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**RESEARCH INTERESTS** Philosophy of Language, Feminist Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, Epistemology, Action Theory.

## EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Binghamton University, State University of New York	2023-
Graduate Student Instructor Mentor, University of Michigan	2022-2023
Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan	2018-2022
Tutor, University of Melbourne	2016-2017
Tutor, Monash University	2015

## PUBLICATIONS

“Whose Uptake Matters? Sexual Refusal and the Ethics of Uptake,” co-authored with Kai Tanter, forthcoming at *The Philosophical Quarterly*. Forthcoming

## SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Silencing,” Oxford Bibliographies entry, co-authored with Ishani Maitra.	Under contract
“Apologizing Over Time: Toward a Process Theory of Illocutionary Acts”	Draft available
“How to Unintentionally Do Things with Words”	Draft available

*For a full list of works in progress (with abstracts), see the [Research](#) section on my website*

## EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	2017-2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Dissertation: “Negotiating What We Do with Words: A Social Contestation Theory of Speech Acts”</li><li>▪ Committee: Ishani Maitra (Chair), Sarah Buss, Eric Swanson, Robin Queen (Linguistics)</li></ul>	
Master of Arts, Philosophy, University of Melbourne	2015-2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Thesis: “The Presumption of Innocence in Sexual Violence Cases”<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Adviser: Karen Jones</li></ul></li></ul>	

Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Monash University 2010-2013

- Thesis: “Social Anarchism and Democratic Coercion”
  - Adviser: Robert Sparrow

## TALKS

“How to Unintentionally Do Things with Words.”

- Philosophy of Language Association Conference, virtual. 2022
- Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, virtual. 2021
- Michigan-MIT Social Philosophy Workshop, virtual. 2021

“Railton on Responding to Reasons.”

- University of Toronto Graduate Philosophy Conference, “Reconstructing Reason: Developing the Concept of Reason Through History.” 2019
- Princeton-Michigan Normativity Workshop, University of Michigan. 2019

“Whose Uptake Matters? Sexual Refusal and the Ethics of Uptake” (with Kai Tanter)

- The Social Institution of Norms: A Workshop with Robert Brandom, University of Vienna. 2019
- Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Adelaide. 2017

“Against Epistemic Neutrality: On the Presumption of Innocence in Sexual Violence Cases.”

- Society for Analytical Feminism session at the APA Eastern Division Meeting. 2019
- Melbourne Centre for Feminist Philosophy. 2018
- Prindle Institute Applied Epistemology Research Retreat, DePauw University. 2018
- Minorities and Philosophy Graduate Panel, University of Michigan. 2017
- Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Monash University. 2016

“Experiencing Resistance: Disruptive Protests as a Site of Moral Learning.”

- New York Minorities and Philosophy Conference: Oppression and Resistance, NYU. 2018

“Epistemic Injustice and the Testimony of Sexual Violence Victims.” 2016

- Symposium of the International Association of Women Philosophers, Monash University

## COMMENTS

On Rachel Ann McKinney’s “Threats from Below.” 2021

- University of Michigan Philosophy Department Spring Colloquium, “Between We and I: Structures, Individuals, and Power.”

On Ethan Nowak’s “Language Loss and Illocutionary Silencing.”

- 2018 American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting. 2018

## TEACHING

As Primary Instructor:

- Language and Mind: The Philosophy of Concepts (Summer 2021), University of Michigan

As Graduate Student Instructor:

### *Language, Metaphysics & Epistemology*

- Language and Mind (Winter 2022), with James Joyce, University of Michigan
- Minds and Machines (Fall 2020), with Eric Swanson, University of Michigan
- Introduction to Philosophy (Winter 2019), with James Joyce, University of Michigan
- Language and Mind (Fall 2018), with James Joyce, University of Michigan
- The Philosophy of Mind (Semester 1, 2017), with Laura Schroeter, University of Melbourne

### *Ethics, Social & Political Philosophy*

- Law and Philosophy (Winter 2021), with Ishani Maitra, University of Michigan
- Moral Principles and Problems (Fall 2019), with Daniel Jacobson, University of Michigan
- Philosophy: The Big Questions (Semester 1, 2017), with Dana Goswick, Holly Lawford-Smith, Howard Sankey, University of Melbourne
- Race and Gender: Philosophical Issues (Semester 2, 2015), with Karen Jones, University of Melbourne
- Human Rights Theory 1 (Semester 1, 2015), with Robert Arrell, Monash University

## SELECTED PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIPS

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship

2022-2023

- 12-month fellowship awarded by the Rackham Graduate School to outstanding doctoral students whose dissertation research is “unusually creative, ambitious, and impactful.”

Marshall M. Weinberg Dissertation Fellowship

2022

- Awarded by the University of Michigan Philosophy Department to a graduate student “who has shown distinction during his or her first five years of study.”

John Dewey Prize

2022

- Awarded by the University of Michigan Philosophy Department in recognition of “excellence in teaching as a Graduate Student Instructor.”

## SERVICE

Peer reviewer for *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy* (2019), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2021), and *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2022-2023)

2019-2023

Judge, Michigan High School Ethics Bowl

2020-2023

- Ethics Bowl offers high school students extra-curricular opportunities to learn about, debate, and discuss challenging real-life ethical issues.

- Mentor, COMPASS workshop, University of Michigan 2017-2022
- COMPASS brings together diverse and underrepresented undergraduate philosophy students for a three-day workshop of philosophical discussion, networking and mentoring.
- Co-Organizer, University of Michigan Spring Colloquium, “Between We and I: Structures, Individuals, and Power” 2021
- Co-Coordinator, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) chapter, University of Michigan 2020-2021;  
2018-2019
- Chapter of the international MAP network which aims to address structural injustices in academic philosophy and remove access barriers for members of marginalized groups.
- Steward for the Philosophy Department, Graduate Employee’s Organization (GEO) 2018-2019
- GEO is the labor union representing Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs) and Graduate Student Staff Assistants (GSSAs) at the University of Michigan
- Co-Organizer of Women in Philosophy at the University of Melbourne (WIPUM) 2015-2016
- WIPUM is a student organization devoted to supporting underrepresented and marginalized philosophy students at the University of Melbourne.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Fellow, Engaged Pedagogy Initiative (EPI), University of Michigan 2020
- The EPI is a semester long community-engaged learning workshop for graduate students which offers a grounding in the theory and practice of Community-Engaged Learning.
- Graduate Teacher Certificate, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan 2020
- A college-level Teaching Certificate which documents training in pedagogy and teaching experience.