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AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: metaphysics, general philosophy of science

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: philosophy of biology, political philosophy, feminist philosophy

EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy (in progress)
University of Pennsylvania

MA, Philosophy (2018; distinction)
San Francisco State University
MA Thesis: “Are Pregnant Mammals Emergent Substances?”
Supervisor: Dr. Ásta (Ásta Kristjana Sveinsdóttir)

BA, Political, Legal, Economic Analysis (*summa cum laude*)
Mills College (2012)
Minor: Philosophy

TEACHING

University of Pennsylvania
Teaching Associate: PHIL 008—Social Contract (Fall 2020); PHIL 004—History of Modern Philosophy (Spring 2021); PHIL 072—Bioethics (Fall 2021)

Mills College
Assistant Adjunct Professor: PHIL 62—Ethics (Spring 2019)

San Francisco State University
Lecturer: PHIL 451—Feminist Moral Issues (Spring 2019); PHIL 450—Ethics (Fall 2018)
Graduate Instructor: PHIL 110—Introduction to Critical Thinking (Fall 2015; Summer 2017)
Teaching Assistant: PHIL 605—Metaphysics (Fall 2017)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed:
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/>.

2011. “Decentralization Demystified: Nomadic Pastoralism as the Site of Analysis.” *Mills Academic Research Journal* (undergraduate). <https://bit.ly/2JQxE7h>.

PRESENTATIONS

2021. “De-Alienation: A Marxist Perspective on Migration Justice.” New York University Equality & Immigration Workshop (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.

2019. “A Darwinian Dilemma for Social Constructionist Accounts of Sex.” History & Philosophy of Science and Medicine Women's Leadership Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington.

2018. “Intrinsic and Extrinsic Properties, Identity, and Pregnancy.” The Bay Area Feminism and Philosophy Workshop, University of San Francisco.

2017. “Endurance versus Perdurance.” 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 (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, HONORS, AND GRANTS

Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium Event Grant (for Philosophy in the Wild, 2021)
Benjamin Franklin Fellowship (University of Pennsylvania 2019-present)

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)

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

University of Pennsylvania

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

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

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

2021-present. Research Assistant, University of Pennsylvania—Philosophy. Project: “The Darwinian Feminists.”

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>.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- 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, 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
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)
2014-2018, Participant, San Francisco Bay Area Feminism and Philosophy Workshop
2012-2014, Member, North Bay Mills Alumnae Club Steering Committee