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## EMPLOYMENT

- 2024- Associate Professor of Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College
- 2018 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College

## EDUCATION

- 2018 PhD in Philosophy, University of Southern California.
- 2011 MA in Philosophy, University of Toronto.
- 2010 Hons. BA (High Distinction) in Philosophy, University of Toronto.

## PUBLICATIONS

### ARTICLES

- Forth. [In Defense of Knowing Less: Epistemic Etiquette, The Limits of Curiosity, and the Value of Ignorance](#). *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement* (97).
- 2025 [Bullshit Philosophy](#). *Synthese* 206(106): 1-17.
- 2023 [The Ethics of Expectations](#). In *Oxford Studies In Normative Ethics, Volume 13*, ed. Mark Timmons. Oxford University Press. pp. 149-169.
- 2023 [Risky Inquiry: Developing an Ethics for Philosophical Practice](#). *Hypatia* 38: 275-293.
- 2023 [Morality of Belief II: Three Challenges and An Extension](#). *Philosophy Compass*. 18(7): 1-9.
- 2023 [Morality of Belief I: How Beliefs Wrong](#). *Philosophy Compass* 18(7): 1-10.
- 2022 [The Importance of Forgetting](#). *Episteme* 19(4): 471-490.
- 2019 [Radical Moral Encroachment: The Moral Stakes of Racist Beliefs](#). *Philosophical Issues* 29(1): 9-23.
- 2019 [What We Epistemically Owe To Each Other](#). *Philosophical Studies* 176(4): 915-931.
- 2019 [The Wrongs of Racist Beliefs](#). *Philosophical Studies* 176(9): 2497-2515.
- 2018 [Can Beliefs Wrong?](#) *Philosophical Topics* 46(1): 1-17.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

- Prov. [Against Publishing Without Belief: Fake News, Misinformation, and Perverse Publishing Incentives](#). Invited to *Attitudes in Philosophy*, eds. Sandy Goldberg and Mark Walker. Oxford University Press.
- 2025 [The Ethics of Belief](#). In *Blackwell Companion to Epistemology, 3rd Edition*, eds. Kurt Sylvan, Matthias Steup, Ernest Sosa and Jonathan Dancy. Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2024 [The Challenges of Thick Diversity, Polarization, Debiasing, and Tokenization for Cross-Group Teaching: Some Critical Notes](#). In *NOMOS LXVI: Civic Education in Polarized Times*, eds. Eric Beerbohm and Elizabeth Beaumont, NYU Press. pp. 175-192.
- 2021 [A Tale of Two Doctrines: Moral Encroachment and Doxastic Wrongs](#). In *Applied Epistemology*, ed. Jennifer Lackey. Oxford University Press, pp. 99-118.
- 2020 [The Specter of Normative Conflict: Does Fairness Require Inaccuracy?](#) In *An Introduction to Implicit Bias: Knowledge, Justice, and the Social Mind*, eds. Erin Beeghly and Alex Madva. Routledge. pp. 191-210.

- 2019 [Doxastic Wrongs](#). In *Pragmatic Encroachment in Epistemology*, eds. Brian Kim and Matthew McGrath. Routledge, pp. 181-205. (co-authored with Mark Schroeder)
- PUBLIC WRITING AND PEDAGOGY
- 2024 [Syllabus Design and World-Making](#). In *The Art of Teaching Philosophy*, ed. Brynn Welch. Bloomsbury. pp. 41-48.
- 2022 [Belief](#). *The Philosopher* 110(2): 7-10.
- 2022 [The Internet Never Forgets: How Google Shapes and Cements Our Identities](#). *Open For Debate*.
- 2019 [To avoid moral failure, don't see people as Sherlock does](#). *Aeon Magazine*.

#### AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- |           |                                                                          |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2025      | ACLS Arnold L. and Lois S. Graves Award in the Humanities                |
| 2025      | Romero Success Coaches Campus Impact Award                               |
| 2024      | Glenn R. Huntoon Award for Superior Teaching                             |
| 2024      | NEH Summer Program Stipend for Moral Psychology at Cornell               |
| 2022      | Course Innovation Grant for <i>Race, Diversity, and Higher Education</i> |
| 2020      | Faculty Career Mentor Recognition of Impact Award                        |
| 2018      | Mark Sanders Foundation Graduate Student Prize                           |
| 2017      | USC Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Grant                    |
| 2015-2018 | Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics Graduate Fellow                |
| 2014-2017 | Center for Excellence in Teaching TA Fellow                              |
| 2012-2015 | SSHRC Doctoral Award                                                     |
| 2011-2012 | Carl and Carolyn Franklin Endowed Fellowship                             |
| 2011-2016 | College Merit Award                                                      |
| 2010-2011 | Ontario Graduate Scholarship                                             |
| 2010      | Gombay Prize in Philosophy                                               |
| 2009-2010 | Jackman Humanities Institute Undergraduate Fellowship                    |

#### CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

##### SCHEDULED AND UPCOMING

1. July 2027, lead symposiast at Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association
2. April 2026, UC Santa Cruz
3. April 2026, Political Epistemology and Oppression Workshop at Princeton University
4. March 2026, Virginia Tech University

##### DELIVERED

5. Oct 2025, "Ignorance as Epistemic Etiquette", University of Southern California
6. Sept 2025, "Ignorance as Epistemic Etiquette", University of Minnesota
7. Aug 2025, Social Epistemology Network Event (SENE 4) at Georgetown University
8. July 2025, "The Importance of Forgetting Revisited", AIDE Summer
9. July 2025, "Ignorance as Epistemic Etiquette", PIKSI-Boston
10. May 2025, "Bullshit Inquiry", UC Irvine Department Logic & Philosophy Of Science
11. April 2025, "Ignorance as Epistemic Etiquette", The Ohio State University
12. March 2025, "Ignorance as Epistemic Etiquette", Keynote speaker at Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Conference

13. Dec 2024, "Ignorance as Epistemic Etiquette", Trajectories of Epistemic Injustice: Local and Global Perspectives at University of Tokyo
14. Oct 2024, "Ignorance as Epistemic Etiquette", Harvard University
15. Oct 2024, "The Importance of Forgetting", Royal Institute of Philosophy
16. Oct 2024, "Ignorance as Epistemic Etiquette", Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference
17. August 2024, "Ignorance as Epistemic Etiquette", Mind, Language, and Social Change Conference
18. March 2024, "Ignorance as Epistemic Etiquette", Lingnan University
19. Feb 2024, "Ignorance as Epistemic Etiquette", Central APA invited symposium
20. Nov 2023, "Can Elite College Admissions Be Fair?", Philosophy of A.I., Data Science, & Society Workshop, Emory University
21. Oct 2023, "Can Elite College Admissions Be Fair?", Claremont McKenna College
22. Oct 2023, "Bullshit Inquiry", Institute of Philosophy at University of London
23. Oct 2023, "The Uses and Abuses of Ignorance", Cambridge University
24. Sept 2023, "Bullshit Inquiry", Mentoring Women and Marginalized Groups in Philosophy Summer Camp at UC Irvine
25. Sept 2023, "Bullshit Inquiry", Keynote at UC Irvine Graduate Student Conference
26. April 2023, "The Morality of Belief", Keynote at Boston University Graduate Student Conference
27. March 2023, "The Morality of Belief", University of Antwerp
28. March 2023, "Bullshit Inquiry", Arizona State University
29. Jan 2023, "Epistemic Ethics: Motivations, Methods, and the Malcontents", NYU Abu Dhabi
30. Dec 2022, "Epistemic Ethics: Motivations, Methods, and the Malcontents", Washington University in St. Louis
31. Nov 2022, "Epistemic Ethics: Motivations, Methods, and the Malcontents", York University
32. Nov 2022, "Epistemic Ethics: Motivations, Methods, and the Malcontents", UNC Chapel Hill
33. Oct 2022, "Philosophical Mis-investigations", Inquiry Work-in-Progress Group
34. June 2022, "Philosophy: What it is and what it could be", Uppsala Epistemology Workshop: Inquiry and Epistemic Harms
35. May 2022, "Forget it", UC Riverside
36. April 2022, "Forget it", DEX VII at UC Davis
37. April 2022, "Forget it", University of Southern California
38. March 2022, "Forget it", CSU Long Beach
39. March 2022, "Forget it", Nanyang Technological University
40. Jan 2022, "The Ethics of Expectations", Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics
41. Nov 2021, "Normative Expectations", Yale University
42. Sept 2021, "Blood Bans: A Case Study of Defenses of Medical Stereotyping", King's College London's Sowerby Philosophy and Medicine Project
43. August 2021, "Forget It", Episteme Conference
44. May 2021, "Normative Expectations", University of St Andrews
45. April 2021, "Normative Expectations", UT Austin
46. March 2021, "Normative Expectations", Trinity College Dublin
47. March 2021, "Normative Expectations", Oakland University
48. March 2021, "Normative Expectations", University of Toronto
49. Feb 2021, "Normative Expectations", Central APA
50. Feb 2021, "Seemingly Rational Racists and Moral Demands on Belief", University of San Diego
51. Feb 2021, "Normative Expectations", California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
52. Nov 2020, "Normative Expectations", Queen's University

53. Sept 2020, "The Wrongs of Racist Beliefs", Lafayette College
54. Sept 2020, "Normative Expectations", Lockdown Epistemology Group, Oxford University
55. April 2020, "The Parent Trap: How Doxastic Wronging Start at Home", Social (Distance) Epistemology Series.
56. April 2020, Keynote speaker at Fifth Annual Undergraduate Women in Philosophy Conference, MSU Denver (cancelled due to COVID-19)
57. Feb 2020, "The Parent Trap: How Doxastic Wronging Starts At Home", MIT
58. Nov 2019, "Indecent Philosophy: Mapping the Moral Terrain of Philosophical Inquiry", UC San Diego
59. Oct 2019, "Indecent Philosophy: Mapping the Moral Terrain of Philosophical Inquiry", NYU Minorities and Philosophy Chapter
60. Oct 2019, "Indecent Philosophy: Mapping the Moral Terrain of Philosophical Inquiry", Amherst College
61. March 2019, "The Weight of Expectations", Indiana University Bloomington
62. Feb 2019, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", University of California Santa Cruz
63. Feb 2019, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", Boston University
64. Feb 2019, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Barnard College
65. Jan 2019, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", McGill University
66. Jan 2019, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Virginia Tech
67. Jan 2019, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", University of Victoria
68. Nov 2018, "The Weight of Expectations", PeRFECT 4, University of Pennsylvania
69. Oct 2018, "The Weight of Expectations", Workshop in Ethics, Washington University in St Louis
70. Aug 2018, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, University of British Columbia
71. April 2018, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others" Pacific APA
72. Feb 2018, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", Princeton Workshop in Social Philosophy, Princeton University
73. Feb 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", University of Missouri
74. Feb 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Simon Fraser University
75. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Queen's University
76. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Claremont McKenna College
77. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Georgetown University
78. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Moral and Pragmatic Encroachment Workshop, University of British Columbia
79. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", McMaster University
80. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Wayne State University
81. Oct 2017, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", Gaslighting and Epistemic Injustice, Claremont McKenna College
82. April 2017, "Motivating Ethical Demands on Belief", Penn-Rutgers-Princeton Social Epistemology Workshop, University of Pennsylvania
83. March 2017, "Demanding Better Of Each Other", Central APA
84. Feb 2017, "Moral Encroachment", Duke University.
85. Aug 2016, "Motivating Ethical Demands on Belief", Athena in Action, Princeton University
86. March 2016, "Emergency Medicine's Challenge to Informed Consent", Medical Knowledge in a Social World, UC Irvine
87. Jan 2015, "Rethinking Epistemic Reasons and Pascal's Wager", University of Toronto Mississauga Alumni Speaker Series, University of Toronto

88. May 2014, "Dutch Book Arguments Repragmatized", University of Toronto Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Toronto
89. Dec 2014, "Rethinking Epistemic Reasons and Pascal's Wager", New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology Workshop: Formal Epistemology and Religious Epistemology, Oxford University
90. June 2013, "Practical Reason and Practical Success", Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Victoria
91. May 2013, "Radical Probabilism", Society for Exact Philosophy, Université of Montréal
92. Nov 2012, "The Inescapability of Diachronic Dilemmas", 16th Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, Oxford University
93. Oct 2012, "The Inescapability of Diachronic Dilemmas", Society for Exact Philosophy, The Ohio State University
94. Nov 2011, "Naïve Expressivism", 63rd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis and Clark College
95. March 2011, "Tracking Commitments: Revisiting the Frege-Geach Problem", 12th Annual Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference, Princeton University

INVITED PARTICIPANT, COMMENTS, OR PANELIST

SCHEDULED AND UPCOMING

96. April 2026, Commentator at the Northeastern Epistemology Workshop

DELIVERED

97. Oct 2025, Panelist for Complexity in the Social World: The Challenging Case of Structural Racism at the University of Michigan
98. April 2025, Chair, Political Epistemology and Oppression Workshop at Princeton University
99. April 2025, Chair at the Queer Analytic Philosophy Conference
100. April 2025, Comments on Jonathan Ichikawa's *Epistemic Courage*, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
101. Jan 2025, Comments on Jennifer Lackey's "Stories That Wrong and Stories that Repair", Ranch Metaphysics Workshop
102. Oct 2024, Commentator, Workshop on Sarah Paul and Jennifer Morton's *Striving* book manuscript at NYU
103. April 2024, Commentator, Political Epistemology and Oppression Workshop at Princeton University
104. April 2023, Comments on Karina Ortiz Villa's "Pragmatic Encroachment on Standards of Proof", Pacific APA
105. Feb 2023, invited participant at UCI Social Identities and Cognition in the Desert Workshop
106. Jan 2023, invited participant at Ranch Metaphysics Workshop 2023
107. Nov 2021, Faculty visitor at the Princeton Undergraduate Workshop for Minorities in Philosophy
108. Oct 2021, Comments on Yael Tamir's "To Sir with Love: Advancing Civic Awareness through Cross Communal Teachings", American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy, Conference on Civic Education in Polarized Times
109. Jan 2021, Comments on Endre Begby's *Prejudice: A Study in Non-Ideal Epistemology* and Erin Beeghly's *What's Wrong With Stereotyping?*, Eastern APA
110. July 2020, Faculty visitor at the Summer Program for Women in Philosophy at UC San Diego
111. Feb 2020, NYU Abu Dhabi Normativity and Reasoning Workshop
112. Nov 2019, Discussant at The Ethics of Algorithmic Decision-Making in Democratic Institutions, Princeton University
113. April 2019, Comments on Regina Rini's "Contingency Inattention", Pacific APA

- 114.Feb 2019, Comments on Elizabeth Jackson's, "How Belief-Credence Dualism Explains Away Pragmatic Encroachment", Central APA
- 115.March 2018, Commentator-at-large, Ethics of Belief, Harvard University
- 116.May 2017, Chair and Comments on Stephen White's "Predicting Failure", St Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality
- 117.March 2017, Comments on Joshua Mugg's "Practical Reason Constrains Theoretical Reason: An Argument from Implicit Bias", Central APA
- 118.Oct 2015, Invited Panelist, "Ethics of Emergency Treatment: Exemptions to Informed Consent", Zygo Student Lunchtime Series on Ethics in Medicine, USC
- 119.June 2015, Comments on Nate Sharadin's "Actualism and Possibilism in Epistemology", Epistemic Consequentialism, University of Kent
- 120.Nov 2014, Invited Panelist, "Doctors vs. Parents: Decision-making in Paediatrics", Zygo Student Lunchtime Series on Ethics in Medicine, USC
- 121.Feb 2014, Comments on Nilanjan Das's "Moral Heroism", USC/UCLA Graduate Philosophy Conference, USC
- 122.June 2013, Comments on Mandy Kamangar's "The Decider", Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Victoria
- 123.May 2013, Chair and Comments on Chrisoula Andreou's "Temptations, Resolutions, and Regret", St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality
- 124.Nov 2011, Comments on Kenneth Boyce's "On Believing in Neutrons but not Numbers", Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis and Clark College

## TEACHING

### COURSES TAUGHT AT CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

Advanced Seminar: Belief and other stuff  
Advanced Seminar: Belief, Evidence, and Agency  
Epistemology  
Freshman Humanities Seminar: Evil  
Freshman Humanities Seminar: Race, Diversity, and Higher Education  
Interdisciplinary Seminar: Structural Injustice  
Intro to Philosophy: Moral and Political Issues  
Race and Policy  
Special Topics in Value Theory: Agency and Identity

### EDUCATION OUTREACH

2025-2026	Humanities Lab Supervisor, <i>Gould Center for Humanistic Studies at CMC</i>
2020-2025	Board Member, <i>Corrupt the Youth</i> (Chair from 2023-2025)
2019-2020	Humanities Lab Supervisor, <i>Gould Center for Humanistic Studies at CMC</i>
2017-2018	Public Humanities Program Director, <i>USC Levan Institute</i>
2016-2018	Director, <i>Corrupt the Youth-Los Angeles</i>

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### EDITORIAL WORK

2024-present	Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i>
2023-present	Area Editor, <i>Ergo: An Open-Access Journal of Philosophy</i>
2018	Co-editor (with Mark Schroeder), special issue of <i>Philosophical Topics</i>
2016-2018	Managing Editor, <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i>

## REFEREEING

Journals	<i>Acta Analytica, Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Episteme, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Ethics, Feminist Philosophy Quarterly, Journal of Applied Philosophy, Journal of Ethics, Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Value Inquiry, Mind, Noûs, Philosophical Explorations, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Synthese</i>
Presses	Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Wiley-Blackwell

## CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

2026	SPARK: Studies on the Philosophical Analysis of Representation and Knowledge
2023	Program Committee for Feminist Ethical And Social Theory (FEAST)
2020	Social (Distance) Epistemology Series
2016	USC/UCLA Graduate Conference
2015	MAP SoCal Regional Multi-Campus Working Group on Philosophy and Inclusive Pedagogy

## UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE SERVICE

### AT CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

2025-present	First-Year Program Review Committee
2025-present	Director of the Summer Research Program
2025-present	Academic Standards Committee
2025-present	Center for Writing and Public Discourse (CWPD) Faculty Advisory Committee
2022-present	Director of the Ethics Sequence
2023-2024	Committee on Writing
2023-2024	Philosophy Department Speaker Coordinator
2019-2024	Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellows Steering Committee
2022-2023	Chair, Search Committee for CFD Postdoctoral Fellow
2022-2023	Administration Committee
2020-2021	Administration Committee
2020-2021	Philosophy Department Speaker Coordinator
2019-2020	Student Recruitment Committee
2019-2020	Philosophy Department Student Coordinator

### OTHER SERVICE

2024-present	Member, APA Committee on Lectures, Publications, and Research
2024-2025	Reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
2022	National Science Foundation Advisory Panel
2020-2021	Search committee for the Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of the APA
2019-2022	Member, APA Committee on LGBTQ People in the Profession