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### *Contact Details*

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### *Education*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Ph.D. in Philosophy, September 2002  
Dissertation title: *Silence, Speech, and Responsibility*

Harvard University  
A.B. in Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, June 1995

### *Academic Employment (Full-Time)*

University of Michigan  
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, January 2012-present

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Assistant Professor, Departments of Philosophy (Newark & New Brunswick) and  
Women's and Gender Studies (New Brunswick), September 2007-December 2011

Syracuse University  
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, August 2002-December 2007  
Affiliated Faculty, Women's Studies Program

### *Areas of Research Specialization*

Philosophy of Language, Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Law

### *Add'l Areas of Teaching Competence*

Epistemology, Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics

### *Fellowships*

Institute for Research on Women Fellowship, Rutgers University, 2009-10

## ***Publications***

### *Edited Collection*

*Speech and Harm: Controversies over Free Speech* (co-edited with Mary Kate McGowan)  
Oxford University Press, 2012

### *Journal Articles*

- “Propaganda, Non-Rational Means, and Civic Rhetoric”  
*Theoria*, vol. 31, no. 3, September 2016, pp. 313-327
- “In Defense of the ACA’s Medicaid Expansion” (with Brian Weatherson)  
*Public Affairs Quarterly*, vol. 27, no. 3, July 2013, pp. 267-288
- “Subordination and Objectification”  
*Journal of Moral Philosophy*, vol. 10, no. 1, 2013, pp. 87-100
- “In Defense of a Kripkean Dogma” (with Jonathan Ichikawa and Brian Weatherson)  
*Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*, vol. 85, no. 1, July 2012, pp. 56-68
- “The Nature of Epistemic Injustice”  
*Philosophical Books*, vol. 51, no. 4, October 2010, pp. 195-211

- “On Racist Hate Speech and the Scope of a Free Speech Principle” (with Mary Kate McGowan)  
*Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence*, vol. 23, no. 2, July 2010, pp. 343-372
- “Assertion, Knowledge, and Action” (with Brian Weatherson)  
*Philosophical Studies*, vol. 149, no. 1, May 2010, pp. 99-118
- “On Silencing, Rape, and Responsibility” (with Mary Kate McGowan)  
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 88, no. 1, March 2010, pp. 167-172
- “Silencing Speech”  
*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 39, no. 2, June 2009, pp. 309-338
- “The Limits of Free Speech: Pornography and the Question of Coverage” (with Mary Kate McGowan)  
*Legal Theory*, vol. 13, no. 1, March 2007, pp. 41-68
- “Silence and Responsibility”  
*Philosophical Perspectives*, vol. 18, December 2004, pp. 189-208

#### *Book Chapters*

- “Lying, Acting, and Asserting”  
 To be published in *Lying: Language, Knowledge, Ethics, and Politics*, edited by Eliot Michaelson and Andreas Stokke, Oxford University Press
- “In Defense of the ACA’s Medicaid Expansion” (with Brian Weatherson)  
 In *The Affordable Care Act Decision: Philosophical and Legal Implications*, edited by Fritz Allhoff and Mark Hall, Routledge, 2014, pp. 209-224
- “Subordinating Speech”  
 In *Speech and Harm: Controversies over Free Speech*, edited by Ishani Maitra & Mary Kate McGowan, Oxford University Press, 2012, pp. 94-120
- Introduction to *Speech and Harm: Controversies over Free Speech* (with Mary Kate McGowan)  
 In *Speech and Harm: Controversies over Free Speech*, edited by Ishani Maitra & Mary Kate McGowan, Oxford University Press, 2012, pp. 1-23
- “Assertion, Norms, and Games”  
 In *Assertion: New Philosophical Essays*, edited by Jessica Brown & Herman Cappelen, Oxford University Press, 2011, pp. 277-296
- “How and Why to be a Moderate Contextualist”  
 In *Context-Sensitivity and Semantic Minimalism: New Essays on Semantics and Pragmatics*, edited by Georg Peter & Gerhard Preyer, Oxford University Press, 2007, pp. 112-132

#### *Encyclopedia and Handbook Entries*

- “Speech and Silencing”  
 Forthcoming in *The Routledge Companion to Feminist Philosophy*, edited by Ann Garry, Serene Khader, and Alison Stone, Routledge
- “Feminism”  
 In *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology*, edited by Herman Cappelen, Tamar Szabó Gendler, and John Hawthorne, Oxford University Press, 2016, pp. 690-708

#### *Other Publications*

- Review of Jennifer Mather Saul’s *Lying, Misleading, and What is Said: An Exploration in Philosophy of Language and in Ethics*  
*Times Higher Education*, 24 January 2013, p. 51
- “Commentary on A.W. Eaton’s “A Sensible Antiporn Feminism””  
*Symposium on Gender, Race, and Philosophy*, vol. 4, no. 2, Spring 2008

#### **Presentations**

##### *Talks*

- TBD  
*Episteme* Conference, Isabela Island, Galápagos, July 2017
- “The Authority of Hate Speech”  
 Amherst College, April 2017

“New Words for Old Wrongs”  
     Arché Research Centre, University of St Andrews, June 2017  
     Macalester College, March 2017  
     Michigan State University, October 2016  
     Sawyer Seminar on Social Epistemology, Northwestern University, August 2016  
 “Propaganda, Non-Rational Means, and Civic Rhetoric”  
     APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, April 2016  
 “Staking, Gullibility, and Vigilance”  
     APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, March 2016  
 “Trust and Reliance in Testimony”  
     University of Western Ontario, October 2015  
     Midwest Epistemology Workshop, University of Michigan, October 2014  
     Australian National University, May 2014  
     University of Melbourne, May 2014  
     University of Sydney, April 2014  
 “Lying, Acting, and Asserting”  
     talk for graduate students, University of Michigan, April 2015  
     University of Waterloo, October 2015  
     Australasian Association of Philosophy, Australian National University, July 2014  
     Monash University, May 2014  
 “Hate Speech and the Limits of Free Speech”  
     Eastern Michigan University, March 2015  
 “Authority and Accommodation”  
     keynote address, Dominating Speech Workshop, University of Connecticut, November 2014  
 “Distinguishing Ameliorative Projects”  
     Haslanger on Ameliorative Projects Workshop, Arché Research Centre, University of St Andrews, October 2013  
 “Free Speech and its Limits: The Case of Pornography”  
     Colby College, September 2013  
 “Revisiting the Authority Problem”  
     Feminist Philosophy and Pornography Conference, Berlin, September 2013  
 “On the Plurality of Pejoratives”  
     APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, March 2013  
 “What’s Wrong with Epistemic Objectification?”  
     Workshop for Women in Philosophy, New Paltz, December 2012  
 “What Assertion Is”  
     graduate student conference keynote address, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, May 2012  
     Felician College, November 2011  
     Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, October 2011  
 “The Sound of Silencing”  
     Calvin College, March 2012  
 “Assertion and Evidence-Responsiveness”  
     Syracuse University, September 2011  
     talk for graduate students, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, April 2011  
     University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 2011  
 “Subordination and Objectification”  
     APA Eastern Division Meeting, Boston, December 2010  
 “The Nature of Epistemic Injustice”  
     Arché Research Centre, University of St Andrews, June 2010  
 “How Serious is Rape?”  
     Institute for Research on Women, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, April 2010  
 “Credibility, Stereotypes, and Testimonial Injustice”

APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, February 2010  
 “Subordinating Speech”  
     Dartmouth University, October 2009  
     NYSWIP Workshop, New York City, November 2009  
 “Assertion, Knowledge, and Action”  
     Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2009  
 “Assertion and Silence”  
     Arché Research Centre, University of St Andrews, June 2009  
 “Silencing, Authority, and Free Speech”  
     Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, July 2008  
 “Hate Speech, Pornography, and Censorship”  
     Language and Law Roundtable, University of Oslo, June 2008  
 “What Speech Does: Racist Speech and its Uses”  
     NYSWIP, New York City, April 2008  
 “Assertion, Norms, and Games”  
     University of Western Ontario, March 2007  
 “Limits of Free Expression”  
     Maxwell School of Social Science, Syracuse University, February 2006  
 “The Limits of Free Speech: Pornography and the Question of Coverage”  
     Women’s Studies Program, Syracuse University, January 2006  
 “Why Take Our Word For It?”  
     Rutgers University, New Brunswick, November 2006  
     Creighton Club Philosophy Conference, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, November 2006  
     MITing of the Minds 2006, M.I.T., January 2006  
 “On Racist Hate Speech and the Scope of a Free Speech Principle”  
     Cornell University, September 2006  
 “How and Why to be a Moderate Contextualist”  
     University of Texas, Austin, May 2006  
     Context and Content Workshop, University of Oslo, April 2006  
 “HillTV and Free Speech”  
     Women’s Studies Program, Syracuse University, December 2005  
 “The Limits of Free Speech: Pornography, Racist Hate Speech and the Question of Coverage”  
     Australian National University, October 2005  
 “What is a Norm of Assertion?”  
     Queen’s University, February 2005  
     University of Rochester, February 2004  
     Union College, February 2004  
 “Moral Value and Political Value”  
     Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, M.I.T., April 2004  
 “Silencing Speech”  
     Presentation to Philosophy Graduate Seminar, Harvard University, November 2004  
     Summer Institute for Talented Minority Youth, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, June 2003  
 “Pornography, Subordination, and Speech Act Theory”  
     Cornell University, May 2003  
     Wellesley College, April 2003  
 “Deftly Defending Donnellan’s Definite Descriptions Distinction”  
     presentation to graduate students, Syracuse University, April 2003  
 “Making Sense of Silencing”

SWIP Eastern Division Spring Meeting, University of South Carolina, Charlotte, March 2001

“Race, Gender, and Essentialism: A Critique of Appiah” (with Ásta Sveinsdóttir)  
Independent Activities Period Lecture, M.I.T., February 2001

*Commentaries*

- On Rebecca Mason’s “Are Social Kinds Mind-Dependent?”  
Midsummer Philosophy Conference, University of Cambridge, June 2016
- On Chelsea Rosenthal’s “Substantive and Procedural Moral Oughts”  
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2015
- On Rae Langton’s “The Authority of Hate Speech”  
Global Expressive Rights and the Internet Workshop, Dartmouth University, April 2015
- On Tom Dougherty’s “Fickle Consent: Why There is No Time like the Present”  
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2013
- On Monica Cowart’s “Consent, Justice, and Sexual Assault: Can Speech Act Theory Provide An Alternative Legal Model of Consent?” and Sarah Serial’s “Free Speech, Extreme Speech, and (Manufactured) Authority: A Blind Spot in Legal Regulation?”  
APA Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta, December 2012
- On Bradley Rettler’s “No Epistemic Norm of Assertion”  
APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, February 2010
- On Arlene Stein’s “Telling Stories, Becoming Survivors: The Feminization of the Holocaust”  
Institute for Research on Women, New Brunswick, November 2009
- On Eros Corazza’s “Minimalism, Contextualism, and Contentualism”  
The Contextualist Challenge in the Philosophy of Language Conference, Queen’s University, September 2009
- On Sarah Moss’s “On the Pragmatics of Counterfactuals”  
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2008
- On Robert Stainton’s *Words and Thoughts: Subsentences, Ellipsis, and the Philosophy of Language*  
Semantics Workshop, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, October 2007
- On Elisabeth Camp’s “Perspectives in Imaginative Engagement with Fiction”  
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2006
- On Joongol Kim’s “Definition by Abstraction”  
APA Pacific Division Meeting, March 2006
- On Jennifer Lackey’s “Learning from Words”  
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2005
- On Robin Jeshion’s “Singular Thought Without Acquaintance”  
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2004
- On Harold W. Noonan’s “The Concept *Horse*”  
Syracuse Workshop in Metaphysics, Syracuse University, August 2003
- On Lisa Rivera’s “Prioritizing the Political in Feminist Ethics”  
SWIP Eastern Division Spring Meeting, M.I.T., April 2002

**Teaching**

*University of Michigan*

- Current Philosophy, graduate seminar (Topic: Trust and its Discontents), Winter 2017
- Law and Philosophy, undergraduate lecture course, Fall 2013, Fall 2015, and Fall 2016
- First Year Seminar, undergraduate seminar (Topic: Philosophy and Sport), Fall 2015 and Fall 2016
- Language and Mind, undergraduate lecture course, Fall 2012 and Winter 2016

Current Philosophy, graduate seminar (Topic: Feminist Philosophy), Winter 2015  
Honors Introduction to Philosophy, undergraduate seminar, Winter 2015  
Problems of Philosophy, undergraduate lecture course, Fall 2014  
Philosophy of Language, undergraduate/graduate seminar, Fall 2013  
Philosophy of Law, graduate seminar (Topic: Language & the Law), Winter 2013  
Feminist Philosophy, undergraduate/graduate seminar, Fall 2012  
Undergraduate Seminar in Philosophy (Topic: Lying), Winter 2012

*Rutgers-Newark*

Philosophy of Law, undergraduate lecture course, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, and Spring 2011  
Philosophy of Language, undergraduate lecture course, Spring 2008 and Spring 2009  
Current Moral and Social Issues (Topic: Justice and the Law), undergraduate lecture course, Spring 2008

*Rutgers-New Brunswick*

Philosophical Issues in Feminism, undergraduate lecture course cross-listed between Philosophy and Women's & Gender Studies, Fall 2008 and Fall 2011

*Syracuse University*

Feminist Philosophy of Science, graduate directed study, Fall 2007  
Philosophy of Feminism, undergraduate lecture course cross-listed between Philosophy and Women's Studies, Fall 2002, Spring 2004, and Fall 2007  
Seminar for Majors (Topic: Lying), Fall 2007  
Philosophy of Law, undergraduate lecture course, Spring 2003 and Spring 2006  
Philosophy of Language, graduate/undergraduate lecture course, Fall 2003, Fall 2004, and Fall 2006  
Testimony, graduate seminar, Fall 2006  
20<sup>th</sup> Century Theories of Knowledge, Reality, and Meaning, undergraduate lecture course, Spring 2005  
Seminar for Majors (Topic: Justice and the Law), Fall 2004  
Contexts and Context-Dependence, graduate seminar, Spring 2004  
Feminist Critiques, graduate seminar, Spring 2003  
Seminar for Majors (Topic: Freedom of the Will and Moral Responsibility), Fall 2003

*Harvard University*

Freedom of the Will, sophomore and junior tutorials, Fall 2000 and Spring 2002  
Definite Descriptions, sophomore tutorial, Spring 2001  
Trust and Testimony, sophomore tutorial, Spring 2001

**Service**

*Service to the Profession*

Editorial board member, *Hypatia*, 2014-2019  
Program committee member, APA Eastern Division, 2014-2016  
Mentor, Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Women, Princeton University, August 2014  
Program committee member, Diversity in Philosophy Conference, University of Dayton, May 2013  
Coordinating committee member, SWIPshops, Fall 2010-Winter 2011  
Guest co-editor, Special Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference issue of *Philosophical Studies*, 2011  
Program committee member, 2011 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, 2011  
Co-editor, *Symposium on Gender and Race in Philosophy* <<http://web.mac.com/shaslang/SGRP/Welcome.html>>, Fall 2005-Winter 2010  
Co-organizer, Syracuse Workshop in Metaphysics, Syracuse University, 2003  
Co-organizer, Society for Women in Philosophy, Eastern Division Spring Meeting, M.I.T., 2002  
Co-organizer, Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, M.I.T., Fall 2000-Spring 2002

Manuscript referee, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Educational Researcher*, *Episteme*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ethics*, *Feminist Theory*, *Hypatia*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Law and Philosophy*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Norsk Filosofisk Tidsskrift*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Compass*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, Blackwell Publishing, Oxford University Press, Routledge  
Grant referee, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)*

*Service to the  
Department and  
the University*

Graduate admissions chair, Philosophy, University of Michigan, 2015-17  
Selection committee member, Institute for the Humanities faculty fellowship program, University of Michigan, 2017-18  
Selection committee member, Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2015-17  
Faculty advisor, Spring Colloquium, Philosophy, University of Michigan, 2017  
Executive committee member, Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science, University of Michigan, 2014-17  
Faculty ally, Rackham Faculty Allies for Diversity in Graduate Education, University of Michigan, 2013-17  
Undergraduate studies chair, Philosophy, University of Michigan, 2014-15  
Chair's committee member, Philosophy, University of Michigan, 2012-15  
Graduate studies committee member, Philosophy, University of Michigan, 2012-13  
Graduate admissions committee member, Philosophy, University of Michigan, 2012-13  
Undergraduate curriculum committee member, Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, 2009-11  
Admissions committee member, Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, 2009-11  
Hiring committee member, Philosophy, Rutgers University, Newark, 2009-10  
Mentor, Institute for Research on Women Learning Community, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, March-April 2010  
Departmental representative to Open House, Rutgers University, Newark, April 2008  
Honors Humanities Prize reader, Syracuse University, April-May 2007  
Advisory Board member, Women's Studies Program, Syracuse University, 2002-07  
Colloquium series co-organizer, Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2004-05  
Graduate student working papers group organizer, Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2004-05  
Humanities Council member, Syracuse University, 2003-05  
Executive Committee member, Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2003-05  
Hiring committee member, Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2002-05  
Hiring committee member, Linguistics, Syracuse University, 2003-04  
T.A. Orientation speaker ("The First Day of Class" session), Syracuse University, August 2003  
Departmental hiring committee member, Women's Studies Program, Syracuse University, 2002-03

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