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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: metaphysics, general philosophy of science, feminist philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: history of philosophy, philosophy of biology, bioethics, ethics

EDUCATION

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

Dissertation: “Individuality in Pregnancy: Criteria for Metaphysics of Science”

Co-supervisors: Drs. Michael Weisberg and Karen Detlefsen

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

PUBLICATIONS

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).
- *Forthcoming*. “A Pragmatist Interpretation and Defense of Entity Realism,” Special Issue XVI-1 on Pragmatism and/on Science and Scientism, *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*.
- 2023. “*Cogito, Ergo Sumus?* The Pregnancy Problem in Descartes’ Philosophy.” *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* 13 (2). <https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/725593>.
- 2017. “Not One, Not Two: Toward an Ontology of Pregnancy.” *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* 3 (4). <https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/fpq/vol3/iss4/2/>.

Under review:

- [Title redacted to preserve anonymity], *Synthese*.
- [Title redacted to preserve anonymity], Diagrammatic Representation and Inference: Proceedings from the 14th International Conference (*Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence* (LNAI) sub-series, part of the *Lecture Notes in Computer Science* (LNCS) series): Diagrams 2024, with Jacqueline Wallis and Kate Nicole Hoffman.
- (invited) *History of the Philosophy of Pregnancy: Centering Gestation* edited volume proposal for Palgrave Macmillan: proceeds from the *History of the Philosophy of Pregnancy* conference (October 2023, University of Dayton), with Dr. Myrna Gabbe and Evangelian Collings.

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.](#)

Other:

- 2023. With Zachary Agoff and Michael Gadowski. “Hello, We’re Philosophy in the Wild.” Introduction to the Philosophy in the Wild Collection of the [Public Philosophy Journal](#).
- 2012-2016. *TelosScope*: The Telos Press Blog.
 - “Small Is Ethical” (Or: “The Morality of the Micropolis.”) <http://www.telospress.com/small-is-ethical-or-the-morality-of-the-micropolis/>.
 - “That’s So Liberal It’s Conservative.” <http://www.telospress.com/thats-so-liberal-its-conservative/>.
 - “Liberalism: Hero by Day, Despot by Night.” <http://www.telospress.com/liberalism-hero-by-day-despot-by-night/>.
 - “The Motley Sponsorship of Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité.” <http://www.telospress.com/the-motley-sponsorship-of-liberte-egalite-fraternite/>.
 - “What Utility of Civility?” <http://www.telospress.com/what-utility-of-civility/>.
 - “An Unhappy Marriage.” <http://www.telospress.com/an-unhappy-marriage/>.

In progress:

- Working paper: “Pregnancy’s Double Form: A Marxist Intervention into Social Reproduction Theory,” in preparation for *History of the Philosophy of Pregnancy* edited volume invited by Palgrave Macmillan.
- (invited) Chapter: “Metaphysics of Pregnancy: The State of the Field,” for *Handbook of Philosophies of Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Mothering*, edited by Sarah LaChance Adams and Caroline Lundquist, in preparation for Palgrave Macmillan.

TEACHING

University of Pennsylvania

Lecturer:

Philosophy of Science (Fall 2023)

Bioethics (Summer 2023)

Teaching Associate:

Social Contract (Fall 2020; Spring 2022)

History of Modern Philosophy (Spring 2021)

Bioethics (Fall 2021)

Mills College

Assistant Adjunct Professor:

Ethics (Spring 2019)

San Francisco State University

Lecturer:

Feminist Moral Issues (Spring 2019)

Ethics (Fall 2018)

Graduate Instructor:

Introduction to Critical Thinking (Fall 2015; Summer 2017)

Teaching Assistant:

Metaphysics (Fall 2017)

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

2024 (upcoming). “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.
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AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

- Nominee: Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania 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)
- Edward B. Kaufmann College of Liberal and Creative Arts Scholarship (San Francisco State University; 2015-2018)
- Kosciuszko Foundation Graduate Scholarship (private; 2014; declined)
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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 OTHER 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 (of the 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