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**Employment**

2022-current: Visiting Assistant Professor, Vassar College  
2021-2022: Visiting Assistant Professor, Franklin & Marshall College  
2019-2020: Adjunct Professor, University of Redlands  
Fall 2018: Lecturer, California State University, Long Beach  
2013-2018: Instructor & Teaching Assistant, University of California, Riverside  
2011-2012: Instructor, Georgia State University

**Education**

PhD, Philosophy University of California, Riverside (2022)  
MA, Philosophy Georgia State University (2013)  
BA, Liberal Arts The New School (2010)  
Work towards BA St. John's College, Annapolis (2005-2008)

**Research and Teaching Expertise**

AOS: 20th C. European Philosophy / Phenomenology, Feminist Philosophy  
AOC: 19th C. European Philosophy, Philosophy of Perception, Philosophy of Art,  
Philosophy of Gender and Sexuality

**Published Work**

Forthcoming / In Press

- "Merleau-Ponty and Standpoint Theory," in *Horizons of Phenomenology: Essays on the State of the Field and its Applications* (eds. Patrick Londen, Philip Walsh, and Jeff Yoshimi), part of Springer's *Contributions to Phenomenology* series

In Process

- "Beyond Spatial Orientation: Merleau-Ponty's Account of Perspective" (article, under review)

- “Merleau-Ponty on Skepticism and Perceptual Defeasibility” (article, writing/editing stage)
- *Merleau-Ponty and the Problem of Perception* (monograph, writing/editing stage)
- “Sexuality and the Embodied Subject in Merleau-Ponty’s *Phenomenology of Perception*” (article, initial writing stage)
- Edited volume on Simone de Beauvoir’s philosophical work (planning stage with Palgrave Macmillan, seeking contributors)

### **Presentations and Conferences**

- “Merleau-Ponty on Hallucination and Skepticism,” APA Pacific Division, 2021
- Comments on Madeleine Levac, “Sane Sensing: Art and Affective Disorder in Merleau-Ponty,” APA Eastern Division, 2020
- “Merleau-Ponty on Perspective,” Invited Colloquium at the University of Redlands, 2019
- “Can a Phenomenologist be a Realist?” APA Pacific Division, 2019
- “Merleau-Ponty on Sexuality and Objectification,” The Inhuman Gaze Conference, 2018
- “Merleau-Ponty and the Perceptual Basis for Standpoint Theory,” Horizons of Phenomenology Conference, 2018
- “Beyond Spatial Orientation: Merleau-Ponty’s Account of Perspective,” APA Pacific Division, 2018 and St. Louis University Graduate Conference, 2018
- Comments on Stefano Vincent, “The Phenomenal I and the Phenomenal Contrast between Affection and Volition,” APA Eastern Division, 2018
- “The Phenomenological Point of View: A Merleau-Pontyan Perspective” Philosophy Days conference at Uppsala University, 2017
- Comments on Nick Brancazio, “Gender in Minimal and Narrative Senses of Agency,” UC Riverside Graduate Conference, 2017
- “Positive Ambiguity and Merleau-Pontyan Realism,” University of Sussex Graduate Phenomenology Conference, 2016
- “Merleau-Ponty on Perceptual Error,” Invited Colloquium at Loyola Marymount University, 2015
- “The Problem of Perception and Everyday Illusion in Merleau-Ponty’s *Phenomenology of Perception*,” APA Pacific Division, 2015.

- “Illusion and World-Responsiveness: Merleau-Ponty’s Account of Perceptual Error,”  
University of Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and Philosophy of  
Mind, 2014

### **Teaching Experience**

#### Vassar College, Visiting Assistant Professor:

- PHI106: Philosophy of Love & Sex
- PHI215: Phenomenology & Existential Thought
- PHI280: Merleau-Ponty

#### Franklin & Marshall College, Visiting Assistant Professor:

- PHI/WGS172: Intro to Philosophy of Love & Sex
- PHI170: Authenticity & the Meaningful Life
- PHI/WGS271: Feminist Philosophy
- PHI/WGS/FRN373: The Woman as Subject: Philosophy of Simone de Beauvoir
- PHI490: Independent Study (Senior Project on Feminist Existentialism)

#### University of Redlands, Adjunct Professor:

- PHIL100: Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL110: Contemporary Moral Issues

#### California State University, Long Beach, Lecturer:

- PHIL101: The Meaning of Life
- PHIL361: Philosophy of Art

#### University of California, Riverside, Instructor:

- PHIL001: Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL151: Existentialism
- ENG001A: Beginning Composition (Expository Writing)
- ENG001B: Intermediate Composition (Argumentative Writing)

#### University of California, Riverside, Teaching Assistant:

- PHIL001: Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL003: Ethics & the Meaning of Life

- PHIL004: Philosophy of Race
- PHIL005: Evil
- PHIL007: Critical Thinking
- PHIL008: Introduction to Logic
- PHIL030: Intro to the History of Philosophy: Early Modern

Georgia State University, Instructor

- PHIL010: Critical Thinking

**Professional Service/Activities**

- Colloquium Chair, American Philosophical Association meetings, Pacific Division (2017), Central Division (2018), and Eastern Division (2022, 2023)
- Co-Founder and President, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), UC Riverside chapter (2013-2018)
- Lead organizer for SoCal MAP Regional Conference at UC Riverside (2017)
- Workshop leader, SoCal MAP 2017: "Ethics of Mandated Reporting"
- Referee, UC Riverside Graduate Conference (2017)
- TA Mentor, UC Riverside Philosophy Department (2016-2017, recognized / paid position)
- Referee and Moderator, Georgia State University Phi Sigma Tau Conference (2011, 2012)
- Panelist, Ethics in Film Forum, Georgia State University (2011)

**Honors / Awards / Special Recognition**

- "Recognised Student" / Visiting Doctoral Researcher at Oxford University (2019)
- UC Riverside Graduate Research Mentorship Program Fellowship (2016-2017)
- Dean's Distinguished Fellowship, UC Riverside (2012-2013)

**Graduate Coursework**

*\*Audited courses are starred*

University of California, Riverside

- Directed Studies: Merleau-Ponty's *Phenomenology of Perception* (Dr. Wrathall)
- Part II of Heidegger's *Being and Time* (Dr. Wrathall)
- Experimental Psychology: Perception (Psychology department, Dr. Rosenblum)

- Epistemology and Philosophy of Psychology (Drs. Graham & Schwitzgebel)
- Martin Buber on "I-Thou" and the Phenomenology of Relationship (Dr. Wettstein)
- Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations*, Part II (Dr. Wright)
- Kant and the Copernican Revolution (Dr. Keller)
- Kant's Practical Philosophy (Dr. Reath)
- Nietzsche and Freud (Dr. Clark)
- Frege (Dr. Reck)
- Aristotle's *De Anima* (Dr. Müller)
- Scanlon (Dr. Reath)
- Personal Identity and the Self (Dr. Perry)
- Intermediate Logic (Dr. Reck)
- Proseminar: Moral Philosophy (Dr. Reath)
- Proseminar: Epistemology (Dr. Graham)
- Proseminar: Free Will (Dr. Fischer)
- \*Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit* (Dr. Novakovic)
- \*Kierkegaard (Dr. Wrathall)
- \*Thomas Kuhn (Dr. Wright)
- \*Artificial Intelligence and Ethics (Dr. Schwitzgebel)
- \*Ancient Emotions (Dr. Müller)

### **Georgia State University**

- Topics in 19th Century Philosophy: Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit* (Dr. Rand)
- Seminar in Continental Philosophy: Logic and Normativity in Hegel (Dr. Rand)
- Seminar in Philosophy of Mind: Consciousness and Intentionality (Dr. Graham)
- Seminar in Modern Philosophy: Enlightenment Moral Philosophy (Dr. Wilson)
- Phenomenology (Dr. Carr, cross-registered at Emory University)
- Philosophy and Cognitive Science (Dr. Graham)
- Philosophical Perspectives on Women (Dr. Hartley)
- Epistemology (Dr. Weiskopf)
- Symbolic Logic (Dr. Cox)
- \*Marxism (Dr. Berry)

## **References**

### **Dr. Mark Wrathall**

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University of Oxford  
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### **Dr. Eric Schwitzgebel**

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### **Dr. Andreja Novakovic**

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### **Dr. Howard Wettstein**

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## **Recent Teaching & Professional References**

### **Dr. Jamie T. Kelly**

Associate Professor / Chair of Philosophy  
Vassar College  
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### **Dr. Dennis Deslippe**

Professor/Chair of American Studies, Professor of Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies  
Franklin & Marshall College  
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