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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor

Department of Philosophy, Temple University
2025–present

Affiliated Professor of Global Studies, Temple University
2020–present

Affiliated Professor of Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, Temple University
2019–present

Assistant Professor

Department of Philosophy, Temple University
2018–2025

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Legal Studies and Business Ethics Department, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
2016–2018

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D. in Philosophy, September 2016

Dissertation: *War and Peace: Towards a Theory of Just Peace*

Committee: A.J. Julius (Chair), Barbara Herman, Calvin Normore, Aslı Bâli

University of Southern California School of Law

J.D., May 2004

University of California, Berkeley

B.A. in Legal Studies, July 2001

RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization

Pacifism and Just War Theory, Social and Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Ancient Greek Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Race

PUBLICATIONS

“What is the Aim of a Just War?” *Jurisprudence* (forthcoming)

“The Problem with Preparing to Kill in Self-Defense,” *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 41, no. 4 (2024): 575-589

“Narrowing the Gap Between Anti-Militarism and Pacifism,” *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence* 23, no. 1/2 (2023): 104–109

“Talking to Children About War,” *Journal of Pacifism and Nonviolence* 1, no. 1 (2023): 52–64

“Trust and Contingency Plans,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 52, no. 7 (2022): 689–699

“Hoping for Peace,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 98, no. 2 (2020): 211–221

“Pacific Resistance: A Moral Alternative to Defensive War,” *Social Theory & Practice* 40, no. 1 (2018): 1–20

EDITED SERIES

Elements in Philosophy, War, and Peace [35-volume series], co-edited with Graham Parsons, Cambridge University Press (forthcoming)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Fight Till the End? How to Think About Losing a Defensive War” (under review)

“Civic Solidarity”

“War and the Failure of Moral Imagination”

AWARDS

APA’s Frank Chapman Sharp Memorial Prize (awarded biennially for best unpublished essay on philosophy of war and peace) for “What is the Aim of a Just War?”, December 2021

Marc Sanders Foundation Public Philosophy Prize, Honorable Mention, “Talking to Children About War,” November 2018

Yost Prize for Excellence in Teaching, UCLA Philosophy Department, 2010–2011

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Grant in support of *Constitutional Democracy in Crisis* conference, Spring 2025

- The Society for Applied Philosophy
- The Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium

Grant in support of *What Can War Accomplish?* conference, Spring 2024

- The Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium
- Global Studies Program (Seminar Series Grant), Temple University

Grant in support of *Women and War* conference, Fall 2022

- Global Studies Program (Seminar Series Grant), Temple University

Sabbatical, Temple University, Spring 2022

Grants in support of *Peace and Nonviolent Resistance* conference, Fall 2021

- The Society for Applied Philosophy
- The Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium

Temple University, Summer Research Award, Summer 2021, Summer 2019

Grant in support of *Contemporary Challenges for Just War Theory* conference, Spring 2021

- Global Studies Program (Global Studies Events Grant), Temple University

Stipend awarded by College of Liberal Arts, for successfully submitting proposal to develop innovative course in topic lacking representation in Gen Ed catalogue (*AAPIs in the U.S.: Race, Diversity, and Identity*), Spring 2021

PRESENTATIONS

“Stop and Frisk: How Not to Use Idealizing Assumptions”

- University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference, October 2025

“Judging Violence”

- École normale supérieure, Paris, Social/Political Philosophy Workshop, July 2023
- Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, Normative Philosophy Workshop, July 2023

“Surrender and Defensive War”

- Concerned Philosophers for Peace Annual Conference, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (co-hosted by Pellissippi State Community College), October 2023
- University of Kansas, PRISM Workshop, May 2022

“Trust and Contingency Plans”

- APA Eastern Division Meeting (virtual), January 2021
- Center for Humanities at Temple (“CHAT”), December 2019

“Solidarity and Justice”

- Manchester Centre for Political Theory (“MANCEPT”) (virtual), *The Uses of Solidarity*, September 2021
- Concerned Philosophers for Peace Annual Conference (virtual), *Peace and Hope in Dark Times*, January 2021

“#MeToo and Feminist Solidarity”

- The Wharton School, Legal Studies and Business Ethics Department, Zicklin Center Normative Business Ethics Workshop, May 2019

“Hoping for Peace”

- Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University (co-sponsored by the Department of English and Philosophy, West Point), Warsaw, Historical, Legal, Political and Ethical Aspects of Contemporary Military and Nonmilitary Conflicts, March 2018
- University of Utah, The 4th Biennial Mentoring Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy, June 2017
- Northwestern University, Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (“NUSTEP”), March 2017

“The Value of Trust”

- Society for Business Ethics Annual Conference, August 2017

“Trust and Implicit Bias: Corporate Responsibility for Confronting Non-Actionable Discrimination”

- INSEEC Business School, Paris, Transatlantic Normative Business Ethics Conference, May 2017

“Peace as a Trusting Relationship”

- Northern Arizona University Colloquium, November 2015

“On the Justness of Defensive Wars”

- APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 2015
- Northwestern University, NUSTEP, May 2013

COMMENTS

On Cheyney Ryan’s *Pacifism as War Abolitionism*

- APA Eastern Division Meeting, New York, Author Meets Critics, January 2025

On Jake Monaghan’s “A Problem of Violent Crime”

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, September 2024

On Max Khan Hayward’s “Yes We Can! Optimism, Cooperation, and the Rationality of Collectively Self-Fulfilling Beliefs”

- University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School, Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference, October 2023

On Jill Hernandez's "Atrocity, Speech, and the Cancel Culture Debate"

- Trinity College Dublin, Legal Philosophy Workshop, June 2023

On Ned Dobos' *Ethics, Security, and the War Machine: The True Cost of the Military*

- APA Eastern Division Meeting, Montréal, Author Meets Critics, January 2023

On Emily McGill-Rutherford's "Feminist Political Liberalism as a Model for Relational Autonomy"

- University of Utah, The 4th Biennial Mentoring Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy, June 2017

On Wendy Salkin's "Democracy Within/Justice Without: The Duties of Informal Political Representatives"

- University of Utah, The 4th Biennial Mentoring Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy, June 2017

On Amanda Greene's "Political Legitimacy and the Value of Consent"

- Princeton University, Princeton Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Student Women in Philosophy, August 2014

RESEARCH EVENTS ORGANIZED

Conferences

Constitutional Democracy in Crisis, March 2025

In partnership with the University of Glasgow's School of Law

War in the 21st Century: What Can It Accomplish? February 2024

Keynotes: Yvonne Chiu and James Pattison

Women and War: Feminist Perspectives on War and Violence, November 2022

Keynotes: Nancy Sherman and Laura Sjoberg

Peace and Non-Violent Resistance, September 2021

Keynotes: Karuna Mantena and Cheyney Ryan

Contemporary Challenges for Just War Theory (virtual), March 2021

Keynotes: Valerie Morkavicius and Cian O'Driscoll

Public Lectures

Cécile Fabre, "Mass Surveillance," November 2020

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Graduate Studies Committee, 2023–24, 2022–23, Fall 2021, 2020–2021

Colloquium Committee, 2023–24, Fall 2021, 2020–2021, 2019–2020, 2018–2019

Merit Committee (TT), 2023–24

Director of Graduate Student Mentoring, 2022–23

Graduate Admissions Committee, 2023–24, 2022–23

Graduate Teaching Prize Committee, 2023–24, 2022–23, 2020–2021, 2019–2020

Placement Director, 2020–2021, 2019–2020

Climate Committee, 2020–2021, 2019–2020

Faculty Search Committee, 2020–2021, 2019–2020

MAP at Temple University, Faculty Advisor, 2018–2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate

Women and War: Feminist Perspectives Fall 2022

Solidarity Fall 2020

Sex and the Political (mixed-level course) Fall 2019

Political Violence Spr. 2019

Undergraduate

Philosophy of Law (upper division course)	Fall 2025, Spr. 2025
Intro to Feminist Philosophy: Sex Discrimination	Spr. 2025, Fall 2024, Spr. 2024, Fall 2023, Spr. 2023, Fall 2021, Spr. 2021, Spr. 2020, Fall 2019, Spr. 2019
Ethics of War and Peace (upper division course)	Spr. 2024, Fall 2022, Spr. 2021, Spr. 2020, Fall 2018
AAPIs in the U.S.: Race, Diversity, and Identity	Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023
Police and Police Brutality (upper division course)	Fall 2021
Sex and the Political (upper division course)	Fall 2020, Fall 2019
Corporate Responsibility and Ethics	Spr. 2018 and 2017 (Wharton)
History of Greek Philosophy (upper division course)	Summer 2017, 2013, and 2012 (UCLA)
Aristotle's <i>Metaphysics</i> (upper division course)	Summer 2015 (UCLA)

ADVISING**Dissertation Committees** (* = advisor)

Jason Cutmore, *Formation and Formlessness: On Bildung's Pertinence and Prospects Today*

Manasa Gopakumar, *Virtuous Ignorance: The Epistemic Value of Ignorance in a Non-Ideal World*

Bryce Herndon, *The Moral Landscape of Empathy: Shared Pain, Imagined Suffering, and Connections to Altruism*

Eli Israel*, *On the Dynamics of Trust*

Daniel Remer, *Medically Objectifying Bodies: Feminism, Power, and Objectification in Medicine*

Yining Wu, *Anne Conway's Vital Motion*

Caleb Zimmerman, *Neither Political Liberalism Nor Illiberalism: Nonperfectionist Integralists in Rawlsian Liberal Democracies*

Other Graduate Advising

Peter Chansky (MFA in Playwrighting), "'It Has a Word Now': Self-Recognition and the Long-Term Effects of Hermeneutical Lacunae in *19 Beacon Hill Drive*," Independent Study (Spring 2024)

Alex Paparella, redacted for anonymity, Preliminary Exam (Fall 2024)

Alex Paparella, on feminist critiques of nonviolence, Preliminary Exam (Fall 2023)

Julie Cohen (Political Science), "Narrative Resistance Across Black, Indigenous and Palestinian Contexts: Toward a Radical and Political Imagination," Independent Study (Spring 2023)

Bryce Herndon, "Radical Hope and Climate Change," Preliminary Exam (Fall 2022)

Sakura Shinjo (Political Science), Comprehensive Exam in Political Theory Committee Member (Fall 2020/Spring 2021)

Yining Wu, "Solidarity and Violence," Preliminary Exam (Fall 2021)

Manasa Gopakumar, "Epistemologies of Ideology and Ignorance," Independent Study (Spring 2020)

Caleb Zimmerman, "Two-Kingdom Dualism: A Metaphysical Grounding for Nonviolence," Preliminary Exam (Fall 2019)

Jessica Brown, "Sexuality Under Capitalism," Preliminary Exam (Fall 2019)

Undergraduate Advising

Julia LaFrance, Diamond Peer Teachers Program for *Introduction to Feminist Philosophy* course (Fall 2024)

Micah Jordan, on relational identities and Asian immigrant mothers and their Westernized daughters (untitled), Independent Study (Spring 2023)

Emily Beatty, "Choice Feminism and the Patriarchal Hermeneutics of Sexual Relationships," Independent Study (Spring 2020)

ADDITIONAL PEDAGOGY TRAINING

General Education New Instructor Orientation, Temple, August 2023
 Workshop: *Inclusive Teaching and our AAPI Students at Temple*, Center for the Advancement of Teaching, November 2021
 Online Teaching Certification, Temple University, May 2020
 Workshop: *The Promising Syllabus*, Temple Center for the Advancement of Teaching, August 2018
 Workshop: *Teaching Undergraduate Writing*, UCLA Writing Program, September 2014
 Teaching Assistant Training Program, UCLA, Fall 2013
 Pedagogy Seminar, UCLA Philosophy Department, Fall 2008

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Chair of selection committee for APA's Frank Chapman Sharp Prize, Spring 2025
 Organizer: Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, Public Issues Forum on "Doing Philosophy with Children," University of Pennsylvania, November 2023
 Panelist: Future Faculty Fellows (to mentor women and graduate students of color), Temple University, February 2023
 Panelist: Diversity in Philosophy, Franklin and Marshall College, February 2020
 Mentor: Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy, 2018–2019
 Journal Referee: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Pacifism and Nonviolence*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Noûs*, *Philosophia*, *Social Theory & Practice*

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

"On Climate Change Obligations"
 • ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships, Carver High School of Engineering & Science, Philadelphia, PA, July 2018
 "Peace as a Trusting Relationship"
 • Philosophy in the Public Interest (associated with Northern Arizona University), Sedona, AZ, November 2015

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

White, O'Connor, Curry LLP	Los Angeles, CA
<i>Attorney</i>	2005–2007
Litigated entertainment cases; also handled general litigation including breach of contract, environmental litigation, and employment discrimination.	
Litt, Estuar, Harrison, Miller & Kitson LLP	Los Angeles, CA
<i>Attorney, Clerk</i>	2003–2005
Litigated plaintiffs' side class actions and civil rights claims, including over-detention, police brutality, Fourth Amendment search and seizure, prison health care, and age discrimination.	

LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek (reading: proficient); **French** (reading: proficient, speaking: conversational);
Korean (speaking: conversational)

VOLUNTEER

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REFERENCES

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