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AREA OF SPECIALIZATION: metaphysics, general philosophy of science

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

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## EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy

University of Pennsylvania (in progress)

MA, Philosophy (distinction)

San Francisco State University (2018)

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

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## TEACHING

Teaching Associate, PHIL 008: Social Contract (Fall 2020; University of Pennsylvania)

Lecturer, PHIL 062: Ethics (Spring 2019; Mills College)

Lecturer, PHIL 451: Feminist Moral Issues (Spring 2019; San Francisco State University)

Lecturer, PHIL 450: Ethics (Fall 2018; San Francisco State University)

Graduate Instructor, PHIL 110: Introduction to Critical Thinking (Fall 2015 & Summer 2017; San Francisco State University)

Teaching Assistant, PHIL 605: Metaphysics (Fall 2017; San Francisco State University)

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## 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>.

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## PRESENTATIONS

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 (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)  
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

### 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

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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## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

2020-present, Founder and Organizer, Philosophy in the Wild  
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