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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Logic, Meta-ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics

EMPLOYMENT

Course Instructor, Carleton University, Department of Philosophy 2024-2025

EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy, York University (Toronto) 2022-Present

Dissertation on Spinoza's Social Ontology and Social Epistemology

Supervisor: Matthew Leisinger

Visiting Assistant in Research, Philosophy, Yale University 2025

Supervisor: Michael Della Rocca

Visiting PhD student, University of Toronto 2023

Graduate Course with Michael Rosenthal and Donald Ainslie

MA, Philosophy, Carleton University 2020-2022

Spinoza and Self-Destruction: Oppression and Suicide

Supervisors: Christine Koggel and Melissa Frankel

Senate Medal for Outstanding Academic Achievement – Graduate Level

BA (Hons.), Philosophy, University of Ottawa 2016-2020

Magna Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS

Academic Publications

Forthcoming "Keeping Them With You: Spinoza, Love, and Eternal Minds"

Journal of Modern Philosophy.

2023 "External Conditions, Internal Rationality: Spinoza on the Rationality of Suicide."

Journal of Spinoza Studies 2(1).

2022 Review of *Spinoza and the Philosophy of Love*, by Michael Strawser

International Journal of Philosophical Studies 30(4).

Public Pieces

2022 "What is it Like to be Attending Your First Big Conference? An Interview with M.A.

Student Ian MacLean-Evans," Interview by Professor Kyla Bruff,

Carleton University Department of Philosophy

2021 "Philosopher Spotlight: Spinoza, a Joyful Heretic"

Blogging the Question: A Blog by the Carleton University Philosophy Society.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

2025-26 BSHP Graduate Essay Prize – For a paper on Poulain. 2026 (£1000)

SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral. 2024-2027 (\$120,000)

Sansom Foundation Scholarship for Studies in the History of Ideas. 2023 (\$10,000)

Ontario Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral. 2023 (\$15,000)

SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship – Masters 2021 (\$17,500)

Ontario Graduate Scholarship – Masters. Declined in favour of 2021 SSHRC. 2021 (\$15,000)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: COURSE INSTRUCTOR*Carleton University Department of Philosophy*

x2 Introduction to Symbolic Logic

Summer 2024/Winter 2025

*Public Pedagogy*I've converted my logic course into a free, interactive intro course for the public (available [here](#)).**TEACHING EXPERIENCE: ASSISTANT***York University*

x2 Human Nature

Fall 2024/Winter 2026

The Meaning of Life

Fall 2023

Reasoning About Social Issues

Summer 2023

Reasoning about Morality and Values

Fall 2022-Winter 2023

Carleton University

x2 Ancient Philosophy and the Search for Wisdom

Fall/Winter 2020-2022

The Meaning of Life

Summer 2020

PRESENTATIONS FOR CONFERENCES AND SCHOLARLY SOCIETIES

- 2026 "Contiguity and the Non-Human in Spinozist Social Individuals."
North American Spinoza Society (NASS) Junior Scholar Workshop.
- 2026 "Neither Male nor Female: Anti-Essentialism in Poulain de la Barre."
Annual Meeting of the British Society for the History of Philosophy (BSHP).
- 2025 "Contiguity and the Non-Human in Spinozist Social Individuals."
Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale (SEMPY).
- 2025 "They'll Always be With You: Spinoza, Love, and Eternal Minds."
Meeting of the North American Spinoza Society (NASS).
- 2024 "They'll Always be With You: Spinoza, Love, and Eternal Minds."
University of Toronto Graduate Spinoza Workshop.
- 2024 "The Question of Poulain's Essentialism."
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA) (Could not attend).
- 2024 "The Principle of Sufficient Reason: Nkrumah on Leibniz, Spinoza, and Consciencism."
Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Philosophical Association (Could not attend).
- 2023 "They'll Always Be With You: Spinoza, Love, and Eternal Minds."
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA).
- 2022 "Oppression as Suicide Inducing, or Spinoza Against Oppression"
Building Back Better: Opportunities and Risks Graduate Conference (Carleton University)
- 2022 "Bayle's Missing Critique: Disjunctive Syllogism and Cartesian Corporeal Substance."
Annual Meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association (WCPA).
- 2022 "Spinoza and Self-Destruction: Oppression and Suicide."
Southern Journal of Philosophy Early Modern Social Justice Workshop.
- 2021 "Epistemic Injustice and the Suicidality of the Oppressed: Philosophy and Suicide Research."
38th International Social Philosophy Conference, North American Society for Social Philosophy
- 2021 "Fanon and Oppressed Suicidality: Philosophical Horizons in Suicide Research."
Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference, UNC Charlotte.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 A panel talk on how history of philosophy can inform contemporary philosophy
Panel: *Refining Philosophy through Revisiting the History of Philosophy*, Carleton University.
- 2024 Guest lecture on Spinoza's practical/ethical philosophy.
Fall 2024 session of *PHIL 2020 Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz* at York University.
- 2023 Workshop discussion on Spinoza's philosophy of suicide and its contemporary applications.
Carleton University Philosophy Society.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate / Research Assistant, Carleton University and York University 2021–2025 (intermittently)
 Supervised at Carleton by Annie Larivée (See footnote 1 of [this article](#)).
 Supervised at York by Matthew Leisinger.

INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Kitty and Lou Newman Graduate Scholarship in the Humanities, *York University* 2022 (\$5,000)
 Graduate Entrance Scholarship in Philosophy, *York University* 2022 (\$6,000)
 Departmental Scholarship 2, *Carleton University* 2020-22 (\$10,000)
 Departmental Scholarship 1, *Carleton University* 2020 (\$5,000)
 Domestic Entrance Scholarship, *Carleton University*. 2020 (\$2,000)

SERVICE & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE*Academic Service*

2026 Judge for the *Ontario High School Ethics Bowl* at the Ottawa regional competition.
 2026 Organizer of York's *History of Philosophy Reading Group* for the Winter 26 semester.
 2024-26 Conference co-organizer of the *York University Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*.
 2024 Provided evaluative letter for Professor's tenure application.
 2023/24 Research Group Co-Organizer of the *York Philosophy Graduate Research Group*.
 2023 Peer review for the *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*.
 2021 Volunteer hiring consultant for tenure-track job.

Administrative Employment in Academia

2023/24 Graduate Program Administrator - Acting, Carleton University Dept. of Philosophy
 2021-23 Communications Coordinator, Carleton University Dept. of Philosophy

GRADUATE CLASSES*York University*

Research Seminar	K. Andrews & M. Leisinger
Philosophy of Action	R. Myers
Philosophy of Logic	C. Campbell
Major Problems in Political Philosophy (Africana Philosophy)	Z. El Nabolsy
Major Problems in Political Philosophy (Civility)	A. MacLachlan
Applied Philosophy by Early Modern Women	M. Leisinger
First-Year Seminar (Epistemology of Perception)	J. Beck & K. Lande

University of Toronto

Early Modern Naturalisms: Spinoza and Hume	M. Rosenthal & D. Ainslie
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Carleton University

Scepticism and Knowledge in Early Modern Philosophy	M. Frankel
Research Seminar	C. Koggel
Hume's Ethics and Meta-Ethics	G. Davis
Seminar in Meta-Ethics	G. Davis
Colloquium	M. Mylopoulos
Proseminar: Naturalism and Non-Naturalism	D. Matheson

LANGUAGES

English (first-language), French (fluent), Latin (research)