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AREAS OF RESEARCH:

Moral philosophy (especially metaethics, moral psychology, and practical reason);

Social philosophy (including social epistemology and analytic ideology critique);

Feminist philosophy (especially misogyny, fatphobia, and their intersections).

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Associate Professor of Philosophy** 2019 –
Cornell University
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy** 2013 –
Cornell University
- FGSS (*Feminism, Gender & Sexuality Studies*) Field Member** 2018 –
Cornell University
- Faculty Fellow, Cornell Society for the Humanities** 2018 – 2019
- Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows** 2011 – 2013
(Equivalent to a Post-Doctoral Researcher)
Harvard University

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Philosophy** 2006 – 2011
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Thesis: "Not by Reasons Alone"
Committee: Richard Holton (chair), Sally Haslanger (advisor), Julia Markovits, Rae Langton
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Philosophy** 2001 – 2005
The University of Melbourne
Thesis: "Toward a Solution to the Problem of Logical Omniscience: An Impossible Worlds Approach to Temporal-Epistemic Logic."

BOOKS

[*Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny*](#), New York: Oxford University Press, 2018.

[*Entitled: How Male Privilege Hurts Women*](#), New York: Crown and London: Penguin, 2020.

[*Unshrinking: How to Face Fatphobia*](#), New York: Crown and London: Penguin, January 2024.

PAPERS

["Moral Gaslighting,"](#) *Aristotelian Society Supplementary Volume*, June 2023, Volume 97(1): 122–145. ([Proofs here.](#))

["Beware of the Woke White Male Feminist,"](#) *Short Takes on Ijeoma Oluo's Mediocre: The Dangerous Legacy of White Male America*, *Signs*, 2021.

[Response to *Short Takes Critics*](#) on *Entitled* (Arwa Mahdawi, Peggy McIntosh, Laurie Penny, Chanda Prescod-Weinstein), *Signs*, 2020.

[Critical précis of *Down Girl*, and responses to my critics](#) (Sally Haslanger, Rebecca Kukla, and Lori Watson), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Down Girl* Book Symposium, July 2020, Volume 101(1).

[Responses to commentaries on *Down Girl* \(by Elle Benjamin, Agnes Callard, Ishani Maitra, Kathryn Norlock, Briana Toole, and Audrey Yap\)](#), *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, Spring 2019, Volume 18(2).

["Melancholy Whiteness: Or, Shame-Faced in Shadows,"](#) *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, January 2018, Volume 96(1): 233–242.

["Locating Morality: Moral Imperatives as Bodily Imperatives,"](#) *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, Vol. 12, 2017, ed. Russ Shafer-Landau, Oxford: Oxford University Press. ([Proofs here.](#))

["Humanism: A Critique,"](#) *Social Theory and Practice*, April 2016, Volume 42(2): 389–415. ([Proofs here.](#))

["Democratizing Humeanism,"](#) in *Weighing Reasons*, eds. Barry Maguire and Errol Lord, New York: Oxford University Press, 2016. ([Proofs here.](#))

["Tempered Internalism and the Participatory Stance,"](#) in *Motivational Internalism*, eds. Gunnar Björnsson, Caj Strandberg, Ragnar Francén Olinder, John Eriksson, and Fredrik Björklund, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015. ([Proofs here.](#))

["Disagreeing about How to Disagree,"](#) with David Sobel, *Philosophical Studies*, April 2014, Volume 168(3): 823–834. ([Proofs here.](#))

["Internalism about Reasons: Sad but True?"](#) *Philosophical Studies*, January 2014, Volume 167(1): 89–117. ([Proofs here.](#))

["Non-Machiavellian Manipulation and the Opacity of Motive,"](#) in *Manipulation: Theory and Practice*, eds. Michael Weber and Christian Coons, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014. ([Proofs here.](#))

["On Being Social in Metaethics,"](#) *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, Vol. 8, 2013, ed. Russ Shafer-Landau, Oxford: Oxford University Press. ([Proofs here.](#))

SELECT OPINION

[People Who Moralize Fatness—But Not Other “Risky” Behaviors—Are Telling On Themselves](#)

Jezebel, February 9 2024

[Medical Fatphobia Does Serious Harm to Patients](#) *Washington Post*, January 31 2024

[Society Preaches Kindness—Unless You’re Fat. Why is Fatphobia Still on the Rise?](#) *The Guardian*,

January 12 2024

[The Five Words that Helped Me Accept My Body](#) *Time*, January 9 2024

[Growing Up, My Body Was a Punch Line](#) *The Cut*, January 4 2024

[What if “Food Noise” is Just... Hunger?](#) *New York Times*, December 29 2023

[Trans Philosophy Matters](#) *LA Review of Books*, December 4 2023

[Why the Internet Sided with Johnny Depp](#) *The Nation*, June 6 2022

[Four Women Philosophers at Odds on the Nature of Morality](#) *TLS*, February 11 2022

[Diet Culture is Unhealthy. It’s also Immoral](#) *New York Times*, January 3 2022

[How to Lose her Voice: On Testimonial Injustice and the Ways Women are Silenced](#) *The Monthly*

May 2021

[What Sarah Everard’s Murder Illuminates—and Might Obscure](#) *The Atlantic*, March 17 2021

[Female Victims are People in their Own Right](#) *The Guardian*, February 16 2021

[Trump Obsesses Over ‘Dominating’ Covid-19 Because He Wants to Look Manly](#) *Washington Post*,

October 7 2020

[America Will Want Too Much from Kamala Harris](#) *The Atlantic*, August 19 2020

[Women Can Have a Little Power, as a Treat](#) *New York Times*, July 28 2020

[Warren Succeeded Because Voters Saw Her as Caring. That’s Also Why She Failed](#) *Washington Post*,

March 6 2020

[It’s the Sexism, Stupid](#) *Politico*, April 11 2019

[Gillibrand’s Franken-Problem Won’t Die](#) *The Cut/New York Magazine*, January 17 2019

[Brett Kavanaugh and America’s ‘Himpathy’ Reckoning](#) *New York Times*, September 26 2018

SELECT OPINION (CONT.)

[Open your ears—and your mind—to Christine Blasey Ford](#), *CNN*, September 24 2018

[Reconsider the Lobster](#) (On Jordan B. Peterson's *12 Rules for Life*), *TLS*, May 23 2018

[Eric Schneiderman and the Meaning of Strangulation](#) *New York Times*, May 10 2018

[Salma Hayek was Destroyed by the Same Shame that Protected Harvey Weinstein](#) *Newsweek*, December 14 2017

[Good Girls: How Powerful Men Get Away with Sexual Predation](#) *Huffington Post*, March 24 2017

[Six Ways from Tuesday: How Gender Dynamics Multiply Impacted the Outcome and Predicted Low Turnout](#) *Huffington Post*, November 13 2016

[Don't Trust Your Gut on Hillary: Why the Visceral Suspicion of Her is Predictable—and Untrustworthy](#) *Huffington Post*, October 29 2016

[Yes, Millennials, We Have Gender Biases against Hillary](#) *Huffington Post*, October 23 2016

[When a Man Competes with a Woman](#) *Huffington Post*, October 19 2016

[Entitled Shame, Family Annihilators & Toxic Masculinity](#) *Huffington Post*, October 18 2016

[Trumped-up Moral Outrage about Misogyny](#) *Huffington Post*, October 9 2016

[The Logic of Misogyny](#), lead essay for a forum on misogyny, *The Boston Review*, July 2016

[Sympathy for the Rapist: What the Stanford Case Teaches](#) *Huffington Post*, June 9 2016

[A Quick Heads-Up](#) *The New Philosopher*, Education Ed., August 2016

[What Do We Do with Pornography?](#) *Review of Nancy Bauer's How to Do Things with Pornography*, *TLS*, April 2016

[When Free Speech Becomes a Political Weapon](#), with Jason Stanley, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, November 13 2015

[Why I Use Trigger Warnings](#) *New York Times*, *The Sunday Review*, September 20 2015

[Punishing Humanity](#) *New York Times*, *The Stone*, October 12 2014

SELECT UPCOMING AND RECENT TALKS

On *Unshrinking: How to Face Fatphobia* (various chapters)

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| <i>Fairleigh Dickinson University, online talk for Women's History Month</i> | March 2022 |
| <i>Bergen Community College, online talk for Women's History Month</i> | March 2022 |
| <i>Radboud University (the Netherlands), online talk</i> | May 2022 |
| <i>College of the Holy Cross, online talk</i> | Sept. 2022 |
| <i>University of California, Berkeley, Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory workshop</i> | Sept. 2022 |
| <i>University of Southern California, philosophy colloquium</i> | Oct. 2022 |
| <i>St. Lawrence University, Kathryn Fraser Mackay Memorial Lecture</i> | Oct. 2022 |
| <i>University of Geneva (Switzerland), online talk</i> | Dec. 2022 |
| <i>Calgary Institute for the Humanities second Distinguished Lecture</i> | March 2023 |
| <i>Miami University Keynote Lecture, Humanity Center's "Contesting Authority" Series</i> | April 2023 |
| <i>Illinois State University, WGSS Symposium Keynote Lecture</i> | April 2023 |
| <i>Union College Public Lecture</i> | May 2023 |
| <i>Aristotelian Society Talk (London, UK)</i> | July 2023 |
| <i>Hamilton College: Food Justice, Aesthetics, and Morality Workshop Keynote</i> | Sept. 2023 |
| <i>Buffalo Street Books (with Adrienne Bitar)</i> | Jan. 2024 |
| <i>eCornell Keynote (with Amanda Recupero)</i> | Jan. 2024 |
| <i>FAM (with Roxane Gay)</i> | Jan. 2024 |
| <i>Card Carrying Books and 171 Cedar Arts Center (with Holly Jones)</i> | Jan. 2024 |
| <i>Harvard Bookstore (with Sally Haslanger)</i> | Jan. 2024 |
| <i>Montclair Public Library (with Kate Tuttle)</i> | Jan. 2024 |
| <i>Community Bookstore (with Virginia Sole-Smith)</i> | Jan. 2024 |
| <i>Politics and Prose Bookstore (with Emily Esfahani Smith)</i> | Jan. 2024 |
| <i>The Strand Bookstore (with Kara Alaimo)</i> | Jan. 2024 |
| <i>University of Georgia Institute for Women's Studies public lecture</i> | March 2024 |
| <i>Sydney Writers' Festival talk and closing address</i> | May 2024 |

On *Entitled: How Male Privilege Hurts Women* (various chapters)

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| <i>Biennial Hannah Arendt Lecture, Tilburg University, The Netherlands</i> | Nov. 2021 |
| <i>Stanford Humanities Center Public Lecture</i> | Sept. 2021 |
| <i>York Festival of Ideas</i> | June 2021 |
| <i>Rutgers Class of 1970's Public Lecture</i> | April 2021 |
| <i>Cornell Society for the Humanities, Annual Invitational Lecture</i> | Feb. 2021 |
| <i>Bristol Festival of Ideas, with Julian Baggini</i> | Dec. 2020 |
| <i>Binghamton University Graduate Philosophy Conference Keynote</i> | Nov. 2020 |
| <i>The Philosopher, Online Conversation, with Chiara Ricciardone</i> | Oct. 2020 |
| <i>Brown & Haley lecture series, Puget Sound, 2019 speaker</i> | Sept. 2019 |
| <i>Omega Women and Power conference, featured keynote speaker</i> | Sept. 2019 |
| <i>Grinnell College, public lecture</i> | Sept. 2019 |
| <i>Southeastern Illinois University-Edwardsville, featured speaker</i> | April 2019 |

SELECT UPCOMING AND RECENT TALKS (CONT.)

On *Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny* (various chapters)

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| <i>Left Book Club, UK</i> | Dec. 2020 |
| <i>Eastern APA author-meets-critics session</i> | Jan. 2019 |
| <i>Time's Up, What Now? Lecture series at UConn, Amherst College and Wellesley</i> | Oct. 2018 |
| <i>CPA (Montreal, Canada) author-meets-critics session</i> | June 2018 |
| <i>Colloquium on Down Girl (Turin University, Italy)</i> | June 2018 |

On "Himpathy" (various titles)

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| <i>University of Buffalo, inaugural public lecture on misogyny</i> | Oct. 2018 |
| <i>Princeton philosophy department colloquium talk</i> | Oct. 2018 |
| <i>CUNY #MeToo conference, invited speaker</i> | Oct. 2018 |
| <i>Nassau Community College, public lecture</i> | Oct. 2018 |
| <i>Wooster College's Annual Lindner Public Lecture in ethics</i> | Sept. 2018 |
| <i>Brooklyn Public Library, public lecture</i> | May 2018 |
| <i>University of Alabama-Birmingham, public lecture</i> | April 2018 |
| <i>RIT undergraduate conference keynote speaker</i> | April 2018 |
| <i>University of Indiana-Bloomington philosophy colloquium talk</i> | March 2018 |
| <i>MIT-ing of the Minds alumni conference, invited talk</i> | Feb. 2018 |
| <i>UNC-Chapel Hill philosophy department colloquium talk</i> | Feb. 2018 |
| <i>University of Michigan, gender, race & feminism working group talk</i> | Jan. 2018 |
| <i>Fordham University, ethics and epistemology workshop presentation</i> | Sept. 2017 |
| <i>King's College London, legal philosophy workshop paper</i> | March 2017 |

"How Misogyny Turns on Gaslighting" (titles have varied slightly)

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| <i>Washington University at St Louis philosophy colloquium</i> | Nov. 2017 |
| <i>CUNY philosophy graduate center colloquium talk</i> | Oct. 2017 |
| <i>Conference on gaslighting & epistemic injustice, CMC, keynote speaker</i> | Sept. 2017 |
| <i>Binghamton University philosophy department colloquium talk</i> | Sept. 2017 |

"What is Misogyny?" (titles have varied slightly)

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| <i>Friends of the Boston Review event, invited speaker (Silicon Valley, CA)</i> | August 2016 |
| <i>Harvard University, MAP talk</i> | May 2016 |
| <i>University of Pittsburgh, Tamara Horowitz Memorial Lecture</i> | April 2016 |
| <i>Princeton University, MAP talk</i> | Febr. 2016 |
| <i>University of Wisconsin-Madison philosophy department colloquium talk</i> | Jan. 2016 |
| <i>Yale University ideology conference, invited speaker</i> | Jan. 2016 |

"Acquitting Victims" (titles have varied slightly)

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| <i>DePauw University undergraduate ethics conference, keynote speaker</i> | April 2016 |
| <i>University of North Carolina (UNC)-Chapel Hill, public lecture in PPE</i> | Nov. 2015 |
| <i>Queen's University philosophy department colloquium talk</i> | Nov. 2015 |
| <i>Duke University, Philosophy, Arts & Literature program (PAL), invited talk</i> | Nov. 2015 |

SELECT UPCOMING AND RECENT TALKS (CONT.)

Misc. talks, mostly in socially-oriented metaethics and moral psych (Titles available on request)

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| <i>University of California-Berkeley, law & philosophy guest seminar paper</i> | Feb. 2017 |
| <i>Metaethics workshop (CHillMeta), submitted paper, UNC-Chapel Hill</i> | Oct. 2015 |
| <i>St Andrews University, invited speaker, reasons workshop</i> | May 2015 |
| <i>Southern Methodist University, workshop on deception, invited speaker</i> | April 2015 |
| <i>Invited symposium with Ruth Chang, comments by Daniel Star, Central APA</i> | Feb. 2015 |
| <i>University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, metaethics conference invited speaker</i> | Jan. 2015 |
| <i>University of Connecticut, dominating speech conference, submitted paper</i> | Nov. 2014 |
| <i>Columbia University, guest seminar for Joseph Raz on disagreement</i> | Oct. 2014 |
| <i>Harvard University, workshop on cognitive penetration, invited talk</i> | April 2014 |
| <i>Rutgers University, ethics reading group invited talk</i> | April 2014 |
| <i>NYU Abu Dhabi, metaethics workshop, invited speaker</i> | Jan. 2014 |
| <i>Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference (BSPC), submitted talk</i> | August 2013 |
| <i>University of Pittsburgh philosophy department colloquium talk</i> | March 2013 |
| <i>Comments, with David Sobel, on Enoch's Taking Morality Seriously, E-APA</i> | Dec. 2012 |
| <i>UNC-Chapel Hill, metaethics workshop, invited speaker</i> | Dec. 2012 |
| <i>Comments on David Enoch's book, SPAWN, Syracuse University</i> | August 2012 |
| <i>University of Sheffield, implicit bias conference speaker</i> | July 2012 |
| <i>University of Gothenburg, moral motivation workshop, submitted paper</i> | May 2012 |
| <i>Young Philosophers Speaker Series, submitted talks, SUNY Fredonia</i> | April 2012 |
| <i>Bowling Green State, ethics & public policy workshop, submitted paper</i> | March 2012 |
| <i>Syracuse University philosophy department colloquium talk</i> | Dec. 2011 |
| <i>Metaethics workshop (MadMeta), submitted paper, U. Wisconsin-Madison</i> | Sept. 2011 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Instructor/Co-Instructor, Cornell University | 2013 – |
| <i>(Un)Following</i> (interdisciplinary seminar at the Cornell Society for the Humanities) | |
| <i>Contemporary Moral Issues</i> (1450) * 3 | |
| <i>Ethics</i> (2410) * 5 | |
| Instructor/Co-Instructor, Cornell University | 2013 – |
| <i>Ethical Theory</i> (3410) * 3 | |
| <i>Feminist Philosophy</i> (4490), with Michelle Kosch for 2/6 iterations | |
| <i>Graduate Seminar: Ethics & Value Theory</i> (6410), with Julia Markovits for 1/6 iterations | |
| <i>Graduate Proseminar</i> , co-taught with Will Starr (for 1/1 iteration) | |
| Teaching Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School (HKS), Harvard University | 2010 |
| Teaching Assistant (TA), MIT | 2007 – 2010 |
| Logic and computation tutor (TA) & lab demonstrator, Melbourne University | 2005 – 2006 |

SELECT HONORS

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| For my book, <i>Unshrinking: How to Face Fatphobia</i> (2024): | |
| The Best Books We've Read in 2024 (so far) , <i>The New Yorker</i> | |
| Reads for the Rest of Us , <i>Ms. Magazine</i> , January 2024 | |
| January 2024 book picks, <i>Psychologies Magazine</i> | |
| ADVANCE Australia Emerging Leader Finalist 2023 | |
| For my book, <i>Entitled: How Male Privilege Hurts Women</i> (2020): | |
| 15 Best Books of 2020 , <i>The Atlantic</i> | |
| 15 Best Feminist Books , <i>Esquire</i> | |
| Voted one of the world's ' top 10 thinkers ' by readers of Prospect magazine (UK), 2019 | |
| For my book, <i>Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny</i> (2018): | |
| APA (American Philosophical Association) book prize, 2019 | |
| PROSE Award winner in the Humanities, 2019 | |
| PROSE Award winner in philosophy, 2019 | |
| Book of the Year 2017 , pick by Cordelia Fine, <i>The Big Issue</i> | |
| Dozen Most Memorable Books of 2017, Book Party , Carlos Lozada, <i>The Washington Post</i> | |
| Books of the Year 2017 , chosen by Carrie Tirado Bramen, <i>Times Higher Education</i> | |
| Best Books of 2017 , chosen by Skye Cleary, <i>The Reading Lists</i> | |
| Best Philosophy Books in 2018 , Nigel Warburton, <i>Five Books</i> | |
| Best Five Books on Cruelty and Evil , Paul Bloom (in conversation with Nigel Warburton), <i>Five Books</i> | |
| Big Summer Reads for 2018 , Kerri Miller, <i>MPR Radio News</i> | |
| APA (American Philosophical Association) Op-Ed Contest Winner | 2023 |
| APA (American Philosophical Association) Op-Ed Contest Winner | 2015 |
| General Sir John Monash Award | 2006 |

SELECT PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, SERVICE, ETC.

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| Eastern APA program committee member | 2023 |
| Cornell Humanities Council | 2022 – 2024 |
| Philosophical Review Editor | 2022 – 2023 |
| Philosophical Review Editor-in-Chief | 2023 – 2024 |
| Signs Stimpson Prize committee member | 2022 |
| Philosophical Review Books Reviews Editor | 2016 – 2017, 2021 – 2022 |
| Co-guest editor with Adriene Takaoka for an issue of <i>Philosophical Topics</i> | 2018 – 2020 |
| Philosophy discussion club (colloquium talk) organizer, Cornell University | 2017 – 2018 |
| Co-organizer for the Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference (BSPC) | 2015 |
| Metaethics Workshop (MadMeta) Program Committee | 2014 |
| Committee chair for Amy Ramirez, Adriene Takaoka (co-chair), Quitterie Gounot, Alex Boeglin (co-chair), Adelle Goldenberg, Urna Chakrabarty, Bianca Waked | 2013 – |
| Graduate student workshop organizer, Cornell University | 2013 – 2016 |
| Co-organizer, WOGAP (Workshop on Gender and Philosophy), MIT | 2006 – 2011 |