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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Feminist philosophy, Early Modern philosophy

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Social epistemology, Ethics, Political philosophy

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### McMaster University, Canada

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

2020 - *present*

Faculty, Gender and Social Justice

2020 - *present*

## EDUCATION

### University of Pennsylvania, United States

*Ph.D.* in Philosophy

2020

Supervisor: Prof. Karen Detlefsen

Committee: Prof. Samuel Freeman, Prof. Daniel J. Singer

Dissertation: "Transformative Relations in Early Modern Philosophy"

### University of Jyväskylä, Finland

*Visiting Student*, "Feminist Thinking in Historical Perspectives"

2016

### Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada

*M.A.* in Philosophy

2013

Supervisor: Prof. Rebekah Johnston

Major Research Paper: "The Skills of Self-Definitional Autonomy in Oppressive Social Contexts"

### Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada

*B.A., Honours* in Philosophy and Psychology

2012

## PUBLICATIONS

\* = peer reviewed

### *Journal Articles*

2023 \* "Prejudice as Viciousness: Marie de Gournay and Anton Wilhelm Amo," in *The Southern Journal of Philosophy: Special Edition on Social Justice in Early Modern Philosophy*, Vol. 61 (1), 182-205.

2022 \* "Madeleine de Scudéry on Conversation and its Feminist Ends," in *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 30 (1), 48-70.

2021 \*"Astell, Friendship, and Relational Autonomy," in *European Journal of Philosophy* Vol. 29 (2), pp. 487-503.

2019 \*"Astell on Bad Custom and Epistemic Injustice" in *Hypatia* Vol. 34 (4), pp. 777-801.

#### *Book Chapters*

2024 \*"Sex, Suffrage, and Marriage: Russell and Feminism," in *Philosophical Women in Russell's Circle*, Landon Elkind and Alexander Klein, eds. Palgrave Macmillan.

2024 "Care Ethics: Love, Care, and Connection," in *Ethical Theory in Global Perspective*, Michael Hemmingsen, ed. SUNY Press.

2023 \*"Mary Astell," in *Rethinking Political Thinkers*, Manjeet Ramgotra and Simon Choat, eds. Oxford University Press.

2023 \*"Friendship as a Means to Freedom," in *The Routledge Handbook of Women and Early Modern European Philosophy*, Karen Detlefsen and Lisa Shapiro, eds. Routledge.

#### *Book Chapters Under Contract*

"Esteem and Self-Esteem in 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Feminist Philosophy"

"Emotions: Love & Anger"

"Cavendish's Social Epistemology"

"Astell and Malebranche"

#### *Book Reviews*

2023 *Elisabeth of Bohemia (1618-1680): A Philosopher in her Historical Context*, Sabrina Ebbersmeyer and Sarah Hutton, eds.

### **PUBLICATIONS FOR A BROADER AUDIENCE**

2023 "Mary Astell: The First English Feminist," part of the *Wise Women Series* for *Philosophy Talk*, a radio show and podcast hosted by Ray Briggs and Josh Landy through KALW and Stanford University  
<https://www.philosophytalk.org/shows/mary-astell>

2023 "Season 3: Episode 2: Madeleine de Scudéry's *Illustrious Women*: Interview with Allairen Samantha Forbes," *Extending New Narratives Podcast: New Voices in the History of Philosophy*  
<https://www.newnarrativesinphilosophy.net/podcast.html>

2022 "Mary Astell," Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy

<https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/display/document/obo-9780195396577/obo-9780195396577-0430.xml>

- 2020 “A woman philosopher calls out misogyny in the 17<sup>th</sup> century,” in *Aeon*.  
<https://aeon.co/ideas/a-woman-philosopher-calls-out-misogyny-in-the-17th-century>
- 2018 “Mary Astell and Theories of Friendship,” Project Vox’s blog *Revealing Voices*  
<https://projectvox.org/revealing-voices/revealing-voices-allauren-forbes/>

## WORKS UNDER REVIEW

Early Modern Feminists on Wooing

Scudéry’s Portraits: Patriarchy, Agency, and Genre

Cavendish’s Feminine Utopias: Speech, Silence, and Gendered Space

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Mary Wollstonecraft: Telling Stories

Marriage and Alienated Labour: Cavendish on Chastity

A project on benevolence and education in Macaulay and Wollstonecraft (co-auth)

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONOURS

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| 2024      | Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Connection Grant, for <i>Women and Epistemic Emotions in the Early Modern Period</i> (October 2024, McMaster University) |
| 2023-2025 | Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Insight Development Grant (\$61,724) for the project, “The Metaphysics of Marriage: Modern Women Philosophers”           |
| 2019-2020 | Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania ( <i>granted to 25 students per year</i> )   |
| 2019      | President Gutmann Leadership Award, University of Pennsylvania ( <i>granted to 12-15 students per year</i> )  |
| 2017-2018 | Dean’s Scholar, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania ( <i>granted to 9 students per year</i> )  |
| 2016      | Student Exchange Grant, Erasmus+ Foundation (EU)  |

2015-2016	F. S. Pepper Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
2014-2015	Lynne and Michael Tarnopol Graduate Prize Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
2014-2019	Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
2012-2013	Graduate Scholarship in Philosophy, Wilfrid Laurier University
2012-2013	Graduate Fellowship in Philosophy, Wilfrid Laurier University

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

\* = refereed

Marriage and Alienated Labour: Cavendish on Chastity

*Women in the History of Political Thought: Labor, Property, and the Family*

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON: October 2023

*TEMPO 2024* – Traveling Early Modern Philosophy Organization

Metropolitan State University, Denver, CO: April 2024\* (*missed: illness*)

*Panel: Catharine Macaulay and Mary Wollstonecraft* (with Elena Gordon)

“Wollstonecraft on Education and Benevolence”

*TEMPO 2023* – Traveling Early Modern Philosophy Organization

Washington University, St. Louis, MO: May 2023

Margaret Cavendish’s Feminine Utopias: Speech, Silence, and Gendered Space

*Reinventing Woman’s Nature: Early Modern Feminism and Its Roots*

University of California: Los Angeles: March 2023

*The Female Voice in Philosophical Conversations*

Australian Catholic University, Rome, Italy: May/June 2024\*

*The Cavendish Collective Virtual Workshop*

(held online): June 2024\*

*ACSEMP: Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*

Dalhousie University: Halifax, NS: July 2024\*

*Panel: A Day with Amo* (with Dwight K. Lewis and Yosef Washington)

“Amo on Prejudice”

University of Pennsylvania: Philadelphia, PA: March 2023

*Panel: Social Contract and Its Critics* (with Hagar Kotef and Signy Gutnick-Allen)

“Astell and the Social Contract”

*Reconsidering Political Thinkers Workshop*

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London, UK: Sept 2022

*Panel: Wollstonecraft: Cross-Genre Philosopher* (with Charlotte Sabourin and Martin Fog Lantz Arndal)

“Mary Wollstonecraft: Telling Stories”

TEMPO 2022 – Traveling Early Modern Philosophy Organization

Rutgers University (*held virtually because of covid-19*): May 2022

“Scudéry’s Portraits: Patriarchy, Agency, and Genre”

*University of Pennsylvania Department of Philosophy Colloquium*

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA: March 2023

*York University Department of Philosophy Colloquium*

York University, Toronto, ON: October 2022

*Philosophy and Genre in the Early Modern Period*

Duke University, Durham, NC: April 2022

“Himpathy, History, and Philosophy,”

*Workshop on Early Modern Women Philosophers*

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA: April 2022

“Gender and Racial Prejudice in Testimony: Marie de Gournay and Anton Wilhelm Amo,”

*Social Justice in Early Modern Philosophy*, hosted by the *Southern Journal of Philosophy*,

Memphis, TN, April 2022\*

“On Wooing”

*New Voices: Women in the History of Philosophy*

University of Paderborn (*held virtually because of covid-19*): February 2022\*

“Courtship, Marriage, and Power”

*Québec-Ontario Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy*

Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, QC: November 2021

“Marie de Gournay and Anton Wilhelm Amo on Prejudice”

TEMPO 2021 – Traveling Early Modern Philosophy Organization

Rutgers University (*held virtually because of covid-19*): June 2021\*

“Sex, Suffrage, and Marriage”

*Feminism and Philosophical Women in Russell’s Circle: The Bertrand Russell Research Centre*

McMaster University (*held virtually because of covid-19*): March 2021

“TAgency”

Graduate Teaching Voices in Philosophy

APA – Central (*held virtually because of covid-19*), February 2021\*

“The Importance of Being Angry: Anger, credibility, and epistemic injustice”

*2020 Meeting of The Association for Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics, and Science Studies (FEMMSS8)*

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON: August 2020 (*postponed because of covid-19*)

*Panel: Models of Philosophical Engagement with K-12 Students* (with Dustin Webster and Michael Vazquez)

*2020 Meeting of the Philosophy of Education Society*

Pittsburgh, PA: March 2020\*

“Friendship as a Means to Freedom”

Invited speaker, *Bilkent University Philosophy Colloquium Series*

Bilkent University, Bilkent, Turkey: February 2020

“Wollstonecraft’s Political Conception of Marriage”

*Wollopalooza III*: hosted at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (*held virtually because of covid-19*): September 2020

*Australasian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*

University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia: November 2019\*

*International Conference on Women in Modern Philosophy*

Rio de Janeiro State University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: June 2019\*

*Early Modern Philosophy: St. Louis*

Sponsored by Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO: May 2019\*

“Feminist Historiography: Genre, Method, and the Scope of Philosophy” (with Karen Detlefsen)

*NYSWIP (New York Society for Women in Philosophy)*

CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY: May 2019

“The Philosophy for Youth Project at the University of Pennsylvania”

with Brian Reese (University of Pennsylvania), in Penn-MAP’s 4<sup>th</sup> annual philosophy conference: *Inclusive Methodology and Pedagogy*.

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA: April 2018

“Astell’s Bad Custom as Epistemic Injustice”

Symposium presentation in *New Narratives in the History of Philosophy: Renaissance and Early Modern Women*, Canadian Philosophical Association,

Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, QC: June 2018\*

*Bridging the Gender Gap Through Time*

King’s College London, London, UK: February 2018\*

*Wilfrid Laurier University Philosophy Colloquium Series*

Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON: January 2018

“Female Friendship and the Virtue of Conversation”

*5<sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophy Conference: Women in Early Modern Philosophy*  
Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA: October 2017\*

“Mary Astell and the Power of Female Friendship”  
*Writing Friendship III: Peril or Protection* – Canadian Society for Renaissance  
Studies: Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences,  
Ryerson University, Toronto, ON: May 2017\*

“Telling Stories: Teaching, Research, and the Importance of Early Modern Women to Philosophy,”  
co-written with Prof. Karen Detlefsen  
*Early Modern Works by and about Women: Genre and Method*  
McGill University, Montréal, QC: November 2016

“*Philia* and Relational Autonomy in Mary Astell's *A Serious Proposal to the Ladies*”  
*Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference*  
University of Tampa, Tampa, FL: October 2016\*

*Early Modern Philosophy Workshop*  
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA: October 2016

“Marriage as Friendship in Mary Wollstonecraft”  
*Feminist Thinking in Historical Perspective: Gender and Philosophy Summer School*  
University of Jyväskylä, Jyväskylä, Finland: August 2016

“The Nature of Desire in Plato's *Philebus*”  
*West Coast Plato Workshop*  
Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ: May 2016\*

## CONFERENCE COMMENTS

Timothy Yenter (University of Mississippi), “Gender and Religion in the Aesthetic Judgments of Elizabeth Montagu and David Hume”  
APA-Eastern, Montréal, QC: January 2023

Marie Jayasekera (California State University, Long Beach), “Liberty, Selves, and Custom in Astell”  
APA-Pacific, Vancouver, B.C.: April 2022

Paula Keller (Cambridge University), “Women and Education: Discovering the Philosophical Writings of Rahel Varnhagen”  
2021 Meeting of SWIP-UK: *Women in the History of Philosophy*  
University of Stirling, Stirling, Scotland (*held online*): January 2021

Michaela Manson (University of Toronto), “Prejudice and Astell's Serious Proposal”  
Virtual Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy  
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA: August 2020

Penny Weiss (St. Louis University), “A Political Reading of Mary Astell's *Serious Proposal to the Ladies*”

APA-East, Philadelphia, PA: January 2020

Georgia Mouroutsou (Western University), “Aristotelian Pleasures in the *Nicomachean Ethics*: Transforming the Platonic Distinction Between Pure and Impure Pleasures”

APA-East, Baltimore, MD: January 2017

Alexis Elder (University of Minnesota-Duluth), “Repeatable Reasons, Irreplaceable Friends”

*Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference*

University of Tampa, Tampa, FL: October 2016

Tylor Cunningham (Duquesne University), “If you liked it you should have put a ring on it: Pleasure as a necessary, but not sufficient condition for teachable virtue in the *Protagoras*”

*Pennsylvania Circle of Ancient Philosophy*

Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA: March 2015

## TEACHING

**Primary Instructor, *McMaster University***

2S03: History of Political Philosophy	W21
2X03: Early Modern Philosophy	F23
2ZZ3: Philosophy of Love & Sex	W24, F21, F20
3I03: Philosophy & Feminism	F20
3T03: Philosophy & Race	W22
3WP3: Modern Women Philosophers	F22
700: Theorizing Gender and Social Justice	F23, W23, W22, W21
752: Modern British Philosophers: The Philosophy of Margaret Cavendish	W24
753: Early Modern Women Philosophers: Education, Marriage, Community	F21

### *Reading Courses*

Superiority vs. Equality – Marinella and Astell	W21
Epistemic Injustice and Emotional Misperception	S21
Autonomy, History, Gender	W22
19 <sup>th</sup> Century Women Philosophers	S22
Jane Austen: Feminist Philosopher	W24

**Primary Instructor, *University of Pennsylvania***

Social Contract	S19
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Introduction to Philosophy: Philosophy and Technology F18

Introduction to Ethics S18

### **GRADUATE SUPERVISION**

#### *Gender and Social Justice – MA*

Alexis Murray (supervisor): 2021  
Mads Clement (supervisor): 2022  
Marjan Alipur (second reader): 2023  
Quinn McNeil (supervisor): *in progress*

#### *Department of Philosophy – MA*

Corey McKibbin (supervisor): 2022  
Ashlynn Whalley (supervisor): 2022  
Bennet Soenen (committee): 2022  
Sydney Northey (supervisor): 2024  
Lydia Tales (committee): *in progress*  
Sarah Turnbull (supervisor): *in progress*  
Izabella Morawski (supervisor): *in progress*  
Riley Troisi (supervisor): *in progress*  
Sanghavi Sripathy (committee): *in progress*

#### *Department of Philosophy – PhD*

Monika Bar (committee): *in progress*  
Nigel Freno (committee): *in progress*  
Alana Jolly (committee): *in progress*  
Tyra Lennie (committee): *in progress*

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### **OTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

*Center for Canon Expansion and Change*, University of Minnesota (June 2023)

Certificate in CCEC Summer Program for Early Modern Philosophy course innovation

*Philosophy for the Young Project*, University of Pennsylvania (2016-2020)

Co-author (with Dr. Steve Esser), Philosophy Curriculum Manual, in service of the Teachers Institute of Philadelphia course “Critical Thinking in Elementary School English Language Arts” (Fall 2019)

Facilitator, Philosophy Club, Carver School for Science and Engineering (2018-2019)

Ethics Bowl Coach, Carver School for Science and Engineering (Fall 2019-Spring 2020)

Facilitator, Think About It! Penn Alexander Elementary School, Philadelphia (Spring 2018)

Facilitator, Think About It! Benjamin B. Comegys Elementary School, Philadelphia (Spring 2018)

Mentored a Philadelphia Futures high school student (S. L.) who presented a paper at the 2017 Penn Philosophy and Engagement Conference

Mentored a Philadelphia Futures high school student (A. C.) who presented a paper at the 2016 Penn Philosophy and Engagement Conference

Session leader, Philadelphia Futures Philosophy Club, Fall 2016-Spring 2017

*Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania*

Teaching Certificate (Fall 2019)

Workshop on Effective Lecturing (Spring 2019)

Workshop on Media in the Classroom (Spring 2019)

Workshop on Designing and Teaching an Online Course (Fall 2018)

Workshop on Teaching Philosophy to Pre-College Students (Fall 2018)

Workshop on Sensitive Topics in the Classroom (Fall 2015)

*Guest Lectures*

Epistemic Injustice – Feminist Philosophy (instructor: Dr. Melissa Jacquart, Fall 2017)

Moral Freedom and Responsibility; Humans in the State of Nature – Introduction to Philosophy (instructor: Dr. Stephen Steinberg, Spring 2017)

Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* Books II and III – Introduction to Ancient Philosophy (instructor: Simon Shogry, Fall 2015)

Ecofeminism – Environmental Ethics (instructor: Carlos Santana, Fall 2015)

## **SERVICE**

*McMaster University – Gender and Social Justice*

GSJ Caucus, Fall 2023 – Winter 2024

PhD Diploma Committee, Fall 2022 – Winter 2023

MA Committee, Fall 2021 – Winter 2022

*McMaster University – Department of Philosophy*

Ethics Bowl Coordinator, Fall 2023 – Winter 2024

PhD Admissions Committee, Winter 2024

Graduate Placement Coordinator, Fall 2020 – Summer 2023

Speaker Series Committee, Fall 2020 – Winter 2021; Fall 2022 – Winter 2023



*McMaster University – Faculty of Humanities*



Undergraduate Essay Prize Committee (Chair) – Winter 2024

Graduate Scholarship Committee – Fall 2023

Undergraduate Essay Prize Committee – Winter 2022

Millennium Award Committee – Fall 2022

*University of Pennsylvania*

Department of Philosophy, Graduate Student Representative to the faculty, Fall 2019 - Spring 2020

Department of Philosophy, Hospitality Committee, Prospective Student Weekend, Spring 2018

Department of Philosophy, Co-organizer, Philosophy Graduate Colloquium Series, Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

*Conference organization*

Women on Epistemic Emotions in the Early Modern Period, *SSHRC–CG*, 2024

APA-Pacific Group Meeting, *Friends of Mary Astell*, April 2022

Astell on Social Philosophy, *Friends of Mary Astell*, September 2021

Southwestern Ontario Feminist Philosophy Workshop, October 2020

Penn-MAP 2020: Philosophy of Race (*cancelled due to covid-19*)

Penn-MAP 2018: Inclusive Methodology and Pedagogy

Penn-MAP 2017: Global Feminisms

Penn, Princeton, and Rutgers Social Epistemology Workshop 2017

Penn-MAP 2016: Non-Western Traditions

Penn Ancient Workshop: Lucretius

Penn-MAP 2015: Non-Western Traditions

Penn Ancient Workshop: Anaxagoras

*Professional association membership*

Member, New Voices, History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, 2022 – *present*  
<https://historyofwomenphilosophers.org/projects/new-voices-on-women-in-the-history-of-philosophy/>

Collaborator, Extending New Narratives, 2021 – *present*  
<https://www.newnarrativesinphilosophy.net/index.html>

Friends of Mary Astell, APA-affiliated group, founding member. 2019 – *present*  
[www.friendsofmaryastell.weebly.com](http://www.friendsofmaryastell.weebly.com)

Minorities and Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania chapter, Fall 2014 - Spring 2020;  
chapter representative Fall 2015 - Spring 2020

American Philosophical Association, 2016 – *present*

Penn Early Modern Workshop, Fall 2016 – Spring 2020

*Other academic activity*

Mentee: The Mentoring Workshop, The Marc Sanders Foundation and The University of  
Missouri, June 2023

Participant: JHP Summer Seminar: Marinella, McGill University, Montréal, May 2023

Research intern at the Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law, University of Pennsylvania  
Law School, Summer 2019

Research assistant, Professor Samuel Freeman  
Preparation of *Liberalism and Distributive Justice*, Oxford University Press (2017-2018).

Research assistant, Professor Karen Detlefsen

*New Narratives in Early Modern Philosophy*. Supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2016-2019).

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