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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: metaphysics, metaphilosophy

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

TEACHING COMPETENCE: political philosophy, ethics, bioethics

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## EDUCATION

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

Dissertation: “Understanding Pregnancy: Criteria for Metaphysics and 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

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## 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).
- *Forthcoming*. “Cogito, Ergo Sumus? The Pregnancy Problem in Descartes’ Philosophy.” *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* 13 (1).
- 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 retracted for blind review.] *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*.

Book review:

- *Forthcoming*. 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*.

Other:

- *Forthcoming*, with Zachary Agoff and Michael Gadomski. “Hello, We’re Philosophy in the Wild.” Introduction to the Philosophy in the Wild Special Issue 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/>.

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TEACHING

University of Pennsylvania

*Lecturer*: Bioethics (Summer 2023); Philosophy of Science (Fall 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)

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SELECT PRESENTATIONS

2023 (invited). “Pregnancy’s Double Form.” 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 (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. “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)

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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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## EDITORIAL WORK

2022, 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 (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

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

2022-present, 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](#)

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