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AREAS OF RESEARCH

Specialization: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science, Feminist Philosophy

Competence: History of Philosophy, Bioethics, Ethics, Political Philosophy

EDUCATION

2024 (expected). PhD, Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania

Dissertation: “Individuality in Pregnancy: A Normative Ontology for Science”

Co-supervisors: Drs. Karen Detlefsen and Michael Weisberg

2018. MA, Philosophy (distinction), San Francisco State University

MA Thesis: “Are Pregnant Mammals Emergent Substances?”

Supervisor: Dr. Ásta (Ásta Kristjana Sveinsdóttir)

2012. BA, Political, Legal, Economic Analysis (summa cum laude), Mills College

Minor: Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024 (upcoming). Corpus Analysis Masterclass, Macquarie University (Discovery Project, “Trust and Distrust in Social Epistemic Networks”).

2021. Metaphysics of Pregnancy Summer School, July 12-14th, King’s College London, Philosophy & Medicine Project and the BUMP (Better Understanding the Metaphysics of Pregnancy) Project.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Under contract. *History of the Philosophy of Pregnancy*, co-edited with Myrna Gabbe and Evangelian Collings, Palgrave Macmillan.

Peer-reviewed

Forthcoming. “Émilie du Châtelet’s Mathematical Fictionalism.” *New Voices on Women in the History of Philosophy*, ed. Clara Carus (*Women in the History of Philosophy and Sciences* series, ed. Ruth Hagengruber. Dordrecht: Springer).

2024. [“A Pragmatist Interpretation and Defense of Entity Realism.”](#) *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*, Issue XVI-1 on Pragmatism and/on Science and Scientism.

2023. [“Cogito, Ergo Sumus? The Pregnancy Problem in Descartes’s Philosophy.”](#) *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* 13 (2).

2017. [“Not One, Not Two: Toward an Ontology of Pregnancy.”](#) *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* 3 (4).

Book review

2023. Review of *The Maternal Imprint: The Contested Science of Maternal-Fetal Effects*, by Sarah S. Richardson (2021), Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. [*Philosophy of Science Association Newsletter*, July 12.](#)

Public Philosophy

Forthcoming. Guest Editors' Introduction to the [*Public Philosophy Journal*](#)'s Special Issue on "The Philosophical Environment," with Mike Gadomski and Arthur Obst.

2023. "Hello, We're Philosophy in the Wild." Introduction to the Philosophy in the Wild Collection of the [*Public Philosophy Journal*](#), with Zachary Agoff and Mike Gadomski.

2012-2016. *TelosScope: The Telos Press Blog*.

- ["Small Is Ethical" \(Or: "The Morality of the Micropolis"\)](#)
- ["That's So Liberal It's Conservative"](#)
- ["Liberalism: Hero by Day, Despot by Night"](#)
- ["The Motley Sponsorship of Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité"](#)
- ["What Utility of Civility?"](#)
- ["An Unhappy Marriage"](#)

Under review

[Title redacted for anonymity]. *Philosophy, Theory, and Practice in Biology*, with Jacqueline Mae Wallis and Kate Nicole Hoffman.

In progress

A paper that argues that pregnancy should not be classified as a disease.

A paper that proposes a non-circular method for the scientific understanding of pregnancy.

"Pregnancy's Double Form: A Marxist Intervention into Social Reproduction Theory"; for the *History of the Philosophy of Pregnancy* edited volume (under contract).

TEACHING

As Instructor of Record

Philosophy of Science (Fall 2023), University of Pennsylvania

Bioethics (Summer 2023), University of Pennsylvania

Ethics (Spring 2019), Mills College

Feminist Moral Issues (Spring 2019), San Francisco State University

Ethics (Fall 2018), San Francisco State University

Introduction to Critical Thinking (Fall 2015; Summer 2017), San Francisco State University

As Teaching Assistant

Philosophy of Science (Fall 2024), University of Pennsylvania

Social Contract (Fall 2020; Spring 2022), University of Pennsylvania

History of Modern Philosophy (Spring 2021), University of Pennsylvania

Bioethics (Fall 2021), University of Pennsylvania

Metaphysics (Fall 2017), San Francisco State University

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

2024. “How to Get Pregnant (Or: Pregnancy, Methodology, and Metaphilosophy).” Tenth Biennial Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice Conference (SPSP), University of South Carolina.
- 2023 (invited). “Cogito, Ergo Sumus? The Pregnancy Problem in Descartes’s Philosophy.” Philosophy Departmental Colloquium, University of Kentucky.
2022. “Biological Individuality in Pregnancy: An Argument for the Evo-Devo Approach.” The Paradox of the Organism (Revisited), Georgetown University.
2021. “A Pragmatist Defense of Entity Realism.” The Philosophy Exchange Philosophy of Science Graduate Conference, London School of Economics.
2021. “De-Alienation: A Marxist Perspective on Migration Justice.” What is Left? Conference, University of Chicago.
2021. “Émilie du Châtelet’s Mathematical Fictionalism.” Extending New Narratives Early Career Researcher Workshop, Paderborn University, Germany.
2020. “Does the Difference between Fundamentality and Derivativeness Make a Difference (for Perspectival Realism)?” Philosophy in the Wild Graduate Workshop.
2018. “Intrinsic and Extrinsic Properties, Identity, and Pregnancy.” The Bay Area Feminism and Philosophy Workshop, University of San Francisco.
2017. “Reading Emergence Experimentally: Pregnancy as a Case Study.” The Midwest Society for Women in Philosophy (Midwest SWIP) Conference, Cleveland State University.
2017. “Phenomenon Creation via Interactive Intersubjectivity.” The Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference (71st Meeting), Weber State University.
2016. “Not One, Not Two: Toward an Ontology of Pregnancy.” The Northwest Philosophy Conference. Gonzaga University.
2016. “Small Is Ethical: The Morality of the Micropolis.” The 2016 Telos-Paul Piccone Institute Conference, New York University.

AWARDS, GRANTS, and HONORS

- Nominee, Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Penn School of Arts and Sciences (2024)
- Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium Event Grant (for Philosophy in the Wild, 2021, 2022)
- Benjamin Franklin Fellowship (University of Pennsylvania 2019-2020 (and continuing))
- Graduate Student Award for Distinguished Achievement: faculty selected (San Francisco State University 2018)
- State University Grant (San Francisco State University; 2016-2018)
- Kaufmann College of Liberal and Creative Arts Scholarship (San Francisco State University; 2015-2018)
- Kosciuszko Foundation Graduate Scholarship (private; 2014; declined)

EDITORIAL WORK

- 2022, Copyeditor (Research Assistant), [*Routledge Handbook of Women and Early Modern European Philosophy*](#), edited by Karen Detlefsen & Lisa Shapiro, Routledge (2023)

2021, Copyeditor (Research Assistant), [*Mental Action and the Conscious Mind*](#), edited by Michael Brent & Lisa Miracchi Titus, Routledge (2023)

2020, Freelance Idiomatic Editor, Copyeditor, and Indexer, [*Analytic Philosophy and Avicenna: Knowing the Unknown*](#), by Mohammad Azadpur, Routledge (2020)

2019-2020, Copyeditor, “[In Pursuit of Justice for Disability: Model Neutrality Revisited](#),” by Anita Silvers, in *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Disability*, edited by Adam Cureton and David T. Wasserman, Oxford University Press (2020)

2017-2019, Managing Editor, Hypatia Reviews Online, *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*

2016-2017, Editorial Assistant, Hypatia Reviews Online, *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*

2013-2015, Editorial Assistant, Pearson Higher Education; project management and copyediting of titles such as [*Biology: Science for Life, 5th Edition*](#) and [*Elements of Ecology, 9th Edition*](#)

SERVICE and ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

2023-present, Referee, [*Feminism & Psychology*](#)

2022-2023, Organizer, [History of the Philosophy of Pregnancy Conference](#), University of Dayton (Richard Baker Colloquia Series), Oct 6-7, 2023

2022-present, Editor, [Pregnancy, Birth](#), PhilPapers (<https://philpapers.org>)

2020-present, Founder and Organizer, [Philosophy in the Wild](#) (annual outdoor conferences on environmental philosophy)

- Philosophy in the Wild, Summer 2020: Graduate Workshop
- Philosophy in the Wild, Spring 2021: Graduate Workshop
- Philosophy in the Wild, Summer 2021: Inaugural Conference
- Philosophy in the Wild, Summer 2022: Environment & Race
- Philosophy in the Wild, Summer 2023: Localism & Globalism
- Philosophy in the Wild, Summer 2024 (planned): The Philosophical Environment

2020-present, Member, History and Philosophy of Science Reading Group, Consortium for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine

2020-2023, Committee Member, Penn Prospective Graduate Student Visit Organizing Committee

2019-present, Board Member, The Family Resource Center at Penn’s Student Parent Advisory Board, University of Pennsylvania

2018-2019, Researcher, PHIL 110: Introduction to Critical Thinking Student Non-Success Study, San Francisco State University

INTERVIEW

2023. [“Not One Nor Two: The Philosophy of Pregnancy.”](#) *Penn Today*, by Erica Moser.