

Laura Papish, Ph.D.
Curriculum Vitae

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2019- Associate Professor of Philosophy (with tenure). The George Washington University.
- 2013-2019 Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Director of Graduate Studies (from 2014). The George Washington University.
- 2012-2013 Assistant Professor of Philosophy. State University of New York at Oswego.
- 2010-2012 Duane L. Peterson Visiting Assistant Professor. Johns Hopkins University.

EDUCATION

- June 2011 Ph.D. in Philosophy. Northwestern University. Dissertation: "Against Constructivism in Kantian Ethical Theory." Committee members: Richard Kraut (chair), Kyla Ebels-Duggan, Rachel Zuckert, and Paul Guyer (Brown University)
- December 2004 M.A. in Philosophy. Villanova University.
- May 2001 B.A. in Philosophy, *Summa Cum Laude* and Honors in Philosophy. Penn State University, Schreyer Honors College.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Kant, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Applied Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy (including Philosophy of Race and Feminist Theory), Ancient Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, 19th-20th Century Continental Philosophy

BOOK

Kant on Evil, Self-Deception, and Moral Reform. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018.

Reviewed in *Mind*, *Kantian Review*, *Ethics*, *Las Torres de Lucca: International Journal of Political Philosophy*. Author Meets Critics Session: Eastern Study Group Meeting of the North American Kant Society. Brandeis University, May 2019.

PAPERS

“Kant and Williams on Guilt, Shame, and the Morality System.” In *The Moral Psychology of Guilt* edited by Brad Cokelet and Corey Maley. London: Rowman and Littlefield, 2019.

“Expansionist Interpretations of Radical Evil.” In *Natur und Freiheit, Proceedings of the 12th International Kant Congress*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018.

“Kant’s Revised Account of the Non-Moral Imperatives of Practical Reason.” *Ergo*, vol. 5, no. 11 (2018): 289-317.

“CAPS Psychology and the Empirical Adequacy of Aristotelian Virtue Ethics.” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, vol. 20, no. 3 (2017): 537-549.

“Kant on the Independence of the Moral Law from Sensibility.” *Kantian Review*, vol. 20, no. 1 (2015): 77-98.

“Promoting Black (Social) Identity.” *Social Theory and Practice*, vol. 41, no. 1 (2015): 1-25.

“Aristotle on Common Perception.” *Apeiron: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy and Science*, vol. 47, no. 3 (2014): 342-355.

“Moral Feeling and Moral Conversion in Kant’s *Religion*.” *Idealistic Studies*, vol. 43, no. 1 & 2, (2013): 11-26.

“The Changing Shape of Korsgaard’s Understanding of Constructivism.” *Journal of Value Inquiry*, vol. 45, no. 2 (2011): 451-463.

“The Cultivation of Sensibility in Kant’s Moral Philosophy.” *Kantian Review*, vol. 12, no. 2 (2007): 128–146.

BOOK REVIEW

Rethinking Kant 5. *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*. Online first date: 19 November 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09608788.2018.1536034>.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Coercion and Kant’s League of Nations”

“Radical Evil in light of Kant’s Natural Historical Writings”

PRESENTATIONS (selected; invited presentations marked *)

“Radical Evil in light of Kant’s Natural Historical Writings”

2019: After-Life of Phenomenology Workshop, Northwestern University.*

2019: Session: Kant on Evil. North American Kant Society at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting.* Vancouver, B.C.

“Coercion and Kant’s League of Nations.”

2018: Eastern Study Group of the North American Kant Society. Columbia University.

2018: DC-Baltimore Kant Group.* Georgetown University.

2017: North American Kant Society Junior Women Workshop.* Washington University, St. Louis.

“Self-Deception and the Entrenchment of Evil.”

2016: Southern Study Group of the North American Kant Society. University of Georgia.

“Self-Deception, Rationalization, and the Hell of Self-Cognition.”

2016: Session: Kant on the Crooked Timber of Humanity. North American Kant Society at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting.* Washington, D.C.

2016: George Mason University Department of Philosophy.*

2016: The German Philosophy Workshop at the University of Chicago.*

“Expansionist Interpretations of Radical Evil.”

2015: 12th International Kant Congress: “Nature and Freedom.” University of Vienna.

“Commitment, Knowledge, and Kantian Moral Development.”

2015: Conference on Conscience and Moral Self-Knowledge in Kant and German Idealism. The Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas. University of Oslo, Norway.

2015: DC-Baltimore Kant Group.* Towson University.

2015: Midwest Study Group of the North American Kant Society. Northwestern University.

“Self-Deception and the Subordination of the Moral Law.”

2015: Eastern Study Group of the North American Kant Society, Georgetown University.

2015: The Society for German Idealism, concurrent with the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.

“Kant and the Self that Self-Loves.”

2015: Southern Study Group of the North American Kant Society. St. Mary’s University.

“Kant on Rigorism, the Vices, and Virtue.”

2015: D.C.-Baltimore Kant Workshop.* University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

“The Empirical Adequacy of Kantian Ethics.”

2014: Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress. University of Colorado, Boulder.

“Self-Love, Self-Deception, and Radical Evil in Kant’s *Religion*.”

2014: D.C.-Baltimore Kant Workshop.* The George Washington University.

“Does Hume’s Critique of Moral Rationalism Apply to Kant?”

2014: First Irish Early Modern Philosophy Conference. University College Cork, Ireland.

“Personality and Punishment in Kant’s *Religion*.”

2014: Southern Study Group of the North American Kant Society. Rhodes College.

2013: U.K. Kant Society Annual Conference. Heythrop College, University of London.

“Black Identity and Collective Action: A Critique of Tommie Shelby’s *We Who Are Dark*.”

2013: Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. Baltimore, MD.

2012: Indiana Philosophical Association, University of Indianapolis.

“Kant on the Hypothetical Imperative and Weakness of Will.”

2013: Second Biennial North American Kant Society Meeting, Cornell University.

“Kant, Constructivism, and Weakness of Will.”

2012: Department of Philosophy.* Mount Holyoke College.

2012: Department of Philosophy.* State University of New York at Oswego.

2012: Department of Philosophy.* Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

“Kant and Korsgaard on the Hypothetical Imperative.”

2011: Department of Philosophy.* University of Cape Town.

2011: Department of Philosophy.* Metropolitan State College of Denver.

“Rethinking Kant’s Hypothetical Imperative.”

2011: Felician Ethics Conference, Felician College.

“Pure Practical Reason, the Practical Arts, and the Philosophy of Nature.”

2010: Department of Philosophy.* Georgia State University.

“Kant’s Objects of Pure Practical Reason.”

2009: Eastern Study Group of the North American Kant Society, Penn State University.

2009: Southwest Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy, Arizona State University.

“Kant on why Moral Principles are Principles of Reason.”

2007: Dissertation Research Seminar.* Northwestern University.

“What Does it Mean to be ‘Authentically Black?’”

2006: Manfred S. Frings Graduate Student Colloquium of the Philosophy Department.* DePaul University.

“The Cultivation of Sensibility in Kant’s Moral Philosophy.”

2005: Second Annual U.K. Kant Society Graduate Conference. Hatfield, England.

“The Fallibility of Non-Special Perception in Aristotle’s *De Anima*.”

2004: Graduate Conference in Philosophy. University of Toronto.

COMMENTS

2010 Response to Blaine Fowers’s “Evolution, Sociality, and *Eudaimonia*.”
Conference on Experimental Philosophy and the Ethics of Autonomy. University
of Miami.

2010 Response to Scott Forschler’s “Willing Universal Law vs. Universally Lawful
Willing: What Kant’s Supreme Principle of Ethics Should Have Been.” Pacific
Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.

2008 Response to Ryan Davis's "Dealing with Trespassers in the Kingdom of Ends."
Conference in Ethical Theory and Political Philosophy, Northwestern University.

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS (selected)

2018 Columbian College Facilitating Fund Scholarly Award from The George Washington University. Granted for research on group agency in Kant's political thought. Awarded \$7,500.

2018 Enhanced Scholarly Travel Award from The George Washington University. Awarded \$1,850.

2015 University Facilitating Fund Scholarly Award from The George Washington University. Granted for research on Kant's Theory of Evil. Awarded \$7,500.

2015 Enhanced Scholarly Travel Award from The George Washington University. Awarded \$2,000.

2013 Character Project Summer Seminar, "Character: New Perspectives and Empirical Discoveries." Participation funded by the John Templeton Foundation. Wake Forest University. Awarded approx. \$5,000 (stipend, lodging, travel, books).

2013 Page Legacy Scholar Grant. Awarded \$2,000.

2012 SUNY Oswego Early Start Grant. Awarded \$5,000.

2002-2007 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship. Ranked second out of nine recipients in philosophy. Awarded approx. \$140,000 (4 years of tuition payments and living stipends provided by the U.S. Department of Education).

2004 Travel Stipend from the Department of Classics at the University of Toronto. Awarded to the best paper in ancient philosophy at the 2004 Graduate Conference in Philosophy.

2001 Student Marshal for the Department of Philosophy at Penn State University

2000 Phi Beta Kappa

2000 Penn State Evan Pugh Scholar Award. For juniors and seniors who are in the top 0.5 percent of their respective classes.

2000 Penn State Schreyer Ambassador Travel Grant for study in Leeds, England.

1999 Ray H. Dotterer Scholarship: Awarded to the top junior in philosophy at Penn State University. Prize of \$750.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mentoring Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy. University of Massachusetts at Amherst, June 2013.

Participant in “Art & Craft of Discussion Leadership Part I,” a training program in teaching case studies. November 2012, Harvard Business School.

2010 American Association of Philosophy Teachers Conference. Participant in intensive four-day Graduate Student Teaching Seminar at Coastal Carolina University.

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

German

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (selected)

At George Washington University:

Faculty Guide (Fall 2015-Present)

Citizenship and Leadership Committee (2014-2015)

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Philosophy (Fall 2014-Present)

Associate Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Philosophy (Fall 2014)

Committee for Graduate Studies, Department of Philosophy (Fall 2014-Present)

Griffith Lecture Committee, Department of Philosophy (2013-2014)

At SUNY Oswego:

Coordinator, School of Business Ethics Committee

At Johns Hopkins:

Student-voted speaker for JHU’s “Momentum: Ideas in Motion” lecture series, November 2011

Johns Hopkins University “Celebrity” Faculty and Staff Poker Tournament, April 2011

Recurring service on the Johns Hopkins Ethics Board, May 2011-May 2012

COMMUNITY SERVICE and PUBLIC EVENTS (selected)

Lecturer, Profs and Pints. February 2018.

Volunteer, Jessup Correctional Institute Scholars Program, December 2014

Judge, D.C. Area High School Ethics Bowl, November 2013 and January 2015

MEDIA

<http://www.philostv.com/kate-padgett-walsh-laura-papish/>. An episode of Philosophy TV on love and freedom in Frankfurt and Hegel.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Host of the 2017 Eastern Study Group of the North American Kant Society

Referee for *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Kantian Review* (x6), *Philosophical Papers*, *Res Philosophica*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Ergo*, *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference (2015).

Original member of the D.C.-Baltimore Kant Workshop (2014-present). Workshop organizer for the 2015-2016 academic year.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
North American Kant Society