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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

AOS Epistemology; Ethics  
AOC Feminist Philosophy; Philosophy of Religion

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

### Employment

2022 – Present	Concordia University Assistant Professor of Philosophy
2021 –2022	George Mason University Philosophy Instructor
2021	Seattle Pacific University Philosophy Instructor

### Education

2015 – 2021	Brown University PhD, Philosophy Dissertation: “Evidence and the Rationality of Belief” Committee: David Christensen (Chair), Nomy Arpaly, Joshua Schechter
2015 – 2017	Brown University MA, Philosophy
2011 – 2015	Pepperdine University BA, Philosophy

## RESEARCH: PUBLICATIONS

### Publications in Refereed Journals

2026	“Patriotic Doxastic Partiality: Canada and the Cognitive Norms of Patriotism” in a special issue of <i>Dialogue</i> 65(1): 45 - 67 on Canadian philosophy (eds. Elizabeth Trott and Eric Wilkinson)
2025	“Sexist Beliefs in a Sexist World,” in <i>Episteme</i> 22(4): 952 - 970

- 2024 “The Moral Virtue of Social Consciousness,” in *The Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 29(1): 1 - 27
- 2024 “The Epistemic Significance of Social Identity” in *Dialogue* 63(3): 521 – 540
- 2023 “The Cognitive Demands of Friendship” in *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 104(1): 101 – 123
- 2023 “Not Excusing Rape: Silencing, Rationality, and Blame” in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 101(2): 390 – 404
- 2022 “Death, Deprivation, and The Afterlife” in *Philosophia* 50(1): 19 – 34
- 2021 “Prejudiced Beliefs Based on the Evidence” in *Synthese* 199(1): 14317 – 14331
- 2021 “The Promising Puzzle” in *Philosophers’ Imprint* 21(22): 1 – 17
- 2018 “Why Epistemic Partiality is Overrated” in a special issue of *Philosophical Topics* (eds. Rima Basu and Mark Schroeder), co-authored with Nomy Arpaly

### **Book Chapters**

- 2025 “Evidentialism, Encroachment, and the Moral Importance of Understanding” in *Evidentialism at 40* (eds. Scott Stapleford and Kevin McCain): 118 - 131
- 2025 “Epistemic Partiality in Friendship” in *The Oxford Handbook of Social Epistemology* (eds. Jennifer Lackey and Aidan McGlynn): 201 – 218, co-authored with Nomy Arpaly

### **Book Review**

- 2015 “Review of *The Epistemology of Disagreement: New Essays* (eds. David Christensen and Jennifer Lackey)” in *Analysis*, co-authored with Tomás Bogardus

### **Works-in-Progress**

- Under Review “Moral Testimony, Moral Understanding and Rational Prejudice Beliefs”

Under Review     “A Dilemma for Moral Encroachment: Group-Level Prejudiced Beliefs”

Under Review     “Epistemically Irresponsible Actions”

In Preparation    “Beyond the Pale of Engagement: An Analysis”

## **RESEARCH: PRESENTATIONS & TALKS**

### **Refereed Conferences Presentations**

*Moral Testimony, Moral Understanding, Rational Prejudiced Beliefs*

Oct 2025           Philadelphia, PA – Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference

*Sexist Beliefs in a Sexist World*

Jan 2026           Baltimore, MD – eastern divisional meeting of the American Philosophical Association

June 2025          Toronto, ON – congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association

April 2025         Virtual, hosted by Siena Heights University – Great Lakes Philosophy Conference

*The Epistemic Significance of Social Identity*

Nov 2024          Nashville, TN – meeting of the Tennessee Philosophical Association

June 2024         Montreal, QC - congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association<sup>^</sup>

<sup>^</sup>Winner of CPA’s 2024 Non-Tenured Faculty Essay Prize

*The Moral Virtue of Social Consciousness*

March 2024        Birmingham, AL – eastern divisional meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers

May 2023          Toronto, ON – congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association

Feb 2023          Denver, CO – central divisional meeting of the American Philosophical Association

*Prejudiced Beliefs Based on the Evidence*

Jan 2022          Baltimore, MD – eastern divisional meeting of the American Philosophical Association (presented virtually)

*Good Friend: Bad Believer?*

April 2018         Boston, MA – Massachusetts-Rhode Island Philosophy Conference

Feb 2018          Chicago, IL – central divisional meeting of the American Philosophical Association

## Invited Talks

### *Beyond the Pale of Engagement: An Analysis*

Oct 2026 South Bend Indiana – guest talk at the University of Notre Dame’s Center for Philosophy of Religion

### *The Epistemic Significance of Social Identity*

Nov 2025 Virtual, hosted by Arizona State University – guest talk in Nathan Ballantyne’s epistemology seminar

Oct 2024 Montreal QC – Concordia Research Symposium in Philosophy

### *Sexist Beliefs in a Sexist World*

Oct 2025 Montreal QC – Concordia Research Symposium in Philosophy

### *The Moral Virtue of Social Consciousness*

Feb 2023 Montreal, QC – philosophy department colloquium at McGill University

Feb 2023 Montreal, QC – Concordia Research Symposium in Philosophy

### *The Cognitive Demands of Friendship*

Oct 2022 Montreal, QC – guest seminar lecture at McGill University\*

May 2022 Virtual, hosted by University of Cologne – CONCEPT seminar series\*

### *Problematic Irrelevance Influences*

April 2017 Malibu, CA – philosophy department speaker series at Pepperdine University\*

## Invited Comments

Jan 2023 Comments on Catherine Rioux’s “Investing Hope, Instilling Hope”  
Montreal, QC – eastern divisional meeting of the American Philosophical Association

April 2019 Comments on Lara Roth’s “Epistemic Processes and Socially Problematic Beliefs”  
Providence, RI – Minorities and Philosophy Conference

July 2018 Comments on Adam Omar Hosein’s “Individualist and Structural Approaches to Discrimination”  
Providence, RI – SIPP@Brown Philosophy Conference

April 2016 Comments on Martha Gibson’s “Physicalism, Conceivability, and Semantic Necessity”  
San Francisco, CA – pacific divisional meeting of the American Philosophical Association

## **RESEARCH: FUNDING**

2024 – 2026	SSHRC Insight Development Grant, CA\$51,015 “The Moral-Epistemic Significance of Social Identity” (Principal Investigator)
2022	Short-Term Postdoctoral Fellowship Grant The Society for Applied Philosophy
2019 – 2020	Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University
Feb 2018	Brown University Conference Travel Grant
April 2016	Brown University Conference Travel Grant
2015 – 2016	Graduate Student Fellowship, Brown University

## **TEACHING**

### **Courses Taught at Concordia**

PHIL 235	Biomedical Ethics Fall 2024, Winter 2025, Fall 2025, Winter 2027
PHIL 236	Environmental Ethics Fall 2022
PHIL 298	The Philosophy of Happiness and Wellbeing Winter 2025, Fall 2026
PHIL 371	Feminist Philosophy Fall 2022
PHIL 430/633	Advanced Studies in Ethics: Ethics of Death Fall 2025
PHIL 464B/634	Advanced Studies in Epistemology: Ethics of Belief Winter 2024, Fall 2025, Winter 2027
PHIL 498/629 BIO 529	Values and Biotechnology Winter 2023

### **Other Courses Taught**

PHIL 251	Happiness and the Good Life George Mason University Fall 2021, Spring 2022
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UCOR 3000	Faith, Philosophy and Science Seattle Pacific University Winter 2021, Spring 2021
PHIL 201	Philosophy of Death Brown University Fall 2018
CELP 0940	Contemporary Moral Issues^ Summer 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2021 Summer@Brown ^This was a two-week course intended for advanced high school students attending a summer program at Brown University

## **STUDENT SUPERVISION**

### **MA Project Supervisor**

2024 – 2026	Jiarui Ma, “Believing Negatively of our Friends”
2025 – Present	Caitlin Andrade, “Feminist Logic: Necessity and Contingency”

### **CUSRA Project Supervisor**

Summer 2024	Mathieu Charbonneau, “Kindred Enchantment: Explaining Partiality Among Friends”
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### **Research Assistant Supervisor**

Fall 2025	Malou Sopcak and Michèle Martin, “Beyond the Pale of Engagement”
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### **Examiner of Major Research Paper (MA Thesis)**

Winter 2026	Malou Sopcak, “The Error of Ignorance: Suspension of Judgment in Climate Science” Supervisor: Dr. Matthew Barker
Winter 2026	Biyang Pan, “Values in Psychiatric Classification: Analyzing Epistemic and Social Considerations in DSM-5” Supervisor: Dr. Matthew Barker
Winter 2025	Bru Perron, “Accounting for Genderqueer Performativity” Supervisor: Dr. Emilia Angelova
Fall 2024	Graham O’Brien, “Critiquing Rational Psychology: Meier and Kant on the Immortality of the Soul” Supervisor: Dr. Nabeel Hamid
Winter 2024	Mya Walmsley, “The ‘Science’ of Sexism: Athletic Sex Classification and Fairness in Competitive Sport” Supervisor: Dr. Emilia Angelova

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

### **Departmental Service at Concordia**

2024 – Present	Director, Ethics Lecture Series
2025 – Present	Member, Part Time Hiring Committee
2025 – Present	Member, EConcordia Working Group
2024 – Present	Member, Graduate Studies Committee
July 2025	Interim Undergraduate Program Director
Summer 2024	Member, Affiliate Faculty Hiring Committee
Winter 2024	Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee
Winter 2024	Member, Advisory Committee for the Chair of the Philosophy Department
Winter 2023	Member, Direct Hiring Committee for tenure-track position in Ancient Philosophy

### **Other Service**

2025	Member, organizing committee of the 2025 meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association
March 2024	Panelist, Panel on Women in Philosophy, hosted by SoPhiA
Occasional	Referee: <i>Ethics</i> , <i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Philosophical Review</i> , <i>Episteme</i>
Summer 2019	Graduate Student Co-Director for the Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy at Brown University
Spring 2019	Judge and Moderator for the Rhode Island State Ethics Bowl
Summer 2017/18	Graduate Student Mentor for the Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy at Brown University
Spring 2017/18	Organizer, Recruit Days for Brown University Philosophy Department

