

# RENA BEATRICE GOLDSTEIN

## Curriculum vitae

University of California Irvine  
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## EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Irvine, Mellon Faculty Fellow	2022-present
University of California, Irvine, Research Assistant	2020-2021
California State University, Dominguez Hills, Adjunct	2017
Los Angeles City College, Adjunct	2016
California State University, Los Angeles, Lecturer	2014-2016

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of California, Irvine	2022
M.A., Philosophy, California State University, Los Angeles, <i>with honors</i>	2016
M.A., Education, California State University, Los Angeles, <i>with honors</i>	2015
B.A., Philosophy and Humanities, University of Colorado at Boulder	2011

## AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology (in particular Social and Applied Epistemology) and Ethics

## AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

Feminist Philosophy; History of Analytic Philosophy; Philosophy of Education

## DISSERTATION

Title: "On (Mal) Functioning Belief Systems"

Supervisors: Professors Annalisa Coliva and Duncan Pritchard

Committee: Professors Anna Boncompagni, Sven Bernecker, and Julia Lupton

Summary: This dissertation explores harms that can arise from warranted thinking routines, specifically those that occur in contexts like medicine and education. I first develop the concept of epistemic disadvantage to capture contexts in which there is epistemic harm due to the asymmetrical relationship between knowers, yet that asymmetry is pertinent to the practice of knowledge. This inquiry leads to considering *how* beliefs systematically function in evidential reasoning practices. I argue that two prominent doxastic frameworks—a Quinian and a Wittgensteinian framework—support a version of confirmation holism, the view that justification for empirical beliefs entails appreciation of the full system of beliefs. One upshot of incorporating the epistemological systems of Quine and Wittgenstein is that these frameworks can give a convincing account for how

thinking routines influence evidential reasoning. I develop such an account in the third chapter of the dissertation by employing a Wittgensteinian framework to show how a heuristic like stereotyping plays a normative role in cognitive processes. I conclude that heuristics like stereotyping are justified except in contexts where harm occurs.

## PUBLICATIONS

Goldstein, R. "Epistemic Disadvantage." *Philosophia*, January 6, 2022.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11406-021-00465-w>.

Sarnecka, B. W., Silva, P. N., Vickers, D. C., Coon, J., **Goldstein, R.** & Rouder, J. N. (2022). "Doctoral writing workshops: A pre-registered, randomized controlled trial." *Innovative Higher Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10755-021-09574-6>

## INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

Goldstein, R. (2021). "Reconceptualizing Civic Competence in the Digital Age," in Snow, N.E., & Vaccarezza, M.S. (Eds.). *Virtues, Democracy, and Online Media: Ethical and Epistemic Issues* (1st ed.). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003083108>.

Goldstein R. (2020). "You are Only as Good as You are Behind Closed Doors." *Precollege Philosophy and Public Practice*, vol. 2, no. 1. DOI: [10.5840/p42020348](https://doi.org/10.5840/p42020348).

## BOOK REVIEWS

Goldstein, R. (2019). *Patriotic Education in a Global Age* by Randall Curren & Charles Dorn, in *Educational Theory*, vol. 69, no. 5.. <https://doi.org/10.1111/edth.12393>.

## MAGAZINES and BLOGS

Goldstein, R. and Vickers, D. (forthcoming). Narrowing the Philosophy Gender Gap by Building Skills and Community. *Blog of the APA*.

Goldstein, R. (2022). "Jewish Injustice: on the role of women witnesses." *Tikkun*  
<https://www.tikkun.org/jewish-injustice/>.

## PODCASTS and INTERVIEWS

Episode 12 of *UCI Podcast* entitled "Ask a Philosopher Booth". Available here:  
<https://on.soundcloud.com/dHa1>

"Philosophy for the masses: Ph.D. student runs engaging kiosk at cafés and farmers market,"  
*UCI News*, October 28, 2019. Available here:  
<https://news.uci.edu/2019/10/28/philosophy-for-the-masses/>

Interviewed for Spectrum 1 News. Available here:  
<https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/news/2019/08/29/philosophers-set-up-a-boot-h-in-public-to-answer-anyone-s-questions>

## IN PROGRESS

*Drafts available upon request*

“The Aim to Transmit Knowledge”

“Distinguishing Two Epistemic Frameworks: Comparing Quine to Wittgenstein”

“A Stereotypical Hinge Framework”

## PRESENTATIONS *(\*denotes refereed)*

### **A Stereotypical Hinge Framework**

3rd Hinge Epistemology Conference: Hinge Epistemology and Religious Belief, NOVA University of Lisbon – School of Social Sciences and Humanities – IFILNOVA, June 2022.

### **Narrowing the Philosophy Gender Gap by Building Skills and Community**

American Philosophical Association Central Division, Chicago, Illinois, February 2022.

\*North American Association for Philosophy & Education, Mundelein, Illinois, October 2021.

### **Responsibility and Luck**

A Socially Distant Value Theory Conference, Online, June 2020

### **On Quine and Wittgenstein**

*Titled: Charting the Depths of Waters, Heights of Land: a topographical picture of two systems.* International Ludwig Wittgenstein Symposium, Online, Zagreb, Croatia, December 2021.

### **Epistemic Disadvantage**

*Titled: The Curare Case and Testimonial Injustice.* Feminist-Pragmatist Colloquium 2019: Looking Back to Move Forward, Rochester, NY, November 2019.

*Titled: The Curare Case and Testimonial Injustice.* Feminist Salon, Los Angeles, CA, October 2019.

*Titled: Novice in an Expert's World: Epistemic Exclusion in the Medical Field.* Stanford-Berkeley-Davis Conference, University of California, Berkeley, May 2019.

*Titled: The Problem of Contingency in Testimonial Exchanges* Northwest Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga University, Spokane W.A., October 2016.

### **On Virtues**

*Titled: Unification of Epistemic Virtues* Virtues, Media, and Democracy, Genoa, Italy, September 2019.

*Titled: Overcoming Suffering: Nietzsche and the Virtues.* Suffering and Virtue, Michael S. Brady, UC Irvine, September 2019.

*Titled: Civic Intelligence as an Epistemic Virtue.* Philosophy in Schools and the Public Realm: A Research Workshop. Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, the Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics, and the Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization, May 2019.

### **On Philosophy of Education**

\**Titled: Epistemic Uniformity.* The 2019 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Meeting, New Orleans, March 2019.

\**Titled: An Underlying Aim, an Underlying Problem: the Commitment to Epistemic Uniformity.* North American Association for Philosophy and Education Conference, University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL., October 2018.

\*Titled: *Epistemic Uniformity*. AGS Graduate Research Symposium, Irvine, CA, March 2018.

## COMMENTARIES

On Lidal Dror's "Social Location as Justification: Examining the Socially Marginalized's Claim to Epistemic Advantage". The 2019 Bay Area Feminism and Philosophy (BayFAP) Workshop, University of San Francisco, May 2019.

On Randall Curren's & Charles Dorn's *Patriotic Education in a Global Age*. Philosophy of Education Society, Richmond, Virginia, March 2019.

On "Omissions, the Act Requirement, and Criminal Liability." Stanford-Berkeley-Davis Conference, Stanford University, California, May 2018.

## FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS

Humanities Commons awarded for "Epistemic Injustice in the Medical Context" Conference, 2021

Center for Medical Humanities, co-sponsorship grant, Awarded for "Epistemic Injustice in the Medical Context" Conference, 2021

Center for Medical Humanities, co-sponsorship grant, awarded for "Equity in STEM", 2021  
Inclusive Excellence Award for "Equity in STEM" project, 2021

Kavka Endowed Prize, *University of California, Irvine* 2019

George Kabango Memorial Fellowship, *North American Association for Philosophy & Education*, 2018

UC Irvine Diversity Recruitment Fellowship, 2017

Shephardic Temple Tifereth Israel Scholarship, 2014- 2016

Graduate Equity Fellowship, *California State University, Los Angeles*, 2014- 2016

CCOE Endowed Fellowship, *Charter College of Education*, 2015- 2017

## AWARDS and HONORS

Svetlana Bershadsky Graduate Student Community Award, 2020-2021

Graduate Student/Faculty Mentor for Exceptional Scholarship, CSULA, 2015-2017

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate Student Research Assistant, Professor *Anna Boncompagni* Winter 2021

Graduate Student Researcher, *School of Physical Sciences* 2020-2021

Anteater Virtues, *Professor Duncan Pritchard* 2018-Present

Sarnecka Writing Lab, *Professor Barbara Sarnecka* Summer 2019

## LEAD INSTRUCTOR COURSES

*Responsible for designing course syllabus, lectures, and graded material, giving lectures, meeting with students during office hours, and grading materials*

Medical Humanities 1. Health, Wellness, and Conception of the Body Spring 2023

Contemporary Moral Problems, UCI Spring 2023

Puzzles and Paradoxes, UCI Winter 2023

Composition, UCI Fall 2022

Anteater Virtues, Lecturer, UCI Fall 2020

Medical Epistemology, Lecturer, UCI Summer 2020

Graduate Writing Workshop, Facilitator 2020-2022

Critical Thinking, Adjunct, CSUDH	2017
Introduction to Philosophy, Adjunct, LACC	2016
First Year Writing, Instructor, CSULA	2015
English 100, Facilitator, CSULA	2014-2016

### **TEACHING-ASSISTANTSHIPS, UCI Philosophy Department**

*Responsible for section syllabus, lectures, grading materials, meeting with students during office hours, giving feedback on student drafts*

<i>Introduction to Ethics</i> , D. Pritchard	Sum. 2020
<i>Puzzles and Paradoxes</i> , J. Fensel	S. 2020
<i>Introduction to Law and Society</i> , J. Helmrich	W. 2020
<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> , D. Pritchard	Sum., F. 2019
<i>Introduction to Knowledge</i> , A. Coliva	W. 2019
<i>Puzzles and Paradoxes</i> , K. Banick	F. 2018
<i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , E. Bencivenga	Sum. 2018

### **TEACHING-ASSISTANTSHIPS, UCI Education Department**

<i>Children, Schools, and the Cinema</i> , E. Greeban	S. 2019
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### **CERTIFICATES**

- Inclusive Excellence Certificate
- Humanities Pedagogical Certificate, UCI, 2018
- Course Design, UCI, 2018
- Canvas Certificate, California State University, Dominguez Hills, 2017

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE and MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Referee**

North American Association for Philosophy and Education

#### **Service to University of California, Irvine**

Conference Organizer, "Epistemic Injustice in the Medical Context"

- Raised funding, invited speakers, recruited volunteers

THINK Coordinator, 2019-present

*THINK is a program designed to introduce 5th-grade students to philosophical thought and discourse*

- Liaison between University and Elementary Schools by email
- Coordinated schedules for students to participate
- Inputted data from pre/post surveys given to 5th grade students

Graduate Liaison Network, School of Humanities, Representative 2019-2020

- Forged connections between graduate students in the department of philosophy and the administration in the School of Humanities with the purpose of sharing information, altering administration to the needs of graduate students
- Developed activities and disseminated information

THINK Instructor 2017-present

- Developed curriculum for 5th grade students
- Read to students during on-site visits and encouraged philosophical discussions

Graduate Student Representative, Philosophy Department, 2018-2019

- Attended Faculty meetings for the purpose of communicating information between graduate students and the faculty
- Organized social events during the calendar year
- Welcomed prospective students in the Spring
- Held office hours for graduate students to voice concerns

Associated Graduate Student Representative, School of Humanities, 2018-2019

- Attended quarterly meetings
- Served as a go-between for graduate students in philosophy and the associated graduate student union.

### **Service to the Profession**

North American Association for Philosophy and Education *Executive Committee*, 2022-present

### **Memberships**

Public Philosophy Network (since 2019)

Philosophy of Education Society of North America (since 2018)

Friends of the SEP Society (since 2018)

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society (since 2017)

Minorities in Philosophy (MAP) (since 2017)

American Philosophical Association (since 2011)

## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Anna Boncompagni  
 Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
 University of California, Irvine  
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Dr. Mu-Chun Chen  
 Associate Dean, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, School of Physical Sciences  
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Dr. Duncan Pritchard  
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 University of California, Irvine  
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 Associate Dean of Grad Studies and Research, School of Social Sciences  
 Professor, Cognitive Sciences  
 University of California, Irvine

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## TEACHING REFERENCE

Dr. Larisa Tokmakoff Castillo (teaching reference)  
Director of the Pedagogical Humanities  
Professor, Humanities Core  
University of California, Irvine  
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## SELECTED GRADUATE COURSEWORK (\*audited; †directed study)

### History of Philosophy

Aristotle: C. Perin  
Wittgenstein II\*: P. Maddy  
Wittgenstein I: P. Maddy  
Philosophy of;  
Geometry: J. Heis  
Nietzsche†: C. Perin  
Plato: C. Perin  
Descartes: S. Greenberg

### Epistemology

What is this thing called  
Philosophy?: A. Coliva  
Epistemic Authority†: A. Coliva  
Relativism: A. Coliva  
Epistemology:: Hinges &  
Justification of logical laws: A. Coliva  
Virtue Epistemology†: D. Pritchard  
Medical Epistemology: S. Bernecker  
A. Coliva  
Mathematical Cognition†: A. Coliva

### Ethics

Ethics Naturalized: P. Stanford

### Contemporary Philosophy

Wittgenstein: Forms of  
Life\*: A. Boncompagni

Philosophy of Social Phenomenon: M. Gilbert

Hermeneutics & Critical Theory: J. Prabhu

Philosophy of Education

Ethics and Education: H. Brighouse  
T. Laden

History of Philosophy of Education: S. Greenberg

Educational Sociology: C. Tejeda

Psy Foundations of Education: C. Tejeda