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### **EDUCATION**

Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh, Ph.D., 2008  
Wellesley College, B.A. with Honors in Philosophy and Biology, 1999

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Philosophy of the Internet, Trust, Social Epistemology, Philosophy of Science, Ethics,  
and Feminist Philosophy

### **POSITIONS HELD**

2023-present: Professor, Hobart & William Smith Colleges  
2015-2023: Associate Professor, Hobart & William Smith Colleges  
June 2022-May 2025 Visiting Associate Professor, African Centre for Epistemology and  
Philosophy of Science, University of Johannesburg  
Spring 2017: Visiting Scholar, Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies Program,  
University of Pittsburgh  
2009-2015: Assistant Professor, Hobart & William Smith Colleges  
2007-2009: Part-Time Instructor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

### **BOOKS**

*Who Should We Be Online? A Social Epistemology for the Internet* (2023). New York:  
Oxford University Press.

### **ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS**

- “The Epistemic Dangers of Context Collapse Online” (2021). In *Applied Epistemology*,  
(ed.) J. Lackey. New York: Oxford University Press.
- “Trust and Epistemic Responsibility” (2020). In *The Routledge Handbook of Trust*, (ed.)  
J. Simon. New York: Routledge.
- “Wikipedia” (2018). In *The Routledge Handbook of Applied Epistemology*, (eds.) D.  
Coady & J. Chase. New York: Routledge.
- “Social Media, Trust, and the Epistemology of Prejudice” (2016). *Social Epistemology*  
30(5-6): 513-531. (DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/02691728.2016.1213326>).
- “Epistemologies of Ignorance as Foundation for Service-Learning” (2015). *Service-  
Learning and Civic Engagement: A Sourcebook*, (eds.) B. Delano-Oriaran, M.  
Penick-Parks, & S. Fondrie. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

## ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS (CONT.)

“Imposters, Tricksters, & Trustworthiness as an Epistemic Virtue” (2014). *Hypatia* 29(4): 790-807. (DOI: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/hypa.12107/abstract>).

“Trustworthiness and Truth: The Epistemic Pitfalls of Internet Accountability” (2014). *Episteme* 11(1):63-81. (DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/epi.2013.43>).

“The Cognitive Attitude of Rational Trust” (2014). *Synthese* 191(9):1957-1974. (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-012-0151-6>).

“Moral Trust and Scientific Collaboration” (2013). *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part A*, 44 (3):301-310. (DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.shpsa.2013.04.002>).

## PODCASTS

*Who Should We Be Online? A Social Epistemology for the Internet*, New Books in Philosophy podcast, <https://newbooksnetwork.com/who-should-we-be-online>.

## BOOK REVIEWS

“Willful Ignorance” (2016). *Metascience* 25(2):323-326 (DOI: 10.1007/s11016-016-0068-7).

## PRESENTATIONS

“Pay Attention to This! Epistemic Responsibility & Social Media Algorithms”

-Invited talk at University Carlos III, Madrid, January 2024.

-Invited talk at Agency and Knowledge in the Digital World workshop, University of Seville, January 2024.

“Platform Problems: How Social Media Companies Obstruct and Exploit Movements for Racial Justice”

-Invited virtual talk at Social Media, Race, and Community Knowledge Practices Conference at The University of Oklahoma, October 2023.

“Trust, Justice, and Scale: Social Epistemology of Federated Social Media”

-Invited talk at A Social Epistemology of Social Media Workshop at TU Berlin, June 2023.

“What Will It Take to Fix Social Media?”

-Invited keynote address at Hobart & William Smith Round Robin Debate Tournament, April 2023.

-Invited talk at Skidmore College, April 2024.

-Invited talk at Middlebury College, April 2024.

“Social Epistemology for Alternative Social Media Futures” (three presentations)

-Invited keynote address at Graduate Student Workshop in Applied Philosophy at Bowling Green University, April 2023.

## PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)

-Invited virtual lecture at the Seminar in Formal and Social Epistemology at Sorbonne Université, Paris, January 2023.

-Invited virtual lecture for "INTERACT! New forms of social interaction with intelligent systems" at Ruhr-University Bochum, January 2023.

“Who Should We Be Online?”

-Invited keynote address at A Book Symposium with Karen Frost-Arnold *Who Should We Be Online? A Social Epistemology for the Internet* by African Centre for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science at University of Johannesburg August 2022.

“Epistemic Decolonization, Trust, and Social Media Futures”

-Invited colloquium talk at the Philosophy Department and the African Centre for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science at University of Johannesburg, August 2022.

“Against Nostalgia for Public Trust”

-Invited virtual talk at Trust in Information workshop at the High-Performance Computing Center (HLRS) Stuttgart, Germany, April 2022.

“Echo Chambers, Trust, and Epistemic Agency” (two presentations)

-Invited virtual talk at University of Innsbruck, December 2021.

-Invited virtual keynote at Epistemology of the Internet Conference by African Centre for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science at University of Johannesburg, November 2021.

“Epistemic Trash and Toxic Content”

-Invited virtual keynote at Beyond Fake News: Mitigating the Spread of Epistemically Toxic Content Workshop by Zefat Academic College and University of Haifa, April 2021.

“Epistemic Justice and the Challenges of Online Moderation” (eight presentations)

-Invited virtual talk at University of Cincinnati, October 2020.

-Invited keynote at Knowledge in a Digital World: Epistemic Injustice, Bias, and other Challenges in the Age of Artificial Intelligence, Canadian Society for Epistemology, Montreal, November 2019.

- Invited keynote at Living Together Online: Social Epistemology, Ethics, and the Internet, The Bodaken Philosophy Symposium, Colorado State University, October 2019.

-Invited talk at University of Connecticut, March 2019.

## **PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)**

- Invited Theatre Frame/Works talk at Hobart & William Smith, March 2019.  
Presented under the title “Bias and Exploitation in Online Content Moderation”
  
- Invited talk at SUNY Buffalo, February 2019.
  
- Minds of Our Own Conference, MIT, November 2018.
- Invited talk at Le Moyne College, November 2018.
  
- “Epistemically and Ethically Responsible Methodologies for Social Epistemology of the Internet”
  - Virtual talk at the Social (Distance) Epistemology Series, April 2020.
  
- “Fake News, Objectivity, and White Ignorance” (three presentations)
  - Invited talk at University of Calgary, September 2018.
  
  - Invited keynote at Fake Knowledge Conference, University of Cologne, June 2018.
  
  - Invited talk at Cornell University, November 2017. Presented under the title “Fake News, Trust, and White Ignorance: Lessons from Social Epistemology”
  
- “Virtue Epistemology and the Challenges of Online Moderation”
  - Invited talk at Science, Technology, and the Good Life workshop, University of Notre Dame, April 2018.
  
- “Against (and beyond) Neutrality in Moderation”
  - All Things in Moderation Conference, UCLA, December 2017.
  
- “How an Epistemology of Ignorance Maintains Wikipedia's Gender Gap”
  - The Association of Internet Researchers (AOIR) Annual Meeting, Tartu, October 2017.
  
- “To Lurk or Not to Lurk? Epistemically Trustworthy Habits for Unlearning Ignorance” (four presentations)
  - International Association for Computing and Philosophy (IACAP) Annual Meeting, Stanford, June 2017. Presented under the title: “The Epistemic Virtues and Vices of Online Lurking.”
  
  - Invited symposium talk at Eastern American Philosophical Association Meeting, Baltimore, January 2017.
  
  - Invited lecture at the Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies program, University of Pittsburgh, January 2017. Presented under the title: “To Lurk or Not to Lurk? A Feminist Philosophy for the Internet.”

## **PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)**

- Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics, and Science Studies (FEMMSS6), Notre Dame, October 2016. Presented under the title: “Lurking, Ignorance, & Ontological Expansiveness: A Virtue Epistemology for the Internet.”
- “The Epistemic Dangers of Context Collapse Online”
  - Penn-Rutgers-Princeton Social Epistemology Workshop, Philadelphia, April 2017.
- Commentary on Heidi Grasswick’s “Science and the Challenge of Epistemic Trustworthiness: A Situated Approach”
  - Invited comments at Pacific American Philosophical Association meeting, Seattle, April 2017.
- “Strategies for Dealing with Online Harassment”
  - Invited panel presentation at Eastern American Philosophical Association Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2016.
- With Carly Petroski & Marjorie Doris-Pierce “Silencing the Silencers: The Ethics of Feminist Trolling to Combat Online Hate Speech”
  - Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST), Clearwater Beach, October 2015.
- “The Matthew Effect and Trustworthiness in Research Teams”
  - 15th Congress of Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science, Helsinki, August 2015.
- “Trust and the Epistemology of Trolling”
  - Invited lecture at the Sawyer Seminar on the Nature of Trust, Northwestern University (May 2015).
- “Trust Accountability and Online Anonymity”
  - Invited keynote address at the Rochester Institute of Technology Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy (May 2015).
- “Trust, Activism, and Social Media”
  - Invited public lecture at Sentiments & Declarations, Women’s Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls (September 2014).
- “Thirty Years of Computer Ethics, Going Forward”
  - Invited panel presentation at Computer Ethics: Philosophical Enquiry (CEPE) 2014 Conference, Les Cordeliers, Paris (June 2014).
- “Social Media, Trust, and the Epistemology of Prejudice” (four presentations)
  - Computer Ethics: Philosophical Enquiry (CEPE) 2014 Conference, Les Cordeliers, Paris (June 2014). Presented under the title “Virtual Trust and Ignorance: Using Social Media to Challenge Privilege and Prejudice.”

## PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)

- Invited talk at SUNY Albany (February 2014).
  
- Invited talk at Shimer College (January 2014). Presented under the title “Can Social Media Combat Prejudice? Challenging Ignorance through Trust.”
  
- Invited talk at Northwestern University (January 2014).
  
- “Objectivity and Trustworthy Scientific Practice” (two presentations)
  - Invited talk at the Western New York Philosophy of Science Circle, Rochester Institute of Technology (August 2013).
  
  - Objectivity in Science Conference, University of British Columbia (June 2010). Presented under the title “Objectivity, Ignorance, and Trustworthiness.”
  
- “Imposters, Evil-Deceivers, & Trustworthiness as an Epistemic Virtue”
  - Society for Analytical Feminism Conference, Vanderbilt University (October 2012).
  
- “Imposters and the Epistemology of Trust”
  - Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics and Science Studies Conference (FEMMSS4), Pennsylvania State University (May 2012).
  
- “Rational Trust, Belief, and Acceptance”
  - Invited talk at the Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop, Orange Beach (University of South Alabama) (May 2012).
  
- “The Manipulation of Science by Special Interest Groups: Lessons from Feminist Epistemology”
  - Invited talk at Wellesley College (November 2009).
  
- “Finding the Future of Feminist Epistemology in the Legacy of Feminist Ethics”
  - Feminist Legacies/ Feminist Futures: *Hypatia* 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, University of Washington (October 2009).
  
- “Trust, Fraud, and the Social Epistemology of Science”
  - Australasian Association of the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Science, Emmanuel College, Brisbane (July 2009).
  
- “The Epistemic Value of Trust in the Drosophilist Community”
  - International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology, Emmanuel College, Brisbane (July 2009).
  
- “Commentary on ‘Female Orgasms and Evolutionary Biology’ by Elisabeth Lloyd”
  - Pittsburgh Workshop in History and Philosophy of Biology, Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh (March 2002).

## **PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)**

- “Evaluating Science on Epistemic and Moral Grounds” (two presentations)
  - Presented at the Pitt-London Workshop in the Philosophy of Biology and Neuroscience (September 2001).
  - Presented at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate Student Colloquium (September 2001).

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- June 2018: Applied Epistemology Writing Retreat participant, DePauw University.
- 2014-2015: Fisher Center Research Fellow, Hobart & William Smith Colleges.
- Spring 2007: Dean’s Tuition Scholarship, University of Pittsburgh
- 2004-2005: Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- 2001-2002: Anna Margaret and Mary Sloan Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- 1999-2000: Andrew W. Mellon Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh

## **TEACHING**

### **At Hobart & William Smith Colleges**

- Technology, Truth, and Trust
- Philosophy Senior Seminar: Philosophy of the Internet
- Power, Privilege & Knowledge
- Experiencing & Knowing
- Introduction to Women’s Studies
- Contemporary Issues: Philosophy & Feminism
- Feminism: Ethics & Knowledge
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Trust & Betrayal
- Ethics of Civic Engagement
- Sessions on “Ethical Decision-Making” for HWS Leads Reader’s College and the HWS Leadership Institute with Rodmon King
- Beyond Borders Independent Study & MAT Reader

### **At UNLV:**

- Ethics for Engineers and Scientists
- Critical Thinking and Reasoning

## **SERVICE**

- Teaching Fellow Liaison (fall 2023-present)
- Member of sub-committee on Diversity, Equity, and Social Justice (2022-present)
- Chair, Review III Committee for Philosophy (2020-2021)
- Chair of Women’s Studies Program (2016-2019 (on leave spring 2017))
- Member of Social Justice Studies Steering Committee (2018-present)
- Chair, Review II Committee for Women’s Studies (fall 2017) (fall 2019)
- Writing Enriched Curriculum Philosophy co-Liaison (2016)
- Search Committee for Deputy Title IX Coordinator (2016).

## **SERVICE (CONT.)**

- Member of Interim Sexual Misconduct Policy working group (2014-2015).
- Faculty Advisor for HWS student Pride Alliance club (spring 2015).
- Member of Review I Committee for Women's Studies (2015) for Philosophy (2019 and 2021).
- Search Committee Chair for position in Metaphysics/Philosophy of Mind (2014-2015).
- Women's Studies Steering Committee (2009-2019)
- Organizer for Ann Palmeri Lecture in Feminist Philosophy (2009-present).
- Member of the Sexual Violence Task Force (2013-2016).
- Member of LGBTQ & Allies group (2013-2019).
- Philosophy Department Library Liaison (2013-2015).
- Member of Institutional Review Board (IRB) for Hobart & William Smith Colleges (2011-2014).
- Co-coordinator of Faculty Learning Community on Transgender Identities and Pedagogies (Spring 2014).
- Women's Studies Search Committee for position in Feminism & Health (Spring 2012)
- Member of the Service-Learning Advisory Council for the Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning at Hobart & William Smith (2010-2011).
- Member of Engaged Citizenship Committee for HWS 2015 Strategic Plan (2010).