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AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: history of philosophy, general philosophy of science, philosophy of biology, feminist philosophy

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## EDUCATION

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

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## PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed:

- *Forthcoming*. “Cogito, Ergo Sumus? The Pregnancy Problem in Descartes’ Philosophy.” *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science*.
- 2017. “Not One, Not Two: Toward an Ontology of Pregnancy.” *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* 3 (4). <https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/fpq/vol3/iss4/2/>.

Other:

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/>.
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## TEACHING

### University of Pennsylvania

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)

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## PRESENTATIONS

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 (Online).

2021. “De-Alienation: A Marxist Perspective on Migration Justice.” What is Left? Conference, University of Chicago (Online).

2021. “Émilie du Châtelet’s Mathematical Fictionalism.” Extending New Narratives Early Career Researcher Workshop (Online).

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. “Endurance versus Perdurant.” Lecture presented at San Francisco State University, PHIL 605: Metaphysics (Fall 2017).

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 (71<sup>st</sup> 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

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)

Graduated *summa cum laude* (Mills College; 2012)

Graduated with Honors in the Major: faculty selected (Mills College; 2012)

Dean’s Scholarship (Mills College; 2009-2012)

Frank and Margaret Lucas Scholarship (Mills College; 2012)

Hobbs Scholarship (Mills College; 2009-2011)

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## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

### University of Pennsylvania

Proseminar • Aristotle • Hegel • Formal Logic I • Philosophy of Psychology • Early Modern Philosophy—Du Châtelet • Materialism • Justice • Early Modern Philosophy—Individuation • Philosophy of Science • Hannah Arendt • Independent Study—Biological Individuality • Independent Study—History of Materialism and Physicalism

### San Francisco State University

Philosophy of Science • Ethics in Medicine • Writing Seminar • Philosophy of Culture, Language, and Society • Logic • Independent Study—Metaphysics of Pregnancy • Metaethics • Independent Study—Numerical and Personal Identity • Philosophy of Human Nature

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## RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

2021-present. Research Assistant, University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy. Project: “The Darwinian Feminists” (with Vanessa Schipani).

2011-2012. Research support for “Ethnic Politics and Women’s Empowerment in Africa: Ministerial Appointments to Executive Cabinets.” Leandro R. Arriola and Martha C. Johnson. *American Journal of Political Science* 58 (2): 495-510. 2014.  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/ajps.12075>.

2011-2012. Research support for “State-Building in De Facto States: Somaliland and Puntland Compared.” Martha C. Johnson and Meg S. Smaker. *Africa Today* 60 (4): 3-23. 2014.  
<http://bit.ly/2tbs0Ut>.

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## EDITORIAL WORK

- 2022-present, Copyeditor (Research Assistant), *Routledge Handbook of Women and Early Modern European Philosophy*, edited by Karen Detlefsen & Lisa Shapiro, Routledge (forthcoming)
- 2021, Copyeditor (Research Assistant), *Mental Action and the Conscious Mind*, edited by Michael Brent & Lisa Miracchi Titus, Routledge (forthcoming 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, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition](#) and [Elements of Ecology, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition](#)

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## SERVICE and OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- 2022-present, Leaf Editor, [Pregnancy, Birth](#), PhilPapers (<https://philpapers.org>)
- 2020-present, Founder and Organizer, [Philosophy in the Wild](#)
- 2020-present, Member, History and Philosophy of Science Reading Group (of the Consortium for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine)
- 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