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## Expertise

*Specialization* Feminist Philosophy, Trans Philosophy

*Competencies* Social Epistemology, Social Ontology, Applied Ethics, Ethics of A.I.

## Education

PhD Philosophy University of British Columbia  
Expected: August 2024  
Dissertation Title: Resisting Unreality: An Account of Gender Identity as an Ameliorative Analysis of Gender for Transfeminist Political Goals

M.Phil. Stud Philosophy Birkbeck College, the University of London  
Dissertation Title: What is the Nature of the Distinction Between Events and Processes

Ba. (Hons.) Philosophy University of Leeds

## Publications

“The Case for Trans Rights.” in Steven Cowen’s (ed.) *Problems in Applied Ethics*  
— Under contract with Bloomsbury Publishing Plc

## In Progress

“Gender Identity and Transfeminism as Realism”

“Getting the Closet on the Table: an account of the closet for an analysis of oppression and resistance.”

## Public Philosophy

“[Gender Dysphoria and Why Wanting is Enough](#).” Blog of the APA (Women in Philosophy Series).  
July 26, 2023

"[The Metaphysics of Love: an annotated bibliography](#)." (Co-Authored with Aida Roige Mas). 2015.

## Co-Authored

Forthcoming. Jasper Heaton, C. S. I. Jenkins, and Aida Roige Mas. Pop Music and the Metaphysics of Romantic Love. In Christy. M. Uidhir (ed.), *Art & Philosophy: New Essays at the Intersection*. Oxford University Press.

2021. Alison Wylie, Matthew Smithdeal, Kristin Conrad Kilgallen, and Jasper Heaton. The Philosophy Exception Website Project. *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 1 (9).

## Research Projects and Assistance

- [The Philosophy Exception](#). Principal Investigator Alison Wylie, supported by UBC College of Arts CRC research funds and APA Small Grants. Ongoing
- Collating current philosophical literature addressing demographic problems for socially-marginalized groups within academic philosophy, and building a searchable database.
- [The Uninvited Project](#). Principal Investigator Carrie Jenkins, supported by Research Creation outcome of SSHRC and CRC research funds. 2020 - 2022
- Collaborating with artists bringing philosophical themes to their work.
- [The Metaphysics of Love](#). Principal Investigator Carrie Jenkins, funded by Hampton Research and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, UBC 2014 - 2016
- Compiled an annotated bibliography of philosophical literature on romantic love.

## Conference Talks

- Gender Identity and Transfeminism as Realism  
The American Philosophical Association, Vancouver Spring 2022
- Gender Identity and Transfeminism as Realism  
What is Gender, Vol II. MANCEPT Workshop of Political Theory Summer 2021
- Self-Identity, Social Construction, and Community Validation  
Beyond the Binary Workshop on Genderqueer Identities Summer 2021
- Gender Identity and Interpreted Subjectivity  
The Canadian Philosophical Association, London On.  
*Cancelled due to Covid-19* Summer 2020
- Gender Identity, Norms, and Felt-Relevance  
The Canadian Philosophical Association, Vancouver Spring 2019
- Structuralism & Individualism: functioning together  
International Social Ontology Society, Boston Autumn 2018
- Metaphysical Parity and the Open Future  
The International Association for the Philosophy of Time, Winston-Salem Summer 2016
- Bad Loving: understanding the difference between failing to love and failing to love well  
The Metaphysics of Love Pilot Workshop, Vancouver Summer 2014

## Commentaries

- Commentary to Ryan Doran's Reconciling Appraisal Love and Bestowal Love  
The Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Regina Autumn 2017
- Commentary to Rebecca Mason's Social Kinds, Essence and Dependence  
The Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, Vancouver Spring 2017
- Commentary to Carrie Jenkins's What Love Is and What it Could Be, AMC  
The Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto Spring 2017

## Public Talks

- Identity, Inclusion, and Inclusive Communities  
Minorities and Philosophy, Vancouver Winter 2019

Romantic Love: Injustice & Mystique, Co-authored and presented with Jelena Markovic Queer U with The Pride Collective, UBC	Winter 2018
The Metaphysics of Love: a discussion of contemporary theories With Aida Roige Mas The Philosophers' Jam, Langara College, Vancouver	Autumn 2014
What is Love: philosophical approaches to romantic love With Aida Roige Mas Catalan Cultural Conference, Vancouver	Summer 2014

## Teaching

### Primary Instructor, Department of Philosophy, the University of British Columbia

PHIL125 Introduction to Scientific Reasoning An introduction to scientific methods, with a focus on feminist philosophy of science	Winter 2023
Ethics of Big Data: Arts Vancouver Summer Program A 4-week intensive course for exchange students, focused on ethics of big data and ethics of A.I.	Summer 2023
PHIL240 Introduction to Epistemology An introduction to contemporary issues in epistemology, with a focus on feminist epistemology	Spring 2023
PHIL250 Minds and Machines An introduction to contemporary issues in mind, machine learning, and the ethics of a.i. Co-taught with Jelena Markovic	Summer 2019
PHIL101 Introduction to Philosophy An introduction to contemporary philosophical issues in epistemology, metaphysics, and political philosophy	Summer 2017

### Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, the University of British Columbia

PHIL100, Introduction to Philosophy	Fall 2021
PHIL347, Philosophy of Religion	Fall 2021
PHIL230, Introduction to Moral Philosophy	Summer 2021
PHIL388, Southeast Asian and Classical Indian Philosophy	Spring 2021
PHIL240, Knowledge and Reality, a cross-cultural comparison of epistemology in Ancient Greece and South East Asia	Fall 2020
PHIL330, Biomedical Ethics, a survey of ethical issues in biomedical sciences	Summer 2020
PHIL101, Introduction to Philosophy, an introduction to philosophical methods and philosophical questions	Spring 2020
PHIL334, Sex, Gender, and Philosophy, an introduction to and critical analyses of philosophical concepts of sex and gender	Fall, 2019

PHIL240, Knowledge and Reality, an introduction to contemporary topics in epistemology	Fall, 2019
PHIL101, Introduction to Philosophy, an introduction to philosophical methods and philosophical questions	Spring, 2018
PHIL316, Philosophy After 1800, an exploration of the philosophy of language from Frege, through Russell, to Wittgenstein	Spring, 2018
PHIL334 Sex, Gender, and Philosophy, an introduction to and critical analyses of philosophical concepts of sex and gender	Fall, 2018
PHIL240 Knowledge and Reality, an introduction to contemporary topics in epistemology	Spring, 2017
PHIL334 Sex, Gender, and Philosophy, an introduction to and critical analyses of philosophical concepts of sex and gender	Fall, 2016
PHIL340 Knowledge and Reality, an introduction to classic and contemporary topics in metaphysics	Fall, 2016
PHIL100 Introduction to Philosophy, an introduction to philosophical methods and philosophical questions	Spring, 2016
PHIL101 Introduction to Philosophy, an introduction to philosophical methods and philosophical questions	Spring, 2016
PHIL349 Philosophy of Religion, a critical and analytical examination of arguments for and against the existence of God, and religious epistemology	Fall, 2015
PHIL314 Philosophy in the 17 <sup>th</sup> Century, a survey of seventeenth century philosophers, and the impact of scientific and religious thought	Fall, 2015
PHIL340 Knowledge and Reality, an introduction to classic and contemporary topics in metaphysics	Spring 2015
PHIL314 Philosophy in the 17 <sup>th</sup> Century, a survey of seventeenth century philosophers, and the impact of scientific and religious thought	Fall, 2014
PHIL340 Knowledge and Reality, readings in classic and contemporary topics in metaphysics, and the history of contemporary metaphysics	Spring, 2014
PHIL 240 Knowledge and Reality, readings in classic and contemporary topics in epistemology	Fall, 2013
<b>Teaching Assistant, Birkbeck College, the University of London</b>	
Philosophy of Science (level 5)	Spring, 2013
Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science (level 5)	Spring, 2013
Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (level 5)	Autumn, 2012

Ethical Traditions (level 6)

Autumn, 2012

## Teacher Training

Workshops for Online Instruction and Virtual Classrooms, a series of workshops to develop skills for teaching online, learning about common pitfalls, and discussing accessibility issues

Summer 2020

University of British Columbia, the Department of Philosophy

Teaching Assistant Workshop on Building Inclusive Classrooms, a one-day workshop for fostering inclusive environments in small group discussions  
University of British Columbia, the Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology

Spring, 2016

Teaching Assistant Workshop on Group Discussion Methods, a one day workshop for leading small and large group discussions

Autumn, 2014

University of British Columbia, the centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology

## Scholarships & Awards

Four Year Doctoral Fellowship, \$18,000 + tuition, UBC, tenable for four years, 2013 – 2017

International Partial Tuition Scholarship, \$3,100, UBC, tenable throughout study, 2013 – ongoing

## Graduate Coursework

### University of British Columbia, Graduate Seminars

Epistemology, the *A Priori* (Carrie Jenkins)

Metaphysics, Kripke, Reference and Modality (Roberta Ballerina)

Logic, and Naturalized Systems of Reason (John Woods)

Morality and Personal Identity (Scott Anderson)

Buddhist Philosophy (Evan Thompson)

The Philosophy of Hume (Margaret Schabas)

Metaethics (Matt Bedke)

Causation and Explanation (Paul Bartha)

Epistemology, Epistemic Externalism (Jonathan Ichikawa)

### Audited

Social Epistemology (Jonathan Ichikawa)

Comparative Conceptions of the Self (Evan Thompson)

The Philosophy of Love (Carrie Jenkins)

### Birkbeck College, Supervised Research Projects

Early Modern Philosophy, Focusing on John Locke (supervisor, Susan James)

The Philosophy of Quine (supervisor, Robert Northcott)

Metaphysics of Time and Modality (supervisor, Robert Northcott)

## Professional Services

Graduate Wellbeing Representative, Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia

2018 – 2019

Co-developer of the Graduate Student Teaching Guidebook, Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia

2017 – 2018

Co-organizer of the Metaphysics of Love, <i>Art &amp; Love: an evening with Ray Briggs, Swoon, and Angela Fama</i>	Winter, 2017
Co-organizer and referee for the Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference	Summer, 2016

## References

Carrie Jenkins, Supervisor  
Associate Professor, Canada Research Chair, the Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia  
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Associate Professor, the Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia  
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Esa Diaz-Leon, Dissertation committee member  
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Alison Wylie, Research project director  
Professor, Canada Research Chair, The Department of Philosophy, University of British Columbia