
- 2013 University of Queensland Research Scholarship
- 2009 Universities Ireland North-South Postgraduate Scholarship

## Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Mukandi, B., Singh, D., Brady, K., Willis, J., Sinha, T., Askew, D., & Bond, C. (2019). "So we tell them": articulating strong Black masculinities in an urban Indigenous community. *AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples*, 15(3), 253–260. doi: 10.1177/1177180119876721

Mukandi, B. 2019. Beyond Hermes: a metaphysics set to different music. *Utafiti: Journal of African Perspectives*, 14(1), 152-168.

Mukandi, B. & Bond, C. 2019. 'Good in the Hood' or 'Burn It Down'? Reconciling Black Presence in the Academy. *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 40(2), 254-268. doi: 10.1080/07256868.2019.1577232

Bond, C. Mukandi, B. & Coghill, S. 2018. 'You cunts can do as you like': The obscenity and absurdity of free speech to Blackfullas. *Continuum: Journal of Media & Cultural Studies*, 32(4), 415-428. doi: 10.1080/10304312.2018.1487126

Mukandi, B. 2017. South-South Dialogue: In Search of Humanity. *Australian Journal of Indigenous Education*, 47(1), 73-81. doi: 10.1017/jie.2017.24

Mukandi, B. 2015. Chester Himes, Jacques Derrida and Inescapable Colonialism: Reflections on African philosophy from the diaspora. *South African Journal of Philosophy*, 34(4), 526-537. doi:10.1080/02580136.2015.1113821

Durham, J., Brolan, C. and Mukandi, B. 2014. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: A foundation for ethical disability and health research in developing countries. *American Journal of Public Health*, 104(11), 2037-43. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2014.302006

Donald, M., Dower, J., Coll, J., Baker, P., Mukandi, B. and Doi, Suhail A. R. 2013. Mental Health Issues Decrease Diabetes-Specific Quality of Life Independent of Glycaemic Control and Complications: Findings from Australia's Living With Diabetes cohort study. *Health and Quality of Life Outcomes*, 11(170), 1-8. doi:10.1186/1477-7525-11-170

Rosenstock, A., Mukandi, B., Zwi, A., & Hill, P. 2013. Closing the Gaps: Competing estimates of Indigenous Australian life expectancy in the scientific literature. *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health* 37(4), 356-364. doi:10.1111/1753-6405.12084

## Book Chapters

Mukandi, B. 2019. The North African Syndrome: Traversing the Distance to the Cultural 'Other', in *Bloomsbury Companion to the Philosophy of Psychiatry*, ed. by Şerife Tekin and Robyn Bluhm (New York: Bloomsbury)

Mukandi, B. 2016. 'V akom svete je toto spravodlivé?' [In what world is this fair?], in *Hlasy väčšinového sveta: 9 + 1 rozhovorov z 5 kontinentov* [Voices of the Majority: 9+1 interviews from 5 continents], ed. by Zuzana Labašová & Zuzana Gallayová (Zvolen: Technická Univerzita)

## Book Reviews

Mukandi, B. 2017. Lewis R. Gordon, *What Fanon Said: A Philosophical Introduction to His Life and Thought*: Review by Bryan Mukandi. *Sartre Studies International: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Existentialism and Contemporary Culture*, 23,1. doi: 10.3167/ssi.2017.230108

Smith, A. (Host), Mavondo, T. (Guest), Mukandi, B. (Guest) and Stein, G. (Guest). 2016, August 26. African Book Club: *We Need New Names* by NoViolet Bulawayo [Radio program]. In Sky Kirkham (Producer), *Books and Arts* (Sydney: ABC Radio National). <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/booksandarts/noviolet-bulawayos-we-need-new-names/7785634>

## Online Commentary

Mukandi, B. 2017, December 26. Australian Continental Philosophy [Blog post]. *Black Issues in Philosophy: Blog of the APA*. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2017/12/26/black-issues-in-philosophy-australian-continental-philosophy>

## Broadcast Media

Bond, C. (Host), Hurley, A. (Host), Mukandi, B. (Guest), Sinha, T. (Guest). 2019, February 22. Wild Black Women - Bryan & Tanya [Radio program]. In Paul Watts (Producer), *Let's Talk* (West End: 98.9fm). <https://989fm.com.au/podcasts/lets-talk/wild-black-women-bryan-tanya/>

Rutledge, D. (Host), Mukandi, B. (Guest). 2018, October 7. African Philosophy and the West [Radio program]. In Diane Dean (Producer), *The Philosopher's Zone* (South Brisbane: Radio National). <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/philosopherszone/african-philosophy-and-the-west/10333694>

Bond, C. (Host), Mukandi, B. (Guest), Bowers, C. (Guest) and Dennis, N. (Guest). 2017, October 12. Let's Talk - Dr Bryan Mukandi, Candy Bowers and Nancy Dennis [Radio program]. In Paul Watts (Producer), *Let's Talk* (West End: 98.9fm). <https://989fm.com.au/podcasts/lets-talk/lets-talk-dr-bryan-mukandi-candy-bowers-and-nancy-dennis/>

Bond, C. (Host), Hurley, A. (Host), Mukandi, B. (Guest). 2018, August 31. Wild Black Women - Brother Bryan [Radio program]. In Paul Watts (Producer), *Let's Talk* (West End: 98.9fm). <https://989fm.com.au/podcasts/wild-black-women-brother-bryan/>

## Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

Bond, C.; Brady, K.; Foster, J.; Mukandi, B.; Askew D.; Tyson, I. Turning into a New Man: Urban Indigenous Masculinity and the Inala Wangarra Rites of Passage Case Study [60 minute Workshop]. *Lowitja Institute International Indigenous Health and Wellbeing Conference 2019*. Darwin, Australia. 18-20 June, 2019.

Mukandi, B. Beyond Hermes: understanding others. *Afro-Asian Philosophy Association Meeting, World Congress of Philosophy 2018*. Beijing, China. 13-20 August, 2018.

Mukandi, B. Beyond Hermes: understanding others. *Critical Philosophy of Race and Kriolising the Canons Symposium*. University of New England, Armidale, NSW, Australia. 11-13 July, 2018.

Mukandi, B. Gender, Race & Identity: the ground, backdrop and gravity of our becoming. *University of the Sunshine Coast INT250: Forces of Change in International Politics* (Guest lecture). Sippy Downs, Queensland, Australia. 2 May, 2018.

Bond, C. & Mukandi, B. 'Good in the Hood' or 'Burn It Down': Reconciling Black Presence in the Academy. *Teaching while Black: Navigating Race & Racism within Higher Education*. University of Melbourne, Australia. 27 April, 2018.

- Bond, C. & Mukandi, B. 'Good in the Hood' or 'Burn It Down': Reconciling Black Presence in the Academy. *Teaching while Black: Navigating Race & Racism within Higher Education*. University of Technology Sydney, Australia. 3 April, 2018.
- Mukandi, B. Being There. *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy: 2017 Annual Conference*. Hobart, Australia. 29 November - 1 December, 2017.
- Mukandi, B. Beyond Institutional Racism: A Philosophical Micropathology. *50 Years of Naming Institutional Racism: Realising Racial Equity or Intensifying Injustices?*. Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia. 1-3 November, 2017.
- Mukandi, B. Playing Michelle Pfeiffer in Dangerous Minds: Racist Anti-Racism in Academia. *On Anti-Racism: A Critical Philosophy of Race Symposium*. Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia. 26 October, 2017.
- Mukandi, B. Philosophy, Global Education and International Relations. *Contemporary Society: Visions and Challenges* (Technical University in Zvolen Seminar Series). Zvolen, Slovakia. 14 December, 2016.
- Mukandi, B. How Much a Dollar Cost?: Ethics and Economics. *Utah Valley University PHIL 2050: Ethics and Values* (Guest lecture). Orem, UT. United States of America. 29 November, 2016.
- Mukandi, B. Dancing on the Tightrope of Existence. *Hong Kierkegaard Library Thursday Seminars*. Northfield, MN. United States of America. 7 July, 2016.
- Mukandi, B. Můžeme vytvářet lepší svět? *Skautský Institut Event*. Prague, Czech Republic. 14 June, 2016.
- Mukandi, B. Káva s lékařem, filozofem, pedagogem Bryanem Mukandi. *Tři Očásci and NaZemi Event*. Brno, Czech Republic. 13 June, 2016.
- Mukandi, B. Where is Friday? Derrida, Continental Philosophy & 'the Global South'. *Derrida Today*. London, United Kingdom. 8-11 June, 2016.
- Mukandi, B. Madness, Faith, Roots: grounding philosophy in, of and for Africa. *Philosophy in Africa, Africa in Philosophy* (University of Cape Town Weekly Research Seminar Series). Cape Town, South Africa. 24 May, 2016.
- Mukandi, B. A Madman, a Black Man and a Jewish Woman Go to a Conference ... but 'the King Stay the King'. *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy: 2015 Annual Conference*. Sydney, Australia. 2-4 December 2015.
- Mukandi, B. South-South dialogue? *University of Queensland Latin American Studies Forum & Coloniality/Decoloniality Collective Symposium: South-South Dialogues: Situated Perspectives in Decolonial Epistemologies*. Brisbane, Australia. 5-6 November 2015.
- Mukandi, B. Dead Souls: Himes, Fanon and Derrida on possession and standing. *Collegium Phenomenologicum 2015: Participants' Conference*. Citta di Castello, Italy. 11-12 July 2015.
- Mukandi, B. My approach to phenomenology: the dissection of an appeal. *Central European University Summer School: Moral Phenomenology*. Budapest, Hungary. 3 July 2015.
- Mukandi, B. Ghosts: Derrida and Fanon. *Queensland School of Continental Philosophy (Public Lecture)*. Brisbane, Australia. 21 May 2015.
- Mukandi, B. Cioran, Levinas and failure's narrow therapeutic window: a response to Costica Bradatan. "In Praise of Failure" – *A Symposium on Writing and Publishing*. Brisbane, Australia. 13 May 2015.
- Mukandi, B. Turning each other to stone: a phenomenology of intersubjectivity. *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy: 2014 Annual Conference*. Melbourne, Australia. 4-6 December, 2014.

Mukandi, B. Wielding Medusa: perpetrating and dodging “thingification”. *The Life of Things: the 18th Annual Work-In-Progress Conference*. Brisbane, Australia. 29-30 September, 2014.

Mukandi, B. Hand clapping: announcing the presence of the unaccounted for among rights holders and those denied rights. *Global Expressive Rights: A Workshop with Susan Brison*. Brisbane, Australia. 19 March 2014.

Mukandi, B. Assimilation, tradition and violence in sub-Saharan Africa: an argument against the idea of progress. *Perspectives on Progress*. Brisbane, Australia. 26-29 November, 2013.

Mukandi, B. & Hill, P. The Burden of Indigenous Health Policy Research. *International Political Science Association, Research Committee 14: 'The Politics of Indigenous Identity: National and International Perspectives'*. Sydney, Australia. 10-14 June 2013.

Mukandi, B. Contributing towards health provision in severely disrupted environments -some ethical considerations. *19th Annual Conference of the Australian Association for Professional & Applied Ethics (AAPAE): 'Ethics, Values and Civil Society: Ethical, Historical, Professional and Political Perspectives'*. Brisbane, Australia. 28 June - 1 July 2012.

Mukandi, B. Indigenous Burden of Disease – rethinking life expectancy. *School of Population Health: 'World Health Day Colloquium: Ageing and Health'*. Brisbane, Australia. 4 April, 2012.