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# Jasmine Gunkel

*Curriculum Vitae*

## **Areas of Specialization:**

Normative and Applied Ethics (especially Bioethics and Animal Ethics), Feminist Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy

## **Areas of Competence:**

Philosophy of Language, Moral Psychology, Aesthetics

## **EDUCATION**

PhD in Philosophy, University of Southern California (2023)

BA in Philosophy, minor in Human Rights, UC Davis, highest honors (2017)

UC Honors Program (2013-2017)

## **APPOINTMENTS**

National Institutes of Health, Department of Bioethics, Postdoctoral Fellow

Western University of Ontario, Assistant Professor of Philosophy (beginning Fall 2025)

## **DISSERTATION**

*On Intimacy: A Philosophical Account*, supervised by Mark Schroeder

Committee: Robin Jeshion, Jonathan Quong, Jake Nebel, Jennifer Hook (external)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Journal Publications**

1. "The Overlooked Risk of Intimate Violation in Research: No Perianal Sampling without Consent" (forthcoming). *American Journal of Bioethics*.
2. "[What is Intimacy?](#)" (forthcoming). *Journal of Philosophy*.
3. "[Pleasures of the Flesh](#)" (2023). *Social Theory and Practice* 49(1): 79-103.  
<https://doi.org/10.5840/soctheorpract202339181>

### **Public Writing**

1. "[Jasmine Gunkel: 'What is Intimacy?'](#)" (2023). *New Work in Philosophy*.

2. ["Intimacy, Illness, and Forced Gestation"](#) (2022). *Blog of the American Philosophical Association*.

### **Under Review**

1. "Do I Really Have to Say 'Feed Two Birds with One Scone?'"
2. "Having Your Porn and Equality and Too"
3. "Shame, Self-Shaping, and Intimate Rights"

### **IN PREPARATION**

1. "Moral Encroachment and Aesthetic Alienation"
2. "Intimate Labor"
3. "The Comparative Case Against Xenotransplantation" with Frank Miller

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

1. USC Philosophy Department Bonus Fellowship (2022-23)
2. USC Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Grant (2022)
3. Department Nominee for Teresa Wilson Fellowship (2022)
4. Graduate Student Travel Award Central APA (2022)
5. Graduate Student Travel Award Eastern APA (2022)
6. Department Nominee for Gold Fellowship for "extraordinary academic promise" (2021)
7. Flewelling Summer Research Award (2020)
8. Graduate Student Travel Award Central APA (2019)
9. Herbert A. Young Award for "outstanding academic achievement and service to the university" highest award given by College of Letters and Sciences (2017)
10. Outstanding Senior in Philosophy Award (2017)
11. 1st place UC Davis Philosophy Undergraduate Essay Contest (2016) for "Past-Cone-ism: Problems Determining What is Present"
12. 1st place UC Davis Philosophy Undergraduate Essay Contest (2015) for "A Defense of the Adaptationist Approach to Female Sexuality"
13. Phi Beta Kappa, invited as junior (2016)
14. William Denman Scholarship (2016)
15. American Association of University Women Ivania Portocarerro Scholarship (2016)
16. Barrall Family Philosophy Scholarship (2014)
17. William Denman Scholarship (2014)
18. Fulmor [full tuition merit] Scholarship (2013)
19. Dean's List (2014-2017)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited**

1. Central APA, panel on philosophy of labor, “Intimate Labor” (February 2024)
2. University of Western Ontario, (Dis)Trust and AI workshop, panel titled “Should Trust in AI be Elicited Through AI Design?”
3. Rutgers Center for Population Level Biology Retreat, panel with Nir Eyal on pandemic surveillance and privacy rights (June 2023)
4. University of Western Ontario “Intimate Labor” (January 2023)

### **Refereed**

1. Wharton School, Zicklin Normative Business Ethics Workshop, “Intimate Labor” (April 2024)
2. Eastern APA, North American Society for Social Philosophy group session, panel on social ramifications of AI, “Intimacy and AI” (January 2024)
3. Central APA (Symposium), “What is Intimacy?” (February 2022)
4. Eastern APA, “Moral Encroachment and Aesthetic Alienation” (January 2022)
5. Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), “What is Intimacy?” (August 2021)
6. Social Ontology Conference, “What is Intimacy?” (August 2021)
7. MANCEPT, “Do I Really Have to Say ‘Feed Two Birds with One Scone?’” (September 2020)
8. British Society for Ethical Theory Conference, “Do I Really Have to Say ‘Feed Two Birds with One Scone?’” (July 2020, postponed until 2021)
9. Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), “Moral Encroachment and Aesthetic Alienation” (August 2020)
10. Society for Business Ethics Annual Conference, “Insecurity and Appropriateness in Advertising” (August 2020)
11. Pacific APA, “Do I Really Have to Say ‘Feed Two Birds with One Scone?’” (April 2020, postponed April 2021)
12. Food and Feminism: Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, “Pleasures of the Flesh” (October 2019)
13. Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals Pre-RoME Workshop, “Do I Really Have to Say ‘Feed Two Birds with One Scone?’: Prejudicial Speech and Anti-Animal Language” (August 2019)
14. 36th Annual International Social Philosophy Conference, “Changing Porn with Porn” (July 2019)
15. International Conference on Ethics, “Pleasures of the Flesh” (June 2019)
16. Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, “Changing Porn with Porn” (April 2019)

17. Central APA, “Pleasures of the Flesh” (February 2019)
18. Women in Philosophy Conference, “Pleasures of the Flesh” (July 2018)
19. Stanford Berkeley Davis Graduate Conference, “Pleasures of the Flesh” (May 2018)

### **Invited Comments**

1. Cogtweeto, on A.G. Holdier’s “The Rights and Wrongs of Eating People (and Their Pets)” (October 2021)
2. USC/UCLA Graduate Conference, on Karen Rice’s “Relational Estrangement: Prudent Failure, Communicative Silence, and Ongoing Breakage” (February 2022)
3. Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), on Paul Carron’s “Wild Justice? Cross Cultural Normativity and the Case for Species-Specific Animal Morality”(August 2019)
4. Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), on William D’Alessandro’s “Is It Bad to Prefer Attractive Partners?” (August 2018)
5. Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals Pre-RoME Workshop, on Johann Frick’s and Adam Lerner’s “Speciesism and Acceptable Lives” (August 2018)

### **TEACHING**

#### **Primary Instructor**

1. Lead Instructor, Prison Education Project, Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2020, with Andrew Stewart)
2. USC Summer Programs, Ethics in the 21st Century: Business, Politics, Technology (Summer 2020, with Andrew Stewart)
3. Prison Education Project, Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2018, with Vishnu Sridharan)

#### **Teaching Assistant**

1. Ideas on Trial with Robin Jeshion (Spring 2021)
2. Moral Dilemmas in the Legal Domain with John Hawthorne (Spring 2020)
3. Ethical Theory and Practice with Ed McCann (Spring 2019)
4. Current Moral and Social Issues with Mark Schroeder (Fall 2018)
5. Tutor at Student Academic Success Center at UC Davis (2015-2017)

#### **Guest Lectures**

1. Feminist Responses to Pornography for Robin Jeshion (Spring 2021)
2. Privacy Law for John Hawthorne (Spring 2020)

## **Pedagogical Training**

1. Advanced Practicum in Disciplinary Instruction Graduate Seminar with Shieva Kleinschmidt (Fall 2020)
2. Center for Excellence in Teaching Future Faculty Institute (Fall 2019)
3. Teaching Philosophy Graduate Seminar with Mark Schroeder and Shieva Kleinschmidt (Fall 2018)

## **SERVICE**

### **Leadership**

1. President USC Philosophy Graduate Students (Elected Position) (2021-2022)
2. President UC Davis Philosophy Club (2015-2017)

### **Climate**

1. USC Graduate Climate Committee, Chair of Undergraduate Inclusion (2019-2020)
2. Participant Athena in Action Workshop (2020)
3. Minorities and Philosophy, USC and UC Davis (2014-present)
4. Participant UC San Diego Summer Program for Women in Philosophy (2016)
5. University Philosophically Oriented Women, UC Davis (2013-2017)

### **Organizing**

1. USC/UCLA Graduate Conference Organizer (Elected Position) (2018-2019)
2. GPS (Gathering Philosophers in Southern California) Organizing Committee (2018)
3. Undergraduate Philosophy Conference at UC Davis Organizer (2015, 2016, 2017)
4. Volunteer for Davis Philosophy Extravaganza (DEX) (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
5. Organizer weekly UC Davis Philosophy Club talks (2015-2017)

### **Mentoring**

1. First Year Mentor through Climate Committee (Fall 2019-present)
2. GPS (Gathering Philosophers in Southern California) Workshop Volunteer (November 2019), individual mentor, on Grad Student Life Panel
3. GPS (Gathering Philosophers in Southern California) Workshop Volunteer (November 2018), individual mentor, on Grad Student Life Panel

### **Volunteer Teaching**

1. Prison Education Project (Fall 2020, Spring 2018)

## **Reviewing and Chairing**

1. Reviewer for Journal of Applied Philosophy (2023)
2. Reviewer for Philosophical Studies (2023)
3. Reviewer USC/UCLA Philosophy Conference (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020)
4. Reviewer Journal of Ethics (2020)
5. Chair Athena in Action Workshop (2020)
6. Chair California Metaphysics Conference (2020)
7. Reviewer Stance Philosophy Journal (2016-2017)

## **GRADUATE COURSEWORK**

### **Normative**

1. Philosophy of Law with Gary Watson and Greg Keating (Spring 2019)
2. Feminist Philosophy with Robin Jeshion (Fall 2018)
3. Introduction to Contemporary Philosophical Literature on Value with Jonathan Quong (Spring 2018)
4. Normativity with Stephen Finlay (Spring 2018)
5. The Ethics of Killing with Tina Rulli (Spring 2017)
6. Having Your Cake and Eating it Too in Meta-Normative Theory with David Copp (Fall 2016)
7. Popular Art with Sondra Bacharach (Summer 2016)
8. The Good Life with Connie Rosati (Summer 2016)

### **Non-Normative**

1. New Waves in Speech Act Theory with Robin Jeshion (Fall 2021, audited)
2. Epistemology with Janet Levin and Maria Lasonen-Aarnio (Fall 2018)
3. Time Travel with Kadri Vihvelin (Fall 2017)
4. Modal Logic with Gabriel Uzquiano (Fall 2017)
5. Introduction to Contemporary Philosophical Literature with Scott Soames and John Hawthorne (Fall 2017)

### **History**

1. Plato with Ralph Wedgwood (Spring 2019)
2. Hume with James Van Cleve (Spring 2018)

### **Fellow**

1. Fellow of Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project (2020-2023)

## Reading Groups

1. Minorities and Philosophy Reading Group
2. *The Right to Sex* by Amia Srinivasian
3. *Ways to Be Blameworthy: Rightness, Wrongness, and Responsibility* by Eilnoir Maison
4. Applied Philosophy of Language
5. Ethics and Political Philosophy
6. Aesthetics

## REFERENCES

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