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Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION	Feminist Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Race
AREAS OF COMPETENCE	Philosophy of the City, Social Epistemology, Moral Philosophy, Bioethics
ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT	Associate Instructor (2022-) Office of Undergraduate Studies University of Utah

EDUCATION

University of Utah Ph.D., Philosophy Dissertation:	2016-2022	<i>Spatial Injustice</i> Dissertation committee: Cynthia Stark (advisor), Erin Beeghly, Carlos Santana, Stacy Harwood (Department of City & Metropolitan Planning, University of Utah), Quill Kukla (The Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University)
University of Utah M.S., Philosophy Thesis:	2014-2016	<i>Breaking the "Armored Ceiling:" Women in Combat Positions and the Ontology of Gender</i> Thesis committee: Cynthia Stark (advisor), Erin Beeghly, Leslie Francis
University of Maryland B.A., History, Philosophy Minor (summa cum laude)	2009-2013	

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Pedersen, L. (2020). Moving Bodies as Moving Targets: A Feminist Perspective on Sexual Violence in Transit. *Open Philosophy*, 3, 369-388. <https://doi.org/10.1515/opphil-2020-0134>

CURRENT WORK UNDER REVIEW

- *Challenging Women's Political Obligation to Serve: The Selective Service Act and Women's Asymmetrical Citizenship Status* (2022). Contribution to a book written by philosophers who are military veterans. Under contract with Oxford University Press.

PRESENTATIONS

- "Mapping the Distinctiveness of Spatial Injustice," Junior Scholars Workshop at the McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society, Stanford University, March 2021 (virtual meeting).
- "Mapping Spatial Justice: What Is It? What Do We Need It to Be?" Works in Progress Series, Department of Philosophy, University of Utah, November 2019.
- "Feminine Bodies as Moving Targets: Transit Sexual Violations and the Right to Freedom of Movement in the City,"
 - Philosophy of the City Conference, University of Detroit Mercy, October 2019.
 - Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Utah Valley University, October 2019.
- "Course Proposal for Philosophical Issues in Feminism: Lessons from Beyoncé's *Lemonade*," APA-AAPT Teaching Hub Poster session, APA Pacific, Vancouver, Canada, April 2019.
- "Spatial Injustice Understood Through the Dual Looping Effects of Human Kinds and Spatial Formations," Spatial In/justice Workshop: Linking Perspectives from Geography and Philosophy at the Centre for Ethics and Poverty Research, University of Salzburg, Austria, September 2018.
- "The Race Debate and the Work of Intuitions,"
 - Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI, March 2018.
 - APA Pacific, San Diego, March 2018.
- "Understanding Why Intuitions and the Census Survey Cannot Ground A Notion of Race," Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Brigham Young University, November 2017.
- "Feminism, Power, and Women in Combat Positions," Inclusive Philosophies Conference, Purdue University, April 2017.
- "Power and Women in Combat Positions: A Genealogical Approach," Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Weber St. University, November 2016.

COMMENTS

- Comments on K. Bailey Thomas's (University of Louisville) "Self-Recovery and Talking Back: Black Feminist Narrative Ethics through the Work of bell hooks," APA Eastern, Baltimore, January 2022.
- Comments on Alicia Patterson's (Georgetown University) "Knowledge Entitlements," APA Pacific, April 2021 (virtual meeting).
- Comments on Macy Salzberger's (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) "The Distinctiveness of Domestic Violence," The Bay Area Feminism and Philosophy (BayFAP) Workshop, San Francisco, May 2019.
- Comments on Holly Stevenson's (University of Iowa) "The Ethics of the "N-Word," Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, March 2017.
- Comments on Daniel Kranzelbinder's (Princeton) "Aristotle's Account of the Good: A New Proposal About the Structure of Analogy," Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, March 2016.
- Comments on Ethan Johnson's (Utah Valley University) "Foucault's Universalizable Individual," Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, March 2015.

SERVICE

- Chair, colloquium on "Deciding and Believing," APA Pacific, San Francisco, April 2023 (forthcoming).
- Reader for the University Academic Advising Community's Advisor Awards Committee (evaluating advisors for the Advisor of the Year award), March 2023.
- LEAP scholarship application reviewer, March 2023.
- Volunteer, Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, University of Utah, February 2023.
- Panel proposal reviewer for the 2023 Central Division AAPT/APA Teaching Hub, August 2022.
- Chair, colloquium on "Moral Emotions," APA Central, Chicago, February 2022.
- Referee, special issue of *East Asian Journal of Philosophy* on the topic of Philosophy of the City, September 2021.
- Member of the Bioethics Journal Club, University of Utah, August 2020- (run by Dr. Peggy Battin).
- Paper submission reviewer, Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, October 2019.
- Founding member and chapter representative of MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) at the University of Utah, September 2019.
- Student Teaching Advisory Committee (STAC) member, faculty evaluation reports, September 2019.
- Guest writer for the Philosophers' Cocoon blog on unconventional teaching ideas, [Teaching Beyonce's Lemonade in a Feminism Course](#), May 2019.
- Chair, colloquium on "Husserl and Merleau-Ponty on the Motivational Character of Experience," APA Pacific, Vancouver, Canada, April 2019.

- Book reviewer for SAGE Publishing, *Getting Real About Inequality: Intersectionality in Real Life* by Cherise Harris and Stephanie McClure, November 2018.
- Book reviewer in Professor Elijah Milgram’s weekly Kaffeeklatsch Reading Group. Read and reviewed Dr. Thi Nguyen’s manuscript for his forthcoming book *Games: Agency as Art*, August-December 2018.
- Administrative assistant for the conference Bias in Context: Psychological and Structural Explanations of Injustice, October 2017 (conference organizers: Erin Beeghly, Jules Holroyd, and Alex Madva).
- Conference organizer and co-chair, Intermountain West Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, March 2016.

AWARDS

- Ramona W. Cannon Award for Graduate Teaching Excellence in the Humanities, awarded by the University of Utah’s College of Humanities, Spring 2022.
- Alumni Scholarship for Veteran Persistence, awarded by the University of Utah Alumni Association & Veterans Support Center, 2021-2022.
- Philosophy Tanner Fellowship (tuition award), Fall 2020, Spring 2021.
- Marriner S. Eccles Graduate Research Fellowship, Fall 2019, Spring 2020.
- Associated Students of the University of Utah Travel Grant, September 2018; November 2019; April 2022.
- University Teaching Assistantship. Awarded stipend for proposal of new class design for Philosophical Issues in Feminism: Lessons from Beyoncé’s *Lemonade* (class taught Fall 2018, Spring 2019).
- Graduate Student Stipend, APA Pacific, San Diego, March 2018.
- Graduate Student Travel Assistance Award, The Graduate School at the University of Utah, November 2017.
- University of Utah, Department of Philosophy Travel Award, 2017-2019.
- University of Utah, Department of Philosophy Fellowship, 2014-2018.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Utah

As sole instructor:

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| • Engineering and Identity | *Spring 2024 |
| • Social and Ethical Implications of Engineering | *Fall 2023 |
| • Wellness and Life Balance | Fall 2022, *Fall 2023 |
| • Philosophy of Race | Spring 2022 |
| • Medical Humanities | Fall 2021, Spring 2022 |
| • Bioethics (online) | Fall 2020, Spring 2021 |
| • Philosophical Issues in Feminism:
Lessons from Beyoncé’s <i>Lemonade</i> | Fall 2018, Spring 2019 |
| • Intro: Survey of Philosophy | Fall 2017 |
| • Intro: Ethical Dilemmas (online) | Spring 2016, Summer 2016 |

Co-taught with fellow graduate student:

- Intro: Survey of Philosophy (online) Spring 2017, Summer 2017,
Summer 2018
- Intro: Human Nature (online) Summer 2015

As teaching assistant:

- Cognitive Science Spring 2018
(Instructor: Dustin Stokes)
- Profit and Poverty Fall 2016
(Instructor: Cynthia Stark)
- Intro: Human Nature Fall 2015
(Instructor: Anne Peterson)
- Intro: Ethical Dilemmas (online) Spring 2015
(Instructor: Jason Wyckoff)
- Intro: God, Faith, and Reason Fall 2014
(Instructor: Lex Newman)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association

American Association of University Women

International Social Ontology Society

LANGUAGES

Danish: fluent

German: reading and conversational proficiency

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Value theory:

- Advanced Political Philosophy: The Philosophy of Implicit Bias, Dr. Erin Beeghly
- Contemporary Ethics: Practical Reasoning, Dr. Elijah Millgram
- Advanced Political Philosophy: Race, Racism, and Beyond, Dr. Cynthia Stark
- Advanced Political Philosophy: John Rawls, Dr. Cynthia Stark (audit)

Metaphysics and epistemology:

- Deductive Logic, Dr. Lex Newman
- Advanced Deductive Logic, Dr. Jonah Schupbach
- Proseminar: Kripke's *Naming and Necessity*, Dr. Matthew Haber
- Philosophy of Art, Dr. Dustin Stokes
- Philosophy of science (seminar): Intuitions, Dr. Carlos Santana

History of philosophy:

- Ancient philosophy: Aristotle, Dr. Anne Petersen
- Proseminar: Plato's *Republic*, Dr. Eric Hutton
- Philosophy of Nietzsche, Dr. Elijah Millgram
- Early Modern Philosophy: British Empiricism, Dr. Lex Newman

SUMMER SCHOOL

“Public Philosophy and Social Ontology: Rights and Responsibilities for a Just Society.”

Instructors: Dr. Sally Haslanger, Dr. Stephanie Collins, and Dr. Frank Hindriks, University of Groningen, Holland, August 26-30, 2019.

Dissertation Abstract: “Spatial Injustice”
Louise Pedersen

Recently philosophers have identified several different types of injustice, such as ontic and epistemic injustice. My dissertation, drawing on the work of geographers and urban planners, identifies an additional overlooked type of injustice, which I call “spatial injustice.” Spatial injustice occurs when one is wronged and/or harmed as a direct result of a “consequential geography.” A consequential geography is a spatial arrangement primarily constructed by humans, and thus, shaped significantly by formal and informal political, social, and cultural processes. So, whereas hazardous waste sites, city parks, and public transportation systems are consequential geographies, glaciers and deserts are not. I focus mainly on urban spatial arrangements and discuss how someone’s spatial position within a consequential geography interacts with their social position, such as their gender, race, and class. For example, it is not a coincidence that hazardous waste sites are disproportionately placed within minority neighborhoods, or that public transportation networks make women particularly vulnerable to sexual violence and harassment.

My account unfolds in four stages. First, I outline the nature of spatial injustice, arguing for an account of spatial injustice that captures how a critical spatial perspective can further our understanding of injustice. I also criticize political philosophers for overlooking the importance of social space in theories of (in)justice and suggest that my notion of spatial injustice bridges a gap in the literature. Second, I argue that spatially just geographical urban domains take into account human differences. This view, which I identify as “representational pluralism,” encompasses three moral rights: the right to flourish, the right to recognition, and the right to access. Striving for representational pluralism in urban environments minimizes the harms and wrongs of spatial injustice by ensuring that these rights are preserved for all. Third, I investigate how ideology, such as racism and sexism, infiltrates the processes that shape consequential geographies and lead to spatial injustice. I argue that when this happens, the phenomenon of “divisive verticalization” occurs. Divisive verticalization constrains the ability of historically marginalized groups to control their own narratives and hence rejects their rights to flourish, to be recognized, and to have access. Finally, I apply my account of spatial injustice to a particular case: women’s vulnerability to sexual violence and harassment on public transportation. I argue that public transportation systems are a spatial expression of patriarchy and that we can, therefore, understand the injustices that women are apt to experience there as a form of spatial injustice.