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Areas of Specialization: Political and Moral Philosophy, Feminism, and Philosophy of Law

Areas of Competence: Critical Race Theory and Kant

Education:

- 2004 Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Illinois-Chicago
Dissertation: “Equal Protection: Sex Equality in Liberal Democracies”
Director: Anthony Simon Laden
- 1996 M.A., Philosophy, Virginia Tech
Thesis: “Autonomy and Neutrality in Liberal Political Thought”
Director: John Christman
- 1994 B.A., Virginia Tech, Double Major: Philosophy and Political Science

Academic Positions:

Faculty Positions

- 2020-present Professor of Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis
2016-2020 Professor of Philosophy, University of San Diego
2013-2020 Affiliate Faculty, School of Law, University of San Diego
2008-2020 Affiliate of Law and Philosophy Institute, University of San Diego
2007-2020 Affiliate Faculty, Women’s and Gender Studies Program, USD
2011-2016 Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of San Diego
2007-2011 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of San Diego
2004-2007 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Eastern Michigan University
2002-2004 Visiting Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan
2001-2002 Instructor, University of Illinois-Chicago
1999-2001 Managing Editor, *Ethics* (University of Chicago Press)

1998-1999 University Fellow, University of Illinois-Chicago
1996-1998 Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois-Chicago
1994-1996 Teaching Assistant, Virginia Tech

Administrative Positions

2015-2020 Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of San Diego
2009-2015 Director of Women's and Gender Studies, University of San Diego

Publications:

Books

A Concise Introduction to Logic, 13th ed., co-author with Patrick Hurley, Cengage, 2016.

Equal Citizenship and Public Reason: A Feminist Political Liberalism co-authored with Christie Hartley, Oxford University Press, 2018.

Debating Pornography, with Andrew Altman, Oxford University Press, 2019.

Debating Sex Work, with Jessica Flannigan, Oxford University Press, 2019.

Editor, *Routledge Handbook on the Philosophy of Sex*, co-editors, Brian D. Earp and Clare Chambers. Routledge, 2022.

Edited Journal Issues

Guest editor for *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* special issue on Toward a Feminist Theory of the State, 25 years later. Also, "Introduction to Toward A Feminist Theory of the State, 25 years later," *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*, vol. 3 (2017), Issue 2, available on line at <https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/fpq/vol3/iss2/>

Guest Editor for *Phil Studies* issue, collection of papers from 2017 Pacific APA. Introduction. *Philos Stud* (2018). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-018-1073-z>

Articles

36. "The Empire of Women: Rousseau on Domination and Sexuality," *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming.

35. "Critical Reflection on *The Right to Sex: A Review Essay*," *European Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming.

34. “On Domination” in *Philosophical Conversations*, edited by Ruth Chang and Amia Srinivasan, OUP, forthcoming. With reply by Catharine A. MacKinnon.
33. “The Ties that Bind,” with Christie Hartley, forthcoming in *Cosmos+Taxis*.
32. “Plural Marriage and Equality,” in *Routledge Handbook on the Philosophy of Sex*, eds. Brian Earp, Clare Chambers, and Lori Watson, Routledge (2022), pp. 315-327.
31. “An Equality Approach to Prostitution,” in *Routledge Handbook on the Philosophy of Sex*, eds. Brian Earp, Clare Chambers, and Lori Watson, Routledge (2022), pp. 538-549.
30. “Feminist Critiques of Libertarianism,” in *Routledge Companion to Libertarianism*, eds. Matt Zwolinski and Benjamin Ferguson, Routledge (2022), Ch. 36.
29. “Comments on Mary Kate McGowan’s *Just Words*,” *Res Philosophica*, Vol. 98, Issue 3 (July 2021).
28. Authors-Meet-Critics Symposium on *Equal Citizenship and Public Reason: A Feminist Political Liberalism*. Reply to Critics: Kevin Vallier, Cindy Stark, Clare Chambers, Amy Baehr, Paul Billingham. *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 37(5):881-894 (2020).
27. “Dependency, Domination, and Equality,” co-authored with Christie Hartley in *Caring for Liberalism*, eds. Amy Baehr and Asha Bhandary, Routledge, 2020.
26. “Gender Policing: Comments on Down Girl,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. 101, Issue 1 (July 2020), pp. 236-241.
25. “On Domination and Sex Equality: Political Liberalism and Gender Justice,” co-authored with Christie Hartley, in *John Rawls: Debating the Major Questions*, eds. Sarah Roberts-Cady and Jon Mandel, Oxford University Press, 2020.
24. “Integrity An Individual or Social Virtue?: Comments on *Liberalism’s Religion*,” in *Review of Politics*, Vol. 81 (Fall 2019), Issue 4, pp. 652-656.
23. “#metoo?,” APA Newsletter on Feminism, symposium on #Metoo, Vol. 19., No. 1, pp. 20-24. <https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.apaonline.org/resource/collection/D03EBDAB-82D7-4B28-B897-C050FDC1ACB4/FeminismV19n1.pdf>
22. “The State of the Question: Philosophical Debates about Prostitution,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, (2019) Vol. 57, Issue 2, pp. 165-193.
21. “On Nancy Bauer’s *How to Do Things with Pornography*,” *European Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 26 (2018), Issue 4, pp. 1427-1434.

20. "Feminist Theories of Human Nature," in Macmillan's Interdisciplinary Handbooks *Philosophy: Feminism*. Ed., Carol Hay, Macmillan Reference USA (2018), pp. 71-100.
19. "Tyranny or Democracy of the Ideal?" co-authored with Blain Neufeld, in Symposium on Gerald Gaus's *Tyranny of the Ideal*, *Cosmos + Taxis* Vol. 5 (2018), Issue 2, pp. 47-61.
18. "What should Political Liberals say about Religious Exemptions?" co-authored with Christie Hartley, in *Religious Exemptions*, edited by Vallier and Weber, Oxford University Press (2017), pp. 97-119.
17. "The Woman Question," *Transgender Studies Quarterly*, vol. 3, no. 1-2, May 2016, pp. 246-253.
16. "What is a Woman Anyway?" *Logos: A Journal of Modern Society & Culture*, (Summer 2015), Vol. 14 No. 3. <http://logosjournal.com/2015/what-is-a-woman-anyway/>
15. "Food is a Feminist Issue," in *Just Food*, edited by Jill Dieterle (Roman & Littlefield), Roman & Littlefield (2015). Pp.121-140.
14. "Why Sex Work Isn't Work," *Logos: A Journal of Modern Society & Culture*, (Winter 2015), Vol. 14, No. 1. <http://logosjournal.com/2014/watson/>
13. "Civic Virtue and Political Thought: On Civic Virtue and Political Liberalism," co-authored with Christie Hartley, in *Virtues and Their Vices*, edited by Kevin Timpe and Craig Boyd (Oxford University Press, 2014), pp. 415-434.
12. "Pornography and Obscenity," *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, ed. Hugh LaFollette, Wiley Blackwell, February 2013.
11. "Feminist Political Theory," *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, ed. Hugh LaFollette, Wiley Blackwell, February 2013.
10. "Political Liberalism, Marriage and the Family," co-authored with Christie Hartley, *Law and Philosophy*, 31:2 (2012), pp. 185-212.
9. "A Reply to Weitzer," *Violence Against Women*, 2012, Vol. 18, Issue 4, pp. 502-505.
8. "The Role of Empathy in Moral Judgments: Comments on Michael Slote's *Moral Sentimentalism*," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Spindel Supplement: Empathy and Ethics, Vol. 49, 2011, pp. 142-147.
7. "Toward a Feminist Theory of Justice: Political Liberalism and Feminist Method," *University of Tulsa Law Review: Scholarship Symposium Honoring Professor Catharine MacKinnon*, 2010, vol. 46, Issue 1, pp. 35-44.

6. "Is A Feminist Political Liberalism Possible?" co-authored with Christie Hartley, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, Vol. 5, No. 1, Fall 2010. 1-21.
5. "Pornography," *Philosophy Compass*, 5/7 (2010): 535-550.
4. "Feminism, Religion and Shared Reasons: A Defense of Exclusive Public Reason," co-authored with Christie Hartley, *Law and Philosophy* 28:5, 2009 pp. 493-536.
3. "Equal Justice: A Comment on Michael Blake's 'Immigration and Political Equality,'" *San Diego Law Review*, Vol. 45. No. 4, Fall 2008, pp. 981-988.
2. "Constituting Politics: Power, Reciprocity, and Identity," *Hypatia*, Vol. 22, No. 4, Fall 2007, pp. 96-112.
1. "Pornography and Public Reason," *Social Theory and Practice*, Vol. 33, No. 3, July 2007, pp. 467-488.

Manuscripts and other work in Progress

"Against Convergence Liberalism: A Feminist Critique," with Christie Hartley, under review.

"The Tyranny of Opinion: Rousseau's account of how opinions are a source of domination/subordination," ms. under preparation.

On Domination: Essays on Domination, Equality, and Freedom, book ms., under preparation.

Book Reviews

Bhandary, Asha. *Freedom to Care: Liberalism, Dependency, and Culture* (Routledge, 2019), *Hypatia*, [Hypatia](#) , [First View](#) , pp. 1 – 4, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/hyp.2022.18>

Shouten, Gina. *Liberalism, Neutrality, and the Gendered Division of Labor* (Oxford University Press, 2019), *Res Publica* (2021) 27 (3):509-514

Macedo, Stephen. *Just Married* (Princeton UP, 2015), *Review of Politics* (2016) 78 (3):493-496.

Kevin Vallier, *Liberal Politics and Public Faith* (Routledge, 2014), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2015.09.20. <https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/60955-liberal-politics-and-public-faith-beyond-separation/>

Schwarzenbach, Sibyl A., *On Civic Friendship: Including Women in the State*. (Columbia UP, 2009), *Ethics* 122 (1): 207-212. 2011.

Warnke, Georgia. *After Identity: Rethinking Race, Sex, and Gender*. (Cambridge University Press, 2007), *Social Theory and Practice* 37 (2): 358-363. 2011.

MacKinnon, Catharine, *Are Women Human? And Other International Dialogues* (Harvard UP, 2005), *Ethics* (October 2008), Vol. 119, No. 1, pp. 191-195.

Lister, Ruth, *Citizenship: Feminist Perspectives*, 2nd Ed. (Taylor & Francis, 2003), *Ethics* (January 2008), Vol. 118, No. 2, p. 381.

Walker, Margaret, *Moral Contents* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2003), *Ethics*, (April 2007), Vol. 117, No. 3, pp. 585-588.

DeCew, Judith Wagner, *Unionization in the Academy: Visions and Realities* (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2003), *Ethics* (July 2005), Vol. 115, No. 4, pp. 854-855.

Pierce, Christine, *Immovable Laws, Irresistible Rights: Natural Law, Moral Rights, and Feminist Ethics* (Kansas University Press, 2000), *Ethics* (July 2004), Vol. 114, No. 4, p. 862.

Calhoun, Cheshire, *Feminism, the Family, and Politics of the Closet* (Oxford, 2000), *Ethics* (January 2003), Vol. 113, No. 2, pp. 396-400.

Dombrowski, Daniel, *Rawls and Religion: The Case for Political Liberalism* (SUNY, 2001), *Ethics* (January 2003), Vol. 113, No. 2, p. 458.

Presentations

(Items marked with an * indicated a blind-reviewed, peer-review procedure used for acceptance. Items marked with an † indicated that they were invited.)

Panelist on “Sex Work is Work,” Cardozo Law School, Spring 2022.

Debate with Jessica Flannigan, “Decriminalizing Sex Work,” University of Delaware, Spring 2022.

“On Domination,” University of Leeds, Spring 2022.

“Rousseau’s peculiar account of sexuality as a domination/subordination relation,” Spindel Conference at University of Memphis, spring 2022.

Manuscript workshop participant on Clare Chamber's *Intact: A Defense of the Unmodified Body*, Georgia State University, May 2021.

† Critic for Author-meets-Critics on Gina Schouten's *Liberal Neutrality and the Gendered Division of Labor*, Pacific APA, April 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19).

† Critic for Author-meets-Critics on Blain Neufeld's *Public Reason* ms., PPE Society, March 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19).

† Critic for Author-meets-Critics on Mary Kate McGowan's *Just Words*, Central APA, February, 2020.

† "On Domination," Washington University in St. Louis, January 2020.

† "Why Sex Work Isn't Work," Johns Hopkins University, November 2019.

* Author meets Critics, author, *Equal Citizenship and Public Reason*, PPE meetings, March 2019.

† Author meets Critics, author, *Equal Citizenship and Public Reason*, Pacific APA, April 2019.

† "Sex Contracts," University of Kentucky, April 2019.

† Plenary speaker "Beyond Marriage: Philosophy, Politics, Law" Jesus College, Cambridge, U.K., May 2019

† Debating Sex Work, Debate with Jessica Flannigan, Trinity College, October 2018.

† "Exposing the lie of 'sex work,'" California State L.A., November 2018.

† Author Meets Critics on Clare Chamber's *Against Marriage*, Eastern APA, Jan. 2019.

† Author Meet Critics on Kate Manne's *Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny*, Wooster College, September 2018.

† Commentator on Cecile Laborde's *Liberalism's Religion*, UVA School of Law, Symposium on *Liberalism's Religion*, August 2018.

† Commentator in Author Meets Critics on *Public Practice, Public Law: An Essay on Love, Marriage, and the State*, by Gary Chartier, Pacific APA, April 2018.

† Commentator on "Species of Pluralism in Political Philosophy," Pacific APA, 2018

† "Innovations in Teaching Logic," Pacific APA, 2018.

- † “Implicit Bias and Public Reason,” MANCEPT workshop, September 2017.
- † “Dignity and Equality,” Central APA, February 2017.
- † “The validity of ‘sex contracts,’” Eastern APA, January 2017.
- † “Interrogating ‘Sex Work,’ San Diego State University, November 2016.
- * “‘Sex Work’ and Autonomy,” Society for Analytical Feminism, Lowell, M.A., September 2016.
- † “Interrogating ‘Sex Work,’ NYSWIP, May 2016.
- † Commentator on Hallie Liberto’s “Exploitation” at Exploitation Conference, University of San Diego, April 2016.
- † Respondent in Author-meets-critics session on Nancy Bauer’s *How to do things with Pornography*, Pacific APA, April 2016.
- † “Interrogating ‘Sex Work,’ University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, March 2016.
- † “Interrogating ‘Sex Work,’ Georgetown University, March 2016.
- † “Sex Work and Sex Equality,” University of Kentucky, February 2016.
- † “Ideal Theory,” USCD Political Theory Workshop, January 2016.
- † “Feminist Political Liberalism,” presentation at Eastern APA, January 2016
- † “Sex Work Isn’t Work,” Georgia State University, November 2015.
- * Panel on Sexual Agency: Negotiating Autonomy, Attraction, and Intimacy at American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) 2015 Annual Meeting, October 2015.
- Panel participant for UCSD summer workshop on “What it’s like to be a Woman in Philosophy,” July 2015.
- * “The Functional Role of the Family in Political Liberalism” presented at *Hypatia* Conference: Exploring Collaborative Contestations and Diversifying Philosophy, Villanova University, May 2015.
- * “Integrity and the Case for Restraint,” co-authored with Christie Hartley, Bowling Green Workshop in Applied Ethics and Public Policy topic Religious Exemptions, April 2015.

† “Why Sex Work isn’t Work,” presented at Metropolitan State Denver, December 2014.

† Commentator on “Passionate Persons” by Remy Debes, Pacific APA, April 2014

† “Reply to Elizabeth Brake” Author-meets-critics session on *Minimizing Marriage*, presented at Pacific APA, April 2014

† “Reply to Ruth Abbey” Author-meets-critics session on *The Return of Feminist Liberalism*, presented at Pacific Division APA, March 2013.

† “What does it mean to say pornography is a form of prostitution?” presented at Pacific Division APA, April 2012.

† Commentator on “The Rule Standard Continuum” by Richard Greenstein, Pacific APA, April 2012.

* “Political Liberalism, Marriage and the Family,” presented at Pacific Division APA, April 2011.

† “Identity and the Law,” presented at Pacific Division APA, April 2011.

* “A Critique of Arguments in Favor of Privatizing Marriage” Midwestern Society for Women in Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Oct. 2010.

† Commentator on *Moral Sentimentalism* by Michael Slote, University of Memphis, Spindel Conference, Oct. 2010.

† Commentator on Bas van der Vossen “Can There Be Associative Political Obligations?” Pacific Division APA, April 2010.

† “Immigration and Human Rights,” La Vern Law School, February 2010.

† “Toward a Feminist Theory of Justice: Political Liberalism and Feminist Method,” University of Tulsa Law School: *Scholarship Symposium Honoring Professor Catharine MacKinnon*, March 2010.

* “Feminism, the Public, and the Private,” Presentation at Eastern Division APA, December 2008.

† “Gender as a Diversity Issue,” presented at USD for CEE, October 2008.

† “Virtual Reality? Extending the Civil Rights Approach to Pornography,” presented at University of Memphis, October, 2008.

† Commentator on “Immigration and Political Equality,” by Michael Blake, at National Borders and Immigration Conference, University of San Diego Law School, April 2008.

*“A Defense of Exclusive Public Reason,” co-author Christie Hartley, accepted for presentation at Pacific Division of American Philosophical Association, March 2008.

† Commentator on Melissa Zinkin “Kant on Secrets and Lies,” Pacific Division of American Philosophical Association, March 2008.

† Commentator on Edward Langerak "Convergences in the Public Square," Pacific Division of American Philosophical Association, March 2006.

† Round table participant “Where is Home? Gender, Sexuality, and Transnationalism,” University of Michigan--Dearborn, March 2006.

† "Pornography and Public Reason," presented at Kalamazoo College, February 2006.

† "Equal Protection and Gay Marriage," presented at Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, Canada, October 2005.

*“Sex Equality and Gay Marriage,” delivered at National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meetings, June 2005.

† Commentator on Glenn Gentry "Rawls and Religion,” Central Division of American Philosophical Association, April 2005.

*“Political Liberalism and Oppression: A Defense of Strong Reciprocity,” delivered at Pacific Division of American Philosophical Association, March 2005.

*"Gender, Citizenship, and the Public vs. the Private," delivered at Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Jan. 2005.

† Panelist on "Proposal 2: What Will It Mean?" at University of Michigan Law School, October 2004. (sponsored by OUTLAWS)

Academic and Teaching Honors:

University Professor, 2018-2019, University of San Diego.

Mortar Board Faculty Appreciation Award (for mentoring/teaching), 2017.

Faculty Research Grant awarded Summer 2017, University of San Diego.

Honors Faculty of the Year, Teaching Award, 2012

Faculty Research Grant awarded for 2011-2012, University of San Diego.

NEH Summer Seminar Scholar: *Liberal Democracy and the Global Order*, Washington University in St. Louis, 2010.

Faculty Research Grant awarded for 2009-2010, University of San Diego.

“Professor of the Game,” teaching award, University of San Diego, March 2009.

Faculty Research Grant awarded for 2008-2009, University of San Diego.

Nominated for “Outstanding Faculty in Classroom Instruction,” Holman Learning Center, EMU, 2007.

Nominated for “Outstanding Faculty in Classroom Instruction,” Holman Learning Center, EMU, 2006.

Nominated for “Outstanding Faculty in a Supportive Role,” Holman Learning Center, EMU, 2006.

Nominated for “Outstanding Faculty in Classroom Instruction,” Holman Learning Center, EMU 2005.

Josephine Nevins Keal Fellowship, Women’s Resource Center, EMU 2005.

You Make the Difference Teaching Award, EMU, 2003.

Alice J. Dan Dissertation Research Award, UIC, 2002 (sponsored by the Center for Research on Women and Gender).

Finalist for the *Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship*, 2002 (sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation).

Chancellor’s Student Service Award, UIC, 2001.

University Fellowship, UIC, 1998.

“Philosophy Award” for Academic Achievement, Virginia Tech, 1994.

Professional Memberships and Service:

Associate Editor, *Ergo*, 2020-present.

Chair, Committee on Inclusion and Diversity, American Philosophical Association, 2018-2022.

Phil papers area editor, *Gender, Sex, Sexuality*, 2018-2020.

Program Chair, Pacific APA, 2017 Program.

Member of Editorial Board for *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 2015-2018.

Program Committee Pacific APA, 2013-2017.

Member of the Board of Directors, Stop Porn Culture 2011-2013.

Committee Member for the Committee on the Status of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexual and Transgender Persons in the Profession, American Philosophical Association National Committee, 2010-2013.

Member of the American Philosophical Association.

Member of the Society for Analytical Feminism.

Member North American Society for Social Philosophy.