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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ph.D. in Philosophy, September 2002
Dissertation title: *Silence, Speech, and Responsibility*

Harvard University
A.B. in Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, June 1995

Academic Employment (Full-Time)

University of Michigan
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, January 2012-present

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Assistant Professor, Departments of Philosophy (Newark & New Brunswick) and
Women's and Gender Studies (New Brunswick), September 2007-December 2011

Syracuse University
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, August 2002-December 2007
Affiliated Faculty, Women's Studies Program

Areas of Research Specialization

Philosophy of Language, Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Law

Additional Areas of Teaching Competence

Epistemology, Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics

Fellowships

Institute for Research on Women Fellowship to the 2009-10 seminar on "Gendered
Agency"

Publications

Edited Collection

Speech and Harm: Controversies over Free Speech (co-edited with Mary Kate
McGowan)
Oxford University Press, 2012

Journal Articles

"In Defence of the ACA's Medicaid Expansion" (with Brian Weatherson)
Forthcoming in *Public Affairs Quarterly*
"Subordination and Objectification"
Journal of Moral Philosophy, vol. 10, no. 1, 2013, pp. 1-14
"In Defense of a Kripkean Dogma" (with Jonathan Ichikawa and Brian Weatherson)
Philosophy & Phenomenological Research, vol. 85, no. 1, July 2012, pp. 56-68

Journal Articles
(Continued)

- “The Nature of Epistemic Injustice”
Philosophical Books, vol. 51, no. 4, October 2010, pp. 195-211
- “On Racist Hate Speech and the Scope of a Free Speech Principle” (with Mary Kate McGowan)
Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence, vol. 23, no. 2, July 2010, pp. 343-372
- “Assertion, Knowledge, and Action” (with Brian Weatherston)
Philosophical Studies, vol. 149, no. 1, May 2010, pp. 99-118
- “On Silencing, Rape, and Responsibility” (with Mary Kate McGowan)
Australasian Journal of Philosophy, vol. 88, no. 1, March 2010, pp. 167-172
- “Silencing Speech”
Canadian Journal of Philosophy, vol. 39, no. 2, June 2009, pp. 309-338
- “The Limits of Free Speech: Pornography and the Question of Coverage” (with Mary Kate McGowan)
Legal Theory, vol. 13, no. 1, March 2007, pp. 41-68
- “Silence and Responsibility”
Philosophical Perspectives, vol. 18, December 2004, pp. 189-208

Book Chapters

- “Subordinating Speech”
In *Speech and Harm: Controversies over Free Speech*, edited by Ishani Maitra & Mary Kate McGowan, Oxford University Press, 2012, pp. 94-120
- Introduction to *Speech and Harm: Controversies over Free Speech* (with Mary Kate McGowan)
In *Speech and Harm: Controversies over Free Speech*, edited by Ishani Maitra & Mary Kate McGowan, Oxford University Press, 2012, pp. 1-23
- “Assertion, Norms, and Games”
In *Assertion: New Philosophical Essays*, edited by Jessica Brown & Herman Cappelen, Oxford University Press, 2011, pp. 277-296
- “How and Why to be a Moderate Contextualist”
In *Context-Sensitivity and Semantic Minimalism: New Essays on Semantics and Pragmatics*, edited by Georg Peter & Gerhard Preyer, Oxford University Press, 2007, pp. 112-132

Other Publications

- Review of Jennifer Mather Saul’s *Lying, Misleading, and What is Said: An Exploration in Philosophy of Language and in Ethics*
Times Higher Education, 24 January 2013, p. 51
- “Commentary on A.W. Eaton’s “A Sensible Antiporn Feminism””
Symposium on Gender, Race, and Philosophy, vol. 4, no. 2, Spring 2008,
<<http://web.mac.com/shaslang/SGRP/Symposia.html>>

Presentations

Talks

- “On the Plurality of Pejoratives”
APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, March 2013
- “What’s Wrong with Epistemic Objectification?”
Workshop for Women in Philosophy, New Paltz, December 2012
- “What Assertion Is”
graduate student conference keynote address, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, May 2012
Felician College, November 2011
Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science, Rutgers-New Brunswick, October 2011
- “The Sound of Silencing”
Calvin College, March 2012

Talks (Continued)

- “Assertion and Evidence-Responsiveness”
Syracuse University, September 2011
presentation to graduate students, Rutgers New Brunswick, April 2011
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 2011
- “Subordination and Objectification”
APA Eastern Division Meeting, Boston, December 2010
- “The Nature of Epistemic Injustice”
Arché, University of St Andrews, June 2010
- “How Serious is Rape?”
Institute for Research on Women, Rutgers-New Brunswick, April 2010
- “Credibility, Stereotypes, and Testimonial Injustice”
APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, February 2010
- “Subordinating Speech”
Dartmouth University, October 2009
NYSWIP Workshop, New York City, November 2009
- “Assertion, Knowledge, and Action”
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University,
August 2009
- “Assertion and Silence”
Arché, University of St Andrews, June 2009
- “Silencing, Authority, and Free Speech”
Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, Rutgers-New Brunswick, July 2008
- “Hate Speech, Pornography, and Censorship”
Language and Law Roundtable, University of Oslo, June 2008
- “What Speech Does: Racist Speech and its Uses”
NYSWIP, New York City, April 2008
- “Assertion, Norms, and Games”
University of Western Ontario, March 2007
- “Limits of Free Expression”
Maxwell School of Social Science, Syracuse University, February 200
- “The Limits of Free Speech: Pornography and the Question of Coverage”
Women’s Studies Program, Syracuse University, January 2006
- “Why Take Our Word For It?”
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, November 2006
Creighton Club Philosophy Conference, Hobart & William Smith Colleges,
November 2006
MITing of the Minds 2006, M.I.T., January 2006
- “On Racist Hate Speech and the Scope of a Free Speech Principle”
Cornell University, September 2006
- “How and Why to be a Moderate Contextualist”
University of Texas, Austin, May 2006
Context and Content Workshop, University of Oslo, April 2006
- “HillTV and Free Speech”
Women’s Studies Program, Syracuse University, December 2005
- “The Limits of Free Speech: Pornography, Racist Hate Speech and the Question of
Coverage”
Australian National University, October 2005
- “What is a Norm of Assertion?”
Queen’s University, February 2005
University of Rochester, February 2004
Union College, February 2004
- “Moral Value and Political Value”
Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, M.I.T., April 2004

Talks (Continued)

- “Silencing Speech”
Presentation to Philosophy Graduate Seminar, Harvard University, November 2004
Summer Institute for Talented Minority Youth, Rutgers-New Brunswick, June 2003
- “Pornography, Subordination, and Speech Act Theory”
Cornell University, May 2003
Wellesley College, April 2003
- “Deftly Defending Donnellan’s Definite Descriptions Distinction”
presentation to graduate students, Syracuse University, April 2003
- “Making Sense of Silencing”
SWIP Eastern Division Spring Meeting, University of South Carolina, Charlotte,
March 2001
- “Race, Gender, and Essentialism: A Critique of Appiah” (with Ásta Sveinsdóttir)
Independent Activities Period Lecture, M.I.T., February 2001

Commentaries

- On Monica Cowart’s “Consent, Justice, and Sexual Assault: Can Speech Act Theory Provide An Alternative Legal Model of Consent?” and Sarah Sorial’s “Free Speech, Extreme Speech, and (Manufactured) Authority: A Blind Spot in Legal Regulation?”
APA Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta, December 2012
- On Bradley Rettler’s “No Epistemic Norm of Assertion”
APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, February 2010
- On Arlene Stein’s “Telling Stories, Becoming Survivors: The Feminization of the Holocaust”
Institute for Research on Women, New Brunswick, November 2009
- On Eros Corazza’s “Minimalism, Contextualism, and Contentualism”
The Contextualist Challenge in the Philosophy of Language Conference, Queen’s University, September 2009
- On Sarah Moss’s “On the Pragmatics of Counterfactuals”
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2008
- On Robert Stainton’s *Words and Thoughts: Subsentences, Ellipsis, and the Philosophy of Language*
Semantics Workshop, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, October 2007
- On Elisabeth Camp’s “Perspectives in Imaginative Engagement with Fiction”
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2006
- On Joongol Kim’s “Definition by Abstraction”
APA Pacific Division Meeting, March 2006
- On Jennifer Lackey’s “Learning from Words”
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2005
- On Robin Jeshion’s “Singular Thought Without Acquaintance”
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2004
- On Harold W. Noonan’s “The Concept *Horse*”
Syracuse Workshop in Metaphysics, Syracuse University, August 2003
- On Lisa Rivera’s “Prioritizing the Political in Feminist Ethics”
SWIP Eastern Division Spring Meeting, M.I.T., April 2002

Teaching

University of Michigan

Philosophy of Language, undergraduate/graduate seminar, Fall 2013
Law and Philosophy, undergraduate lecture course, Fall 2013
Philosophy of Law, graduate seminar (Topic: Language & the Law), Winter 2013
Feminist Philosophy, undergraduate/graduate seminar, Fall 2012
Language and Mind, undergraduate lecture course, Fall 2012
Undergraduate Seminar in Philosophy (Topic: Lying), Winter 2012

Rutgers-Newark

Philosophy of Law, undergraduate lecture course, taught thrice (Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011)
Philosophy of Language, undergraduate lecture course, taught twice (Spring 2008, Spring 2009)
Current Moral and Social Issues (Topic: Justice and the Law), undergraduate lecture course, Spring 2008

Rutgers-New Brunswick

Philosophical Issues in Feminism, undergraduate lecture course cross-listed between Philosophy and Women's & Gender Studies, taught twice (Fall 2008, Fall 2011)

Syracuse University

Feminist Philosophy of Science, graduate directed study, Fall 2007
Philosophy of Feminism, undergraduate lecture course cross-listed between Philosophy and Women's Studies, taught thrice (Fall 2002, Spring 2004, Fall 2007)
Seminar for Majors (Topic: Lying), Fall 2007
Philosophy of Law, undergraduate lecture course, taught twice (Spring 2003, Spring 2006)
Philosophy of Language, graduate/undergraduate lecture course, taught thrice (Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Fall 2006)
Testimony, graduate seminar, Fall 2006
20th Century Theories of Knowledge, Reality, and Meaning, undergraduate lecture course, Spring 2005
Seminar for Majors (Topic: Justice and the Law), Fall 2004
Contexts and Context-Dependence, graduate seminar, Spring 2004
Feminist Critiques, graduate seminar, Spring 2003
Seminar for Majors (Topic: Freedom of the Will and Moral Responsibility), Fall 2003

Harvard University

Freedom of the Will, sophomore and junior tutorials, taught twice (Spring 2002, Fall 2000)
Definite Descriptions, sophomore tutorial, Spring 2001
Trust and Testimony, sophomore tutorial, Spring 2001

Service

Service to the Profession

Program committee member, Diversity in Philosophy Conference, University of Dayton, May 2013
Associate editor, *Inquiry*, Winter 2012-present
Coordinating committee member, SWIPshops, Fall 2010-Winter 2011
Guest co-editor, Special Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference issue of *Philosophical Studies*, 2011
Program committee member, 2011 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, 2011
Co-editor, *Symposium on Gender and Race in Philosophy* <<http://web.mac.com/shaslang/SGRP/Welcome.html>>, Fall 2005-Winter 2010
Co-organizer, Syracuse Workshop in Metaphysics, Syracuse University, 2003

*Service to the
Profession (continued)*

Program committee member, Diversity in Philosophy Conference, University of Dayton,
Co-organizer, Society for Women in Philosophy, Eastern Division Spring Meeting,
M.I.T., 2002
Co-organizer, Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, M.I.T., Fall 2000-Spring 2002
Manuscript referee, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Educational Researcher*, *Ethical
Theory and Moral Practice*, *Dialectica*, *Erkenntnis*, *Hypatia*, *Law and Philosophy*,
Linguistics and Philosophy, *Norsk Filosofisk Tidsskrift*, *Philosophical Compass*,
Philosophical Quarterly, *Philosophical Studies*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*,
Synthese, Blackwell Publishing, Oxford University Press
Grant referee, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)*

*Service to the
Department and
the University*

Chair's committee member, Philosophy, University of Michigan, 2011-12
Graduate student advisor and graduate studies committee member, Philosophy,
University of Michigan, 2011-12
Graduate admissions committee, Philosophy, University of Michigan, 2011-13
Undergraduate curriculum committee member, Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers-
New Brunswick, 2009-11
Admissions committee member, Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, Rutgers-
New Brunswick, 2009-11
Departmental hiring committee member, Philosophy, Rutgers-Newark, 2009-10
Mentor, Institute for Research on Women Learning Community, Rutgers-New
Brunswick, March-April 2010
Departmental representative to Open House, Rutgers-Newark, April 2008
Honors Humanities Prize reader, Syracuse University, April-May 2007
Advisory Board member, Women's Studies Program, Syracuse University, 2002-07
Departmental colloquium series co-organizer, Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2004-05
Graduate student working papers group organizer, Philosophy, Syracuse University,
2004-05
Humanities Council member, Syracuse University, 2003-05
Executive Committee member, Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2003-05
Departmental hiring committee member, Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2002-05
Departmental hiring committee member, Linguistics, Syracuse University, 2003-04
T.A. Orientation speaker ("The First Day of Class" session), Syracuse University, August
2003
Departmental hiring committee member, Women's Studies Program, Syracuse
University, 2002-03

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