

## **Maura Priest**

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### **Education**

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**Ph.D., Philosophy**, 2016, *University of California, Irvine*

**Dissertation** "Intellectual Elites: The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly"

**Committee:** Sven Bernecker & Margaret Gilbert (Co-chairs), Jeff Helmreich, Casey Perin, Matt Zwolinski

**M.A., Philosophy**, 2012 (\*Awarded Distinction\*) *University of California, Irvine*

**M.S., Bioethics**, 2018, *Columbia University*

**Thesis:** "Mandatory Drug Use: Changing the Ethical Landscape with Psychedelics"

**Chair:** Arthur Kuflik

**Certificate in Pediatric Bioethics**, 2018, *Children's Mercy Hospital*

**Thesis:** "Transgender Children and The Right to Transition"

**Chairs:** John Lantos and Jeremy Garrett

**B.A., Philosophy Major, Political Science Minor**, 2009, *California State University, Fullerton*

**Senior Thesis Project:** "Comparing the Ethics of David Hume and Adam Smith"

**Adviser:** Ryan Nichols

### **Research Interests**

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*Areas of Specialization:* Normative Ethics, Applied Ethics, Bioethics, Epistemology (esp. Social Epistemology)

*Areas of Competence:* Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy

### **Academic Appointments**

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#### **Current**

*Assistant Professor of Philosophy/Bioethicist*, Arizona State University

*Research Associate*, University of Cologne, part of CONCEPT project (Germany)

#### **Past**

*Assistant Professor of Philosophy (TT)*, Radford University, spring semester, 2018

*Bioethics Research Associate*, Children's Mercy Hospital (Kansas City), July-December, 2017

*University of Connecticut* "Humility in Public Discourse Project" Research Fellow, 2016-2017

*University of California, Irvine*, Dean's Dissertation Fellow, 2015-2016

Instructor and Teaching Assistant, 2010-2014

Research Assistant for Margaret Gilbert, 2011-2013

*Saint Louis University*, "Intellectual Humility Project" Graduate Research Fellow, 2014-2015

*California State University Fullerton*, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, 2011-2013

### **Publications (including forthcoming)**

## **Books**

**Elities: Should They be Trusted?** *under contract with Routledge, part of the "Focus" Series (short books on circumscribed, under-discussed issues)*

## **Journal Articles and Book Chapters, by Topic**

### Epistemology/Intersection of Ethics and Epistemology

**"How Elities Prop-up Propaganda"** *The Epistemology of Fake News*, Oxford, Ed. Sven Bernecker, Amy Flowerree, and Thomas Grundmann, forthcoming.

**"Distrust as an Epistemic Virtue"** *Essays on Epistemic Autonomy*, Routledge, Ed. Kirk Lougheed and Jonathan Matheson, forthcoming.

**"Risk Sensitive Credit"** *Erkenntnis*, 2017, ([link](#)).

**"Intellectual Humility: An Interpersonal Theory"** *Ergo*, 2017 ([link](#)).

**"Why Anti-luck Virtue Epistemology has No Luck with Closure"** *Logos and Epistme* 2017 ([link](#)).

**"Epistemic Insensitivity and why it Matters"** *Virtue Epistemology: Theory and Practice*, Routledge, Ed. Heather Battaly, Quassim Cassam, and Ian Kid, forthcoming.

**"The Mirage of Individual Disagreement"** *The Epistemology of Group Disagreement*, Routledge, Ed. Fernando Broncano-Berrocal, forthcoming.

**"Inferior Disagreement."** *Acta Analytica*, 2016, ([link](#)).

### Medical Ethics/ Public Health

**"Reply to Commentaries on 'Transgender Children and the Right to Transition' "** *The American Journal of Bioethics*, Forthcoming.

**"Transgender Children and the Right to Transition"** *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 2019, ([link](#))

**"Are Obese Children Abused Children?"** *The Hastings Center Report*, 2018, ([link](#)).

**"Autonomy-Centered Healthcare"** *Health Care Ethics Committee Forum*, 2018, ([link](#)).

**"Paternalism, Autonomy, and Food Regulation"** *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 2016, ([link](#)).

### Normative Ethics and Political Theory (not including epistemology and medical ethics)

**"Alexis de Tocqueville and the Collective Virtue of Citizenship"** *The Political Economy of Alexis de Tocqueville*, Palgrave MacMillan, edited by Peter J. Boettke and Adam Martin, forthcoming.

**"A (Neutral) Commitment to Country: Gilbert's Unpatriotic Patriotism"** *ProtoSociology*, ed. Gerhard Preyer, forthcoming.

**"Collective Responsibility and its Relationship to Member Responsibility"** (with Margaret Gilbert) *Routledge Handbook of Collective Responsibility*, Ed. Deborah Tollefsen and Saba Bazargan-Forward., forthcoming.

**"Why Children Should be Allowed to Vote"** *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 2015. ([link](#))

**"Dialogue and Joint Commitment"** (with Margaret Gilbert) *Les Defis de Collectif*, ed. Raphael Kunstler et. al., in (French translation), 2018.

**"Reasonable Regret"** *The Moral Psychology of Regret*, Rowman and Littlefield International, Ed. Mark Alfano and Anna Gotlib, 2017.

**"Blame After Forgiveness."** *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 2016. ([link](#))

**"Party Politics and Democratic Disagreement."** *Philosophia*, 2014. ([link](#))

**"Conversation and Collective Belief"** (with Margaret Gilbert) *Perspectives on Pragmatics and Philosophy*, Springer, Ed. Alessandro Capone, Franco LoPiparo, and Marco Carapezza, 2013.

**"Social Rules"** (with Margaret Gilbert) *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, Sage Publications, Ed. Byron Kaldis, 2014.

**"Reviewed Work(s): Tuomela, Raimo. Social Ontology: Collective Intentionality and Group Agents."** *Ethics* 2014, ([link](#))

### **Current In-Progress Research Interests (selected)**

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Article: "The Problem with Polygamy" (with Ryan Nichols)

Article: "Taking Psychological Harm Seriously"

Article: "Just say Yes: Reevaluating Youth Drug Use"

Article: "When Physicians Should Keep their Mouth Shut: Fat Shaming in Medicine"

Article: "Pity in Public Discourse"

### **Awards, Grants, and Fellowships (selected)**

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**Summer Research Fellowship**, University of Cologne, Germany per the CONCEPT grant, \$4500

**Pediatric Bioethics Fellowship**, *Children's Mercy Hospital*, June-Dec 2017, \$35,000

**Summer Research Fellowship**, "The Ethics of Memory", *University of Cologne*, CONCEPT Summer 2017 \$4,000

**Academic Year Research Fellowship**, "Humility in Public Discourse", *University of Connecticut*, 2016-2017, \$50,000

**Winter Research Fellowship**, "The Ethics of Memory" CONCEPT *University of Cologne*, January 2017, \$3,000

**Gregory Kavka Prize in Political Philosophy** (Award for Excellent Scholarship in Political Theory), *UC Irvine*, 2012, \$500

**Post-Graduate Summer Research Fellowship**, "The Ethics of Psychological Harm", *The Liberty Fund*, 2016, \$7,000

**Summer Research Grants**, 2014 and 2015, *Institute for Humane Studies*, \$5,000

**Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship Award**, "Intellectual Elitism", *UC Irvine*, \$35,000

**Adam Smith Research Fellowship**, *Mercatus Center*, 2015-2016, \$10,000

**Academic Year Fellowship**, "Intellectual Humility", *John Templeton Foundation and Saint Louis University*, 2014-2015, \$30,000

**Summer Research Fellowship Award**, "Intellectual Elites: Individuals and Groups", *UC Irvine Department of Humanities*, 2015 \$4,000

**Humanities Collective Conference Grant**, *UC Irvine* (As Conference Co-Organizational Chair for Perspectives on Gender Conference), 2014, \$2,000

**Conference Travel Grant**, *UC Irvine*, 2014, 2012, \$1,000

**Melden Fellowship Award** (Graduate Studies Merit Fellowship), *UC Irvine*, 2012, \$10,000

**Humanities Regents Fellowship** (Graduate Studies Merit Fellowship), *UC Irvine*, 2009–2010, \$30,000

**Matthet Foundation Award**, *UC Irvine* (Excellence in Graduate Studies Award), 2015, \$500

**Master's Degree Qualifying Exam** Passed with Distinction, *UC Irvine*, 2012

## **Service to the Profession**

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Arizona State University, *Colloquium Series Coordinator*, 2019-Present.

Arizona State University, *Diversity Committee*, 2019-Present

Arizona State University, *Graduate Admissions Committee*, 2019-Present

Arizona State University Committee "Ethics/Practices/Social Imaginaries" working group. This is part of ASU's *New Global Future Initiatives*.

Program Mentor for Katie Stockdale "Women in Philosophy Mentoring Program", 2018-2019.

### *Journal Referee*

Synthese

Philosophical Studies

Episteme

Erkenntnis

Philosophical Papers

The Journal of Philosophical Research

Acta Analytica

## **Conference Organizing**

*Organizing Committee Co-Chair*, Perspectives on Gender, University of California, Irvine, October, 2014

*Organizing Committee Member, Interdisciplinary Encounters in Religion, Law, & Ethics, University of California, Irvine, 2013*

## **Refereed Presentations (selected)**

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**"Pity in Public Discourse"** *The Ethics of Public Discourse*, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, 2019

**"Transgender Children and the Right to Transition"** *American Association for Professional and Practical Ethics Annual Conference*, Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago, 2018

**"Obligatory Drug Use: Altering the Ethical Landscape with Psychedelics"** *Royal Council of Psychiatrists: Special Issue Conference on Psychedelics*, Royal Council of Psychiatrists, London, 2017

**"Why Anti-Luck Virtue Epistemology has no Luck with Closure"** *Harvard-MIT Graduate Student Conference MIT*, 2016

**"Disagreeing with Intellectual Inferiors."** *American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting*, Chicago, IL, 2014

**"Can we Justify Sugar Bans?"** *Stanford-Berkeley-Davis Graduate Student Conference*, University of California, Davis, 2014

**"Ironman: An Evolutionary Approach."** *International Association for the Philosophy of Sport Conference*, California State University, Fullerton, 2013

**"The Contingent Justification of the Bloomberg Ban"** *Public Philosophy Network Conference: Advancing Public Philosophy*, Emory University, 2013

**"From the Individual to the Collective: Features of Belief"** *Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable*, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 2012

**"Democracy, Dogmatism, and Disagreement"** *International Social Philosophy Conference*, Northeastern University, 2012

**"The Binding Political Power of Collective Belief"** *Democracy, Legality, and Policy*, Tilburg University, 2012

## **Invited Talks (selected)**

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**"Comments on Allen Buchanan"** *Freedom Center Buchanan Book Conference*, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, 2019

**"Comments on Stephen Darwall"** *Gilbert on Rights and Demands*, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA, 2019

**"Transgender Children and The Right to Transition"** *CMH Pediatric Bioethics Webinar Series*, Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, 2018.

**"The Vice of Epistemic Selfishness"** *Humility in Public Discourse Speakers Series*, University of Connecticut Humanities Center, 2017

**“Intellectual Distribution and The Vice of Epistemic Greed.”** *Symposium on Vice and Blame*, California State University, Fullerton, 2016

**“Law, Risk, and Legislation”** *Georgetown University Center for Business Ethics*, 2016

**“Epistemic Selfishness and Why it Matters”** Southern California Epistemology Group Session, *New Developments in Virtue Epistemology*, American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, 2016

**Commenter: Symposium: Defending Non-Summativism about Group Belief**, *American Philosophical Association Meeting Eastern Division Meeting*, Washington DC, 2016

**Commenter, Invited Symposium: “Humility and Intellectual Humility.”** *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, Vancouver, Canada, 2015

**Commenter, Southern California Epistemology Group Session: “The Nature, Rationality, and Ethics of Belief.”** *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, Vancouver, Canada, 2015

## Teaching Experience and Training

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**American Council on Education “Effective Teaching Practices” (semester-long course) (in-progress)**

**“Certificate in Disability Advocacy”, University of California, Irvine, 2016**

**“Certificate in Mentoring Excellence”, University of California, Irvine, 2016**

### **Primary Instructor, Arizona State University**

Introduction to Medical Ethics (lower division, x1)

Graduate Seminar in Medical Ethics (graduate division x1)

Undergraduate Seminar in Medical Ethics (upper division x1)

### **Primary Instructor, Radford University**

Ethics and Society (lower division, x2)

Topics in Bioethics (upper division, x1)

### **Primary Instructor, UC Irvine**

*Topics in Social Ontology* (Graduate Seminar, Co-taught, x1)

*Contemporary Moral Problems*, (Lower Division Philosophy, x1)

### **Primary Instructor, California State University, Fullerton**

*Contemporary Moral Issues* (Upper Division Philosophy, x2)

*Introduction to Ethics*, (Lower Division Philosophy, x4)

### **Teaching Assistant, UC Irvine**

*Humanities Core “On War”* (Lower Division General Humanities, x3)

*Philosophy of Social Phenomena*, (Upper Division Philosophy, x2)

*Theories of Knowledge*, (Upper Division Philosophy, x2)

*Introduction to Philosophy*, (Lower Division Philosophy, x3)

*Critical Reasoning*, (Lower Division Philosophy, x1)

*Contemporary Moral Issues*, (Lower Division Philosophy, x1)

*Introduction to Ethics*, (Lower Division Philosophy, x1)

*Medieval Philosophy* (Upper Division Philosophy, x1)

## References

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