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AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: Early Modern Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Martial Arts

EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy (candidate)

University of Pennsylvania

Advisor: Dr. Karen Detlefsen

Committee: Dr. Gary Hatfield; Dr. Sukaina Hirji

MA, Philosophy (2018)

San Francisco State University

Advisor: Dr. Alice Sowaal

Committee: Dr. David Landy; Dr. Mohammad Azadpur

BA, Philosophy (2014)

Western Washington University

AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS, GRANTS

Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium Event Grant (\$1600 for Philosophy in the Wild, 2022)

Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium Event Grant (\$1500 for Philosophy in the Wild, 2021)

Benjamin Franklin Fellowship (University of Pennsylvania, 2019-current)

Graduate Student Award for Distinguished Achievement (San Francisco State University, 2018)

Distinction on Thesis Defense (San Francisco State University, 2018)

Graduate Travel Award (San Francisco State University, 2018)

Distinction on Qualifying Exam (San Francisco State University, 2017).

PUBLICATIONS

2021. "Experimentation, Distributed Cognition, and Flow: A Scientific Lens on Mixed Martial Arts," Co-Authored with B. Gweyer and V. Keyser. *The Philosophy of Mixed Martial Arts: Squaring the Octagon*, edited by J. Holt and M. Ramsay.

IN PROGRESS

A paper on Du Châtelet, eternity, and time

A paper on Descartes's account of the intellectual love of God

A paper on Descartes's account of the sensuous love of God

A paper on methodology and genre in the history of philosophy

PRESENTATIONS (†: invited; *: refereed)

2022. "Descartes on the Intellectual Love of God." The Wisdom of Love, Society of Christian Philosophers Mountain-West Conference, USA.*

2022. "Descartes and Astell on Sociality and the Love of God." Focus Group Presentations, Method and History of Philosophy, Extending New Narratives, USA.†

2021. "Du Châtelet and the Early Modern Conceptions of Eternity." Early Career Research Seminar, Extending New Narratives, online.*

2020. "Du Châtelet and the Early Modern Conceptions of Eternity." Philosophy in the Wild Graduate Workshop, USA.*

2019. "A Metaphysical Method for Moral Development: Descartes and Elisabeth on Morally Relevant

Knowledge.” Sixth Finnish-Hungarian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Helsinki, Finland.*

2018. “A Metaphysical Method for Moral Development: Descartes and Elisabeth on Morally Relevant Knowledge.” Visiting Presentation for Graduate Seminar (on Descartes), San Francisco State University, USA.†

2018. “Cartesian Love.” Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, USA.†

2018. “Elisabeth’s Challenge for Descartes: Does the Cartesian Account of Contentedness and Altruism Necessitate an Infinite Science?” Elisabeth of Bohemia: A Workshop, Paderborn University, Germany.*

INVITED, UNABLE TO ATTEND

2019. “A Metaphysical Method for Moral Development: Descartes and Elisabeth on Morally Relevant Knowledge.” First International Conference of Women in Modern Philosophy, Rio de Janeiro State University, Brazil.†

COMMENTS

2020. “On Evan Thomas’s ‘Descartes and the Monstrous Thesis’.” Western E-vent in Early Modern Philosophy, Western University.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

RESEARCH

2022. Research Assistant, *Routledge Handbook of Women and Early Modern European Philosophy*, Extending New Narratives.

DEPARTMENTAL / ACADEMIC VOLUNTEER

2020-2021. Ethics Bowl Coach, Academy at Palumbo, Philadelphia, USA.
(Philadelphia Regional Champions, Playoff Champions, National Competitors, Winners of the Spirit of the Ethics Bowl at the National Competition)

2020. Ethics Bowl Judge, Philadelphia Ethics Bowl, USA.

2018. SFSU Department of Philosophy Representative, San Francisco State University, USA.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

2022. Co-Organizer, Philosophy in the Wild, Ridley Creek State Park, PA, USA.

2021. Co-Organizer, Philosophy in the Wild, Poe Paddy State Park, PA, USA.

2020. Co-Organizer, University of Pennsylvania's Virtual Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, online.

2019. Chair, Princeton-Penn Workshop on Plato's *Republic*, Princeton University, USA.

2018. Chair, Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Conference, Stanford University, USA.

TEACHING (UNIVERSITY)

University of Pennsylvania – *Teaching Assistant*

PHIL004–History of Modern Philosophy (Spring 2022)

PHIL003–History of Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2021)

PHIL004–History of Modern Philosophy (Spring 2021)

PHIL008–Social Contract Theory (Fall 2020)

San Francisco State University – *Graduate Teaching Associate (Instructor)*

PHIL105–Philosophy and Religion (Spring 2018)

PHIL105–Philosophy and Religion (Spring 2017)

San Francisco State University – *Teaching Assistant*

PHIL303–Modern Philosophy (Spring 2018)

PHIL470–Environmental Ethics (Spring 2017)

TEACHING (NON-UNIVERSITY)

American Cultural Immersion Program on Crystal Springs Uplands Campus – *Instructor*

An Introduction to Western Philosophy (2018)

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

University of Pennsylvania

PHIL 405 (Lisa Miracchi): Philosophy of Language
PHIL 468 (Rolf Horstmann): Hegel
PHIL 479 (Samuel Freeman): Modern Political Philosophy
PHIL 505 (Daniel Singer): Formal Logic
PHIL 510 (Susan Sauvé Meyer): Late Plato
PHIL 526 (Gary Hatfield): Philosophy of Psychology
PHIL 551 (Gary Hatfield): Descartes on Representation
PHIL 551 (Gary Hatfield): Descartes's Meditations
PHIL 551 (Karen Detlefsen): Topics in Early Modern Philosophy (Émilie du Châtelet)
PHIL 551 (Karen Detlefsen): Topics in Early Modern Philosophy (Embryology and Generation)
PHIL 600 (Errol Lord and Daniel Wodak): Proseminar
PHIL 699 (Karen Detlefsen): Independent Study on Kant's Third Critique

San Francisco State University

PHIL 715 (Vadim Keyser): Seminar in Philosophical Writing
PHIL 717 (Shelley Wilcox): Projects in Teaching Philosophy (x2)
PHIL 718 (Shelley Wilcox): Teaching Philosophy Workshop Series (x2)
PHIL 770 (Alice Sowaal): Seminar on Descartes's Ethics
PHIL 770 (Alice Sowaal): Seminar on Cambridge Platonism and Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 770 (David Landy): Seminar on Hegel's Phenomenology
PHIL 770 (Mohammad Azadpur): Seminar on the Myth of the Given
PHIL 772 (Alice Sowaal): Seminar on Spinoza's Ethics, pts. I-II
PHIL 795 (Alice Sowaal): Seminar on Spinoza's Ethics, pts. III-V
PHIL 891 (Vadim Keyser): Probabilistic Reasoning Reading Group
PHIL 896 (David Landy): Directed Reading in Fundamental Philosophical Texts
PHIL 899 (Alice Sowaal): Independent Study: Descartes on Love
PHIL 898: Thesis Defense

REFERENCES

Available on request