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Employment

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| 2024, Ongoing | Instructor, Langara College, Department of Philosophy
Vancouver, BC |
| 2017, Ongoing | Instructor, the University of British Columbia, Department of
Philosophy
Vancouver, BC |

Expertise

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| <i>Specialization</i> | Epistemology, Feminist Philosophy |
| <i>Competencies</i> | Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics, Metaphysics |

Education

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| PhD
Philosophy | University of British Columbia
Completed: April 2026
Dissertation Title: Resisting Unreality: Gender Identity as Semantic Authority and
a Transfeminist Ameliorative Analysis of Gender |
| 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
- “[Gender Dysphoria and Why Wanting is Enough](#).” Blog of the APA (Women in Philosophy Series).
July 26, 2023

Co-Authored

2025. 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).
2015. "[The Metaphysics of Love: an annotated bibliography](#)." (Co-Authored with Aida Roige Mas).

Other Contributions

- [Article](#) cited in an Amicus Brief for the Supreme Court of the United States of America for the case of United States vs. Skrmetti. My work was used to support the Brief’s argument that the State of Tennessee’s proposed ban on puberty blockers for trans minors is a form of sex discrimination.

Research Projects

[The Undisciplined Project](#). 2025 - Ongoing

Principal Investigator Carrie Jenkins, supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

- Examining how disciplinary boundaries impede interdisciplinary research, and identifying strategies to promote interdisciplinary research

[The Philosophy Exception](#). 2021 - Ongoing

Principal Investigator Alison Wylie, supported by UBC College of Arts CRC research funds and APA Small Grants.

- Collating current philosophical literature addressing demographic problems for socially-marginalized groups within academic philosophy, and building a searchable database.

[The Metaphysics of Love](#). 2014-2016

Principal Investigator Carrie Jenkins, funded by Hampton Research and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, UBC

- Compiled an annotated bibliography of philosophical literature on romantic love.

Conference Presentations

Against the Egg Prime Directive The 43rd International Social Ontology Conference, Waterloo — Accepted but unable to present due to personal circumstances	Summer 2026
Against the Egg Prime Directive Queer Analytic Philosophy Conference — Accepted but unable to present due to personal circumstances	Summer 2026
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. <i>Cancelled due to Covid-19</i>	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

Teaching

Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Langara College

PHIL 1101 Knowledge and Reality An exploration of core issues in epistemology, social epistemology, and the metaphysics of identity	Spring 2025
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PHIL 1100 Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics, Social and Political [Online] An introduction to normative philosophy through the question, what is the good life?	Summer 2025
PHIL 1101 Knowledge and Reality An exploration of core issues in epistemology, social epistemology, and the metaphysics of identity	Summer 2025
PHIL 1100 Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics, Social and Political An introduction to normative philosophy through the question, what is the good life?	Fall 2024
PHIL 1105 Biomedical Ethics An exploration of classic and contemporary issues in biomedical ethics	Fall 2024

Instructor, Department of Philosophy, the University of British Columbia

PHIL 340 Knowledge and Reality An introduction to metaphysics	Spring 2026
PHIL 240 Knowledge and Reality An introduction to classical, contemporary, and social epistemology	Spring 2026
PHIL 102 Introduction to Philosophy An introduction to classic and contemporary problems in ethics and political philosophy	Summer 2025
PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy An introduction to classic and contemporary philosophical problems in metaphysics and epistemology	Summer 2025
PHIL 334 Philosophy, Sex and Gender An exploration of feminist metaphysics, feminist epistemology, the history of feminism, and theories of power and resistance	Spring 2025
PHIL 125 Introduction to Scientific Reasoning An introduction to scientific methods, with a focus on feminist philosophy of science	Fall 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
PHIL 240 Knowledge and Reality An introduction to contemporary issues in epistemology, with a focus on feminist epistemology	Spring 2023
PHIL 250 Minds and Machines An introduction to contemporary issues in mind, machine learning, and the ethics of a.i.	Summer 2019
PHIL 101 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

PHIL 100, Introduction to Philosophy	Fall 2021
PHIL 347, Philosophy of Religion	Fall 2021
PHIL 332, Environmental Ethics	Summer 2021

PHIL 388, Southeast Asian and Classical Indian Philosophy	Spring 2021
PHIL 240, Knowledge and Reality, a cross-cultural comparison of epistemology in Ancient Greece and South East Asia	Fall 2020
PHIL 330, Biomedical Ethics, a survey of ethical issues in biomedical sciences	Summer 2020
PHIL 101, Introduction to Philosophy, an introduction to philosophical methods and philosophical questions	Spring 2020
PHIL 334, Sex, Gender, and Philosophy, an introduction to and critical analyses of philosophical concepts of sex and gender	Fall, 2019
PHIL 240, Knowledge and Reality, an introduction to contemporary topics in epistemology	Fall, 2019
PHIL 101, Introduction to Philosophy, an introduction to philosophical methods and philosophical questions	Spring, 2018
PHIL 332, Environmental Ethics, a survey of moral problems arising in the context of human relationships to nature and to non-human living things	Spring, 2018
PHIL 334 Sex, Gender, and Philosophy, an introduction to and critical analyses of philosophical concepts of sex and gender	Fall, 2018
PHIL 240 Knowledge and Reality, an introduction to contemporary topics in epistemology	Spring, 2017
PHIL 334 Sex, Gender, and Philosophy, an introduction to and critical analyses of philosophical concepts of sex and gender	Fall, 2016
PHIL 340 Knowledge and Reality, an introduction to classic and contemporary topics in metaphysics	Fall, 2016
PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy, an introduction to philosophical methods and philosophical questions	Spring, 2016
PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy, an introduction to philosophical methods and philosophical questions	Spring, 2016
PHIL 349 Philosophy of Religion, a critical and analytical examination of arguments for and against the existence of God, and religious epistemology	Fall, 2015
PHIL 314 Philosophy in the 17 th Century, a survey of seventeenth century philosophers, and the impact of scientific and religious thought	Fall, 2015
PHIL 340 Knowledge and Reality, an introduction to classic and contemporary topics in metaphysics	Spring 2015
PHIL 314 Philosophy in the 17 th Century, a survey of seventeenth century philosophers, and the impact of scientific and religious thought	Fall, 2014
PHIL 340 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

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

Fall, 2014

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

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

2017 – 2018

Co-organizer and referee for the Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference

Summer, 2016

References

Carrie Jenkins, Professor, Department of Philosophy, the University of British Columbia
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Scott Anderson, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, the University of British Columbia
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