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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.](#))

## OPINION

[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

[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

## OPINION (CONT.)

[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 Fatphobia and Misogyny**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| <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  |

## SELECT UPCOMING AND RECENT TALKS (CONT.)

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| <b>On <i>Entitled: How Male Privilege Hurts Women</i> (various chapters)</b>       |                |
| <i>Biennial Hannah Arendt Lecture, Tilburg University, The Netherlands</i>         | November 2021  |
| <i>Stanford Humanities Center Public Lecture</i>                                   | September 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>             | February 2021  |
| <i>Bristol Festival of Ideas, with Julian Baggini</i>                              | December 2020  |
| <i>Binghamton University Graduate Philosophy Conference Keynote</i>                | November 2020  |
| <i>The Philosopher, Online Conversation, with Chiara Ricciardone</i>               | October 2020   |
| <i>Brown &amp; Haley lecture series, Puget Sound, 2019 speaker</i>                 | September 2019 |
| <i>Omega Women and Power conference, featured keynote speaker</i>                  | September 2019 |
| <i>Grinnell College, public lecture</i>  | September 2019 |
| <i>Southeastern Illinois University-Edwardsville, featured speaker</i>             | April 2019     |
| <b>On <i>Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny</i></b>                                  |                |
| <i>Left Book Club, UK</i>  | December 2020  |
| <i>Eastern APA author-meets-critics session</i>                                    | January 2019   |
| <i>Time's Up, What Now? Lecture series at UConn, Amherst College and Wellesley</i> | October 2018   |
| <i>CPA (Montreal, Canada) author-meets-critics session</i>                         | June 2018      |
| <i>Colloquium on Down Girl (Turin University, Italy)</i>                           | June 2018      |
| <b>"Himpathy" (titles have varied slightly)</b>                                    |                |
| <i>University of Buffalo, inaugural public lecture on misogyny</i>                 | October 2018   |
| <i>Princeton philosophy department colloquium talk</i>                             | October 2018   |
| <i>CUNY #MeToo conference, invited speaker</i>                                     | October 2018   |
| <i>Nassau Community College, public lecture</i>                                    | October 2018   |
| <i>Wooster College's Annual Lindner Public Lecture in ethics</i>                   | September 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>                        | February 2018  |
| <i>UNC-Chapel Hill philosophy department colloquium talk</i>                       | February 2018  |
| <i>University of Michigan, gender, race &amp; feminism working group talk</i>      | January 2018   |
| <i>Fordham University, ethics and epistemology workshop presentation</i>           | September 2017 |
| <i>King's College London, legal philosophy workshop paper</i>                      | March 2017     |
| <b>"How Misogyny Turns on Gaslighting" (titles have varied slightly)</b>           |                |
| <i>Washington University at St Louis philosophy colloquium</i>                     | November 2017  |
| <i>CUNY philosophy graduate center colloquium talk</i>                             | October 2017   |
| <i>Conference on gaslighting &amp; epistemic injustice, CMC, keynote speaker</i>   | September 2017 |
| <i>Binghamton University philosophy department colloquium talk</i>                 | September 2017 |

## SELECT UPCOMING AND RECENT TALKS (CONT.)

**"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>   | February 2016 |
| <i>University of Wisconsin-Madison philosophy department colloquium talk</i>    | January 2016  |
| <i>Yale University ideology conference, invited speaker</i>                     | January 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>          | November 2015 |
| <i>Queen's University philosophy department colloquium talk</i>                       | November 2015 |
| <i>Duke University, Philosophy, Arts &amp; Literature program (PAL), invited talk</i> | November 2015 |

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

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| <i>University of California-Berkeley, law &amp; philosophy guest seminar paper</i> | February 2017  |
| <i>Metaethics workshop (CHillMeta), submitted paper, UNC-Chapel Hill</i>           | October 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>     | February 2015  |
| <i>University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, metaethics conference invited speaker</i> | January 2015   |
| <i>University of Connecticut, dominating speech conference, submitted paper</i>    | November 2014  |
| <i>Columbia University, guest seminar for Joseph Raz on disagreement</i>           | October 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>                         | January 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>     | December 2012  |
| <i>UNC-Chapel Hill, metaethics workshop, invited speaker</i>                       | December 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 &amp; public policy workshop, submitted paper</i>   | March 2012     |
| <i>Syracuse University philosophy department colloquium talk</i>                   | December 2011  |
| <i>Metaethics workshop (MadMeta), submitted paper, U. Wisconsin-Madison</i>        | September 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   |        |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

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

## SELECT HONORS

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| ADVANCE Australia <a href="#">Emerging Leader Finalist</a>   |      |
| For my book, Entitled: How Male Privilege Hurts Women (2020):  |      |
| <a href="#">15 Best Books of 2020</a> , <i>The Atlantic</i>  |      |
| <a href="#">15 Best Feminist Books</a> , <i>Esquire</i>  |      |
| Voted one of the world's ' <a href="#">top 10 thinkers</a> ' by readers of <i>Prospect</i> 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   |      |
| <a href="#">Book of the Year 2017</a> , pick by Cordelia Fine, <i>The Big Issue</i>  |      |
| <a href="#">Dozen Most Memorable Books of 2017, Book Party</a> , Carlos Lozada, <i>The Washington Post</i>                 |      |
| <a href="#">Books of the Year 2017</a> , chosen by Carrie Tirado Bramen, <i>Times Higher Education</i>                     |      |
| <a href="#">Best Books of 2017</a> , chosen by Skye Cleary, <i>The Reading Lists</i>                                       |      |
| <a href="#">Best Philosophy Books in 2018</a> , Nigel Warburton, <i>Five Books</i>   |      |
| <a href="#">Best Five Books on Cruelty and Evil</a> , Paul Bloom (in conversation with Nigel Warburton), <i>Five Books</i> |      |
| <a href="#">Big Summer Reads for 2018</a> , Kerri Miller, <i>MPR Radio News</i>  |      |
| APA (American Philosophical Association) Op-Ed Contest Winner  | 2015 |
| <a href="#">General Sir John Monash Award</a>  | 2006 |

## SELECT PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, SERVICE, ETC.

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