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AREAS OF RESEARCH:

Feminist philosophy, Moral philosophy, Social philosophy

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Professor of Philosophy	2025 –
Associate Professor of Philosophy	2019 – 2025
Assistant Professor of Philosophy <i>Cornell University</i>	2013 – 2019
FGSS (<i>Feminism, Gender & Sexuality Studies</i>) Field Member <i>Cornell University</i>	2018 –
Faculty Fellow, Cornell Society for the Humanities	2018 – 2019
Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows (Equivalent to a Post-Doctoral Researcher) <i>Harvard University</i>	2011 – 2013

EDUCATION

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

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

"Ordinary Cruelty: Explaining Misogyny without Dehumanization," forthcoming in the *Journal of the APA*

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

[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

[The Future of Misogyny](#) *The Monthly*, June 1, 2024

[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

SELECT OPINION (CONT.)

[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

[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

(And see also my substack newsletter, [More to Hate](#))

SELECT UPCOMING AND RECENT TALKS

"Sensitivity and Survival"

<i>Endowed Lecture in Human Values, Seattle University</i>	Jan. 2026
<i>Department Colloquium, The Ohio State University</i>	Feb. 2026
<i>Ithaca College, Distinguished Speaker in the Humanities</i>	April 2026
<i>Dean's Lecture in Humanistic Inquiry, UCLA</i>	April 2026

"Ordinary Cruelty: Explaining Misogyny without Dehumanization"

<i>Elton Lecture Series, George Washington University</i>	March 2025
<i>Lebowitz Lecture, Pacific APA</i>	April 2025
<i>California State University, Fresno, Public Lecture</i>	April 2025
<i>Feminist Ethics and #MeToo Conference, University of Iceland, Keynote Speaker</i>	May 2025
<i>Lippin Lecture, Penn State</i>	Sept. 2025
<i>Keynote Speaker at Department Retreat, University of Virginia</i>	Sept. 2025

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

<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
<i>Boheim Lecture, Marquette University</i>	Sept. 2024

SELECT UPCOMING AND RECENT TALKS (CONT.)

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

<i>Biennial Hannah Arendt Lecture, Tilburg University, The Netherlands</i>	Nov. 2021
<i>Stanford Humanities Center Public Lecture</i>	Sept. 2021
<i>Rutgers Class of 1970's Public Lecture</i>	April 2021
<i>Binghamton University Graduate Philosophy Conference Keynote</i>	Nov. 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

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

<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)

<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)

<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

SELECT UPCOMING AND RECENT TALKS (CONT.)

“What is Misogyny?” (titles have varied slightly)

<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
<i>NCHC Conference Plenary Address</i>	Sept. 2024
<i>Stiernotte Lecture, Quinnipiac University</i>	Oct. 2024

“Acquitting Victims” (titles have varied slightly)

<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

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

<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

Instructor/Co-Instructor, Cornell University (Un)Following (interdisciplinary seminar at the Cornell Society for the Humanities) Contemporary Moral Issues (1450) * 4 Ethics (2410) * 5	2013 –
Instructor/Co-Instructor, Cornell University Ethical Theory (3410) * 3 Feminist Philosophy (4490), with Michelle Kosch (for 2/8 iterations) and Willow Starr (for 1/8 iterations) Graduate Seminar: Ethics & Value Theory (6410), with Julia Markovits (for 2/7 iterations) Graduate Proseminar, co-taught with Willow Starr (for 1/1 iteration)	2013 –
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

APA Lebowitz Prize for Philosophical Achievement and Contribution (co-awarded with David Livingstone Smith), 2024	
For my book, Unshrinking: How to Face Fatphobia (2024): National Book Award Non-Fiction Finalist, 2024 The Best Books We've Read in 2024 , <i>The New Yorker</i> 2024 Books We Love (and "staff favorite"), <i>NPR</i> Editors' Best Books of 2024 , <i>Amazon</i> Reads for the Rest of Us , <i>Ms. Magazine</i> , January 2024 January 2024 book picks, <i>Psychologies Magazine</i>	
Cornell University Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Award: Advanced Career Faculty Champion, 2024	
<i>ADVANCE Australia</i> Emerging Leader Finalist 2023	
For my book, Entitled: How Male Privilege Hurts Women (2020): 15 Best Books of 2020 , <i>The Atlantic</i> 15 Best Feminist Books , <i>Esquire</i> 22 Must-Read Books about Feminism , <i>Forbes</i>	
Voted one of the world's 'top 10 thinkers' by readers of Prospect magazine (UK), 2019	
For my book, Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny (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.

<i>Director of Graduate Studies</i>	2024 – 2025
<i>Eastern APA program committee member</i>	2023 – 2024
<i>Cornell Humanities Council</i>	2022 – 2025
<i>Philosophical Review Editor</i>	2022 – 2024, 2025 –
<i>Philosophical Review Books Reviews Editor</i>	2016, 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>Committee chair for Amy Ramirez, Adriene Takaoka (co-chair), Adelle Goldenberg, Urna Chakrabarty, Bianca Waked, Ryan Bollier, Leo Alvarez Ceja, Quitterie Gounot, Madeline Monge</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