

Curriculum Vitae | Janelle DeWitt

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 2018-present
Ruth Norman Halls Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Philosophy, Indiana University, 2015-18
Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Western Michigan University, 2014-15
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, King's College, 2011-2013

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles, Ph.D. in Philosophy 2013

Dissertation: *The Structure and Function of Emotion in Kant's Moral Theory*
Barbara Herman (chair), Calvin Normore, John Carriero, John McCumber

University of Chicago, A.B. Philosophy in the Allied Field of Biology

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Emotion, Kant

AREA OF COMPETENCE

Metaethics, History of Ethics, Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy,
Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Action, Bioethics

PUBLICATIONS

Research Publications

"Feeling and Inclination: Rationalizing the Animal Within," in *Kant and the Faculty of Feeling*,
Diane Williamson and Kelly Sorensen (eds), Cambridge University Press, 2018.

"Respect for the Moral Law: the Emotional Side of Reason," *Philosophy* 89 (1): 31-62 (2014).

Book Reviews

Review of Helga Varden, *Sex, Love and Gender: A Kantian Theory*, in *The SGIR Review*, Vol. 4,
Issue 1-2 (Summer 2021), pp. 68-77.

Review of Laura Papish, *Kant on Evil, Self-Deception, and Moral Reform*, in *The Philosophical Review*,
Vol. 129, No. 4 (Oct. 2020), pp. 651-656.

Other Publications

"The Wooden Doctrine—Basketball, Moral Character and the Successful Life" (2016).
Center for the Study of Ethics in Society Papers, Vol. XXII, No. 4.

Kaplan, Kalman J. and DeWitt, Janelle "'Kevorkian's List:' Gender Bias or What?"
Newslink, 22 (3), 1, 14.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Freedom and the Rational Origin of Evil: Kant’s Anselmian Roots” (parts 1 and 2)

“Humanity, Holiness, and the Highest Good in Kant”

“Kant’s Cognitive Theory of Emotion”

Response to Justin Shaddock’s “Kant on Inclination and Reason” for the *Southern Journal of Philosophy*

PRESENTATIONS (* invited, ** refereed)

“Freedom and the Rational Origin of Evil: Kant’s Anselmian Roots (Part 2)”

14th International Kant Congress, Universität Bonn, September 2024**

Critic, Author Meets Critic session on Helga Varden’s *Sex, Love and Gender: A Kantian Theory*

Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Society, Portland, April 2021*

“Freedom and the Rational Origin of Evil: Kant’s Anselmian Roots (Part 1)”

Pacific Meeting of the North American Kant Society, UC Riverside, February 2023*

Symposium: APA Central Division Meeting, New Orleans, February 2021**

UCSD History of Philosophy Roundtable, October 2020*

UCLA Immanuel Kant Workshop, UCLA, February 2019*

UK Kant Society Annual Meeting, University of St. Andrews, September 2017**

“The Will-for-Justice in Anselm’s *On the Fall of the Devil*”

St. Anselm of Aosta, Bec and Canterbury, University of Houston, May 2018**

Comments on Katherine Ward, “Capacities and Their Limits: Inclusion and the Grounds of Moral Status”

Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Kansas City, March 2017*

“Humanizing Feeling and Desire: The Rational Structures of Emotion”

Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, January 2017**

UK Kant Society Annual Meeting, University of Southampton, September 2016**

“Feeling and Inclination: Rationalizing the Animal Within”

Early Modern Philosophy Conference, UCLA, April 2018*

APA Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore, January 2017**

Indiana Philosophical Association Fall Meeting, DePauw University, November 2016**

WIPHICA Women in Philosophy Workshop, Northwestern University, May 2016*

Eastern Meeting of the North American Kant Society, Yale University, March 2016**

North Carolina Philosophical Society, Appalachia State University, February 2016**

Colloquium at Indiana University, August 2015*

“An Intellectual Account of Evil: Kant and Anselm on Morality and the Freedom of the Will”

Department Colloquium, Western Michigan University, October 2014*

“Emotion, Motivation, and Kant’s Tri-partite Theory of the Mind”

Second Biennial Conference of the North American Kant Society, Cornell University, June 2013**

“Respect for the Moral Law: The Emotional Side of Reason”

Colloquium at the State University of New York, Albany, January 2013*

Tennessee Values and Agency, University of Tennessee, November 2012**

Conference on Emotion, Catholic University of America, March 2012**

European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Milan, Italy, September 2011**

PUBLIC TALKS

“Why We Need to Study Philosophy Today”

University Catholic Center, UCLA, May 2019

“The Wooden Doctrine: Basketball, Moral Character, and the Successful Life”

Center for the Study of Ethics in Society, Western Michigan University, April 2015

“Reason and Emotion in Kant’s Account of Moral Love”

Summer Research Grant Forum, King’s College, November 2012

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Notre Dame History of Philosophy Forum Summer Fellow, University of Notre Dame, IN,
August 2023

Junior Women Workshop, North American Kant Society, Washington University, MO,
November 2017

Social Philosophy in the Thomistic and Analytic Traditions, Witherspoon Institute
Thomistic Seminar, Princeton, NJ, August 2012

Themes in the Philosophy of Peter Geach and Thomas Aquinas, Witherspoon Institute
Thomistic Seminar, Princeton, NJ, August 2011

Aquinas and Contemporary Ethical Theory, Lumen Christi Institute Summer Seminar,
Chicago, IL, June 2011

TEACHING (* large lectures with 100-300 students)

Graduate Research Seminars

Kant’s Anthropology (UCLA)

The *Two Wills* Moral Psychology of Anselm and Kant (UCLA)

Topics in Kant’s Ethics (Stanford—guest lecturer)

Kantian Ethics (Western Michigan)

Undergraduate Research Seminars

Conceptions of the Good

Historical Theories of the Self/Soul/Mind/I

Upper Division Courses

Metaethics: Conceptions of the Good

History of Ethics: Modern

Emotions and the Psychology of Good and Evil

Biomedical Ethics

The *Two Wills* Moral Psychology of Anselm and Kant

*History of Modern Philosophy, 1650 to 1800

Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

Introductory/General Education Courses

*Introduction to Ethical Theory

*Philosophical Analysis of Contemporary Moral Issues

Ethics and the Good Life

Death and the Meaning of Life

*Historical Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Philosophy of Religion
Making of the Modern Mind

Independent Studies (UCLA):

Alexander Popovic: *Crime and Punishment: Kant, the State, and Retributive Justice*
Arali Seneviratne: *Immoral Motivation and the Passions in Kant's Moral Psychology*
Alejandro Faz: *The Fact-Value Distinction: An Emotional Response*
Shea Bertolucci: *Emotion in Kant's Moral Psychology*
Jesus Ramirez: *Emotion in Kant's Moral Psychology*
Eloise Rangel: *Emotion in Kant's Moral Psychology*
Andrea Valenzuela: *Emotion in Kant's Moral Psychology*
Alyssa Yanez: *Emotion in Kant's Moral Psychology*
Moina Maaz: *Strengthening Human Nature prior to Acquiring Morality: An Islamic Perspective on Kant and Anselm's Account of the Freedom of the Will*

MEDICAL RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Dr. Steven Reiner Immunology Laboratory, Gwenn Knapp Center for Lupus and Immunology Research, University of Chicago.
Senior Laboratory Technician. Conducted research on T-Cell differentiation.

Dr. Jeffrey Bluestone Immunology Laboratory, University of Chicago Hospitals.
Research Assistant. Assisted Ph.D. candidate with doctoral thesis research.

Dr. Kalman Kaplan, Director of Suicide Research, Columbia-Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, professor, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.
Research Assistant. Conducted research study on suicidal risk factors and gender bias in physician-assisted suicide, and in particular, the cases of Jack Kevorkian.

Biological Sciences Division, University of Chicago
Teaching Assistant. *Biochemistry* and *Evolution: Chemical to Biological*
Laboratory Instructor. *Immunobiology*

ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL HONORS

History of Philosophy Forum Writing Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, Aug. 2023
Ruth Normal Halls Post-doctoral Fellowship, Indiana University, 2015-18
Summer Research Grant, King's College, 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: *Ergo*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Kantian Review*, *Kant Studies Online*
Colloquia Coordinator, Western Michigan University
Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society Faculty Moderator, King's College

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
North American Kant Society

LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge of German, Italian and Latin.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Shidokan Karate, teaching women's kickboxing and self-defense, running, and working on my 1989 Jeep Wrangler Islander.

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Tyler Burge	University of California Los Angeles	burge@ucla.edu	310-825-1315
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