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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Philosophy of Language; Feminist Philosophy; Social and Political Philosophy;  
Epistemology; Philosophy of Race, Gender, and Sexuality; Action Theory.

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## EDUCATION

- PhD, Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 2017-2023
- Dissertation: “Negotiating What We Do with Words: A Social Contestation Theory of Speech Acts”
  - Committee: Ishani Maitra (Chair), Sarah Buss, Eric Swanson, Robin Queen (Linguistics)
- Master of Arts, Philosophy, University of Melbourne 2015-2017
- Thesis: “The Presumption of Innocence in Sexual Violence Cases”
  - Adviser: Karen Jones
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Monash University 2010-2013

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## 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

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## PUBLICATIONS

- Invited review of Jennifer Saul’s *Dogwhistles and Figleaves* (2024) for *Philosophical Review* Forthcoming
- “Whose Uptake Matters? Sexual Refusal and the Ethics of Uptake,” 2025, co-authored with Kai Tanter, *The Philosophical Quarterly* 75 (2): 539–559, <https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqae003>. 2024
- “Playing for Fun, Training for War: Can Popular Claims About Recreational Video Gaming and Military Simulations Be Reconciled?” co-authored with Robert Sparrow, Justin Oakley, and Brendan Keogh, *Games and Culture* 13 (2): 174-192. 2018

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## SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

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

“Epistemic Hypocrisy: Why We Shouldn’t Suspend Judgment About Sexual Violence Claims.”	Draft available
“Another World Is Possible: Protests as Transformative Experiences.”	Draft available
“Discursive Alienation, Agency, and Resistance.”	Draft available
Study on relationship between threats and intention, co-authored with Roseanna Sommers (University of Michigan, Law School).	In development

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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“Virtual Violence: Impact vs. Intent in Online Threats”	2025
▪ **Midwest Early-Career Social Philosophy of Technology, University of Notre Dame, August 4, 2025.	
“Discursive Alienation, Agency, and Resistance.”	
▪ **Invited Symposium on “Speech Acts, Authority, and Power.” APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, April 17, 2025.	2025
“Another World Is Possible: Protests as Transformative Experiences.”	
▪ **MAP Chapter, Syracuse University, April 4, 2025.	2025
▪ Speaker Series, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Binghamton University, February 26, 2025.	2025
▪ **Speaker series, University of Melbourne Philosophy Department, June 11, 2023.	2024
▪ New York Minorities and Philosophy Conference, “Oppression and Resistance,” NYU, October 13, 2018.	2018
“How to Unintentionally Do Things with Words.”	
▪ **Invited Symposium on “Language and Power.” APA Eastern Division Meeting, NYC, January 8, 2025.	2025
▪ Social Ontology 2024, Duke University, Durham NC, July 23, 2024.	2024
▪ Philosophy of Language Association Conference, virtual, June 9, 2022.	2022
▪ Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, virtual, July 8, 2021.	2021
▪ Michigan-MIT Social Philosophy Workshop, virtual, June 10, 2021.	2021
“Apologizing Over Time: Toward a Process Theory of Speech Acts.”	
▪ Lund Early Career Workshop: The Language of Moral Repair, Lund University, Sweden, November 22.	2024
“Railton on Responding to Reasons.”	
▪ University of Toronto Graduate Philosophy Conference, Reconstructing Reason: Developing the Concept of Reason Through History, November 16, 2019.	2019
▪ Princeton-Michigan Normativity Workshop, University of Michigan, August 25, 2019.	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, April 9, 2019.	2019
▪ Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Adelaide, July 4, 2017.	2017

“Epistemic Hypocrisy: Why We Shouldn’t Suspend Judgment About Sexual Violence Claims.”

- Society for Analytical Feminism session, APA Eastern Division Meeting, NYC, January 9, 2019. 2019
- \*\*Melbourne Centre for Feminist Philosophy, Melbourne, August 15, 2018. 2018
- Prindle Institute Applied Epistemology Research Retreat, DePauw University, June 21, 2018. 2018
- Minorities and Philosophy Graduate Panel, University of Michigan, December 15, 2017. 2017
- Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Monash University, 5 July, 2016. 2016

## COMMENTS

On Elizabeth Cantalamessa’s “Pragmatist Feminist Metaphysics” 2024

- The Creighton Club, New York State Philosophical Association. Syracuse University, October 5, 2024.

On Emily McGill’s “Does Oppression Undermine Autonomy? Relational Autonomy and Republican Freedom.” 2024

- 2024 APA Eastern Division Meeting, NYC. January 15, 2024.

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

- University of Michigan Philosophy Department Spring Colloquium, “Between We and I: Structures, Individuals, and Power.” March 6, 2021.

On Ethan Nowak’s “Language Loss and Illocutionary Silencing.” 2018

- 2018 American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting. Savannah, GA. January 4, 2018.

## TEACHING

PHIL456A: Utopias & Dystopias Fall 2025

PHIL 342: History of Social & Political Philosophy, Binghamton University. Fall 2024, 2025

PHIL 608L: Language, Power, and Oppression (Graduate Seminar), Binghamton University. Fall 2023, Spring 2026

PHIL 456C: Feminist Philosophy, Binghamton University. Spring 2024, 2025

PHIL 146: Law and Justice, Binghamton University. Spring 2024, 2026

PHIL 482A: Philosophy of Language, Binghamton University. Fall 2024

PHIL 345: Language and Mind: Philosophy of Concepts, University of Michigan. Summer 2021

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH) Faculty Fellowship, Binghamton University. Spring 2025

- Semester-long competitive fellowship for Binghamton University faculty (with course release).

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship	2022-2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12-month fellowship awarded by the Rackham Graduate School to outstanding doctoral students whose dissertation research is “unusually creative, ambitious, and impactful.”</li> </ul>	
Marshall M. Weinberg Dissertation Fellowship	2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.”</li> </ul>	
John Dewey Prize	2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded by the University of Michigan Philosophy Department in recognition of “excellence in teaching as a Graduate Student Instructor.”</li> </ul>	

## SERVICE

Referee for <i>Synthese</i> (2025), <i>Southern Journal of Philosophy</i> (2025), <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> (2024), <i>Philosophical Studies</i> (2024), <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> (2023), <i>Journal of Applied Philosophy</i> (2022-2023), <i>Ethical Theory and Moral Practice</i> (2021), <i>APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy</i> (2019).	2019-2025
Faculty Adviser, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) chapter, Binghamton University.	2024-
Member, American Philosophical Association (APA) Committee for Women and Gender	2024-2027
Comprehensive Exam Committee, Philosophy Department, Binghamton University.	2024
Judge, Michigan High School Ethics Bowl	2020-2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ethics Bowl offers high school students extra-curricular opportunities to learn about, debate, and discuss challenging real-life ethical issues.</li> </ul>	
Mentor, COMPASS workshop, University of Michigan	2017-2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COMPASS brings together diverse and underrepresented undergraduate philosophy students for a three-day workshop of philosophical discussion, networking and mentoring.</li> </ul>	
Co-coordinator, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) chapter, University of Michigan	2020-2021;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter of the international MAP network which aims to address structural injustices in academic philosophy and remove access barriers for members of marginalized groups.</li> </ul>	2018-2019

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mentee, The Mentoring Workshop, Seventh Biennial Mentoring Workshop for Early Career Women* in Philosophy, Marc Sanders Foundation, June 4-6, 2025.	2025
Fellow, Engaged Pedagogy Initiative (EPI), University of Michigan	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	
Graduate Teacher Certificate, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College-level Teaching Certificate which documents training in pedagogy and teaching experience.</li> </ul>	