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## Current Position

Professor  
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## Education

Ph.D (1983) University of California, San Diego, Philosophy  
("Two Types of Semantic Ambiguity," Dissertation Director: Zeno Vendler)

M.A. (1979) University of California, San Diego, Philosophy

B.A. (1975) University of California, Davis, Philosophy

## Awards

Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Fellowship, Harvard University, 2015-16

FIU 2014 Top Scholar Recognition

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellowship, Princeton University Center for Human Values, 2011-12

President's Promoting Diversity Award, FIU 2010

Cal Poly Pomona, University Diversity Champion Award, 2005

CSU Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Award, Spring 2001 & 2007

Associate Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center 1998-99

George P. Hart Award for Outstanding Faculty Leadership 1998 (Cal Poly Pomona)

## Authored Books

2015 *Philosophizing About Sex* (co-authored with Scott Stewart, Broadview Press)

2003 *Abortion and Social Responsibility: Depolarizing the Debate* (Oxford University Press)

1994 *Moral Dilemmas of Feminism: Prostitution, Adultery, and Abortion* (Routledge)

## Edited Books

- 2009 *You've Changed: Sex Reassignment and Personal Identity* (Oxford University Press)
- 1998 *Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality: The Philosophical Questions*, Co-Edited with N. Zack and C. Sartwell (Blackwell)

## Book Series Editor

- Explorations in Contemporary Social-Political Philosophy*, with N. Zack, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers:  
[https://rowman.com/Action/SERIES/\\_/ECSPRLG/Explorations-in-Contemporary-Social-Political-Philosophy](https://rowman.com/Action/SERIES/_/ECSPRLG/Explorations-in-Contemporary-Social-Political-Philosophy)

## Journal Articles

- 2021 Contract Sex: Decriminalization vs. Legalization, forthcoming in *Sexuality, Gender, and Policy*
- 2020 Rethinking the Integration Paradigm of Racial Justice, *Florida Philosophical Review* 19(1): <https://fpr.cah.ucf.edu/article/rethinking-the-integration-paradigm-of-racial-justice/>
- 2017 Just Two: Macedo and Marriage Equality, *Syndicate Philosophy*  
<https://syndicate.network/symposia/philosophy/just-married/#just-two>
- 2016 Decoupling Marriage and Parenting, *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 35(3): 496-512 (published online 2016; print publication August 2018)  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/japp.12241>
- 2016 African Americans, HIV, and Mass Incarceration, invited commentary, *The Lancet* <http://www.thelancet.com/series/aids-2016>
- 2013 Reforming Marriage: A Comparative Approach, *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 30(2): 107-21
- 2012 "Anatomy is Not Destiny": Sexual Orientation and Gender Variance, *Review Journal of Political Philosophy*, Volume 10 (Article republished in *Talk about Sex*, ed. Scott Stewart, Cape Breton University Press, 2013)
- 2012 Does the Government Need to Know Your Sex? *Journal of Political Philosophy* 20(2): 225-47 (published online 2010)
- 2008 Will Philosophers Study Their History or Become History? *Radical Philosophy Review* 11(2): 27-52.

- 2005 Which Side Are You On, APA? *Hypatia* 20(4): 234-37.
- 2005 Exposing the Fallacies of Anti-Porn Feminism, *Feminist Theory* 6(1): 45-65.
- 2003 Electoral Politics and Abortion. *Dissent* (Fall) (with comments by Brown and Petchesky and reply)
- 2002 From Reproductive Rights to Reproductive Barbie: Post-Porn-Modernism and Abortion. *Feminist Studies* 28: 61-93.
- 1999 Do Lesbian Prostitutes Have Sex With Their Clients?: A Clintonesque Reply. *Sexualities* 2: 259-261.
- 1996 Prostitution and the Case for Decriminalization. *Dissent* (Spring): 41-45.
- 1996 Feminism and Philosophy in the 90s. *Metaphilosophy* 27 (1-2): 214-217.
- 1994 Comment on Overall's "What's Wrong With Prostitution." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 19(2): 564-70.
- 1992 Is Sexual Desire Raced?: The Social Significance of Interracial Prostitution. *Journal of Social Philosophy* 23(1): 42-51.
- 1990 Feminist Film Aesthetics: A Contextual Approach. *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* 5(2): 137-148.
- 1989 Should Feminists Oppose Prostitution? *Ethics: An International Journal of Social, Political, and Legal Philosophy* 99(2): 347-361.
- 1988 Should There Be A Legally Enforceable Right To Comparable Worth: A Reply To Paul Weiler's 'NO'. *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies* 10 (Special Issue on "Women and Worth"): 45-48.
- 1987 Some Implications of Comparable Worth. *Social Theory and Practice* 13(1): 77-102.
- 1986 James Sterba On Nuclear Deterrence. *Peace and Change* 11(3-4): 85-88.
- 1981 Factivity and the Emotives. *Studies In Language* 5(2): 279-285.

#### Book Chapters

- 2021 A Solution to the Problem of Rape by Fraud, forthcoming in the *Handbook of Sexual Ethics*, Palgrave Publishers, D. Boonin, ed.
- 2017 Race, Health Disparities, Incarceration, and Structural Inequality, in *Oxford Handbook on the Philosophy of Race*, ed. N. Zack, Oxford University Press

- 2016 Prostitution in *Philosophy of Sex and Love*, eds. J.M. Petrik and A. Zucker, *Macmillan's Interdisciplinary Handbooks*
- 2015 Polygamy, Privacy, and Equality in *After Marriage*, ed. E. Brake, Oxford University Press.
- 2009 Sex and Miscibility, in *You've Changed: Sex Reassignment and Personal Identity*, ed. L. Shrage (NY: Oxford University Press): 175-93.
- 2003 Sexuality (co-authored with N. Tuana), in *Oxford Handbook of Practical Ethics*, ed. H. LaFollette (NY: Oxford University Press): 15-41.
- 2000 Equal Opportunity, in *A Companion to Feminist Philosophy*, eds. A. Jaggar and I. Young (NJ: Wiley-Blackwell): 559-568.
- 1997 Passing Beyond the Other Race or Sex, in *Race/Sex: Their Sameness, Difference and Interplay*, ed. N. Zack, (NY: Routledge): 183-190.
- 1995 Ethnic Transgressions: Confessions of an Assimilated Jew, in *American Mixed Race: The Culture of Microdiversity*. N. Zack, ed. (Rowman and Littlefield): 287-296.

#### Co-Editor

- 1998-2003 *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* (with Nancy Tuana, co-editor)

#### Edited Issues

- 2002 Guest Editor, "Highlights from the Pacific APA 2001," Special Issue of *Philosophical Studies* 108 (1-2).
- 1990 Guest Editor, American Philosophical Association's *Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, Winter and Spring Issues on "Feminism and Aesthetics."

#### Encyclopedia Entries

- 2015 Sex Reassignment, *Encyclopedia of Theory in Psychology* (Sage Publications)
- 2006 Catharine MacKinnon. *Historical Encyclopedia of Prostitution and Sex Work* (Greenwood Press)
- 2004 Feminist Perspectives on Sex Markets, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/feminist-sex-markets/> (revised and updated version 2007, 2012, 2016, and 2020)
- 2000 Prostitution, *Encyclopedia of Feminist Theories*, ed. L. Code (Routledge)

1995 Prostitution, *Encyclopedia of Bioethics* (Macmillan Publishing Co.)

Op-Ed Essays and Public Philosophy:

2019 “Confronting Philosophy’s Anti-Semitism,” *The Stone*, *The New York Times*, <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/18/opinion/philosophy-anti-semitism.html>

2018 “How to Talk About Abortion,” *The Stone*, *The New York Times*, <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/19/opinion/abortion-arguments-morality-policy.html>

2017 “We Need a Contract for Co-Parenting, Not Just for Marriage,” invited essay for *Aeon* <https://aeon.co/ideas/we-need-a-contract-for-co-parenting-not-just-for-marriage>

2016 “Should Prostitution Be Legal?” *WalletHub*: <https://wallethub.com/blog/should-prostitution-be-legal/24211/#laurie-shrage>

2015 “Why Are So Many Black Women Dying of AIDS?” Op-ed, *The New York Times*: <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/12/opinion/why-are-so-many-black-women-dying-of-aids.html>

2015 “When Prostitution is Nobody’s Business,” in “The Stone,” *The New York Times*: <http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/08/10/when-prostitution-is-nobodys-business/> (Reprinted in “*The Stone Reader: Modern Ethics in 77 Arguments*,” forthcoming)

2014 “Sex Crimes That Shouldn’t Be,” in “The Stone,” *The New York Times*: <http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/06/01/sex-crimes-that-shouldnt-be/>

2013 “Is Forced Fatherhood Fair?” in “The Stone,” *The New York Times*: <http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/06/12/is-forced-fatherhood-fair/> (Reprinted in “*The Stone Reader: Modern Philosophy in 133 Arguments*,” Norton/Liveright, 2015, and “*The Stone Reader: Modern Ethics in 77 Arguments*,” forthcoming). *The Wire*’s daily Best Five Columns: <http://www.thewire.com/national/2013/06/five-best-thursday-columns/66202/>

2013 *Women in Motion: Fitness, Sport, and the Female Body*, (Co-curated with Dionne Stephens and Jon Mogul), The Wolfsonian Museum, Miami Beach, May to August (Opening May 16, 2013)

2012 “The End of ‘Marriage,’” in “The Stone,” *The New York Times*:

<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/11/04/the-end-of-marriage/>  
(Reprinted in “*The Stone Reader: Modern Philosophy in 133 Arguments*,”  
Norton/Liveright, 2015, and “*The Stone Reader: Modern Ethics in 77  
Arguments*,” forthcoming)

2012 Debate Curator for the International Debate Education Association: (IDEA),  
<http://idebate.org/debatabase/debates/moral-religious/house-would-legalise-prostitution>

2011 Exhibit: “Women in Motion: Fitness, Sport, and the Female Body,” The  
Wolfsonian Teaching Gallery at the Frost Museum (FIU), (co-curated with  
Dionne Stephens and Jon Mogul)

#### Book Reviews, Notes, Forewords

2021 Foreword: *Dialogues on Abortion Ethics* (by Bertha Manninen, forthcoming,  
Routledge)

2019 Book Review: *Against Marriage: An Egalitarian Defence of the Marriage-Free  
State*, (by Clare Chambers), *Philosophical Review* 128: 2

2005 Book Note: *Making Babies: Is there a right to have children?* (by M. Warnock),  
*Ethics* 115 (April)

1996 Book Review: *Free Spirits: Feminist Philosophers on Culture* (by K. Mehuron  
and G. Percesepe), *Teaching Philosophy* 19 (December)

1996 Book Review: *Micro-Politics: Agency in a Postfeminist Era* (by Patricia Mann),  
*Ethics* 106 (January)

1995 Book Note: *Rethinking Ethics in the Midst of Violence* (by L. Bell), *Ethics* 105  
(April)

1992 Book Note: *Reconstructing Babylon: Essays on Women and Technology* (by P.  
Hynes), *Ethics* 102 (July)

1991 Book Note: *Social Feminism* (by N. Black), *Ethics* 101 (October).

1991 Book Review: *Thinking Fragments* (by J. Flax), *Canadian Philosophical  
Reviews* 11 (April).

1990 Book Note: *Women and Prostitution* (by Bullough and Bullough), *Ethics* 100  
(April)

1989 Book Review: *The Grounding of Modern Feminism* (by N. Cott), *Ethics* 100  
(October)

1987 Book Note: *Feminism and Political Theory* (by J. Evans et al.), *Ethics* 98 (October)

#### Works in Progress

- Philosophy and the Jewish Questions
- Contract Sex

#### Presentations since 2004:

July 24, 2021: "Abortion and Bodily Integrity" *An Unsafe Space: Symposium on Contemporary Feminism and Reproductive Freedom*, sponsored by Feminists Choosing Life of New York:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptZct1zBCE&t=16s>

November 2, 2018: "Rethinking the Integration Paradigm of Racial Justice," Presidential address for the Florida Philosophical Association, Pensacola State University

October 9, 2017: "Contract Sex: Decriminalization vs. Legalization," Parr Center for Ethics, UNC Chapel Hill

September 22 and 23, 2016 Speaker, Texas Tech University, "Sex for Pay: Decriminalization vs. Legalization," and "Desegregation or Integration?"

March 31, 2016, Speaker, Pacific APA Justice in the City Session, San Francisco

October 16, 2015, Speaker, Beyond Same-Sex Marriage Symposium. Arizona State University

October 13, 2015, Presenter, "Race, Health Disparities, Incarceration, and Structural Inequality," Center for Ethics, Harvard University

May 30, 2015, Moderator and Panel Organizer, Public Philosophy, Exploring Collaborative Contestations & Diversifying Philosophy, Villanova University

February 21, 2014, Speaker, "Polygamy, Equality, and Privacy," University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana

November 3, 2013, Speaker, Florida Philosophical Association, "Is the Promotion of Marriage Bad for Children?" Orlando

May 19, 2012, Speaker, 8th European Feminist Research Conference, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, "Reinventing the Sexual Contract"

May 4, 2012, Panelist for Roundtable on "Marriage, Morality, and the Law," James

- Madison Program on American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University
- April 11, 2012, Commentator for Bioethics Series paper on Gender Testing in Sports, Princeton University
- April 6, 2012, Speaker in invited session on "Philosophers on Parenting," American Philosophical Association Meetings, Pacific Division, Seattle
- April 4, 2012, Panelist on "Compulsory Monogamy," Society for the Philosophy of Love and Sex, American Philosophical Association Meetings, Pacific Division, Seattle
- January 23, 2012, "Marriage in a Free Society," Philosophy Department, University of Florida, Gainesville
- January 13, 2012, "Marriage in a Free Society," Philosophy Department, Arizona State University
- November 7, 2011, "Marriage in a Free Society," Fellows Seminar, The University Center for Human Values, Princeton University
- April 8, 2011, Invited Speaker, "Reinventing the Sexual Contract: Marriage, Sex, and Autonomy," Philosophy Department, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL
- December 28, 2010, Organizer and Chair, APA Committee Session: Author Meets Critics: Bruce Kuklick, Black Philosopher, White Academy: The Career of William Fontaine (postponed due to blizzard)
- November 26, 2010, Invited Speaker, "Let's Talk About Sex" Lecture Series, Cape Breton University, Sydney, Nova Scotia, "Sexual Orientation and Gender Variance"
- November 24, 2010, Invited Speaker, "Sex and the Citizen" Lecture Series, Mount Saint Vincent University and the Canadian Center for Ethics in Public Policy, Halifax, Nova Scotia, "Reinventing the Sexual Contract"
- December 2009, Commentator, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, New York City, for paper on "Gender, Essentialism, and Historical Kinds"
- October 22, 2009, Plenary Speaker: *Hypatia* at 25 Founders Panel; University of Washington
- May 2, 2009, Keynote Speaker, Sexual Selves Conference, University of Illinois, Urbana- Champaign, "The Idea of a Sexual Orientation and Its Relation to Sex Identity (with apologies to P.W....)"



October 2008, Speaker, Political Philosophy Podcast Symposium, Public Reason: a blog for political philosophers, "Does the Government Need to Know Your Sex?" <http://publicreason.net/wp-content/PPPS/Fall2008/LShrage2.pdf>

June 2008, Commentator on "A Sensible Anti-Porn Feminism," by A. Eaton, Symposia on Gender, Race, and Philosophy (Vol. 4, Winter) <http://sgrp.typepad.com/sgrp/symposia-list.html>

April 4-6, 2008, Invited Speaker, University of Calgary mini conference on the Philosophy of Gender

March 22, 2008, Commentator, Pacific APA session on Torture, Pasadena

November 8, 2007, Speaker, Center for Applied Ethics, CSULB, "Pro-choice" Critics of Roe

August 28, 2006, Speaker, Revising the California Democratic Party's Platform on Women, Claremont Democratic Club

March 26, 2006, Speaker, Is the Philosophy Blogosphere a Male Domain?, American Philosophical Association, Portland (APA Committee on the Status of Women)

March 25, 2006, Commentator, symposium on Fetuses and Moral Status, American Philosophical Association, Portland

January 18, 2006, Speaker, Annual Roe Lecture, Why Not "Wife Notification Laws?", Planned Parenthood of Pasadena

October 29, 2005, Speaker, Southern California Philosophy Conference, session on Gender Identity

September 24, 2005, Speaker, The Biology of Sex and Race, California Roundtable on Philosophy and Race, CSU Northridge

May 22, 2005, Speaker, Conference on Gender, The Body and Objectification, University of Sheffield Philosophy Department

March 26, 2005, Commentator, Multiculturalism and Women's Rights, American Philosophical Association Meetings, San Francisco

March 12, 2005, Invited Speaker, Conference on Sexual Difference and Embodiment, McGill University, Montréal

January 26, 2004, Speaker, "Motherhood, Marriage, and Democracy," University of

## Southern California, Gender and Sexuality Week series

October 30, 2005, Speaker, "How Queer is Sex Work," Southern California Philosophy Conference, UC Irvine

September 10, 2004, Invited Speaker, "How Queer is Sex Work," Philosophy Department, University of San Francisco

June 18, 2004, Speaker, "Exposing the Fallacies of Anti-Porn Feminism," International Association of Women Philosophers, University of Göteborg

March 27, 2004, Respondent, "Author Meets Critics" session on *Abortion and Social Responsibility*, American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division) meeting, Pasadena

January 20, 2004, Roe v. Wade annual speaker, "'Pro-Choice or No Choice' . . . and Other Alternatives," UCLA Center for the Study of Women

## Professional Affiliations

Executive Committee, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 2016-19

President, Florida Philosophical Association, 2018-19 (VP 2017-18)

APA Ombudsperson Concerning Discrimination and Sexual Harassment, 2008-11, and 2017-2020

Chair, APA ad hoc Committee on Sexual Harassment, 2016-17 (member, 2013-15)

Advisory Boards, *Feminist Philosophical Quarterly* and Oxford University Press Feminist Philosophy series

Member, Board of Directors, *Hypatia, Inc.*, 2012-16

Member, Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 1999-2002, 1993-96 [Program Chair for 2001 meeting]

## Employment History

2008-present Professor, Philosophy Department, FIU

1996-08 Professor, Philosophy Department, Cal Poly Pomona

1992-96 Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, Cal Poly Pomona

1987-92 Assistant Professor, Philosophy Program, Cal Poly Pomona

1986-87 Visiting Assistant Professor, Pitzer College (.5 appointment)

1986-87 Associate Director, Humanities Internship Program, Scripps College (.5 appointment)

1983-86 Assistant Professor, Lake Forest College

1982-83 Visiting Instructor, Philosophy Department, Howard University, Washington, DC

## Administrative Experience

2016-present Convener, Justice Studies Working Group, FIU

2012-14 Phi Beta Kappa (President, FIU Chapter)

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| 2012-14 | FIU Faculty Senate   |
| 2013-14 | Chair, Online Review Committee (FIU Senate subcommittee)                         |
| 2008-11 | Director, FIU Women's and Gender Studies Program                                 |
| 2010-11 | Chair, University Chairs Advisory Council (CAC, FIU)                             |
| 2010-15 | Member, FIU Institutional Review Board for the Health Sciences                   |
| 2007-08 | Coordinator Cal Poly Pomona Campus Forum Lecture Series and Hot Talk             |
| 2006-08 | Member, Cal Poly Pomona Review Committee for Honorary Degrees and CSU Wang Award |
| 2004-05 | Chair, Cal Poly Pomona Committee on Teaching, Learning, and Technology           |
| 1995-98 | Chair, Cal Poly Pomona Philosophy Department                                     |
| 1994-95 | Interim Chair, Cal Poly Pomona Ethnic and Women's Studies Department             |

### Courses Taught

#### *Philosophy:*

Social and Political Philosophy  
 Global Justice  
 Environmental Ethics  
 Biomedical Ethics  
 Philosophy of Love and Sex  
 Philosophy and Feminism  
 Ethical Theory  
 Philosophy of the Social Sciences  
 American Philosophy  
 Philosophy Through Children's Literature  
 Symbolic Logic/Critical Thinking  
 Philosophy of Language  
 Climate Change and Social Ethics  
 Introduction to Philosophy  
 The Situated Thinker: Autobiographical Writing by Philosophers

#### *Gender and Women's Studies:*

Gender, Health, and Social Justice  
 LGBT and Beyond: Sexualities in Global Perspective  
 Women and Work