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**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:**

Ethics; Feminist Philosophy; Social and Political Philosophy.

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE:**

History of Ethics; Applied Ethics; Early 20<sup>th</sup> C. Continental Philosophy.

**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D. (Philosophy), Boston University, 2008.  
Dissertation Title: *"The Nature and Limits of Forgiveness."*  
Supervisor: Dr. Daniel O. Dahlstrom.  
M.A. (Philosophy), Queen's University, 2002.  
Thesis Title: *"Forgiveness and Paradox."*  
Supervisor: Dr. Deborah Knight.  
B.A. Hon. (Philosophy), M.A. (Cantab) Cambridge University, 2000, 2004.

**CURRENT POSITION:**

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Member of the Graduate Faculty,  
Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University.

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

Teaching Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Boston University, 2003-5.  
Writing Fellow, Educational Resource Centre, Boston University, 2002-3.  
Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Queen's University, 2001-2.  
Parliamentary Intern, Canadian House of Commons, 2000-1.

**HONOURS AND AWARDS:**

Merit Award, Faculty of Arts, York University, 2008.  
SSHRC Conference Travel Grant, York University, 2008.  
H.B. Earhart Fellowship, Earhart Foundation, 2006-7.  
Junior Research Fellowship, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, 2006.  
Dissertation Fellowship, Boston University, 2005.  
Outstanding Teaching Fellow, Boston University College of Arts/Sciences, 2005.  
Doctoral Fellowship, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2004-6.  
Presidential Fellowship, Boston University, 2002-6.  
Graduate Fellowship, Queen's University, 2001-2.  
Robinson College (Cambridge University) Philosophy Award, 1998.  
Inaugural Recipient, Canadian Cambridge Scholarship, 1997-2000.  
Weston Scholarship, Lester B Pearson College, 1995-1997.

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**PUBLICATIONS**

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

“Practicing Imperfect Forgiveness,” *Feminist Ethics and Social and Political Philosophy: Theorizing the Non-Ideal*. Ed. Lisa Tessman. Springer, 2009.

“Moral Powers and Forgivable Evils,” *Evil, Political Violence and Forgiveness: Essays in Honour of Claudia Card*. Ed. Kathryn Norlock and Andrea Veltman. Lexington, 2009.

“Aliases, Alienation and Agency: The Physical Integrity of Sydney Bristow,” with D.P. Finding, *Secrets and Spies: Investigating Alias*, eds. Stacey Abbott and Simon Brown. Palgrave MacMillan, 2007.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Resentment and Moral Judgment in Smith and Butler,” V. Brown and S. Fleischacker (ed.) *The Philosophy of Adam Smith: Essays Commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Theory of Moral Sentiments*. *Adam Smith Review* 5 (forthcoming - Routledge, 2010).

“Getting it: on Jokes and Art,” with Steven Burns, *AE: Journal of the Canadian Society of Aesthetics*, vol. 10, Fall 2004.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

“Forgiveness and Moral Solidarity,” *Forgiveness: Probing the Boundaries*. Oxford: Inter-Disciplinary Press, 2008.

“An Ethic of Plurality: Reconciling Politics and Morality in Hannah Arendt,” *History and Judgment*, ed. A. MacLachlan and I. Torsen. Vienna: IWM Junior Visiting Fellows Conference Vol. XXI, 2006.

“History and Judgment: Editors’ Introduction,” Ingvild Torsen, in *History and Judgment*, ed. A. MacLachlan and I. Torsen. Vienna: IWM Junior Visiting Fellows Conference Vol. XXI, 2006.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Forgiveness and Mercy”, Online Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics (forthcoming – Elsevier 2011)

“Drafting Peer Support: The Promise and Perils of an Online Draft Exchange,” *Society for Women in Philosophy Newsletter* Vol. 8 No. 3, (forthcoming – Fall 2009.)

“The Object of Repair: Commentary on Margaret Urban Walker’s ‘Restorative Justice and Reparations,’” *Symposia on Race, Gender and Philosophy*, Vol. 3, No. 2, 2007.

“Vergebung als Kategorie der politischen Aussöhnung,” [Forgiveness as a Category of Political Reconciliation] Guest Contribution to *ORF [Österreichischer Rundfunk] on Science*, 2006.

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**REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- “What’s Next? Responding to Apologies and Gestures of Forgiveness.”  
Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, Guelph Canada, October 2009.
- “Unreasonable Resentments.”  
Feminist Ethics and Social Theory, Clearwater Beach USA, September 2009.
- “The Good of Out.”  
Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love, Urbana-Champaign USA, April 2009.
- “Injustice, Entitlement and Smithean Resentment.”  
*The Philosophy of Adam Smith: Conference to Commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Theory of Moral Sentiments (1759)*, Oxford UK, January 2009.
- “The Character of the Closet: Revisiting the Ethics of ‘Out’.”  
Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, Windsor Canada, October 2008.
- “Third Party Forgiveness and Political Solidarity.”  
Feminist Ethics and Social Theory, Clearwater Beach USA, September 2007.
- “Risk and Reconciliation: Hannah Arendt and Public Apologies.”  
Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, Peterborough Canada, October 2006.
- “Forgiveness, Gender and Self-Respect.”  
Society for Women in Philosophy U.K, London UK, April 2006.
- “Forgiveness and the Diversity of Women’s Experience.”  
Society for Women and Philosophy, Tallahassee Florida, April 2005.
- “Forgiveness and Paradox.”  
Canadian Philosophical Association, Halifax Canada, May 2003.

**INVITED TALKS**

- “Sexuality, Oppression and Virtue Ethics.”  
Keynote Address, *Diotima* Feminist Graduate Conference, University of Western Ontario, September 2009.
- “Accepting Apologies.”  
Faculty Keynote Address, *Acceptance*, York Philosophy Graduate Student Association Conference, June 2009.

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**INVITED TALKS, CONTD.**

“The End of a Sad Chapter? Government Apologies to Indigenous Peoples.”  
Invited Speaker, “Moral Obligation and Moral Reconstruction in the Wake of Conflict”,  
Institute for Philosophy and Religion Focal Conference on Reconciliation, Boston  
University, March 2009.

“Unreasonable Resentments.”  
Invited Speaker, Department of Philosophy, Boston University, March 2009.

“Demoralizing Resentment.”  
Invited Speaker, Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, Florida International  
University, February 2009.

“Resentment, Entitlement and Injustice.”  
Invited Speaker, Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, Halifax Nova Scotia,  
December 2008.  
Invited Speaker, Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, University of Western  
Ontario, November 2008.

“If You Wrong Her, Shall I Not Forgive?”  
Invited Speaker, Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, Queen’s University,  
Kingston, November 2007.

**OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

“Distributive Justice and Reparations.”  
Commentator on Melany Banks, Canadian Philosophical Association, Ottawa Ontario, May  
2009.

“Love, Beauty, and ‘Anne Gregory’.”  
Commentator on Jeannette Bicknell, Canadian Philosophical Association, Ottawa Ontario,  
May 2009.

“The Supercession of Historical Injustices.”  
Commentator on Dwight Newman, Nathanson Centre Legal Philosophy Seminar Series,  
Osgoode Hall Law School, January 2009.

“The Ethicist’s Fables.”  
Panelist, “The Limits of Narrative,” Canadian Philosophical Association, Vancouver  
Canada, June 2008.

“Strategizing Changes in the Culture and Ideology of Philosophy.”  
Panelist, Committee on the Status of Women, American Philosophical Association, Pacific  
Division, Pasadena, March 2008.

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**OTHER PRESENTATIONS, CONTD.**

“Forgiveness and Moral Solidarity.”

*Forgiveness: Probing the Boundaries (First Global Conference)*, Salzburg, Austria, March 2008.

“If You Wrong Her, Shall I Not Revenge?”

Atlantic Canadian Philosophical Association, Halifax Canada, October 2007.

“Hegel, Evil and the End of History.”

Commentator on Eric Michael Dale, IWM Junior Visiting Fellows Conference, Vienna Austria, June 2006.

“Reconciling Politics and Morality in Hannah Arendt.”

Panelist, “Ethics and Politics in a Post-Metaphysical World,” Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto, May 2006.

“Depression as Moral Mood.”

Commentator on Ingra Schellenberg, Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto, May 2006.

“Practicing Forgiveness: A Feminist Approach.”

Boston Area Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, Cambridge MA, December 2005.

“The Ethics of Biodiversity and the Transgenic Respeciation of the Biosphere.”

Commentator on Sheldon Krinsky, Karbank Environmental Symposium, Boston, April 2004.

“Forgiving Feminism?”

Panelist, Feminism and Philosophy, New England Women’s Studies Association, Storrs Connecticut, April 2004.

**ALICE MACLACHLAN  
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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Current PhD Supervisory Committee Memberships in the Philosophy Graduate Programme:

- Ivana Nesovic, "What Naturalistic Approaches Tell Us About Morality."
- Bernard Ennis, "The Grounding of Morality in a Posthumanist Ontology."
- Nicholas Fenn, "Can Science be Emancipatory?"
- Nadia Halim, "Freedom Beyond Reason."
- Jason Breen, "The Poverty of Distribution: A Political Theory of Cosmopolitanism."
- Adam Rawlings, *Title TBA*.
- Hilary Martin, *Title TBA*.
- Ryan Tonkens, "The Virtues and Vices of Rigging the Natural Lottery."
- Andy Hryhorowych, *Title TBA*.

GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

- PHIL 5803 Core Practical Philosophy (with Robert Myers), Fall 2009.
- PHIL 6200 Theoretical Ethics: Contemporary Virtue Ethics, Fall 2008.
- PHIL 6000 Directed Reading: Moral Sentimentalism, Summer 2009 (3 students).
- PHIL 6000 Directed Reading: Contemporary Moral Theory, Winter 2008 (1 student).

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

- PHIL 1000 Introduction to Philosophy, 2007-2008, 2008-2009.
- PHIL 3510 Feminist Approaches to Ethics and Politics, Winter 2009.
- PHIL 3195 Punishment and Responsibility, Fall 2009.
- PHIL 4900 Honours Seminar (Topic: Retribution and Reconciliation), 2008-2009.
- PHIL 4000 Directed Reading: End of Life Issues (1 student).
- PHIL 4000 Directed Reading: Jean Hampton's Retributivism (1 student).

**ACADEMIC SERVICE TO YORK UNIVERSITY**

Petitions Committee, Faculty of Arts, 2008-2009, 2009-2010.  
Philosophy Representative, Faculty of Arts Council, 2007-2008.

Coordinator, York Certificate of Practical Ethics, 2009-2010.  
Board member, York Centre for Practical Ethics, 2008-2009, 2009-2010.  
SexGen York University Committee, 2007-2009.  
Judge, York University Student Ethics Bowl, February 2008.

Philosophy Graduate Programme Placement Committee, 2009-2010.  
Philosophy Graduate Programme Scholarships Committee, 2009-2010.  
Philosophy Graduate Programme Thesis Proposal Committee, 2007-2008, 2008-2009.  
Philosophy Department Speaker Series Committee, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010.  
Philosophy Department Library and Bookstore Committee, 2008-2009, 2009-2010.

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**ACADEMIC SERVICE TO YORK UNIVERSITY, CONTINUED**

Dean's Representative, Ph.D. Dissertation Defense:

Maria Botero del Pilar (York University). Title: "Primate Mother and Infant Interaction: Methods and Mind." August, 2009.

Dean's Representative, Ph.D. Dissertation Defense:

Jamie Pratt (York University). Title: "Ethics as Integrity: The Moral Psychology of Character." December 2007.

Dean's Representative, Ph.D. Dissertation Defense:

Shyam Ranganathan (York University). Title: "Translating Evaluative Discourse: The Semantics of Thick and Thin Concepts." September 2007.

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Coordinator, C-SWIP at the Canadian Philosophical Association,  
Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, 2008-2009, 2009-2010.

Founder and Moderator, Online Feminist Philosophy Draft Exchange, 2007-present.

Manuscript Proposal Review, Polity Press, July 2009.

Referee, Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, March 2009.

Referee, Canadian Philosophical Association, February 2009.

Manuscript Review, Palgrave MacMillan, March 2008.

Manuscript Review, Oxford University Press, November 2007.

Colloquium Participant, Liberty Fund Academic Colloquia:

"Society and Economy in Max Weber and Ludwig von Mises," February 2009

"Free Will, Moral Responsibility and Responsibility for Character," September 2008.

"John Millar on Liberty and Equality," August 2008.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Philosophical Association

Canadian Philosophical Association

Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy

Feminist Ethics and Social Theory

Society for Women in Philosophy, Eastern Division

Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love

**LANGUAGES**

French

Reading knowledge of Latin

Basic German