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Areas of Specialization

· Feminist Philosophy, Social Philosophy, Simone de Beauvoir

Areas of Competence

· Existentialism, Moral Psychology, Applied Ethics, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Disability

Employment

· University of Edinburgh,
2025 - Senior Lecturer in Philosophy
2019 - 2025 Lecturer in Social and Political Philosophy

Education

· University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: PhD in Philosophy, 2019
MA in Philosophy, 2016
Dissertation: *Recognizing Social Subjects: Gender, Disability and Social Standing*
Committee: Ishani Maitra (Chair), Derrick Darby, Elizabeth Anderson, Paulina Alberto
· Simon Fraser University: BA with Honours in Philosophy and Extended Minor in French, 2012
First Class Honours with Distinction

Publications

2026	"Misogynistic Dehumanization." *Social Theory and Practice* 52(1): 89-116 doi: 10.5840/soctheorpract2026225258
2026	Co-authored with Charlotte Knowles. "How to Dress Like a Feminist: A Relational Ethics of Non-Complicity." *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy* 69(2): 834-871. doi: 10.1080/0020174X.2023.2233014
2024	"Criticizing Women: Simone de Beauvoir on Complicity and Bad Faith." in *Analytic Existentialism*, edited by Berislav Marušić and Mark Schroeder, Oxford University Press
2023	"Incel Violence and Beauvoirian Otherness." in *Beauvoir and Politics: A Toolkit*, edited by Liesbeth Schoonheim and Karen Vintges, Routledge.
2023	"What Do Incels Want? Explaining Incel Violence Using Beauvoirian Otherness." *Hypatia* 38(1): 134-156. doi: 10.1017/hyp.2023.3
	Turkish translation published in *Prokopton* issue 5 (2024)
2021	"'Half Victim, Half Accomplice': Cat Person and Narcissism." *Ergo an Open Access Journal of Philosophy* 7(26): 701-729. doi: 10.3998/ergo.1123
2019	"Perpetuating the patriarchy: misogyny and post-(feminist) backlash". *Philosophical Studies* 176(9): 2517-2538. doi: 10.1007/s11098-018-1138-z

Public Philosophy

2024	Can you love fashion and still be a feminist? The New Feminist
2024	Mugler's fashion makes women look like goddesses but feminist critics can't agree if that's a good thing. The Conversation
2024	Simone de Beauvoir on incel extremism. IAI News.
2023	"What Do Incels Want? Explaining Incel Violence Using Beauvoirian Otherness." Featured in New Work in Philosophy
2023	"'Half Victim, Half Accomplice': Cat Person and Narcissism." in Ergo Blog
2022	Sugar Babies: When 'Feminism' Looks Like Online Misogyny. Women in Philosophy Series, Blog of the APA

Media Coverage & Expert Comment

- Iain Overton, 'Special Investigation: Exposing Porn,' comments featured in Byline Times, February 2025.
- Rhea Bravo's *Complicit: Why we enable misbehaving men*, Gallery Books, featured as expert consultant, June 2024.
- Natasha Radmehr, *'Polls Apart'*, comments on gender and political polarization featured in The Sunday Post, April 2024.
- Rory Lambert, '*'One week from a mass stabbing in Sydney, we're being warned a similar incident could happen in Scotland at some point.'*, interview for Go Radio, Glasgow, April 2024.
- Nicholas Malizia, '*Incel culture is on the rise in the UK, data shows*', comments featured in The Student, November 2023.
- Abigail King, '*Is there really a way to dress like a feminist?'*, coverage of talk 'How to dress like a feminist' in The Student, October 2023.
- Caitlin Logan, '*Incel culture is increasing. Should we be worried, and what can we do about it?',* comments featured in Special Report on incel culture in The National, January 2022.

Public Engagement

- Events

  "Feminist Witches: A Feminist Critique" at Night of Philosophy, Groningen, April 2026.
  Feminist Philosophy & Empowerment, at the EmpowerHer Exhibition, Edinburgh, March 2024.
  Panel Discussion: How to make our campus safer?, The Noisy Movement, Edinburgh, March 2023.
  Women's History Month Panel Session, School of Philosophy, Psychology, and Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh, March 2023.
  PUBlic Philosophy at the Garvald Inn, Scotland, An argument for gender-based reparations?, November 2022.

- Podcasts

  British Society for Phenomenology Podcast, featured presentation: How to dress like a feminist (with Charlotte Knowles), May 2024.

  The Resilient Researcher Podcast: Incels, 'othering' and critical compassion with Dr. Filipa Melo Lopes, episode with Daillen Culver and Megan Douglas of BeDo, December 2023.

Simone De Beauvoir: A Toolkit for the 21st Century Podcast, featured presentation: What do incels want? Explaining Incel Violence Using Beauvoirian Otherness, February 2022.

British Society for Phenomenology Podcast, featured presentation: "Half Victim, Half Accomplice": Cat Person and Narcissism, December 2020.

Selected Presentations * peer-reviewed

· *Goddess Feminism as a Patriarchal Trap*

Feminism and Empowerment Workshop, University of Groningen, April 2026.

· *Feminist Witches? Rethinking Women, Magic, and Otherness*

Keynote, Feminist Philosophies and Methods International Conference, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, October 2025.

* 99th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association Conference, University of Glasgow, July 2025.

* 30th International Conference of the Simone de Beauvoir Society, June 2025.

Keynote, Saints English Graduate Conference, St. Andrews University, April 2025.

· *Misogynistic Dehumanization*

The Meaning of Misogyny Conference, Manchester University, June 2026.

* 2025 Male Supremacism Studies Conference, The Institute for Research on Male Supremacism, April 2025

Feminist Philosophy and Social Theory Research Seminar, St. Andrews Arché Philosophical Research Centre, October 2024.

*MANCEPT Workshop 'The New Dignity', Manchester Centre for Political Theory, September 2024.

Practical Philosophy Seminar, Freie Universität Berlin, December 2023.

· *A Crítica da Cumplicidade Feminina em O Segundo Sexo*

Keynote, 1º Encontro Internacional Simone de Beauvoir, Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo (UFES), October 2023.

· *How to Dress Like a Feminist* (with Charlotte Knowles)

*97th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association Conference, Birkbeck & The Institute of Philosophy, University of London, July 2023.

Gender Joy Workshop, Scottish Feminist Philosophy Network, University of Glasgow, June 2023.

*Engaged Phenomenology II, British Society for Phenomenology Annual Conference, University of Exeter, August 2022.

Injustice, Resistance and Complicity Workshop, University of Groningen, June 2022.

· *Complicity in One's Oppression as an Ethical Fault*

*UK Sartre Society Annual Conference, Oxford, July 2022.

Phenomenology and Feminism: Thinking with Beauvoir and Beyond, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, March 2022.

· *What Do Incels Want? Explaining Incel Violence Using Beauvoirian Otherness*

Invited Symposium: Feminist Analyses of Incels and Incel Culture, APA Eastern Division, Baltimore, comments by Mark Alfano, January 2022.

Public Panel Event 'Resentment, Guilt, and Shame Under Patriarchy' with Louise Richardson-Self, Tracy Llanera and Kate Manne, University of Tasmania, August 2021.

Panel 'Hate and Misogyny Online', Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Waikato, July 2021.

*De Beauvoir: New Perspectives for the 21st c. International Conference, KU Leuven, June 2021.

Philosophy Seminar Series, Philosophy Department, Queen's University Belfast, March 2021.

*Women in the History of Philosophy – SWIP UK Annual Conference, University of Stirling, comments by Charlotte Knowles and Manon Garcia, January 2021.

Visiting Speaker Seminar, Philosophy Department, University of Stirling, November 2020.

Senior Seminar, Philosophy Department, University of Glasgow, September 2020.

- *"Cat Person", Simone de Beauvoir and Narcissism*

*26th World Congress of Political Science, Lisbon, July 2021.

*Engaged Phenomenology, British Society for Phenomenology Annual Conference, September 2020.

*Diverse Lineages in Existentialism II, George Washington University, June 2019.

Panel on short story "Cat Person" with author Kristen Roupenian. Race, Gender, and Feminist Philosophy Working Group, University of Michigan, March 2018.

- *Gender and Liminality: Explaining Social Anxiety About Gender Ambiguity*

*NY-MAPWorks Spring Workshop Series, Columbia University, April 2018.

*Society for Analytic Feminism Session, APA Pacific Division, San Diego, March 2018.

*Midwest Society for Women in Philosophy, Cleveland State University, November 2017.

*Peripheral Matters Graduate Conference, The Graduate Center, CUNY, October 2017.

- *Misogyny and (Post-)Feminist Backlash*

*1st Critical Social Ontology Workshop, University of St. Louis, June 2017.

*Anthro-History Annual Symposium: Dissensus or Impasse?, University of Michigan, April 2017.

*Feminist Utopias: Transforming the Present of Philosophy, University of Iceland, March 2017.

Invited Comments

- Kate Kirkpatrick, *The Second Sex: A Philosophical Commentary*, Manuscript workshop, Freie Universität Berlin, December 2023.
- Amia Srinivasan, *Sexual Politics After MeToo*, Knowles Memorial Lecture in Political Philosophy, University of Glasgow, February 2023.
- Manon Garcia, *We Are Not Born Submissive* (with Manon Garcia and Ellie Anderson), The Beauvoir Webinar Series, Simone de Beauvoir Society, February 2022.

Honors, Awards & Fellowships

- People of CAHSS (College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences) Awards Advancing Inclusion category Winner, University of Edinburgh, 2024.
- People of CAHSS Awards Nomination in The Pillar of the Community category, University of Edinburgh, 2024, 2025.
- CAHSS Recognition Awards Nomination in Excellent Newcomer category, 2021; Inspiring Colleague category, 2022, University of Edinburgh.

- Students' Association Teaching Awards - Nomination in Outstanding Course category 2021; in Teacher of the Year category, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 (long-listed), 206, University of Edinburgh.
- Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan, September 2018-August 2019
- Philosophy Department Special Prize for Leadership in Cocurricular Enrichment (SPLICE), University of Michigan, 2018/2019
- Philosophy Department Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Prize, University of Michigan, 2017/2018
- Institute for the Humanities Graduate Student Fellow, University of Michigan, September 2017-June 2018
- Institute for Research on Women and Gender Community of Scholars Fellow, University of Michigan, May-August 2017
- Weinberg Summer Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2015

Teaching Experience

At University of Edinburgh

- Morality and Value (1st Year Undergraduate)
- Gender & Beauty (4th Year Undergraduate)
- Advanced Topics in Feminist Philosophy (4th Year Undergraduate; Postgraduate Masters)
- Feminist Philosophy (3rd Year Undergraduate)
- Political Philosophy (3rd Year Undergraduate)

At University of Michigan (as a Teaching Assistant)

- History of Philosophy: 17th and 18th Century Philosophy (with Janum Sethi)
- Honors Program: Reasoning about Reasoning (with Sarah Buss)
- Ethics and the Environment (with Maria Lasonen-Aarnio)
- Introduction to Political Philosophy (with Tina Botts)
- Law and Philosophy (with Derrick Darby)

Dissertations Supervised

- Undergraduate Dissertations, University of Edinburgh: 12
- MSc Dissertations, University of Edinburgh: 13

Research Supervision

- Primary Supervisor
  - Ziruo Xie, MSc by Research, 2023-2024
- Secondary Supervisor
  - Kaja Kröger, PhD Philosophy (Goethe University Frankfurt), 2025-in progress
  - Yinmei Wu, PhD Philosophy, 2023-in progress
  - Willa Saadat, PhD Philosophy, 2023-in progress
  - Leah Ritterfeld, PhD Philosophy (University of Vienna), 2022-in progress
  - Natasha Galea, PhD Philosophy (University of Malta), 2022-in progress
  - Jennifer Walker, PhD Philosophy, 2022-in progress
  - Rory Wilson, PhD Philosophy, 2021-in progress
  - Lilith W. Lee, PhD Philosophy, *An Examination of the Problems of False Consciousness*, 2021

Academic and Professional Service

Refereeing

- At least once: *Analysis; Analyse & Kritik; American Political Science Review; Cogent Arts & Humanities; Ergo; European Journal of Philosophy; Hypatia; Inquiry; Journal of the APA; Journal of Social Ontology; Journal of Social Philosophy; Social Theory and Practice; Southern Journal of Philosophy; Philosophers' Imprint; Philosophia; Philosophical Studies; Simone de Beauvoir Studies*
- MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) special session at the Philosophy of Science Association Conference 2020

Research Examination

- Josiana Barbosa Andrade, Doutora em Filosofia, O Nascido e o Vivido: Ensaio para uma Ontologia Política da Nascição desde um Ponto de Vista Beauvoiriano, (external, membro da banca) Instituto de Filosofia, Sociologia e Política da Universidade Federal de Pelotas, Brazil, 2026.
- Yuyi Miao, MPhil Philosophy, Rethinking the Cultural Turn in Feminism, (external examiner) University of St Andrews, 2026.
- Maisie Belle Norton, MSc by Research Philosophy, *Eugenics' New Clothes: The Moral Equivalence Between Liberal and Historical Eugenics*, (internal examiner) University of Edinburgh, 2025.
- Beth Tomlinson, MA by Research Women's Studies, *War is Peace, Beauty is Misogyny*, (external examiner) University of York, 2024.
- Chad M. Stevenson, PhD Philosophy, *Asymmetric Welfarism about Meaning in Life*, (internal examiner) University of Edinburgh, 2022.
- Amanda-Jane McCann, MSc by Research Philosophy, *Exclusion and Knowledge*, (internal examiner) University of Edinburgh, 2020.

At University of Edinburgh

- Philosophy Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Director, 2019-2024
- Cohort Lead for Year 4 Philosophy Cohort 2023/2024, Year 1 Philosophy Cohort 2024/2025.
- Tutor Training Coordinator for Philosophy, 2023/2024, 2024/2025.
- Director of the Scottish Feminist Philosophy Network 2024-present (Co-director w/ Katharine Jenkins, Glasgow 2021-2024).
- CRITIQUE Center for Ethics and Critical Thought Associate Director, 2020-2023
- PhD Admissions Committee Philosophy member, 2020/2021
- Edinburgh Speaker Series in Philosophy Organizer, 2020/2021
- Open Days Committee Member, 2019 -2021

At University of Michigan

- Race, Gender and Feminist Philosophy Working Group Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop Co-Organizer, 2017/2018 & 2018/2019
- 1st COMPASS at Michigan Workshop Co-Organizer, September 2017
- Minorities in Philosophy (MAP) Chapter Coordinator, Fall 2015-Winter 2017
- Graduate Student Working Group Coordinator, 2014/2015

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