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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Oregon, December 2011
Dissertation: *Co-Speech Gesture in Communication and Cognition*
Committee: Mark Johnson, philosophy (chair); Eric Pederson, linguistics; Ted Toadvine, philosophy; Naomi Zack, philosophy

M.A. in Philosophy, University of Oregon, May 2009

B.A. in Philosophy *with high honors*, minor in Linguistic Theory *with highest honors*; B.A. in Linguistics, Swarthmore College, May 2005

Courses in Philosophy and Linguistics, Oxford University, 2003–2004

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Enaction and Embodiment
Feminist Philosophy
Gesture Studies

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Cognitive Linguistics
Ethics
History of Western Philosophy (in particular Early Modern; 20th Century)
Philosophy of Language
Philosophy of Mind

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Worcester State University, Worcester, MA, September 2014–present

Program Area Chair (Director) of Women's Studies, Worcester State University, Worcester, MA, 2017-2018

Post-doctoral Researcher, IAS-Centre for Life, Mind and Society, Department of Logic and Philosophy and Science, University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), Donostia-San Sebastian, Spain, May 2014–August 2014

Post-doctoral Researcher, IAS-Centre for Life, Mind and Society, Department of Logic and Philosophy and Science, University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), Donostia-San Sebastian, Spain, July 2012–May 2014

Visiting Researcher, Center for Subjectivity Research, Department of Media, Cognition and Communication, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, January–February 2013

Visiting Scholar, Center for Human Interactivity, Institute of Language and Communication, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark, January-February 2013

Adjunct Instructor, Department of English, University of Oregon, Winter 2012

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, and GRANTS

Worcester State University-Worcester Art Museum Planning Grant, Summer 2017

Faculty Scholarship Mini Grant, Worcester State University, July 2016-June 2017

Ikerbasque Research Fellowship, Post-doctoral Research, May-August 2014

Marie Curie Fellowship, Experienced Researcher, TESIS (Towards an Embodied Science of Intersubjectivity), (FP7-PEOPLE-2010-ITN, 264828), Node San Sebastian, University of the Basque Country (UPV), 2012-2014

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of Oregon, English, 2010-2012

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of Oregon, Philosophy, 2006-2010

Center for the Study of Women in Society (CSWS), Research Grant for Graduate Studies, University of Oregon, 2008-2009

Graduate School, Conference Grant, University of Oregon, 2008-2009

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

1. *Linguistic Bodies: The Continuity Between Life and Language*. (Co-authors: Ezequiel Di Paolo and Hanne De Jaegher.) MIT Press, November 2018.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals:

1. “Temporality of sense-making in narrative interactions.” (Co-author: Yanna Popova.) *Cognitive Semiotics*, 11(1). doi: 10.1515/cogsem-2018-0007
2. “Meaning well: the interactive art of gesturing.” *Chiasmi Internationale: Trilingual Studies Concerning Merleau-Ponty’s Thought* 18 (2017): 233-246.

3. "Keep meaning in conversational coordination." *Frontiers in Psychology*, 5 (December 3, 2014), 1397.
4. "From participatory sense-making to language: there and back again." (co-authors: Ezequiel Di Paolo and Hanne de Jaegher). *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, (November 19, 2014), 1–37. doi: 10.1007/s11097-014-9404-9.
5. "Doubleness in experience: toward a distributed enactive approach to metaphoricity." (co-author: Thomas Wiben Jensen). *Metaphor and Symbol* 29:4 (September 25, 2014), 278-297.
6. "Gestural sense-making: hand gestures as intersubjective linguistic enactments." *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* 11:4 (December 30, 2012), 599-622.
7. "Habits of transformation." *Hypatia*, vol. 26, no. 3 (Summer 2011), 535-553.

Chapters in Edited Volumes:

1. "Taking the World by Hand: How (Some) Gestures Mean." (co-author: Jürgen Streeck.) In *Intercorporeality: Emerging Socialities in Interaction*, Christian Meyer, Jürgen Streeck, and Scott Jordan, eds. Oxford University Press. (August 7 2017).
2. "Friendless Women and the Myth of Male Nonage." In *New Philosophies of Love and Sex: Thinking Through Desire*. Edited by Sarah LaChance Adams, Christopher M. Davidson, and Caroline Lundquist. New York: Rowman and Littlefield (2016): 101-124.
3. "On Being Mindful About Misunderstandings in Languaging: Making Sense of Nonsense as The Way To Sharing Linguistic Meaning." In *Enactive Cognition at the Edge of Sense-making*. Massamiliano Cappuccio and Tom Froese, eds. Palgrave MacMillan (2014): 207-237.
4. "Living Bodies: Co-Enacting Experience." (co-author: Thomas Wiben Jensen.) In *Body-Language-Communication: An International Handbook on Multimodality in Human Interaction, Volume 2*. Cornelia Müller et al, eds. De Gruyter (2014): 2016-2025.

Reviews:

1. Review of *The Contradictions of Love: Towards a feminist-realist ontology of sociosexuality*. *Hypatia* special issue *Feminist Love Studies in the 21st Century*, edited by Ann Ferguson and Margaret Toye, Volume 32 Issue 1, 2017. Available 2016 via Hypatia Reviews Online: <http://hypatiaphilosophy.org/HRO/reviews/content/278>.
2. Review of Yanna B. Popova *Stories, Meaning, and Experience: Narrativity and Enaction*. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* (2016): doi: 10.1007/s11097-016-9462-2.
3. "Mining the Mismatch: An Essay Review." *Gesture* 11:2 (2011), 219-231.

PRESENTATIONS (selected)

2018 “How to Resist Things with Words,” Explorations in Linguistic Resistance Panel, *Radical Philosophy Association 13th Biennial Meeting*, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, November 10, 2018.

“Linguistic Bodies and Cognitive Linguistics,” Invited talk, *Enaction, Embodiment, and Language Symposium*, Center for Cognitive Semiotics, University of Lund, Lund, Sweden. May 18, 2018.

“Temporality of Sense-making in Narrative Interactions,” with Yanna Popova. Invited talk, *Enaction, Embodiment, and Language Symposium*, Center for Cognitive Semiotics, University of Lund, Lund, Sweden. May 18, 2018.

Invited remarks on “It’s Complicated: Two Historians, One Philosopher, and An Anthropologist Consider Sex, Consent, and Power in the Age of #MeToo” faculty panel, Worcester State University, Worcester, MA. March 27, 2018.

2017 “Linguistic Bodies and the Materiality of Microaggressions” Invited lecture, The Ethics and the Common Good Project, Hampshire College. October 12, 2017.

“Language and the Temporality of Sense-making.” (with Yanna Popova.) *ICLC14: Linguistic Diversity and Cognitive Linguistics* (14th biennial meeting of the International Cognitive Linguistics Association). University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia. July 10-14, 2017.

2016 “What Linguistic Bodies Do: An Enactive Reply to Davidson.” *Is There Any Such Thing as a Language? 30 Years After “A Nice Derangement,”* University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. November 17-18, 2016.

“Linguistic Bodies.” ENSO (ENactive Seminars Online). <http://ensoseminars.com/> November 10, 2016.

Comment on Michele Merritt “A Lived Body Not My Own: Shared Affect and the Constitution of Eating Disorders,” APA, Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA.

2015 “Intercorporeality, Idiosyncrasy, and the Limits of Gesture Meaning.” *Merleau-Ponty Circle, 40th Annual Meeting*. Worcester Polytechnic University, Worcester, MA.

2014 “The Social Dimension of Suffering: An Enactive Perspective.” (co-author: Miriam Kyselo). *Mind and Life International Symposium for Contemplative Studies 2014*. Boston, Massachusetts.

“From Participatory Sense-Making to Language: There and Back Again,” *Finding Common Ground*, University of Connecticut (invited keynote)

“Fitting and Forming the World at Hand: A Middle-way Metasemantics of Gesture Meaning,” *Speech and Gesture: Embodied Cultural Practices*, European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), Germany (invited presentation)

- 2013 “A Consideration of the Social-Cognitive Dynamics of Willing: Women and the Workplace Lean,” Aspects of Modern Selfhood, *Personalist Discussion Group at APA-Eastern*, Baltimore, Maryland
- Commentator on Dimitria Gatzia, “Cognitive Penetration and the Nature of Experience,” Colloquium on Perception at *APA-Eastern*, Baltimore, Maryland
- “Coordinating Experience: Metaphoricity and Emotional Learning,” with Thomas Wiben Jensen, *Research and Applying Metaphor (RaAM) Seminar 2013: Metaphor, Metonymy and Emotions*, Poznan, Poland
- “Languaging in Maturana and Merleau-Ponty,” Research Seminar, Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark (invited)
- “The Sense of Sense-making,” Colloquium Presentation, Center for Human Interactivity, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark (invited)
- Commentator on Shaun Gallagher, Soren Overgaard, and Sjoerd Ebisch panel “Social Perception and Empathy,” *Enactive and Phenomenological Approaches to Intersubjectivity*, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2012 “The Achievement of Metaphoric Meaning in Co-speech Gestures: Towards a Dynamic and Intersubjective approach,” *International Society for Gesture Studies (ISGS) Fifth Biennial Meeting*, Lund, Sweden
- “Linguistic Movement in Social Coordination: How an Enactivist Might Talk About Talking,” Colloquium Presentation, IAS-Centre for Life, Mind, and Society, San Sebastian, Spain
- 2011 “Pragmatic and Pragmatist Approaches to Gesture Study: Getting Normativity in Co-Speech Gestures,” *Summer Institute in American Philosophy*, Eugene, Oregon
- “Hand Gestures Perform Meaning,” *Big Ideas Symposium: Health and Human Performance*, Eugene, Oregon
- 2010 “Habits of Transformation: Embodied Freedom at the Heart of Existential, Genealogical and Pragmatist Feminist Ethics,” *University of Oregon Undergraduate Philosophy Conference*, Eugene, Oregon (invited)
- “Reconciling Deliberation and Difference in Writing Pedagogy”, *Radical Philosophy Association (RPA)*, Eugene, Oregon
- 2009 “Come on, Rorty (Don’t Fear the Reaper): Why Rorty Should Ditch Davidson”, *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Forest Grove, Oregon
- "Natural Born Babies? Bradley Method of Natural Childbirth: NatureCulture Mash-up", *Philosophical Inquiries into Pregnancy, Childbirth and Mothering*, Eugene, Oregon

2008 “Embodied and Engaged: The Empirical-Existential Ethic of John Dewey and Simone de Beauvoir”, *Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP) at APA-Eastern*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

“Self Magazine and the Art of Feminine Narcissism: A Call to Recultivate the Self-Cultivation Ethic of the Fashion-Beauty Complex”, *Radical Philosophy Association (RPA)*, San Francisco, California

“Towards a Like-Minded Ontology: Gesture and the Embodied Nature of Thought in David McNeill and Maurice Merleau-Ponty,” *Conceptual Structure, Discourse, Language 9*, Cleveland, Ohio

2007 “Can Knowledge Be Power? The Significance of Situation in Sexuality and Science (in Simone de Beauvoir)”, *Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences (SPHS) Annual meeting at Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*, Chicago, Illinois

“Disarticulating Response: Derrida and Agamben on Language and the Living,” *Perspectives on Otherness*, Memphis, Tennessee

TEACHING

Worcester State University:

Liberal Studies 190: *Introduction to Liberal Studies*

Liberal Studies 290: *Special Topic in Liberal Studies: Bodies Online*

Philosophy 100: *Introduction to Philosophy*

Philosophy 102: *History of Modern Western Philosophy 1600-1800*

Philosophy 110: *Critical Thinking*

Philosophy 152: *Philosophy of Love and Sex**

Philosophy 193: *First Year Seminar: Self in Society*

Philosophy 202: *Selected Topic in 20th-21st Century Philosophy: Self, Person, Identity*

Philosophy 221: *Phenomenology and Existentialism*

Philosophy 225: *Philosophy of Language**

Philosophy 301: *John Dewey: Body-Mind and Experience*

Philosophy 320: *Topics in Metaphysics and Epistemology: Bodily Basis of Mind and Meaning; Language and Ethics*

*courses introduced at WSU

University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU):

Philosophy of Science, Fall 2013

University of Oregon:

Philosophy 102 *Ethics*, Summer 2008

Philosophy 170 *Love and Sex*, Summer 2009

Writing 121 *College Composition 1*, Fall 2010 & 2011, Spring 2011, Winter 2012

Writing 122 *College Composition 2*, Winter 2011, Winter 2012

Graduate Teaching Fellow (University of Oregon):

Philosophy 102 *Ethics*, Winter 2007
Philosophy 110 *Human Nature*, Fall 2006, 2007 & 2008
Philosophy 170 *Love and Sex*, Spring 2007 & 2008
Philosophy 211 *Existentialism*, Spring 2009
Philosophy 213 *Asian Philosophy*, Winter 2008
Philosophy 310 *Ancient Philosophy*, Fall 2009
Philosophy 311 *Modern Philosophy*, Winter 2009
Philosophy 312 *19th Century Philosophy*, Spring 2010
Philosophy 344 *Intro to Phil of Law*, Winter 2010

SERVICE (selected)

Service to the Field:

Editorial Board, Review Editor, for *Frontiers in Psychology*, section *Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology*, June 2015–

Editorial Board, *Language Sciences*, June 2016–

Abstract Reviewer, Scientific Committee for RaAM (Association for Researching and Applying Metaphor) 2016

Ad-hoc Referee for *Moving Bodies in Interaction—Interacting Bodies in Motion: Intercorporeality and Interkinesthesia in Sports* (edited volume); *Language Sciences*; *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*; *Interaction Studies*; *Frontiers in Psychology*; *Environment and Planning A*; *Gesture*; *Cognitive Systems Research*; *Radical Philosophy Review*; *Frontiers in Sociology*

On-Site Conference Organizer, *Interacting Complexity: Cognition and Communication in Conflict Transformation*, Globernance Institute and IAS-Center for Life, Mind, and Society, San Sebastian, Spain, May 2014

On-Site Conference Organizer, International Conference on *Philosophical Inquiry into Pregnancy, Childbirth and Mothering*, May 2009

Institutional Service:

Faculty Member, Executive Board, MSCA, Worcester State University, Fall 2018–

Faculty Member, Women's Studies Advisory Board, Worcester State University, Fall 2018–

Program Area Chair, Women's Studies, Worcester State University, October 2017–May 2018

Faculty Member, Union Interdisciplinary Studies Committee, Worcester State University, September 2017–May 2018

Faculty Member, University Curriculum Committee, Worcester State University, September 2015–May 2017

Department Admissions Liaison, Philosophy Department, Worcester State University, 2014–2015, 2016–2017

Researcher and author, *Strategic Planning for Philosophy Department 2015–2020: A Report for the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences*, Worcester State University

Department Liaison for Celebration of Creativity and Scholarship, Philosophy Department, Worcester State University, 2015–2016

Women’s Caucus Organizer, Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTFF), September 2010–March 2011

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Studies Committee, Philosophy Department, University of Oregon, 2007–2009

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
International Society for Gesture Studies
International Cognitive Linguistics Association
Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences
Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love

LANGUAGES

English, native
Spanish, conversational and reading knowledge
French, reading knowledge
German, reading knowledge

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Stawarska, Beata. 2009. *Between You and I: Dialogical Phenomenology*. Ohio University Press. (proofreader)

Johnson, Mark. 2007. *The Meaning of The Body*. University of Chicago Press. (index)