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EMPLOYMENT:

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Affiliate Professor of Gender & Sexuality Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies, Governors State University, University Park IL (2018–present)
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Governors State University, University Park IL (2013–2018)
Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, College of Lake County, Grayslake IL (2009–2013)
Pre-doctoral Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Washington, Seattle WA (2005–2009)
Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Washington, Seattle WA (2003–2005)

EDUCATION:

University of Washington, Seattle WA (2002–2009)

MA, Philosophy (2004)
PhD, Philosophy (2009)

Purdue University, West Lafayette IN (1997–2002)

BA, Philosophy (2002)
BS, Physics (2002)

BOOK:

Reparative Environmental Justice in a World of Wounds (Lexington Books, December 2020)

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

Value Disputes in Urban Ecological Restoration: Lessons from the Chicago Wilderness
Studies in History & Philosophy of Science (forthcoming 2021)

Beyond Science Wars Redux: Feminist Philosophy of Science as Trustworthy Science Criticism
Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy 34(4) (2019)

Skepticism and Pluralism on Ethics Expertise
Social Philosophy Today 35 (2019)

Medical Error and Moral Repair
International Journal of Applied Philosophy 32(2) (2018)

What's Wrong with Ponzi Schemes? Trust and its Exploitation in Financial Investment
International Journal of Applied Philosophy 32(1) (2018)

Epistemic Injustice and its Amelioration: Toward Restorative Epistemic Justice
Social Philosophy Today 34 (2018)

Climate Change and the Need for Intergenerational Reparative Justice
Journal of Agricultural & Environmental Ethics 30: 199-212 (2017)

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Ecological Restorations as Practices of Moral Repair

Ethics & the Environment 22(1): 19-40 (2017)

Toxic Funding? Conflicts of Interest and their Epistemological Significance

Journal of Applied Philosophy 34(2): 206-220 (2016)

Feminist Reclamations of Normative Masculinity

Feminist Philosophy Quarterly 1(2) (2015)

Medical Ghostwriting and Informed Consent

Bioethics 28(9): 491-499 (2014)

Trust and the Duty of Organ Donation

Bioethics 28(6): 275-283 (2014)

Climate Change, Epistemic Trust, and Expert Trustworthiness

Ethics & the Environment 17(2): 29-49 (2012)

Climate Change and the Ethics of Individual Emissions: A Response to Sinnott-Armstrong

Perspectives: International Postgraduate Journal of Philosophy 4: 4-21 (2012)

The Consequences of Individual Consumption: A Defense of Threshold Arguments for Vegetarianism and Consumer Ethics

Journal of Applied Philosophy 28(4): 396-411 (2011)

Disability, Functional Diversity, and Trans/feminism

International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics 3(2): 126-149 (2010)

Conflicting Expert Testimony and the Search for Gravitational Waves

Philosophy of Science 76(5): 570-584 (2009)

Trust in Expert Testimony: Eddington's Eclipse Expedition and the British Response to General Relativity

Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics 40(1): 57-67 (2009)

Experts, Evidence, and Epistemic Independence

Spontaneous Generations: A Journal for the History and Philosophy of Science 1 (1) (2007)

REVIEWS & REPLIES:

Review, *Expertise: A Philosophical Introduction* by Jamie Carlin Watson (Bloomsbury Academic 2020)

Metapsychology Online Reviews (2020)

Reply, "Oral History and the Epistemology of Testimony" by Tim Kenyon

Social Epistemology Reply & Review Collective (2016)

Review, *A Defense of Ignorance*, by Cynthia Townley (Lexington Books 2011)

Hypatia 28(1): 215-217 (2013)

Review, *The Philosophy of Expertise*, ed. Evan Selinger & Robert Crease (Columbia University Press 2006)

Ethics 117(2): 377-381 (2007)

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IN EDITED COLLECTIONS:

Sins of the Fathers: Historical Injustice and its Repair in *Black Panther*

Black Panther and Philosophy, ed. Edwardo Perez & Timothy Brown (Blackwell 2022)

Affective Trust and Expert Trustworthiness on Climate Change

The Moral Psychology of Trust, ed. Mark Alfano, David Collins, & Iris Vidmar Jovanovic (Rowman & Littlefield 2022)

Justice After the Dam Breaks

Restorative Justice and the Environment ed. J. Salm (forthcoming 2021)

Climate Reparations, Compensation, and Intergenerational Restorative Justice

Environmental Restorative Justice, ed. Brunilda Pali & Miranda Forsyth (Palgrave Macmillan 2021)

Intellectual Trust in an Examined Life: On Vicious and Virtuous Trust in Philosophy

The Bright and the Good, ed. Audrey Anton (Rowman & Littlefield 2018)

Experts in the Climate Change Debate

Companion to Applied Philosophy, eds. Kimberley Brownlee, David Coady, & Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen (Blackwell 2016)

After Exploitation and Degradation: Prospects for a Model of Environmental Restorative Justice

Cidadania, Justica Restaurativa e Meio Ambiente, eds. Enzo Bello & Joao Salm (Lumen Juris 2016)

Expertise in Agriculture: Scientific and Ethical Issues

Encyclopedia of Food & Agricultural Ethics, eds. Paul Thompson & David Kaplan (Springer 2015)

Public Understanding of Climate Science and the Ethics of Expertise

Proceedings: Between Scientists and Citizens, ed. Jean Goodwin (GPSSA 2012)

‘Mr. Treehorn Treats Objects like Women, Man’: The Dude as Feminist Ally

The Big Lebowski and Philosophy, ed. Peter Fosl (John Wiley & Sons 2012)

PRESENTATIONS:

Reparative Environmental Justice in a World of Wounds

+ Philosophy and the Climate Crisis, Temple University (6.2021)

+ Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, Siena Heights University (4.2021)

Reparative Intergenerational Justice in a World of Wounds

+ Climate Justice Webinar, University of Washington (2.2021)

Author-Meets-Critics, *Reparative Environmental Justice in a World of Wounds*

+ Association for Practical & Professional Ethics Annual Conference (2.2021)

Owl vs. Owl: Toward Interspecies Repair in the Old Growth Forest

+ Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals, Online Colloquium Series (10.2020)

Good Will, Disinterest, and Owning the Libs: On Affective Indicators of Expert Trustworthiness

+ PERITIA Webinar on Social Indicators of Trust in Experts, Institut Jean Nicod (10.2020)

Justice After the Dam Breaks

+ 1st International Webinar on Restorative Justice and the Environment (8.2020)

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Advocacy in Reparative Justice

- + Public Philosophy Network Meeting, American Philosophical Association, Chicago IL (2.2020)

Origins of the Chicago Wilderness

- + Catholic Intellectual Tradition Quarterly Salon, DePaul University, Chicago IL (11.2019)

Environmental Justice and Restorative Justice without Romanticism

- + Conference on Philosophy of the City, University of Detroit–Mercy, Detroit MI (10.2019)
- + International Society for Environmental Ethics Summer Conference, Blue River OR (7.2019)

Trustworthy Science Criticism in Distrustful Times

- + Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Meeting, Seattle WA (11.2018)
- + Consortium on Socially Relevant Philosophy of/in Science and Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta GA (6.2018)
- + Questioning Science in Uncertain Times Workshop, Ohio State University, Columbus OH (2.2018)

Ethics after Error: Malpractice, Mistrust, and the Limits of Medical Moral Repair

- + Medical Humanities Conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI (9.2018)

Relational Autonomy, Trust, and the Varieties of Medical Ethics Expertise

- + North American Society for Social Philosophy, Oakland University, Oakland MI (7.2018)
- + Medical Humanities Conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI (9.2016)

Surgical Masks and Masked Review: Authorial Identity, Anonymity, and Implicit Bias in Peer Review

- + Medical Humanities Conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI (9.2017)

After Epistemic Injustice: Toward Reparative Epistemic Justice

- + North American Society for Social Philosophy, Loyola University, Chicago IL (7.2017)
- + Epistemology Brown-Bag Series, Northwestern University, Evanston IL (5.2017)
- + Feminist Epistemologies, Metaphysics, Methodologies & Science Studies Biennial Conference, University of Notre Dame, South Bend IN (10.2016)

Climate Change and the Prospects for a Theory of Intergenerational Environmental Reparative Justice

- + Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL (4.2016)
- + International Society for Environmental Ethics, Meeting, St. Louis MO (2.2015)

Teaching Chemistry Ethics to Chemistry Majors

- + Consortium on Socially Relevant Philosophy of/in Science & Engineering, Detroit MI (4.2015)

Environmental Restoration as Moral Repair

- + Central States Philosophical Association, Northwestern University, Evanston IL (10.2014)
- + Conference on Advancing Public Philosophy, Emory University, Atlanta GA (3.2013)
- + Conference on Conservation, Restoration, and Sustainability, Brigham Young University (11.2012)

Conflicts of Interest, Community-based Research, and Trustworthy Science Communication

- + Normative Aspects of Science Communication, Iowa State University, Ames IA (6.2014)

Feminist Allyship and Situated Knowledge

- + Feminist Epistemologies, Metaphysics, Methodologies & Science Studies Biennial Conference, University of Waterloo, Waterloo ON (8.2014)

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Feminist Reclamations of Masculinity

- + Northeast Modern Languages Association, Harrisburg PA (4.2014)
- + Society for Analytical Feminism, Chicago IL (2.2012)

Peer Review in an ArXival Age

- + Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice, University of Toronto, Toronto ON (6.2013)
- + Workshop on the Social Organization of Scientific Inquiry, University of Pittsburgh (4.2013)
- + Feminist Epistemologies, Metaphysics, Methodologies & Science Studies Biennial Conference, Pennsylvania State University, State College PA (5.2012)
- + Society for Social Studies of Science, Cleveland OH (11.2011)
- + Canadian Society for History & Philosophy of Science, Fredericton NB (6.2011)

Trusting Others and Knowing for Oneself

- + Conference on Value Inquiry, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green KY (4.2013)
- + Philosophy Colloquium, Purdue University-Calumet, Hammond IN (11.2010)

Public Understanding of Climate Science and the Ethics of Expertise

- + Between Scientists & Citizens, Iowa State University, Ames IA (6.2012)

Climate Change and the Ethics of Individual Emissions: A Response to Sinnott-Armstrong

- + Association for Practical & Professional Ethics, Cincinnati OH (3.2012)
- + International Society for Environmental Ethics, Chicago IL (2.2012)

Ghostwriting in Medical Research

- + Medical Humanities Conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI (9.2011)

Climate Change, Epistemic Trust, and the Ethics of Expertise

- + National Science Foundation Workshop on Climate Ethics, University of Alaska-Anchorage (9.2011)

Writing Wrongs: Plagiarism, Ghostwriting, and the Epistemology of Testimony

- + Indiana Philosophical Association Fall Meeting, Hanover College, Hanover IN (10.2011)
- + Conference on Value Inquiry, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale IL (4.2010)

A Defense of Threshold Arguments for Moral Vegetarianism and Consumer Ethics

- + Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics, Fredericton NB (6.2011)
- + Association for Practical & Professional Ethics, Cincinnati OH (3.2010)

The Varieties of Expertise

- + Epistemology Brown-Bag Series, Northwestern University, Evanston IL (1.2011)

Trust and Ponzi Schemes

- + Vincentian Business Ethics Conference, DePaul University, Chicago IL (10.2010)

Trust in Testimony – Interpersonal and Evidential

- + American Philosophical Association Central Division, Chicago IL (2.2010)

Trust in Expert Testimony: The 1919 Eclipse Expedition and the British Response to General Relativity

- + International History & Philosophy of Science Teaching, University of Notre Dame (6.2009)
- + Canadian Society for History & Philosophy of Science, Saskatoon SK (5.2007)

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Conflicting Expert Testimony and the Search for Gravitational Waves

- + Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Meeting, Pittsburgh PA (11.2008)
- + Canadian Society for History & Philosophy of Science, Vancouver BC (6.2008)

On Liberty as Feminist Methodology

- + Feminist Epistemologies, Metaphysics, Methodologies & Science Studies Biennial Conference, University of Washington, Seattle (11.2004)

Genetic Therapy Ablism

- + Oklahoma State University Ethics Center Conference, Tulsa OK (2.2003)

COMMENTARIES:

Commentary: Julie Gibson, "Climate Justice for the Dead and the Dying"

- + International Society for Environmental Ethics Summer Conference, Blue River OR (7.2019)

Commentary: Xiaoqian Hu, "Wave Function Anti-Realism"

- + Illinois Philosophical Association, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb IL (10.2017)

Poster Session Discussant

- + Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL (4.2016)

Commentary: Donald Bungum, "Authorization and Address in Group Testimony"

- + American Philosophical Association Central Division, Chicago IL (3.2016)

Commentary: Jean Goodwin, "What is 'Responsible Advocacy' in Science? Good Advice."

- + Great Plains Society for the Study of Argumentation, Iowa State University (6.2012)

Author-Meets-Critics: Matthew C. Altman, *Kant and Applied Ethics* (John Wiley & Sons, 2011)

- + Association for Practical & Professional Ethics, Cincinnati OH (3.2012)

Commentary: Clark Wolf, "Climate, Environmental Management, and Intergenerational Debt"

- + NSF Workshop on Climate Ethics, University of Alaska-Anchorage (9.2011)

Commentary: Jennifer Lackey, "Deficient Testimonial Knowledge"

- + American Philosophical Association Central Division, Minneapolis MN (4.2011)

Commentary: Erica Neely, "Pointing Out the Experts"

- + Ohio Philosophical Association, Dayton University (4.2011)

HONORS & AWARDS:

Awarded Sabbatical Leave, Governors State University (2020)

Visiting Fellowship, DePaul Humanities Center, DePaul University (2019-2020)

Awarded Tenure, Governors State University (2018)

Awarded Tenure, College of Lake County (2012)

Distinguished Dissertation Award, Philosophy Department Nominee, University of Washington (2009)

Graduate Teaching Award, Philosophy Department, University of Washington (2008)

Dissertation Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Washington (2007)

Research Fellowship, Philosophy Department, University of Washington (2002)

Outstanding Graduate in Philosophy, Purdue University (2002)

Steven C. Beering President's Scholarship, Purdue University (1997-2002)

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Introductory Courses:

Biomedical Ethics
Contemporary Moral Problems
Environmental Ethics
Feminist Philosophy
Interdisciplinary Humanities
Introduction to Ethics
Introduction to Philosophy
Intro to Social-Political Philosophy
Logic & Practical Reasoning
Medical Humanities
Philosophy of Religion
Scientific Reasoning

Intermediate & Advanced Courses:

Advanced Ethics
Chemistry Ethics
Environmental Ethics
Environmental Justice
Ethics in Healthcare
History & Philosophy of Science
Interdisciplinary Ethics
Political Philosophy / Political Theory
Race, Gender, Justice, and Identity
Studies in the History of Philosophy
Theories of Gender & Sexuality
Theory of Knowledge

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

1964 Civil Rights Act Fiftieth Anniversary Conference Planning Committee and Program Chair (2014)
Division of Arts & Letters Curriculum Committee Chair (2018–2019)
Division of Arts & Letters Faculty Research Series Coordinator (2015–present)
Division of Arts & Letters Personnel Committee (2019–2021)
Faculty Advisor, Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Practical & Professional Ethics (2015–2018)
Faculty Development Committee Member (2014–2019)
Faculty Senate Taskforce on Scheduling (2017–2018)
Gender & Sexuality Studies Program Steering Committee Member (2016–2018)
Gender Matters Conference Planning Committee Member (2014)
Geography Search Committee Member and Chair (2013–2015)
Institutional Policies Committee Member (2016–2018)
Interdisciplinary Studies Program Advisory Council Member (2017–present)
Men's Global Leadership Initiative Planning Committee Member and Workshop Facilitator (2014)
Strategy 2025 Subcommittee Chair on Social, Ethical & Environmental Responsibility (2018–2021)
Sustainability Advisory Council Member (2019–present)
University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100 Bargaining Team Member (2015–present)

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Conference on Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology Program Committee Member, University of Texas at Dallas (2017–2018)
Ethics Bowl, Judge for Upper Midwest Regional (2010; 2014; 2015; 2016) and Two-Year College (2017) Competitions; Coach for College of Lake County (2013) and University of Washington (2005; 2006)
Facilitator and Instructor, Prison-Neighborhood Arts Project, Stateville Correctional Center (2012–2014)
Feminist Philosophy Brown-Bag Series Coordinator, College of Lake County, Grayslake IL (2010–2013)
Illinois Accreditation Initiative Humanities & Fine Arts Faculty Review Panel, (2014–present)
Organizer, “*The Shaky Game* at Twenty-Five” (Invited Symposium, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division); and Roundtable Discussion and Celebration of Arthur Fine, Seattle WA (4.2012)
Peer Mentor, Philosophers Cocoon (2016–2018)
Peer Review, *Conservation & Society*; *De Ethica*; *Episteme*; *Ethics and the Environment*; *Ethics, Policy and Environment*; *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*; *Hypatia: Journal of Feminist Philosophy*; *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*; *International Studies in Philosophy of Science*; *Journal of Applied Philosophy*; *Journal of Ethics*; *Journal of Social Philosophy*; *Kennedy Institute for Ethics Journal*; *Medicine, Healthcare & Philosophy*; *Philosophy of Science*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Social Epistemology*; *Synthese*; *Theoria*; *Third World Quarterly*; *Topoi*

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