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EDUCATION

- PhD Applied Philosophy September 2022 – Present
University of Waterloo
Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Saul
Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Visiting PhD Student January 2025 – April 2025
Visiting Supervisor: Dr. Sally Haslanger
- M.A. Philosophy September 2021 – August 2022
University of Waterloo
Thesis: “Speaking of ‘Violence’: Figleaf use in gendered violence contexts”
Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Saul
- B.A. Philosophy – Honours with Distinction September 2016 – October 2020
University of Victoria
University of Stirling – Study Abroad September 2018 – December 2018

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONOURS

- Graduate Student Instructor Award – Department of Philosophy
University of Waterloo (2023-2024)
Value: CA \$1,000
- Graduate Silver Medal Essay Award – Department of Philosophy
University of Waterloo (2023-2024)
Value: CA \$500
- Graduate Gold Medal Essay Award – Department of Philosophy
University of Waterloo (2022-2023)
Value: CA \$750
- Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral (CGS – D)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2022- 2025)
Value: CA \$105,000
- Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s (CGS – M)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2021-2022)
Value: CA \$17,500
- President’s Graduate Scholarship
University of Waterloo (2021-2022, 2022-2025)
Value: CA \$5,000/year
- 3M National Student Fellowship
Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (2020-2021)
Value: CA \$5,000
- Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award
University of Victoria (2018-2019)
Value: CA \$1,500

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles & Book Chapters:

- “Do You Like *That?*”: Demonstratives and unclarity in sexual communication”
Forthcoming, *Analysis*.
- (With Andrea Pitts) Non-Ideal Theory and Critical Prison Studies. In Hilkje Charlotte Hänel & Johanna M. Müller (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Non-Ideal Theory*, 2025, New York, NY: Routledge.
- Speaking of ‘Violence’: Figleaf use in sexualized violence contexts, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, Volume 74, Issue 4, October 2024, Pages 1207–1227.

Works in Progress:

- “Letting Go of Monsters and Villains” (With Barrett Emerick and Audrey Yap)
- “Incarceration and Vulnerability: Exploring (il)legitimate domains of domination”
- “How should the concept(s) of *rapist* be understood?” – early stages.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks are marked with *. All others are refereed.

Conferences, Workshops, and Colloquia:

- * “Responding to Harassment and Violence in Gender Studies Classrooms”
Workshop (virtual speaker) hosted by Global Gender and Sexuality Studies, University at Buffalo, February 2025.
- “Let’s Talk About Sex: The (limited) role of consent in sexual discourse,”
SAFI, University of Glasgow, September 2024.
- ““Do You Like *That?*”: Demonstratives and unclarity in sexual communication,”
Canadian Philosophical Association, McGill University, June 2024.
- “Jackhammering Concrete: Practicing responsible feminist philosophy through scope-limiting,”
American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, New York City, January 2024.
- “Consent is Not as Simple as Tea: How simplified sexual consent discourse manufactures ignorance,”
Canadian Philosophical Association, York University, May 2023.
- “Understanding Male Sexual Subjectivities in the Context of Violence,”

The Joint Session – The Aristotelian Society, SWIP UK Panel, University of St Andrews, July 2022.

- “An Apology, a Joke, and a Warning to the Left Walk into a Bar: The politics of layering racial figleaves,”
Canadian Philosophical Association, May 2022.
- “Understanding Male Sexual Subjectivities in the Context of Violence,”
Canadian Philosophical Association, Western University, June 2020.
Rescheduled for the University of Alberta, June 2021.
- * “Understanding the classroom as a social space: A discussion of privilege-aware pedagogy in post-secondary settings,”
Keynote at *Let’s Talk About Teaching Conference*, University of Victoria,
Co-presented with Kai Jacobsen and Dr. Audrey Yap, August 2020.
- “Male, Female, and ‘Close Enough’: Why the dimorphic sex/gender distinction in medicine ought to be replaced,”
Midwest Society for Women in Philosophy, University of Cincinnati, November 2019.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Assistant, University of Waterloo
 - “Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality” (January 2025 – Present, September 2021 – December 2021)
 - “Introduction to Gender and Social Justice: The Global North” (September 2024 – December 2024, September 2023 – December 2023)
 - “Critical Thinking” (September 2024 – December 2024)
 - “Social and Political Philosophy” (May 2024 – August 2024)
 - “Ethics” (September 2022 – December 2022)
 - “Philosophy of Sex and Love” (May 2022 – August 2022)
 - “Moral Issues” (January 2022 – April 2022)
 - Marking of student essays and assignments.
 - Answering student questions and concerns regarding course content through email.
 - Hosting regular office hours for student questions and concerns.
 - Regular meetings with primary course instructor to coordinate work and marking.
 - For “Introduction to Gender and Social Justice: The Global North”, developing and teaching course lectures for multiple classes each term.
- Sessional Instructor, University of Waterloo (January 2024 – April 2024)
 - PHIL 215: “Business Ethics”
 - Teaching two weekly 80-minute lectures to 140 students.
 - Development of weekly lecture content and visual aids.
 - Answering student questions about course content and structure in-class, in office hours, and over email on a regular basis.
 - Grading student assignments.

- Lead Tutor, University of Waterloo
Writing and Communication Centre (September 2023 – July 2024)
 - Supporting Manager of Peer Tutor and Undergraduate Programs, Dr. Masa Torbica, in development, management, and organization of peer tutoring program (both at graduate and undergraduate levels).
 - Development of resources for peer tutoring program (professional development, increasing team engagement, formalizing performance evaluation process).
 - Continued supervision and coaching of tutoring team (performing teaching observations, holding one-on-one meetings with tutors, contacting tutors with performance concerns).
 - Meeting weekly with Dr. Torbica to develop strategic plan for better tailoring of peer tutor program to student needs.
- Graduate Tutor, University of Waterloo
Writing and Communication Centre (December 2022 – July 2024)
 - Leading one-on-one tutoring sessions with University of Waterloo undergraduate and graduate students of all disciplines of study.
 - Supporting students by collaboratively strengthening work at all stages and in all formats (presentations, assignments, dissertations, CVs).
 - Fostering a safe and encouraging environment, with an emphasis on building student confidence.
- Guest Lecturer for Dr. Nick Ray’s PHIL 121: “Moral Issues”
University of Waterloo (October 2023)
 - Preparing and delivering a 90-minute lesson on the practical and theoretical complexities of sexual consent.
 - Explaining philosophical literature on non-ideal consent, sexual agency, power dynamics.
 - Facilitating student participatory learning through group discussions, class discussion.
- Guest Lecturer for Dr. Katy Fulfer’s PHIL 202: “Gender Issues”
University of Waterloo (July 2023)
 - Preparing and delivering a 90-minute lesson on perpetrator identities, specifically in contexts of sexualized violence.
 - Explaining foundational feminist-philosophical concepts of epistemic injustice, credibility deficits/excesses, the social imaginary, and essentializing language.
 - Engaging students in group discussions, and clarifying class content through Q&A.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Direct Services Research Intern
Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region (May 2024 – August 2024)
 - Applied research placement for PhD program.
 - Conducting policy review for SASC of policy involving treatment of *complex survivors* of sexualized violence (survivors who have also previously perpetrated).

- Developing policy brief with findings and recommendations for SASC Director of Services and Executive Director.
 - Performing relevant literature review.
 - Designing and delivering surveys to SASC staff and volunteer teams regarding perceptions of current policy, and support for potential policy revision(s).
 - Interviewing SASC staff, and staff at other Canadian sexual assault centres, discussing their insights into the current policy and possible future directions.
 - Meeting bi-weekly with supervisor (Director of Services, SASC).
 - Designing content for, and co-facilitating, monthly “Rainbow of Healing” group, for LGBT2Q+ survivors of sexualized violence.
 - Member of SASC Joint Health and Safety Committee and SASC Anti-Oppression and Anti-Racism Committee.
- Research Assistant, Gender and Social Justice Coordinator
University of Waterloo (September 2023 – April 2024)
 - Scheduling and facilitation of GSJ faculty committee meetings.
 - Researching GSJ work and course-offerings across departments at the University of Waterloo.
 - Planning and coordinating regular events promoting the GSJ program (and the fostering of social justice more generally).
 - Meeting regularly with research supervisor, Dr. Carla Fehr.
- Research Assistant, UVic Bounce Mental Health Initiative, Faculty of Humanities
University of Victoria (2019 – 2020)
 - Researching articles and data on post-secondary pedagogy and its impact on student mental wellness.
 - Compiling research for Dr. Rebecca Gagan, which she used for further funding application purposes.
 - Coordinating event promotion and planning.
- Research Assistant, Department of Philosophy
University of Victoria (2017 – 2018)
 - Managing a project on the Philosophy of Forgiveness for Dr. Scott Woodcock.
 - Assisting with general administration work for the department.

SERVICE

- Philosophy Graduate Conference Co-Lead Organizer
Philosophy Graduate Student Association
University of Waterloo
June 2024 – Present
 - Contacting Keynote speaker and arranging talk and travel details.
 - Applying for conference grants and funding.
 - Organizing conference committee and co-chairing meetings.
 - Planning conference event, communicating with department administrators, food vendors, and participants.

- Support Line Volunteer
Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region
September 2022 – Present
 - Receiving phone calls from survivors of sexualized violence and others impacted by sexualized violence.
 - Listening to survivor testimony and providing emotional support and validation.
 - Offering appropriate resources tailored to survivors.
 - Providing crisis management in mental health emergencies.
 - Connecting in-danger callers with appropriate protective, community, and legal services.

- Rainbow of Healing Group Content Developer and Facilitator
Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region
June 2024 – December 2024
 - Developing all content and corresponding visual slides for monthly group meeting for survivors of sexual assault and/or members of the LGBT2Q+ community.
 - Co-facilitating monthly in-person healing group (guiding attendees through content, active listening, connecting survivors of violence with community resources and supports beyond the Rainbow of Healing).

- Philosophy Graduate Student Association President
University of Waterloo
September 2022 – September 2023
 - Organizing and chairing meetings with graduate student body
 - Meeting with Department Graduate Chair to communicate student concerns and needs
 - Assisting in the organization of the 2023 PGSA Conference

- Conversation Circle Facilitator
Hosted in the Department of Philosophy, University of Victoria
Topics: rape culture, gendered violence, rapist identity creation
October 2019
 - Organizing conversation circles open to all UVic students and faculty.
 - Providing brief lectures on the topic of gendered violence.
 - Guiding discussions among circle members and facilitating breakout group work.