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Areas of Specialization: Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics, Moral Psychology, Intersectional Feminist Philosophy, Social Epistemology, Critical Disability Theory

Areas of Competence: Decolonial theory, Queer theory

Education:

PhD, Philosophy, York University, Toronto, 2008-2014
MA, Philosophy, University of Ottawa, 2006-2007
BA, Philosophy (with minor in English), University of Ottawa, 2002-2006

Employment:

Instructor, Washington University in St. Louis, 2022-present
Visiting Scholar, University of Missouri – St. Louis, 2017-present
Postdoctoral Fellow, The Practical Justice Initiative, University of New South Wales, Sydney, 2016-2017
Postdoctoral Fellow, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology Program, Washington University in St. Louis, 2014-2016

Books:

The Ableist Politics of Reality: Essays in Disability Studies, in progress.
An Intersectional Feminist Theory of Moral Responsibility, Routledge, 2019
    A symposium on this book with contributions from John Doris, Sofia Jeppson, Kathryn Norlock, Manuel Vargas, Bruce Waller, & Ryan Lake, in *Syndicate: a living network on scholarship in the humanities*, 2022 https://syndicate.network/symposia/philosophy/an-intersectional-feminist-theory-of-moral-responsibility/

Edited Special Issues:

Guest editor and introduction, *Feminist Approaches to Moral Responsibility*, special issue of *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* (forthcoming)
Guest editor (with Gualtiero Piccinini), *Rape and Trauma*, special issue of *Humanities* 7(2), 2018

Journal Articles:

"Responsibility's Double Binds: Responsibility in Conditions of Oppression," *The Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 40(1), 35-48, 2023
"A new ameliorative approach to moral responsibility," *Verifiche: Journal of Humanities, 2,* 159-182, *2022*
"The mysterious case of the missing perpetrators: how the privileged escape blame and culpability," *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*, 6(2), 1-23, 2020
"Falling in love and breaking up: attribution bias and the perception of responsibility," *Analyze: Journal of Gender and Feminist Studies*, 11(25), 150-167, 2018
"The loss of autonomy in abused persons: psychological, moral, and legal dimensions," *Humanities*, 7(2), 1-19, 2018
"Is there a duty to use moral neuroenhancements?" *Topoi*, 1(1), 37-47, 2017
"Objectivity, diversity, and uptake: on the status of women in philosophy," *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*, 3(3), 1-22, 2017
"A virtue ethical approach to decisional capacity and mental health," *Philosophical Psychology*, 29(3), 462-475, 2016
"Moral responsibility ain't just in the head," *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, 1(4), 601-606, 2015

"The meaning(s) of situationism," *Teaching Ethics* 15(1), 137-150, 2015

"Answering the situationist challenge: a defense of virtue ethics as preferable to other theories," *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 53(4), 651-670, 2014

"Moral responsibility and mental health: applying the standard of the reasonable person" (With responses from C. Perring and J.D. Bedrick), *Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology* 21(1), 1-12, 2014

"Argumentum ad vericundiam: new gender-based criteria for appeals to authority" (with Khameiel Altamimi), *Argumentation*, 28(4), 437-452, 2014

"The case of JoJo and our pretheoretical intuitions: an externalist interpretation," *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 5(2), 265-276, 2014

"Moral responsibility: justifying Strawson and the excuse of peculiarly unfortunate formative circumstances," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 17(3), 545-557, 2014

"The standard of the reasonable person: an avoidability approach," *Athens Institute for Education and Research Conference*, Paper Series, 15 pages, 2013

"Situationism, moral responsibility, and blame," *Philosophia*, 41(1), 179-193, 2013

"Critical thinking in moral argumentation contexts: a virtue ethical approach," *Informal Logic*, 32(2), 242-258, 2012

"A new mixed view of virtue ethics based on Daniel Doviak's new virtue calculus," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 15(2), 259-269, 2012

"Tolerance, acceptance, and the virtue of orthonomy: A reply to Lawrence Blum and Brenda Almond," *Journal of Moral Education*, 40(2), 255-264, 2011

Under Review:

"LLMs and crisis epistemology: the business of making old crises seem new" (revise and resubmit received: minor revisions)

"Reclaiming responsibility: a critique from the margins"

"Ableist white supremacist capitalist patriarchy and philosophy"

Book Chapters:

TDB, forthcoming in the *Ethics in Motion: Feminist ethics and #MeToo* (EMFEM) anthology, funded by the Icelandic Research Fund.

"Ableism, capitalism, and responsibility," *Bloomsbury Guide to Philosophy of Disability*, ed. Shelley Tremain, 20 pages, 2023

"The moral psychology of blame: a feminist analysis," the *Oxford Handbook of Moral Psychology,* eds. John Doris & Manuel Vargas, 712-733, 2022

"'Grape zones': identifying stereotypes that make rape socially ambiguous," *Amy Schumer & Philosophy*, 1-17, 2018

"Mental illness, agency, and responsibility," *The Bloomsbury Companion to Philosophy of Psychiatry*, 325-347, 2017

Encyclopedia entries:

"A feminist theory of moral responsibility," *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, ed. Hugh LaFolette

Proceedings:

"A Marxist-Feminist Analysis of Scientific Practice, Communication, and Public Trust," *Proceedings of the Moral Motives Conference,* organized by Knology: Practical Social Science for a Better World, March 17, 2023: https://knology.org/article/a-marxist-feminist-analysis-of-scientific-practice-communucation-and-public-trust/

Book Reviews:

Sara Ahmed's "Complaint!" in *Biopolitical Philosophy,* January 2022: https://biopoliticalphilosophy.com/2022/01/27/academic-gatekeeping-is-killing-me%EF%BF%BC/

Javier Echenique's "Aristotle's ethics and moral responsibility," *Dialogue*, 52(2), 2013: 191-193.
Dana Kay Nelkin's "Making sense of freedom and responsibility," *Philosophical Psychology*, 4, 2013: 1-5.
Diane Enns' "The violence of victimhood," *Symposium* 16(2), 2012: 284-287.

Interviews

Interview on gender and philosophy for *The Dissenter* YouTube channel, forthcoming
Interview on disability for the *Massively Disabled Podcast*, hosted by Elaina Gauthier-Mamaril, forthcoming
Interview on youth suffrage for *Die Tageszeitung*, a cooperative-owned German daily newspaper, 2023
Dialogues on Disability: Shelley Tremain interviews Michelle Ciurria, part 2
"Recently published book spotlight: An Intersectional Feminist theory of moral responsibility," *Blog of the APA*: https://blog.apaonline.org/2020/03/19/recently-published-book-spotlight-an-intersectional-feminist-theory-of-moral-responsibility/
Dialogues on Disability: Shelley Tremain interviews Michelle Ciurria:
    https://biopoliticalphilosophy.com/2020/09/16/dialogues-on-disability-shelley-tremain-interviews-michelle-ciurria/

Select Online Content:

"Nondisabled people always win the "Hunger Games" of academic publishing and tenure, October 2022: https://biopoliticalphilosophy.com/2022/10/02/nondisabled-people-always-win-the-hunger-games-of-academic-publishing-and-tenure/
"Philosophy has a body-shaming problem," *Biopolitical Philosophy*, January 2022:
    https://biopoliticalphilosophy.com/2022/01/11/philosophy-has-a-body-shaming-problem/
"Billionaire philanthropy: immoral, epistemically corrupt, and undemocratic," May 2021: *Biopolitical Philosophy*, https://biopoliticalphilosophy.com/2021/05/30/billionaire-philanthropy-immoral-epistemically-corrupt-and-undemocratic-guest-post/
"Children as an oppressed class," *Biopolitical Philosophy*, August 2021:
    https://biopoliticalphilosophy.com/2021/08/02/children-as-an-oppressed-class/
"How to create an accessible and non-exploitative classroom," blog post for *Pea Soup: Philosophy, Ethics, Academia: The Pebble*, Jan. 2021: https://peasoup.deptcpanel.princeton.edu/2021/01/how-to-create-an-accessible-and-non-exploitative-classroom/
"Is Harvey Weinstein blameworthy? A feminist logic of blame," blog post for the *Blog of the APA*, May 2020: https://blog.apaonline.org/2020/05/20/is-harvey-weinstein-blameworthy-a-feminist-logic-of-blame/?fbclid=IwAR37JQqtlRMS2yjhHvkzXEKgCEdFvcueZ_Thzx1WiHj0wov2Srnbpcp9-WA
"Who is to blame? Scapegoating and gaslighting in the era of Covid-19," blog post for *What to do about now?* May 2020: https://www.whattodoaboutnow.com/post/who-is-to-blame-scapegoating-and-gaslighting-in-the-era-of-covid-19
"The costs of flying: an intersectional analysis," blog post for *Biopolitical Philosophy*, Feb. 2020: https://biopoliticalphilosophy.com/2020/01/30/the-costs-of-flying-an-intersectional-analysis-guest-post/
"Politicizing moral responsibility," blog post for *Pea Soup: Philosophy, Ethics, Academia*, Feb. 2020: http://peasoup.us/2020/01/calendar-saving-political-phil-post/
Commentator on "The Stubborn System of Responsibility" by Bruce Waller, *Syndicate*, April, 2017: https://syndicate.network/symposia/philosophy/the-stubborn-system-of-moral-responsibility/

Editorial Service:

Editorial Board, *Journal of Cognitive Science*, 2015-2017
Editorial Board, *Teaching Ethics*, 2016-present

Select Grants and Scholarships:

Knology, research grant, $1,000
University of Missouri-St. Louis, teaching grants, 2019, 2020, 2022 ($2000, $500, $800 USD)

UNSW postdoc, 2017 ($90,000 AUD)
UNSW Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, travel grant, November 2016 ($3,000 AUD)
UNSW Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, workshop grant, November 2016 ($4,500 AUD)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council postdoc, 2014-2016 ($85,000 CDN)
Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2013-2014 ($15,000), 2012-2013 ($15,000 CDN)
York University, graduate teaching fellowship, 2008-2014 ($19,500/year CDN)
York University, graduate development fund, 2013-2014 ($1,500 CDN), 2012-2013 ($1,000 CDN)
University of Ottawa, MA Fellowship, 2006 ($15,000 CDN)
University of Ottawa, Dean's Award, 2003 ($2,500 CDN)
University of Ottawa, BA Admission Scholarship, 2002 ($7,500 CDN)

Invited Presentations:

TBD, *Disability, & Social Change Workshop IV*, December 2024.
Pre-publication book launch panel, "The Bloomsbury Guide to Philosophy of Disability," *PhilosoPHIA* conference, June 3, 2023
"What is love? Bell hooks for ethical humanists," The Ethical Society of St. Louis, March 2023
"Disability, ableism, class, and chronic fatigue*," Disability, & Social Change Workshop III*, December 2023.
"Disability activism: a Marxist feminist solution to the gatekeeping of disability," keynote speaker, Conference by Women* in Philosophy (CW*IP), Antwerp, July 2022.
"Capitalism and disability," *Philosophy, Disability, & Social Change Workshop 1*, December 2020.
"Apt blame and praise: An intersectional feminist approach to moral responsibility," Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE), Edwardsville, November 2018.
"Dimensions of extended responsibility," Extended Responsibility Workshop, UNSW, Sydney, November 2016.
"Responsibility and epistemic confidence," University of Sydney, October 2016
"Responsibility in conversation: A functionalist account," University of New South Wales, September 2016
"Moral responsibility externalism," University of Missouri-St. Louis, November 2015
"Situationism, responsibility, and blame," The Centre for Research Ethics (CRE), Montreal, September 2013.

Refereed Presentations:

"LLMs and crisis epistemology: the business of making old problems seem new," Who's Responsible for ChatGPT? Building a Public Vision for AI (keynote: C. T. Nguyen), online, August 2023
"A Marxism feminist solution to the gatekeeping of disability," the University of Missouri-St. Louis, June 2022
"Social psychology manipulations in contexts of domestic abuse: redefining rape," Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA) Congress, Toronto, May 2017.
"Collective agency: A third ontic kind," MANCEPT Group Agency Workshop, Manchester, September 2017.
"What do we owe adjunct instructors?" Central APA Panel, Boston, January 2017; Felician Ethics Institute Conference, New Jersey, April 2016.
"Moral enhancements and moral responsibility," Minds, Selves, & 21st Century Technology, Lisbon, June 2015.
"Moral responsibility and implicit bias," Consciousness and Responsibility Conference, Amsterdam, November 2015.
"The meaning(s) of situationism," Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference: Poster Session, Vancouver, June 2014.
"Answering the situationist challenge: A defense of virtue ethics as preferable to alternatives," University of Waterloo Philosophy Graduate Conference, Ontario, April 2014.
"Situationism and virtue ethics: A case for compatibility," Obedience to Authority Conference: Milgram's Experiments 50 Years On, Bracebridge, Ontario, August 2013.

"The standard of the reasonable person: An avoidability approach," The Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) International Conference on Philosophy, Athens, Greece, May 2013; The Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, Victoria, B.C., Canada, June 2013.

"Situationism, responsibility and blame," Philosophy Graduate Conference, York University, Toronto, May 2012; Center of Value and Ethics (COVE) Graduate Ethics Conference, Carleton University, Ottawa, March 2012.

Teaching Experience:

Washington University in St. Louis
Bioethics, Spring 2023, Fall 2022

University of Missouri-St. Louis
Bioethics, Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2019
Resilience, Summer 2023
Existentialism and Phenomenology, Fall 2022
Love, Attachment, and Solidarity, Spring 2021
Diversifying Philosophy, Fall 2020
Love 101, Spring 2020, Spring 2018
Philosophy of Science Fiction, Fall 2019
Responsibility and Ethics, Fall 2018
Business Ethics, Fall 2017

York University
Freedom, Determinism, and Responsibility, Winter 2012.

Teaching Accreditations:

University Teaching Practicum, York University, 2014.
Online Course Design courses (x3), UMSL, 2020-2022.

Professional Service:

Host of a public philosophy group at the Ethical Society of St. Louis, 2018-2019.
Adjunct representative at UMSL, 2020-2022.
Refereeing: Hypatia, Moral Theory and Ethical Practice, Argumentation, Synthese, Bloomsbury, Springer.
Organizer:
Extended Responsibility Workshop, UNSW, Sydney, November 2016.
Early Career Research Workshop in Moral & Political Philosophy, UNSW, Sydney, November 2016.
York University Philosophy Graduate Conference (with colleagues), 2014, 2012, & 2011.
Teaching Development Graduate Assistant, Winter 2012.
Research assistant and editor of Prof. Michael Gilbert's book, "The End of Gender," York University, 2009.

Research-related Volunteer Work:

The Women's Safe House, St. Louis, Missouri, 2017.
The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), Women's Inpatient Unit, 2007-2010.