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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

AOS Epistemology; Ethics
AOC Feminist Philosophy; Philosophy of Religion

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Employment

2026 – Present	Concordia University Associate Professor of Philosophy
2022 – 2026	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)
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- 2025 “Sexist Beliefs in a Sexist World,” in *Episteme* 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[^]

[^]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 Values and Biotechnology
BIO 529 Winter 2023

Other Courses Taught

PHIL 251	Happiness and the Good Life George Mason University Fall 2021, Spring 2022
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: *Ethics, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Review, Episteme*

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

