

## **Michael Patterson Brown**

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### **Education**

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN  
MA, Dec. 2000; PhD, Nov. 2005  
Department: Philosophy  
Dissertation Title: "Matters of Conscience: Justice and Protest in Society."  
Dissertation Advisers: Douglas Lewis and Sarah Holtman

Universitat Juame I, Castellón, Spain  
Semester postgraduate peace studies program, Spring 1998, 2002

Manchester College, N. Manchester, IN  
BA, 1994; *summa cum laude*  
Majors: peace studies; philosophy

European University Center for Peace Studies, Stadtschlaining, Austria  
Semester postgraduate peace studies program, Fall 1992

Armand Hammer United World College, Montezuma, NM  
International Baccalaureate, 1990

### **Academic and Professional Positions**

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Mt. Holyoke College, 2019, 2020

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Mt. Holyoke College, 2008-2010, 2012

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Manchester College, 2005-2007

Administrative Fellow, MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability, and Justice, University of Minnesota, Spring 2004-Spring 2005

Research Assistant, Peace Studies and Philosophy, General College, University of Minnesota, 2002-2003

Program Assistant, Peace Studies Program Field Practicum in India, Manchester College, Jan. 2003, Peace Issues Course, "History and Legacy of Gandhian Nonviolence in India."

Instructor, Philosophy Department, University of Minnesota, 1999-2004

## Courses Taught

Introduction to Philosophy  
 Introduction to Political Philosophy  
 Introduction to Ethical Theory  
 Introduction to Logic  
 Comparative Philosophy  
 Contemporary Moral Problems  
 Data Ethics

Ancient and Medieval Western Philosophy  
 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century Western Philosophy  
 20<sup>th</sup> Century Western Philosophy  
 Philosophy of Civilization  
 Environmental Philosophy  
 Philosophy and Cultural Diversity

## Publications

*Nonviolence: Critiquing Assumptions, Examining Frameworks*. Co-edited with Katy Gray Brown. Brill Rodopi Press. 2019.

“Sharing a Sense of Justice: the Role of Conscience in Political Protest.” In *The Spiritual and Political Dimensions of Nonviolence*. David Boersema and Katy Gray Brown (eds.). Rodopi Press. 2006. Pp.145-160.

“Teaching Nonviolence,” *Philosophy News*, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, Issue 8, Fall 2004.

“Access in Theory and Practice: American Indians in Philosophy,” co-authored with Katy Gray Brown. In *American Indian Quarterly*, Vol.27, No.1&2, Winter/Spring 2003, pp.113-120.

“Democracy is an Endless Organizing Drive,” co-authored with Ronda Copher, and Katy Gray Brown. In *Steal This University: The Rise of the Corporate University and the Academic Labor Movement*. Benjamin Johnson, Patrick Kavanagh, and Kevin Mattson (eds.). NY: Routledge. 2003. Pp.171-187.

“To Make Ourselves More Fully Human,” *Bulletin of the Peace Studies Institute*, Vol.28, 1998, pp.40-41.

## Academic and Research Awards

MacArthur Predissertation Research Grant, University of Minnesota, Summer 1999

Research Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota, Spring 1998

Graduate Fellow, MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program on Global Change, Sustainability, and Justice, University of Minnesota, 1995-2005

## Conference and Public Presentations

“Groundwork for the Plausibility of the Political: forays into non-ideal theory and mechanisms of social change,” faculty research presentation, Manchester College, Nov. 16, 2006.

Guest Lecturer, “The Zapatista Movement and Social Change in Mexico,” Social Movements Course with Dr. Abigail Fuller, Manchester College, Nov. 8, 2005.

“A Case of Civil Obedience: Weapons, War and Nonviolent Protest,” with Katy Gray Brown, MacArthur Presentation, University of Minnesota, Mar. 10, 2004.

Featured guest, with Katy Gray Brown, “Nonviolent Direct Action and Weapons of Indiscriminate Destruction,” *The Bat of Minerva*, Minneapolis public access program, Jan. 2004.

Visiting Presenter, “The Role of Labor Rights and Union Organizing in Today’s Global Economy,” HECUA (Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs) meeting for Metro Urban Studies Term students, Walker Church, Minneapolis, Dec. 2, 2003.

“Native Americans in Philosophy: Claiming a Space,” with Katy Gray Brown. American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, Mar. 28, 2003.

Visiting Presenter, “Direct Nonviolent Action and Civil Disobedience,” Phil 3307, Social Justice and Community Service, Dec. 3, 2002.

“Matters of Conscience,” Concerned Philosophers for Peace, St. Bonaventure University, Oct. 26, 2001.

Commentator on “Cyber Disobedience: When is Hacktivism Civil Disobedience?” by Brian Huschle, Minnesota Philosophical Society, St. Cloud, MN, Sept. 22, 2001.

Panel Discussant, “Continuing Dialogues: Aboriginal Perspectives, Scholarship, and the Disciplines,” Philosophy and Aboriginal Rights: Critical Dialogues Conference, University of Winnipeg, Canada, Jun. 25, 2001.

Commentator, “Indigenous Numerical Thought in Two American Indian Tribes,” by Thomas Norton-Smith. Panel series on American Indians in Science, American Philosophical Association, Minneapolis, MN, May 4, 2001.

Commentator, “The Impact of the Human Genome Project on Targeted Indigenous Peoples,” by M.A. Jaimes Guerero, American Philosophical Association, Albuquerque, NM, Apr. 6, 2000.

“Peace Studies: Religious and Philosophical Bases,” Peace Studies Fiftieth Anniversary Year Conference at Manchester College, N. Manchester, IN, Oct. 3, 1998.

“Technology and Humanity: The People in the Machine,” Peace Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Apr. 1994.

## Service and Professional Development

Co-Editor with Rachel Mordecai, *Bulletin of the Peace Studies Institute*, Manchester College, 2006

“Teaching Through Writing,” faculty workshop, Manchester College, August, 2006

“Creating and Teaching Off-Campus January Session Courses,” faculty development, Manchester College, March, 2006

Religion and Philosophy Colloquy Organizer, Manchester College, 2005-2006

“Valuing Diversity on Campus: A Multicultural Approach,” faculty development, Manchester College, October, 2005

“Service Learning,” faculty workshop, Manchester College, August, 2005

Article reviewer for Philosophers on Peace volume, *The Spiritual and Political Foundations of Nonviolence and Peace*. David Boersema and Katy Gray Brown (eds.). Rodopi Press. 2006.

Philosophy Consultant for Walker Art Center project on Distributive Justice, Minneapolis, MN, Spring 2003

“Applying Learning Circles,” Teaching Enrichment Workshop, University of Minnesota, Nov. 14, 2002

“Promoting Critical Thinking in Your Classes,” Teaching Enrichment Workshop, University of Minnesota, Jan. 27, 2000

“Teaching Critical Thinking Faculty Workshop,” Teaching Enrichment Workshop, University of Minnesota, Spring 1999

Philosophy Graduate Student Diversity Committee Chair, University of Minnesota, 1997-1998

Training for Social Action Trainers, Minneapolis, MN, with Erika Thorne and Betsy Raasch-Gilman, Future Now: A Training Collective, Oct. 24-26, 1997

Language Exchange volunteer, Hispanic and Hmong Learning Circles, Neighborhood House, St. Paul, MN, 1997

Graduate Philosophy Colloquium Series Organizer, University of Minnesota, 1995-1997

Celebrating Diversity Workshop, N. Manchester, IN, Mar. 1994

Volunteer refugee worker, Bol, Croatia, Dec. 1992

Nonviolent Communication Training with Marshall Rosenberg, Schlaining, Austria, Oct. 1992

## Research and Organizing Experience

### Fellowship of Reconciliation

National Council Member, and Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee, 2003-2008  
 Minnesota Fellowship of Reconciliation Board Member, 1996-1999; Chair, 1998-1999  
 Regional Coordinator, N. Manchester Fellowship of Reconciliation, IN, Aug.-Dec. 1994

Teach-In Series Organizer, “Working Group on Understanding Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>,” Fall 2001

Council of Graduate Students, University of Minnesota, 1999-2001  
 Executive Vice President for Internal Relations, Fall 2001

Predissertation Fieldwork Research, Mexico City, Chiapas, and Tabasco, Mexico, Jul. 1999

Graduate assistant union organizer, University of Minnesota, Dec. 1998-Jun. 1999  
 Graduate Student Organizing Congress (American Federation of Teachers affiliate)

Peace studies field research, Havana, Cuba, Jan. 1994

Peace studies practicum, Managua and Pearl Lagoon, Nicaragua, Jan. 1991