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**Areas of Specialization**

Feminist philosophy, Early Modern philosophy

**Areas of Competence**

Social epistemology, Ethics, Political philosophy

**Academic Positions**

**McMaster University**, Canada

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy *2020 - present*

**Education**

**University of Pennsylvania**, United States

*Ph.D.* in Philosophy  *2020*

Supervisor: Prof. Karen Detlefsen

Committee: Prof. Samuel Freeman, Prof. Daniel J. Singer

Dissertation: “Transformative Relations in Early Modern Philosophy”

**University of Jyväskylä**, Finland

*Visiting Student*, “Feminist Thinking in Historical Perspectives” *2016*

**Wilfrid Laurier University**, Canada

*M.A.* in Philosophy *2013*

Supervisor: Prof. Rebekah Johnston

Major Research Paper: “The Skills of Self-Definitional Autonomy in Oppressive Social Contexts”

**Wilfrid Laurier University**, Canada

*B.A., Honours* in Philosophy and Psychology *2012*

**Publications**  \* = peer reviewed

\*“Astell on Bad Custom and Epistemic Injustice” (2019) in *Hypatia* Vol. 34 (4), pp. 777-801.

\*“Astell, Friendship, and Relational Autonomy” (*forthcoming*) in *European Journal of Philosophy.*

\*“Friendship as Freedom” (*forthcoming*), in *The Routledge Handbook of Women and Early Modern Philosophy*, Karen Detlefsen and Lisa Shapiro, eds. Routledge.

\*“Mary Astell” (*forthcoming*), in *Reconsidering Political Thinkers*, Manjeet Ramgotra and Simon Choat, eds. Oxford University Press.

**Publications for a Broader Audience**

“A woman philosopher calls out misogyny in the 17th century,” in *Aeon.*

https://aeon.co/ideas/a-woman-philosopher-calls-out-misogyny-in-the-17th-century

“Mary Astell and Theories of Friendship,” Project Vox’s blog *Revealing Voices* https://projectvox.org/revealing-voices/revealing-voices-allauren-forbes/

“Memory Editing in Veterans with PTSD,” Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (Penn Law)’s blog *The Rule of Law Post* (*forthcoming*)

“The United States Has Separated Itself from the Moral High Ground,” with Jon Blomberg, Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (Penn Law)’s blog *The Rule of Law Post* (*forthcoming*)

“Divide and Conquer: Decreasing the Risk of Torture Lite,” with Jon Blomberg, Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (Penn Law) policy paper (*forthcoming*)

**Works in Progress**

[removed for blind review]

The Problem of Prejudice in Testimony: Marie de Gournay and Anton Wilhelm Amo

[removed for blind review]

The Importance of Being Angry: Anger, credibility, and epistemic injustice

**Fellowships, Awards, and Honours**

2019-2020 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania (*granted to 25 students per year*)

2019 President Gutmann Leadership Award, University of Pennsylvania (*granted to 12-15 students per year*)

2017-2018 Dean’s Scholar, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania (*granted to 9 students per year*)

2016 Student Exchange Grant, Erasmus+ Foundation (EU)

2015-2016 F. S. Pepper Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

2014-2015 Lynne and Michael Tarnopol Graduate Prize Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

2014-2019 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

2012-2013 Graduate Scholarship in Philosophy, Wilfrid Laurier University

2012-2013 Graduate Fellowship in Philosophy, Wilfrid Laurier University

**Selected Presentations and Conference Papers** \* = refereed

“The Importance of Being Angry: Anger, credibility, and epistemic injustice”

2020 Meeting of The Association for Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics, and Science Studies (*FEMMSS8*)

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario: August 2020 (*postponed because of covid-19*)

*Panel:* “Models of Philosophical Engagement with K-12 Students” (with Dustin Webster and Michael Vazquez)

2020 Meeting of the Philosophy of Education Society

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: March 2020\*

“Altered Carbon”

*Philosophy of Film Colloquium Series*

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: January 2020

“Wollstonecraft’s Political Conception of Marriage”

*Wollopalooza III*: hosted at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association

(held virtually because of covid-19): September 2020

Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy

University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia: November 2019\*

International Conference on Women in Modern Philosophy

# Rio de Janeiro State University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: June 2019\*

Early Modern Philosophy: St. Louis

Sponsored by Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, Missouri: May 2019*\**

“Feminist Historiography: Genre, Method, and the Scope of Philosophy” (with Karen Detlefsen)

NYSWIP (New York Society for Women in Philosophy)

CUNY Graduate Center, New York, New York: May 2019

“The Philosophy for Youth Project at the University of Pennsylvania”

with Brian Reese (University of Pennsylvania), in Penn-MAP’s 4th annual philosophy conference: *Inclusive Methodology and Pedagogy*.

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia: April 2018

“Astell’s Bad Custom as Epistemic Injustice”

Symposium presentation in *New Narratives in the History of Philosophy: Renaissance and Early Modern Women,* Canadian Philosophical Association,

Université du Québec à Montréal, Québec: June 2018\*

*Bridging the Gender Gap Through Time*

King’s College London, London, UK: February 2018\*

Invited speaker, *Wilfrid Laurier University Philosophy Colloquium Series*

Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario: January 2018

“Female Friendship and the Virtue of Conversation”

*5th Annual Philosophy Conference: Women in Early Modern Philosophy*

Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania: October 2017\*

“Mary Astell and the Power of Female Friendship”

*Writing Friendship III: Peril or* *Protection* – Canadian Society for Renaissance

Studies: Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences,

Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario: May 2017\*

“Telling Stories: Teaching, Research, and the Importance of Early Modern Women to Philosophy,”

co-written with Prof. Karen Detlefsen

*Early Modern Works by and about Women: Genre and Method*

McGill University, Montréal, Québec: November 2016

“*Philia* and Relational Autonomy in Mary Astell's *A Serious Proposal to the Ladies*”

*Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference*

University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida: October 2016\*

*Early Modern Philosophy Workshop*

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: October 2016

“Marriage as Friendship in Mary Wollstonecraft”

*Feminist Thinking in Historical Perspective: Gender and Philosophy Summer School*

University of Jyväskylä, Jyväskylä, Finland: August 2016

“The Nature of Desire in Plato's *Philebus*”

*West Coast Plato Workshop*

Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona: May 2016\*

“Cold Souls”

*Philosophy of Film Colloquium Series*

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: March 2015

“The Virtue of Wonder”

*Graduate Gateway Conference: Virtue*

University of Missouri - St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri: March 2015\*

“Immortality and Posthuman Flourishing”

*Graduate Student Philosophy Colloquium*

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: February 2015

“The Difficulties of Self-Definition and Autonomy in Rape Culture”

*Philosophy Graduate Student Conference*

Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario: May 2013

**Conference Comments**

Michaela Manson (University of Toronto), “Prejudice and Astell’s Serious Proposal”

Virtual Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: August 2020

Penny Weiss (St. Louis University), “A Political Reading of Mary Astell’s *Serious Proposal to the Ladies*”

APA-East, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: January 2020

Georgia Mouroutsou (Western University), “Aristotelian Pleasures in the *Nicomachean Ethics*:

Transforming the Platonic Distinction Between Pure and Impure Pleasures”

APA-East, Baltimore, Maryland: January 2017

Alexis Elder (University of Minnesota-Duluth), “Repeatable Reasons, Irreplaceable Friends”

*Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference*

University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida: October 2016

Tylor Cunningham (Duquesne University), “If you liked it you should have put a ring on it: Pleasure as a necessary, but not sufficient condition for teachable virtue in the *Protagoras*”

*Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy*

Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania: March 2015

**Teaching**

**Primary Instructor**, *McMaster University*

Philosophy of Love & Sex Fall 2020

Philosophy & Feminism Fall 2020

Current Debates in Feminist and Gender Theory Winter 2021

History of Political Philosophy Winter 2021

**Primary Instructor**, *University of Pennsylvania*

Social Contract Summer 2019

Introduction to Philosophy: Philosophy and Technology Fall 2018

Introduction to Ethics Summer 2018

**Teaching Assistant/Grader**, *University of Pennsylvania*

Integrated Studies Program: Decisions and Learning Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2016

Introduction to Philosophy Spring 2017

Integrated Studies Program: Human Morality and Emotions Spring 2017

Social Contract Fall 2016

Introduction to Early Modern Philosophy Spring 2016

Introduction to Ancient Philosophy Fall 2015

**Teaching Assistant**, *Wilfrid Laurier University*

Formal Logic Spring 2013, Fall 2011

Values and Society Spring ‘13, Fall ‘12

**Other Teaching Activities**

*Philosophy for the Young Project,* University of Pennsylvania

Co-author (with Dr. Steve Esser), Philosophy Curriculum Manual, in service of the TeachersInstitute of Philadelphia course “Critical Thinking in Elementary School English Language Arts” (Fall 2019)

Facilitator, Philosophy Club, Carver School for Science and Engineering (2018-2019)

Ethics Bowl Coach, Carver School for Science and Engineering (Fall 2019-Spring 2020)

Facilitator, Think About It! Penn Alexander Elementary School, Philadelphia (Spring 2018)

Facilitator, Think About It! Benjamin B. Comegys Elementary School, Philadelphia (Spring 2018)

Mentored a Philadelphia Futures high school student (S. L.) who presented a paper at the 2017 Penn Philosophy and Engagement Conference

Mentored a Philadelphia Futures high school student (A. C.) who presented a paper at the 2016 Penn Philosophy and Engagement Conference

Session leader, Philadelphia Futures Philosophy Club, Fall 2016-Spring 2017

*Center for Teaching and Learning*, University of Pennsylvania

Teaching Certificate (Fall 2019)

Workshop on Effective Lecturing (Spring 2019)

Workshop on Media in the Classroom (Spring 2019)

Workshop on Designing and Teaching an Online Course (Fall 2018)

Workshop on Teaching Philosophy to Pre-College Students (Fall 2018)

Workshop on Sensitive Topics in the Classroom (Fall 2015)

*Guest Lectures*

Epistemic Injustice – Feminist Philosophy (instructor: Dr. Melissa Jacquart, Fall 2017)

Moral Freedom and Responsibility; Humans in the State of Nature – Introduction to Philosophy (instructor: Dr. Stephen Steinberg, Spring 2017)

Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* Books II and III – Introduction to Ancient Philosophy (instructor: Simon Shogry, Fall 2015)

Ecofeminism – Environmental Ethics (instructor: Carlos Santana, Fall 2015)

**Service**

*Departmental service, McMaster University*

Graduate Placement Coordinator, Fall 2020 - *present*

Speaker’s Series Committee, Fall 2020 - *present*

*Departmental service, University of Pennsylvania*

Graduate Student Representative to the faculty, Fall 2019 - Spring 2020

Hospitality Committee, Prospective Student Weekend, Spring 2018

Co-organizer, Philosophy Graduate Colloquium Series, Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

*Service to the Discipline*

Reviewer for *The British Journal of the History of Philosophy*

*Conference organization*

Penn-MAP 2020: Philosophy of Race (*cancelled due to covid-19*)

Penn-MAP 2018: Inclusive Methodology and Pedagogy

Penn-MAP 2017: Global Feminisms

Penn, Princeton, and Rutgers Social Epistemology Workshop 2017

Penn-MAP 2016: Non-Western Traditions

Penn Ancient Workshop: Lucretius

Penn-MAP 2015: Non-Western Traditions

Penn Ancient Workshop: Anaxagoras

*Professional association membership*

Friends of Mary Astell, APA-affiliated group, founding member. 2019-present

Minorities and Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania chapter, Fall 2014 - Spring 2020; chapter representative Fall 2015 - Spring 2020

American Association of Philosophy Teachers, 2017 - present

Canadian Philosophical Association, 2017 - present

American Philosophical Association, 2016 - present

Penn Early Modern Workshop, Fall 2016 - Spring 2020

*Other academic activity*

Research intern at the Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Summer 2019

Research assistant, Professor Samuel Freeman

Preparation of book manuscript *Liberalism and Distributive Justice*, Oxford University Press (2017-2018).

Research assistant, Professor Karen Detlefsen

*New Narratives in Early Modern Philosophy*. Supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2016-2019).

**References**

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