

ROWAN BELL

CURRICULUM VITAE (UPDATED JULY 2023)

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 - **Assistant Professor**, Philosophy | Sexualities, Genders, and Social Change
University of Guelph (Guelph, Ontario)
- 2022-2023 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Philosophy | Preparing Future Faculty: Faculty Diversity
University of Missouri (Columbia, Missouri)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Areas of Specialization: feminist philosophy, trans philosophy, metaethics

Areas of Competence: social epistemology, social ontology, philosophy of race

EDUCATION

- 2022 **Ph.D.** in Philosophy
Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
Dissertation Title: "Gender Norms and Gendered Traits"
- 2014 **B.S.** (Magna Cum Laude) in Philosophy and Cognitive Psychology
East Tennessee State University (ETSU), Johnson City, TN

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming* "Being Your Best Self: Authenticity, Morality, and Gender Norms." *Hypatia*.
- Published* "(Un)Radical Feminism: Gender and the Limits of Imagination." In [To Boldly Stay: Essays on the Series that "Went" Where No Trek Had Gone Before](#). Sherry Ginn and Michael Cornelius, eds. McFarland Books, 2022.

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

["Gender Together: Identity, Community, and the Politics of Sincerity."](#) Blog of the APA (Women In Philosophy Series), January 12, 2023.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Under review* "The Role of a Lifetime: Trans Experience and Gender Norms"
- Under review* "It's Just Science!' Thick Concepts and Hermeneutical Misfit"

- Draft* “Distorted Identities: Hermeneutical Injustice and Normative Social Roles”
- Draft* “Playful Resistance: Gender Norms as Games”
- Draft* “Much Ado About Nothing: Deflating Gender Identity” (with [E.M. Hernandez](#))
- In progress* “What Is Philosophy For? ‘Sweaty Concepts’ and Methodological Conflict”
- In progress* “Retconning Gender: Trans Identity and Narrative Continuity”

SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

FINANCIAL AWARDS IN PARENTHESES

- Humanities Center Dissertation Fellowship (full funding for one academic year)
The Center for the Humanities, Syracuse University: 2022-23. *Offered and declined.*
- Summer Dissertation Fellowship (\$4000)
The Graduate School, Syracuse University: Summer 2021
- Graduate Dean’s Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Work (\$500)
The Graduate School, Syracuse University: Spring 2021
- SWIP-Analytic Annual Graduate Student Essay Prize (\$300)
Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP) and the CUNY Graduate Center: Spring 2020
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
The Graduate School, Syracuse University: Spring 2020 (standing title)
- Faculty Choice: Outstanding Student Award
Department of Philosophy & Humanities, ETSU, Graduating Class 2014

INVITED TALKS

- “Playful Resistance: Gender Norms as Games.” Queens University Trans Philosophy Colloquium Series, Queens University, Kingston, ON, January 2023
- “What Is Philosophy For? Sweaty Concepts and Methodological Conflict.” East Tennessee State University Speaker Series, ETSU, Johnson City, TN, October 2022
- “Inside and Out: Ascriptivism About Gendered Traits.” EQS: Early Queer Scholarship Series, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, October 2019

SELECTED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

COMPETITIVE SELECTION

- “What Is Philosophy For? Sweaty Concepts and Methodological Conflict.” Presented at Atlantic Regional Philosophers’ Association (ARPA) Annual Conference, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, October 2022
- “The Role of a Lifetime: Trans Experience and Gender Norms.” Presented at:
- Prindle Institute: Young Philosophers’ Lecture Series, DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, October 2022

- North American Society for Social Philosophy International Conference: Polarization, Reconciliation, and Community, Aston, PA, July 2022
- APA Pacific Meeting, Vancouver, BC, April 2022

“The Trans Authenticity Paradox.” Presented at the LGBTQ+ Advocacy Committee Session, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) Virtual Meeting, September 2021

“It’s Just Science: Thick Concepts and Hermeneutical Injustice.” Presented at the APA Central Meeting, virtual meeting, February 2021

“Distorted Identities: Hermeneutical Injustice and Normative Social Roles.” Presented at the APA Eastern Meeting, virtual meeting, January 2021

“Authenticity and Gender Norms.” Presented at MAP (Minorities And Philosophy) Flash Talks, virtual event, May 2020

“Inside and Out: Ascriptivism about Gendered Traits.” Presented at:

- MAPWorks (Minorities And Philosophy Spring Workshop Series), Columbia University, New York, NY, April 2019
- SWIPShop (Society for Women in Philosophy Workshop), Baruch College, New York, NY, February 2019

“Gender and Traits.” Presented at Social Ontology, Tufts University, Boston, MA, August 2018

EMPIRICAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate for the Applied Psychology Laboratory (APL) of ETSU, 2009-2011

PROJECTS

Examining the Campus Racial Climate and its Effect on Student Persistence. (TBR Diversity Study.) Dr. Leslie McCallister, project leader. 2009.

Gear Up Study. Desta Taylor, project leader. Longitudinal study of middle- and high-school students from Washington County area of East Tennessee. 2009-2010.

EMPIRICAL RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Bell, R.A., Taylor, D.A., White, C.D., Shi, D., Martin, B.A., & Dula, C.S. “Relationship between Grades, Academic Self-Efficacy, Family Conflict and Church Attendance.” Presented at Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, April 2010. **First Place Winner**

Taylor, D.A., Bell, R.A., Martin, B.A., & Dula, C.S. “We Wouldn't Call It ‘Fighting’: The differences in how parents and students view conflict and the effects on grades.” Presented at Tennessee Psychological Association, Nashville, TN, November 2009. **Third Place Winner**

Taylor, D.A., Martin, B.A., Gibson, B.W., Bell, R.A., & Dula, C.S. “Effects of Home Environment Type on Family Conflict and Extracurricular Activities.” Presented at Mid-South Psychology Conference, Memphis, TN, February 2010. **First Place Winner**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Mentor, University-Wide Graduate TA Orientation, Syracuse University Graduate School, 2019-2022. Competitive position.

Primary Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University

Spring	2022	Social & Political Philosophy
Fall	2021	Philosophy of Feminism
Spring	2021	Logic
Fall	2020	Philosophy of Feminism (hybrid)
Summer	2020	Philosophy of Feminism (online asynchronous)
Spring	2020	Human Nature
Fall	2019	Philosophy of Feminism
Summer	2019	Philosophy of Feminism (online asynchronous)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University

Spring	2019	Ethics and the Media Professions	Paul Prescott
Fall	2018	Introduction to Logic	Mark Heller
Spring	2018	Introduction to Logic	Michael Rieppel
Fall	2017	Philosophy of Feminism	Kara Richardson
Spring	2017	Human Nature	Neelam Sethi
Fall	2016	Theories of Knowledge and Reality	Robert van Gulick

GRANTS AWARDED

\$2500. Engaged Humanities Grant, Syracuse University. For Syracuse University's *Philosophy Lab*, a branch of the [Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization \(PLATO\)](#).

COMMENTARIES

Comments on "On Racial Disagreements and Racial Realities," by Alejandro Sandoval. APA Pacific Meeting, San Francisco, California, April 2023.

Comments on "When Racially Biased Perception Is Incompetent (And When It Isn't)," by Timothy Butzer. APA Central Meeting, Denver, Colorado, February 2023.

Comments on "Queering Early Modern Pride: Fittingness, Efficacy, and Networked pride in LGBT Liberation," by Lel Jones. APA Central Meeting, Denver, Colorado, February 2023.

Comments on "On Knowing the 'Why' and the Impossibility of Ethical AI," by Jennifer Szende. APA Eastern Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, January 2023.

Comments on "Is Gender Fictionalism Defensible and if not, How Should We Think About Gender?" by Lucia Dikaczova. Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Conference, Syracuse, NY, March 2022.

Comments on "The Role of Survival in Constructivism," by Stacy Kohls. Syracuse University ABD Workshop Series, Syracuse, NY, March 2022.

Comments on "No Desires are Relevant to Well-Being," by Nikki Fortier. Syracuse University ABD Workshop Series, Syracuse, NY, November 2021.

Comments on “Two Conceptions of Essences,” by Laura Nicoera. Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Conference, Syracuse, NY, April 2021. (Conference held virtually.)

Comments on “A Sensibility of Humour,” by Zoe Walker. Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Conference, Syracuse, NY, August 2020. (Conference held virtually.)

Comments on “The Wrongful Inclusion Problem and Jenkins’s Analysis of Gender Concepts,” by Evan Woods. Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Conference, Syracuse, NY, Mar 2017.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

* DENOTES PAID POSITION

Division Co-Representative: Canadian Philosophical Association, North American Society for Social Philosophy (NASSP), 2023-2026

Co-Chair, Missouri University Postdoctoral Association (MUPA), 2022-2023

Invited Panelist, MAP PhD Panel, Mudd Undergraduate Ethics Conference, March 2022

***President** (elected), SU Philosophy Graduate Student Organization, 2020-2021

***Founder and Organizer**, MAP Anti-Racist Reading Group, Summer-Fall 2020

Co-Organizer, MANCEPT Workshop, “What Is Gender? Vol. II”, September 2021 (online)

Lead Organizer, MANCEPT Workshop, “What Is Gender? Vol. III”, September 2022, Manchester, UK

Founder and Co-Organizer, Syracuse-Queens Social Metaphysics Group, 2020-2021

Peer Evaluator, Teaching Mentor Selection Committee, SU Graduate School TA Orientation, Spring 2020 & 2021

***Organizer**, SU Philosophy Women & Gender Minorities Group, SU Philosophy Department, 2018-2020

***Co-Organizer**, SU Philosophy Graduate Conference, SU Philosophy Department, 2017-2018

Activities Coordinator, SU Philosophy Graduate Student Organization, 2017-2020

Peer Reviewer: *Ergo*, *Hypatia*, *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*, *Journal of Social Ontology*, Polity Publishers

Member: American Philosophical Association (APA), Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA), International Social Ontology Society (ISOS), North American Society for Social Philosophy (NASSP), Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)

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