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Curriculum Vitae

Seattle University
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020-present: Instructor, Philosophy, Seattle University

EDUCATION

2015-2020: Ph.D., Philosophy, The University of Memphis

Dissertation: *Shared Agency and Structural Oppression: The Ethics of Social Reality Management* (abstract below)

Committee: Deborah Tollefsen (chair), Shaun Gallagher, Lindsey Stewart, and Luvell Anderson (Syracuse University)

2018: Visiting PhD Student, The Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen (March – May)

2015: Graduate Certificate. Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind. The Center for Subjectivity Research at University of Copenhagen. (August)

2013-2015: M.A. Philosophy (Social, Political, Ethical, and Legal), Binghamton University

2006-2012: B.A. Philosophy (Honors); B.A. Women's Studies, *magna cum laude*, Portland State University

AREAS OF RESEARCH

AOS: Social and Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, Social Ontology

AOC: Ethics, Applied Ethics (esp. Bioethics), Philosophy of Mind/Phenomenology

PUBLICATIONS

(2018) “On Microaggressions: Cumulative Harm and Individual Responsibility.” *Hypatia*. DOI: 10.1111/hypa.12390

- Received Recognition as Top 20 Downloaded Paper for 2017-2018 and Top 10 Downloaded Paper for 2018-2019 for *Hypatia*

Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entries:

(Forthcoming) “Microaggressions and The Problem of Attributional Ambiguity.” In the *Routledge Handbook of Social and Political Philosophy of Language*, edited by Justin Khoo and Rachel Sterken. (Invited)

(2020) “Towards an Intentional Model for Microaggressive Harassment: The Fundamental Attribution Error and Gaslighting of Transgender Athletes,” with Veronica Ivy. In *Microaggressions and Philosophy*, edited by Lauren Freeman and Jeanine Weekes Schroer. (Invited)

(2018) “Resisting Oppression Together: Shared Intentions and Unequal Agents.” In *Collectivity: Ontology, Ethics and Social Justice*, edited by Kendy Hess, Violetta Ionescu, and Tracy Isaacs. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. (Invited)

(2017) “Collective Intentionality,” with Deborah Perron Tollefsen. *Philosophy of Mind and Psychology*. *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online*. DOI: 10.4324/0123456789-W056-1

EDITED COLLECTIONS

(Forthcoming 2020) Guest Editor with Leonie Smith. *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, Special Issue: “Collective Agents and Global Structural Injustice.”

PRESENTATIONS

“Non-Binary Gender, Data Gaps, and Exclusionary Practices of Data Collection.” *Southern Journal of Philosophy Workshop*. Theme: The Ethics of Big Data. University of Memphis, April 2021.

“An Adaptive Theory of Microaggressions.” Panel: Microaggressions and Harms. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, April 2020. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

“Shared Intentions and Ideal Theory.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Vanderbilt University. October 2018.

“Shared Intentions and Ideal Theory.” Social Ontology XI. Tufts University. August 2018.

"Resisting Oppression Together: Participatory Intentions and Unequal Agents." Panel: Group Harms and Group Resistance. American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Jan. 2018.

“Sustainability: Vulnerable Communities and Future Generations,” with Morgan Elbot. 15th Annual Environmental Justice Conference at The University of Memphis, Department of Anthropology in conjunction with The Sierra Club Environmental Justice and Healthy Communities Program, and the Tennessee Chapter and the Chickasaw Group of the Sierra Club. October 2017. (*Invited; public philosophy*).

“Microaggressions and Practices of Accountability.” Colloquium on Epistemic Injustice and Epistemic Violence. Emory University, Department of Philosophy in conjunction with The Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry. Atlanta, GA. September 2017. (*Invited*)

“On Political Affordances: Eco-Cognitive Constraints on Joint Action, Value Foreclosure, and the Duty to Organize.” Panel: Collective Agents and Global Structural Injustice. MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory. University of Manchester. September 2017.

“Is the International Community a Collective Moral Agent?” Panel: Moral Agency. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division. Seattle, WA. April 2017.

“Is the International Community a Collective Moral Agent?” Panel: Expanding the Horizon: Collective Moral Agents and Global Justice. MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory. University of Manchester. September 2016.

“On Microaggressions: Cumulative Harm and Individual Responsibility.” Panel: Addressing Historical Wrongs. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division. San Francisco, CA. March 2016.

“It Wasn’t *Me*: Moral Responsibility and the First-Person Plural.” Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable. University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. March 2016.

“The Ethics of Shared Holocaust Memory and Jewish Assimilation.” Midsouth Philosophy Conference. Rhodes College, Memphis, TN. February 2016.

“On Microaggressions: Cumulative Harm and Individual Responsibility.” The Central States Philosophy Association. The University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. November 2015.

“Climate Change and Moral Obligation: Rethinking Ontological Divisions Between Individuals and the Collective.” International Association for Environmental Philosophy at the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division. Philadelphia, PA. December 2014.

“The Balance of Decency: Public Policy, Toleration, and Body Size in Health Discourse.” Northeastern Political Science Association. Boston, MA. November 2014.

“Rawls and the Heterosexual Family: A Critique.” Long Island Philosophical Society. Molloy College, NY. April 2014.

“Against a Postmodern Interpretation of Standpoint Epistemology: An Examination of Strong Objectivity and Anti-Essentialism.” International Symposium on Social Epistemology. Canadian Society for Epistemology. University of Sherbrooke, Canada. November 2013.

“How to Run A Public Contemplation Salon.” Research Club: A Community Think-Tank. Idealist.org Headquarters. June 2012. (*Invited; public philosophy*)

“Fatness as Flux: Shifting Queer Categorization for Bodies.” Women, Sexualities, and Gender Studies Colloquium. Portland State University. May 2012.

“Fatness as Flux: Shifting Queer Categorization for Bodies.” Women’s Resource Center’s Faculty Favorite Lecture Series. Portland State University. April 2012. (*Invited*)

“Embodied Objectivity: Confronting Epistemic Limitations Across Feminist Research Methodologies.” Praxis: An Experiment in Collaborative Art and Philosophy. PLACE at The Settlement. January 2012. (*Invited; public philosophy*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record:

Seattle University:

- UCOR 2900: Ethical Reasoning (Fall 2020)

University of Memphis:

- PHIL 1102: Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2019)
- PHIL 3514: Biomedical Ethics (Fall 2018; Fall 2019)
- PHIL 1101: Fundamental Issues in Philosophy (Fall 2017)
- PHIL 3514: Biomedical Ethics – online (Fall 2017)

Binghamton University:

- PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2015)

Graduate Teaching Assistant:

University of Memphis:

- PHIL 3880: Race and Racism w/ David Miguel Gray (Spring 2017)
- PHIL 3514: Biomedical Ethics w/ Stephan Blatti (Fall 2016)
- PHIL 3511: Ethics w/ Remy Debes (Spring 2016)
- PHIL 3514: Biomedical Ethics w/ Thomas Nenon (Fall 2015)

Binghamton University:

- PHIL 146: Philosophy of Law and Justice w/ Max Pensky (Fall 2014) – Head T.A.
- PHIL 149: Environmental Ethics and Policy w/ Joel MacClellan (Spring 2014)
- PHIL 146: Philosophy of Law and Justice w/ Charles Goodman (Fall 2015)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committees:

- American Philosophical Association Committee on LGBT People in the Profession, *Member* (2020-2023)

Conference Organizing:

- “Collective Agents and Global Structural Injustice.” Conveners: Christina Friedlaender and Leonie Smith. MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory. University of Manchester. September 2017.
- “Environmental Ethics and Structural Oppression,” *Director*, Philosophy Graduate Conference, University of Memphis, 2017.

Commenting:

- McClure, Emma. “Microaggressions, Torts, and the Right to Apology.” American Philosophical Association – Pacific, April 2019.
- Madura, Lisa. “Giving Weight to Reasons: Toward a Feminist Conception of Deliberation.” Tennessee Philosophical Society, October 2018.
- Gaier, Robyn R. “Moral Injuries and the Possibility of Forgiveness without Wrongdoing.” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2017.

Referee for:

- *Ergo*
- *Hypatia*
- *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*
- *Social Theory and Practice*

Departmental and University Service:

- Teaching Effectiveness Workshop for Incoming GTAs, *Invited Panelist*, Graduate School, University of Memphis (Fall 2019).
- Minorities and Philosophy (M.A.P.), *Founding Member and Chapter Coordinator*, University of Memphis (2016-present).
- SPEL Philosophy Graduate Colloquium, *Founding Member and Coordinator*, Binghamton University (2013-2015).
- Minorities and Philosophy, *Undergraduate Outreach*, Binghamton University (2013-2014)
- Philosophy Graduate Student Organization, *Senator*, Binghamton University (2013-2014)

Public Philosophy:

- *Founder and Coordinator*, Neurobics: A Community Lecture Series on Philosophy, Science and Art, Place Gallery, Portland, Oregon (2011-2013).

Other relevant service:

- *Student Intern*, The Women's Resource Center, Portland State University (2009-2012)
 - Co-chair and Fundraising Chair for Take Back the Night (2009, 2010).
 - Organizer for: Domestic Violence Awareness Month (2010-2012), Sexual Assault Awareness Month (2009-2012), Eco-Feminism Committee (2011-2012).

COMPETATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS
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- Marcus W. Orr Center for the Humanities, Freeburg Dissertation Fellow (Spring 2020).
- Dissertation Completion Award, Philosophy Department, University of Memphis, Award Amount: \$2,000 (Fall 2019).
- Graduate Assistant Meritorious Teaching Award, University of Memphis, Award Amount: \$500 (Spring 2019).
- Graduate Student Association Travel Award, University of Memphis (Spring 2017)
- College of Arts and Sciences Travel Enrichment Award, University of Memphis (Fall 2016)
- Head Graduate Teaching Assistant for PHIL 146: Philosophy of Law and Justice (Fall 2014).

- The Aimee Shattuck Award for Service to Women, Honoree, Portland State University (2012)
- Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship, Portland State University (2006-2010)

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

My dissertation offers a methodological, ideological, and ethical intervention into literature on shared agency through the lens of oppression theory. Oppression theory starts from the claim that structural forms of oppression play a significant role in shaping our social world, including our identities, epistemic standpoints, values, and metaphysical worldviews. Connecting Hans Vaihinger's work on methodology to the tradition of feminist philosophy of science, I argue that we develop models of shared agency not merely for the purpose of understanding but also to better manage how we undertake actions together. Given that shared agency is the primary way by which we shape and navigate our social world, we model shared agency, in part, to manage how we engage in this practice. These models are thus a second-order form of social reality management because their purpose is to manage the conditions by which we create social reality together. For this reason, we ought to be concerned with both the ideological nature of these models and the ethics of this second-order management. Contra universal or singular models, I argue that shared agency manifests differently across conceptual schemas and through non-ideal conditions, drawing in particular on decolonial feminist theory. Thus, we ought to strive for a multiplicity of models, particularly in order to narrow (or close) the gap between a model and those whose agency is managed by that model. By starting from localized, bottom-up models, research on shared agency also operates as a site of radical possibility allowing us to democratically explore what new forms of shared agency could be.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.