

Curriculum Vitae
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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Sex and Gender, Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Race, Moral Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind

Employment

Dartmouth College, Lecturer in Philosophy, 07/2021–present

Education

PhD Philosophy, University of Alberta, 01/2023

Dissertation: “Sex as a Biological Kind: A Case of Strategic Conceptual Engineering”

Dissertation Committee: Ingo Brigandt (University of Alberta, Philosophy, supervisor),

Cressida Heyes (University of Alberta, Political Science), Kathrin Koslicki (University of Neuchâtel, Philosophy)

MA English, University of Alberta, 11/2013

MA Project: “Cavendish’s Theory of Bodies: A Book Review Essay of *Margaret Cavendish and the Exiles of the Mind*”

MA Philosophy, Purdue University, 05/2012

BA (*cum laude*) with Honours in Philosophy, English and American Literature,
University of Texas at El Paso, 12/2008

Publications

“Sex and Gender” (forthcoming) *Routledge Handbook of Essence in Philosophy*, Kathrin Koslicki and Michael J. Raven (Eds.) New York: Routledge.

“Strategic Conceptual Engineering for Epistemic and Social Aims” with Ingo Brigandt. (2020) *Conceptual Engineering and Conceptual Ethics*, Alexis Burgess, Herman Cappelen, and David Plunkett (Eds.) Oxford: Oxford University Press.

“Feminism” (2015) *Living Archives on Eugenics in Western Canada*. Web.

<https://eugenicsarchive.ca/discover/encyclopedia/52336b0a5c2ec50000000049>

Papers in Preparation

“Sex on a Desert Island”

“Sex without Baptism”

“Gender: Breaking the Faith”

“Is it Sex or Gender? The Brain and Human Behaviour”

“Love as a Public Good”

Honours, Scholarships, and Awards

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Alberta, 04/2019
Calgary Summit for Philosophers of Science, Travel Award, 09/2014
Doctoral Fellowship, University of Alberta, 2013–2014
Provost Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship, University of Alberta, 2012–2013
Ross Fellowship, Purdue University, 2009–2010
Outstanding Philosophy Major, The University of Texas at El Paso, 12/2008
Institute for Recruitment of Teachers Summer Internship, 07/2008
Outstanding Philosophy Paper “On Mill and the Mereological Account of Emergence,” 12/2007

Refereed Presentations

“Sex on a Desert Island” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Society for the Metaphysics of Science group session, Montréal (01/2023)
“Three Concepts of Gender for Different Social Aims” Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Ryerson University, 05/2017
“Sex Kinds and Sex Concepts,” Sex, Art, and Essentialism: New Perspectives on HPC Kinds, Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Alberta, 10/2016
“Feminism, the Life Sciences, and the Making of Liveable Lives: A Butlerian Critique of Gendered Brain Studies” Women’s and Gender Studies et *Recherches Féministes*, University of Calgary, 05/2016
“Sex Kinds and Sex Concepts,” Sex, Art, and Essentialism: New Perspectives on HPC Kinds, Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Calgary, 05/2016
“Evolutionary Explanations of Female Sexuality: Combining Feminist Values and New Empirical Perspectives” International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology, Université du Québec à Montréal, 07/2015
“Evolutionary Explanations of Female Sexuality: Combining Feminist Values and New Empirical Perspectives,” Calgary Summit for Philosophers of Science, University of Calgary, 09/2014
“Sex, Gender, and Implicit Attitudes,” New Mexico–West Texas Philosophical Society, University of Texas at El Paso, 04/2011
“On Mill and the Mereological Account of Emergence,” New Mexico–West Texas Philosophical Society, University of Texas at El Paso, 04/2008

Keynote Addresses

“Sex, Gender, and Implicit Attitudes” II Encuentro Regional de Filosofía, Norte de México, Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua, 04/2013

Invited Presentations

“Sex on a Desert Island” University of Alberta Philosophy Colloquium, 11/2023
“Sex without Baptism, Amen” Middlebury College Philosophy Colloquium, 10/2022
“Sex without Baptism, Amen” New Perspectives on the Ontology of Social Identities workshop, Bucknell University, 06/2022
“Sex on a Desert Island” University of Oregon Philosophy Colloquium, 11/2021
“Gender–Based Brain Studies and Their Malcontents” Inaugural Mediating Science and Technology (MST) Graduate Student Café, 02/2021
“Logic and Practical Aims Help Fulfill the Project of Science,” World Logic Day, Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua, 01/2021
“Gender–Based Brain Studies and Their Malcontents,” presented in Emine Hande Tuna’s Undergraduate Seminar on Feminist Philosophy, University of California, Santa Cruz, 10/2020

“Strategic Conceptual Engineering for Epistemic and Social Aims,” presented in David Liebesman’s Graduate Seminar on Conceptual Engineering, University of Calgary, 02/2020

“Scrutinizing Gender–Based Brain Studies and Epigenetic Approaches to Psychiatric Conditions” with Ingo Brigandt, Biology of Behavior Workshop, Université du Québec à Montréal, 05/2018

“Should Feminists be Vegetarians? A Contextualist Response,” Gender and Social Justice Conference, University of Alberta, 03/2017

“Should Feminists be Vegetarians? A Contextualist Response,” Public Lecture, The Vegetarians and Vegans of the University of Alberta, University of Alberta, 02/2017

“Strategic Conceptual Engineering for Epistemic and Social Aims” with Ingo Brigandt, Conceptual Engineering Workshop, University of Oslo, 06/2016

“Feminism, the Life Sciences, and the Making of Liveable Lives: A Butlerian Critique of Gendered Brain Studies,” Department of Philosophy Colloquium, University of Alberta, 02/2015

“Symposium on *Women in Philosophy: What Needs to Change?*” Department of Philosophy Colloquium Panel, University of Alberta, 09/2014

“On Mill and the Mereological Account of Emergence,” Department of Philosophy, Outstanding Student Paper Presentation, University of Texas at El Paso, 01/2008

“Varieties of Emergence” Tri–City Philosophical Society, El Paso, TX, 05/2007

Commentaries

Comments on Asya Passinsky’s “Social Construction and Meta–Ground” APA Pacific (scheduled for 2024)

Comments on Anton Killin’s “Naturalized Metaphysics of Music: Pluralism, Realism and Music Archaeology” Society for the Metaphysics of Science, University of Toronto, 11/2019

Comments on Katherine Ritchie’s “Essentializing Language and the Prospects for Ameliorative Projects” Conference on Essentialism and Anti–Essentialism, Banff Centre, 09/2019

Teaching Experience

Dartmouth College

Lecturer

Philosophy and Gender (*two times*)

The Self in Philosophy, Psychology, and Neuroscience (*two times*)

Love & Respect

Metaphysics of Race

Race, Gender, and Sexuality

The Historical Philosophy of W.E.B. Du Bois

Sex, Gender, and Society (*two times*)

Friends, Lovers, and Comrades: Ethical Issues of Special Relationships (*two times*)

Intersections

Independent Study: the Science, Ethics, and Politics of Obesity

University of Alberta

Principal Instructor

Feminism and Food (*five times*)

Philosophy of Science

Health Care Ethics (*two times*)

Gender and Science

Feminist Philosophy

Teaching Assistant

Values and Society (*Administrative Teaching Assistant*)

Knowledge and Reality

Guest Lectures

Knowledge and Reality (topic: Personal Identity), 10/2019

Critical Issues in Women's and Gender Studies (topics: Primatology; Animals and Science), 11/2018
Topics in Women's and Gender Studies *Feminist Methodologies* (topic: Epistemologies of Ignorance), 09/2016

Purdue University

Principal Instructor

Introduction to Philosophy

Ethics

Teaching Assistant

Biomedical Ethics

Critical Thinking

Guest Lectures

Critical Thinking (topic: Deductive and Inductive Arguments), 09/2010

Athabasca University

Individualized Study Tutor

Critical Thinking

Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Philosophy

Ethics

Research Assistantships and Other Academic Employment

Essentialism and Anti-Essentialism Project, Research Assistant, University of

Alberta (Supervisor: Kathrin Koslicki), 01/2019–04/2021

PhilPapers, Essence and Essentialism, Assistant Editor, 01/2019

Departmental Media Coordinator, Research Assistant, University of Alberta, 01–04/2018

Hume Studies, Research Assistant, University of Alberta, 01–04/2017

Science, Technology, and Society Program, Research Assistant, University of Alberta, 01–04/2016

Symposium, Research Assistant, University of Alberta, 05–08/2017

Living Archives on Eugenics in Western Canada, Research Assistant, University of Alberta, 05–12/2014

English Studies in Canada, Research Assistant, University of Alberta, 05–06/2013

The Orlando Project, Research Assistant, University of Alberta, 2012–2013

Joyce and Edward E. Brewer Research Assistant, Purdue University, 08–12/2011

Coordinator for Purdue Lectures in Ethics, Policy, and Science, 08–12/2011

Synthese Journal and Library, Language (Copy) Editor, Springer Publishing, 02/2008–01/2009

Invited Professional Refereeing

Synthese Journal, 2020–

Erkenntnis, 2022–

Journal of Social Ontology, 2022–

Metaphysics, 2023–

Canadian Philosophical Association, 2017

University of Alberta Graduate and Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, 2014–2019

Professional Service

Philosophy of Science Guest Lectures, Organizer, Dept. of Philosophy, Dartmouth College, 2023–2024

Race, Gender, and Justice Lecture Series, Co-Organizer, Dept. of Philosophy, Dartmouth College, 04/2022

University of Alberta Distinguished Lecture, Speaker: Sally Haslanger, Organizer, 2018

Women in Philosophy +, Co-founder and Organizer, Dept. Philosophy, University of Alberta, 2016–2017

University of Alberta Philosophy Graduate and Postgraduate Conference 2017:

“Interiority,” Organizer, 2016–2017

University of Alberta Philosophy Graduate and Postgraduate Conference 2016:

“Dependencies and Differences,” Organizer and Editor, 2015–2016

University of Alberta Philosophy Graduate and Postgraduate Conference 2015:
“Thinking and Bias,” Organizer and Editor, 2014–2015
Vice-President of The Tri-City Philosophical Society, 2007–2009

Service to the Department

Sexual Assault Education and Awareness Workshop for Philosophy Graduate Students,
Organizer, Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta, 04/2017
Philosophy Graduate Student Group, President, University of Alberta, 2015–2017
Philosophy Graduate Student Group, Editor, University of Alberta, 2014–2015
Equity Committee Officer, Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta, 2013–2017

Community Outreach

Fort Saskatchewan Correctional Centre, Volunteer Instructor of Philosophy, 2017–2018

Advising

Zeynep Sina Ersan, Topic in the Metaphysics of Gender and Sexuality, MA Thesis, Università della Svizzera italiana (co-supervision), 01/2024–present
Clara Pakman, “Gender Comics: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Gender,” Social and Environmental Justice Research Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 06–09/2022
Amelia Deneka, The Sexing of Plants by Linnaean Botany, Undergraduate Research,
University of Alberta, 05–06/2017
Women in Philosophy +, Mentor to Undergraduate Students Underrepresented in
Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta, 2016–2017

Professional Memberships

American Philosophical Association 09/2022–
Society for the Metaphysics of Science, 10/2019 –
Women’s and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes, 12/2015 –
Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, 04/2015 –
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology, 04/2015
New Mexico–West Texas Philosophical Society, 2008–2011

References

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