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## EMPLOYMENT

### Daemen College

Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Amherst, New York

2019-Present

## EDUCATION

### Boston University

PhD, Philosophy

Boston, Massachusetts

2019

Dissertation: *Social Identities and Special Obligations*

1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Ann Cudd

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: Sally Haslanger

Graduate Certificate: Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

2018

### The University of Kansas

MA, Philosophy

Lawrence, Kansas

2015

PhD candidate, transferred to Boston University in 2015

Thesis: *Passing Identities in Public: Speech Acts and Special Obligations*

Chair: Ann Cudd

### Arizona State University

MA, Philosophy

Tempe, Arizona

2012

Thesis: *Logical Generics and Gay Identity*

Chair: Cheshire Calhoun

### The University of Dayton

BA, Philosophy, International Studies

Dayton, Ohio

2010

Thesis: *Gay Nation: Decolonizing the Forgotten*

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Feminist Philosophy, Ethics, Bioethics

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Social Philosophy, Political Philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS

1. "Rethinking Same-Sex Sex in Natural Law Theory," *Journal of Applied Philosophy*. 37(3): 428-445. 2020.
2. "The Ethics of Ordinary and Exact Justification in Blood Donation Deferral Categories for Men Who Have Sex with Men," *Bioethics*. 32(7). 445-453. 2018.
3. "Allied Identities," *Feminist Philosophical Quarterly*. 2(2). 1-23. 2016.

4. "Accepting the Absurd," *Journal of Camus Studies*, 2013.

## **BOOK REVIEW**

1. Review of *Social Dimensions of Moral Responsibility* by Katrina Hutchison, Catriona Mackenzie, Marina Oshana (eds.), (2018 print) in the *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 17(2): 241-44.

## **SELECT PRESENTATIONS**

1. "The Metaphysics of Marriage," The Central APA, February 26-29, 2020.
2. "Reinterpreting Natural Law to be Inclusive of Same-Sex Relationships," Philosophy and the Ethics of Re-Interpretation Boston College Graduate Conference, April 12-13, 2019.
3. "Are Mass Shooters a Social Kind?," International Social Ontology Conference, Tufts University, August 22-25, 2018.
4. "Allied Training, Training Allies," Society for LGBT Philosophy, The Pacific APA, April 13, 2017.
5. "Lying in Blood: The Ethics and Politics of Blood Bans," Great Plains Philosophy Symposium, The University of Kansas, October 16, 2016.
6. "Allied Identities?," Society for LGBT Philosophy, The Eastern APA, January 6, 2016.
7. "The Moral Lie," University of Kentucky Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 24, 2012.  
---Louisiana State University Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 9, 2012.
8. "Prostitution in the Market," Kansas Philosophical Association, February 7, 2015.  
---Iowa Philosophical Association, November 15, 2014.
9. "Logical Generics and Consistency," San Diego State University Weber Graduate Philosophy of Language Conference, October 10, 2014.
10. "Derrida's Werewolf," Derrida Today Conference, Fordham University, May 28, 2014.
11. "Davidson and the Truth about Fiction," Arizona State University Philosophy Conference, April 4, 2014.
12. "Breaking Through Absurd Walls," Albert Camus Society, November 8, 2013.

## **SELECT COMMENTS**

1. John Lawless' "More Than a Capacity: Agency, Oppression, and Paternalism" (2019)  
The Creighton Club: Syracuse University
2. Eric Zimmerman's "Spinoza and Process Theology" (2014)  
Great Plains Philosophy Graduate Conference: The University of Kansas
3. Shawn Simpson's "Pragmatic Positivist Parallels" (2013)  
Southwest Graduate Conference: Arizona State University
4. Jihwan Yu's "Hume's Skepticism on Induction" (2012)  
Southwest Graduate Conference: Arizona State University
5. Steven DeLay's "Narrativity and Heideggerian Authenticity" (2011)  
Southwest Graduate Conference: Arizona State University

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

1. The Clarimond Mansfield Award 2018  
Boston University Center for the Humanities  
Award offered for outstanding students in the humanities in the College of

- Arts and Science
2. The Angela J. and James J. Rallis Memorial Award 2018  
Boston University Center for the Humanities  
Award offered in support of graduate students interested in the humanities
  3. Dissertation Research Fellowship 2017-2018  
Boston University, Philosophy Department  
Award offered for academic excellence
  4. Dean's Research Fellowship 2017  
Boston University, Dean's Office  
Award offered for a select number of students for research
  5. Templin Fellowship 2015  
The University of Kansas, Philosophy Department  
Award offered for academic excellence
  6. Templin Fellowship 2014  
The University of Kansas, Philosophy Department  
Award offered for academic excellence

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

1. APA Committee on LGBTQ People in the Profession (2019-2021)
2. Referee for *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*
3. Lima Central Catholic High School (2015-present)  
Designed a philosophy curriculum for high school students with Edmund Misiakiewicz (onsite teacher)
4. Philosophy in an Inclusive Key (PIKSI) (2016, 2018)  
Panel on Life in Graduate School
5. MIT Day of Action (2018)  
Moderator for "Coming Out Faithful"

## **SERVICE TO COLLEGE**

### **Daemen College**

1. Medical Humanities Minor, Director (2020-Present)
2. Human Subject Research Review Committee, Alternate Member (2020-Present)
3. Committee on Safety and Security in Study Abroad, Member (2020-Present)
4. Safety and Security Committee, Member (2020-Present)

## **CONFERENCE CHAIRING**

1. International Social Ontology Society (2018)
2. Society for Analytical Feminism (2016, 2018)
3. Pacific APA, (2014)

## **COURSES TAUGHT (INSTRUCTOR)**

### **Daemen College**

2021, Spring

Philosophy 247: Independent Study (Ethics of Heroes and Villains)

Philosophy 321: Medical Ethics (2 sections)  
Philosophy 110: Philosophical Thinking (1 section)  
2020, Fall  
Philosophy 321: Medical Ethics (2 sections)  
Philosophy 110: Philosophical Thinking (1 section)  
Philosophy 102: Medicine, Culture, and the Self: Introduction to Medical  
Humanities (1 section)  
2020, Summer  
Philosophy 321: Medical Ethics (2 sections)  
2020, Spring  
Philosophy 321: Medical Ethics (2 sections)  
Philosophy 110: Philosophical Thinking (1 section)  
2019, Fall  
Philosophy 321: Medical Ethics (2 sections)  
Philosophy 110: Philosophical Thinking (2 sections)

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request