

JESSICA GELBER

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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, University of Toronto. 2018-present
Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, University of Pittsburgh. 2014-18
Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Syracuse University. Fall 2011-14
Lecturer, Philosophy Department, University of California, Berkeley. Fall 2010-11

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley. Ph.D. 2010
Post-Baccalaureate Program in Classics, UCLA. Completed 1999
B.A. in Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley. B.A. 1997

ADVANCED CLASSICS TRAINING

Aestiva Romae Latinitatis (Summer Latin in Rome). Summer 2006
American School of Classical Studies at Athens. Summer 1997

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

1. “Form and Inheritance in Aristotle’s Embryology” in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* XXXIX, Winter 2010
2. “Are Facts about Matter Primitive?” in *Theory and Practice in Aristotle’s Natural Philosophy*, D. Ebrey (ed.), Cambridge University Press, May 2015
3. “Aristotle on Essence and Habitat” in *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* XLVIII, Summer 2015
4. “Females in Aristotle’s Embryology” in *Aristotle’s Generation of Animals: A Critical Guide*, A. Falcon and D. Lefebvre (eds.), Cambridge University Press, 2017
5. “Uses of *aporiai* in *Generation of Animals*” in *The Aporetic Tradition in Ancient Philosophy*, G. Karamanolis and V. Politis (eds.), Cambridge University Press, 2017
6. “Soul’s Tools” in *Heat, Pneuma and Soul in Ancient Philosophy and Medicine*, C. King, H. Bartos (eds.), forthcoming
7. “Aristotle’s Teleological Perspective in Biology” in *The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle’s Biology*, S. Connell (ed.), forthcoming
8. “Two Ways of Being For an End” in *Phronesis: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy*, vol. 63, 2018

IN PROGRESS

1. *Aristotle on Seed*, in preparation for a *Cambridge Critical Guide to Aristotle’s de Anima*, C. Cohoe (ed.), Cambridge University Press
2. *Necessity ex hypotheseōs and haplōs*, in preparation for a *Cambridge Critical Guide to Aristotle’s Parts of Animals*, S. Connell (ed.), Cambridge University Press

DISSERTATION

Causes and Kinds in Aristotle's Embryology

Dissertation Committee: Alan Code (chair), John MacFarlane, A.A. Long.

TALKS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

Scientific Explanations in Aristotle's Parts of Animals

- Critical Philosophical Approaches to Aristotle's *Parts of Animals* Conference, Cambridge University, Faculty of Classics, August 21-3, 2019
- McGill University, S. Menn's Research Seminar, October 5, 2019

Could Aristotle Countenance Interspecies Teleology?

- McGill University, Philosophy Department Colloquium, October 4, 2019
- McMaster University, Philosophy Department Colloquium, March 1, 2019

Aristotle on Seed

- Aristotle's *On the Soul* Conference, University of Denver/Metropolitan State University of Denver, April 11-3, 2019

Teleology and Politics I.8

- Pacific Division APA, San Diego, CA, March 28, 2018
- Eastern Division APA, Savannah, GA, January 3, 2018
- Yale Working Group in Ancient Philosophy, April 22, 2016
- Allan Gotthelf Memorial Conference, University of Pittsburgh, October 30-November 1, 2015
- Boston University, Philosophy Department Colloquium, October 2, 2015
- Political Animals in Ancient Philosophy Conference, Munich School of Ancient Philosophy, July 3-4, 2015

Two Ways of Being an End

- CNY Humanities Corridor Ancient Philosophy Spring Workshop, Syracuse University, May 6, 2017
- Duquesne University, Philosophy Department Colloquium, March 31, 2017
- 40th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, UT Austin, Feb. 24-5, 2017
- NYU Works in Progress Series, November 18, 2016
- Grand Valley State University, Philosophy Department Colloquium, October 14, 2016

De Incessu 8

- Workshop on *de Incessu Animalium*, University of Patras, Greece, July 11-15, 2016

A Case Study of Aristotle's Use of Aporiai in Natural Science: Generation of Animals

- Workshop on the Aporetic Tradition in Ancient Philosophy, Trinity College Dublin, November 28-30, 2014

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Aristotle on Essence and Habitat

- 11th Annual NYU Conference on Issues in the History of Modern Philosophy, November 21-22, 2014
- University of Pittsburgh Philosophy Department, February 7, 2014

Heat and Cold and Nature's Tools

- Junior Faculty Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Notre Dame, May 2, 2015
- Conference on Aristotle and his predecessors on heat, *pneuma* and soul, Prague, June 12–14, 2014

Aristotle on Frigid Femininity

- Invited Symposium: Ancients on Animals and Ethics, APA Central Division, Chicago, February 26-30, 2014

Comments on Leunissen

- Princeton Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy: Necessity and Teleology in Aristotle's Natural Philosophy, December 7-8, 2013

Habitat for Humanity (and other living beings)

- 36th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, UT Austin, March 21-3, 2013
- Power Structuralism in Ancient Ontologies Visiting Speaker Series, Oxford University, June 14, 2013

Females, Teleology, and Mistakes

- Duquesne University, February 14, 2015
- Conference on Form and Necessity: On Aristotle's *Generation of Animals*, Sorbonne, Paris, January 9-11, 2014 (*paper delivered on my behalf due to cancelled flight)
- CNY Humanities Corridor Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Syracuse University, August 9, 2013
- Workshop on Sexual Difference in Aristotle's Biology and Politics, McGill University, September 27-28, 2012

Are Facts about Matter Primitive?

- Munich School of Ancient Philosophy, LMU Munich, May 30, 2012
- Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Oxford University, May 24, 2012
- Theory and Practice in Aristotle's Natural Philosophy Conference, Northwestern University, April 20-22, 2012

One-way Touching

- SAGP Conference, Fordham University, October 21-23, 2011

What is the Point of Teleological Explanation?

- SUNY Geneseo, Philosophy Department, December 9, 2011
- University of Rochester, Philosophy Department, October 28, 2011
- 34th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis, March 5, 2011

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- Cal Philosophy Forum, UC Berkeley, April 13, 2011
- Syracuse University, Philosophy Department, February 9, 2011
- University of Vermont, Philosophy Department, February 7, 2011
- Cornell University, Philosophy Department, February 4, 2011
- University of Massachusetts Amherst, Philosophy Department, January 28, 2011
- Emory University, Philosophy Department, January 20, 2011
- Florida State University, Philosophy Department, January 17, 2011
- University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, Philosophy Department, December 2010
- Workshop on Aristotle's Philosophy of Biology, University of Western Ontario, September 4, 2010
- Townsend Center Working Group in Ancient Philosophy, UC Berkeley, March 3, 2009

Form and Inheritance in Aristotle's Embryology

- Wellesley College, Philosophy Department, January 31, 2011
- Harvard University, Philosophy Department, January 15, 2010
- UC Berkeley, Philosophy Department, December 3, 2009
- PhilFemme Symposium, UC Berkeley, December 14, 2008
- London-Berkeley Graduate Conference, Institute of Philosophy, University of London, May 9, 2008
- Princeton-Rutgers Ancient Philosophy Conference, Princeton University, April 12, 2008

Monsters and Multiple Births

- 3rd Pittsburgh-London (Ontario) *Generation of Animals* Workshop, University of Pittsburgh, November 16, 2007

Sub-specific Features are Not Due to Form

- History Workshop, Department of Philosophy, UCLA, November 2, 2007
- Townsend Center Working Group in Ancient Philosophy, UC Berkeley, October 23, 2007

Invited Workshop Participant

- Workshop on Aristotle: New Perspectives, Rutgers University, May 9-10 2013 (Chair for Keith McPartland, "Hypothetical Necessity and Two Conceptions of Function")
- Workshop on Hylomorphism in Aristotle and Kant, University of Toronto, November 11-12, 2012 (Comments on A. Bonello, "Forms, Species, and the Spontaneous Generation of Living Beings")
- 4th Annual Toronto Workshop in Ancient Philosophy: Agency Amidst Natural Teleology, University of Toronto, March 16-18, 2012 (Chair for J. Rosen, "Do Natural Ends Provide Reasons for Action?")
- Workshop on Aristotle's Philosophy of Biology, University of Western Ontario, September 4, 2010
- 5th Pittsburgh-London (Ontario) *Generation of Animals* Workshop, University of Western Ontario, May 25-27, 2010 (Comments on Joe Karbowski, "Endoxa and the Bees in *GA* III.10")

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- Aristotle on the Limits of Natural Science, Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, November 21-22, 2008
- 4th Pittsburgh-London (Ontario) *Generation of Animals* Workshop, University of Pittsburgh, April 26-27, 2008
- 3rd Pittsburgh-London (Ontario) *Generation of Animals* Workshop, University of Pittsburgh, November 16, 2007
- 2nd Pittsburgh-London (Ontario) *Generation of Animals* Workshop, University of Pittsburgh, May 16-17, 2007

COMMITTEES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Toronto:

- Planning and Policy Committee member, Philosophy Department, 2019-21
- Search Committee member, Classics and Philosophy Departments, 2018-19

University of Pittsburgh:

- Graduate Committee member, Philosophy Dept., 2017-18
- Graduate Admissions Director, Philosophy Dept., 2015-16, 2016-17
- ALS Selection Committee member, Center for Philosophy of Science, 2016-17, 2017-18
- Search Committee member, Philosophy Dept., 2014-15

Syracuse University:

- Colloquium Committee member, Philosophy Dept., 2012-13
- Founder and Organizer, CNY Humanities Corridor Ancient Philosophy Working Group. 2013
- Graduate Admissions Committee, Syracuse University Philosophy Department, 2012-13

Profession:

- Referee for *Ancient Philosophy*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Classical Antiquity*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, *AGP*, *Apeiron*, *Ergo*

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS

SSHRC Insight Grant, University of Toronto, April 1, 2019-March 31, 2023

Type I Third Term Research Stipend, Dietrich School of A&S, U. of Pittsburgh, 2016

Senior Fellow, TOPOI Excellence Cluster, Berlin, June 2009

UC Dissertation-Year Fellowship, 2007-8

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, 2004-5

Phi Beta Kappa, 1997

TEACHING

at University of Toronto:

Undergraduate Courses

- *Ancient Philosophy*. Fall-Winter 2018-19, 2019-20

Graduate Seminars

- *Aristotle on Life*. Winter 2019
- MA Proseminar: *Aristotle's Natural Teleology*. Fall 2019

at University of Pittsburgh:

Undergraduate Courses

- *History of Ancient Philosophy*. Fall 2014, 2015, 2016, Fall 2017
- *Plato*. Fall 2017
- *Issues in Philosophy: Animals*. Fall 2014

Graduate Seminars

- *Aristotle's Natural Teleology*. Spring 2016
- *De Anima*. Spring 2017
- *Plato's Republic*. Spring 2018

at Syracuse University:

Undergraduate Courses

- *Critical Thinking*. Spring 2013, Spring 2014
- *Honors Introduction to Philosophy*. Fall 2012, Fall 2013
- *Ancient Philosophy*. Fall 2012, Fall 2013
- *Seminar for Majors: Plato's Republic*. Fall 2011
- *Aristotle on Knowledge and Reality*. Spring 2013

Graduate Seminars

- *Cause and Explanation in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy* (co-taught with Kara Richardson). Spring 2012
- *Nous*. Spring 2014

at UC Berkeley:

Undergraduate Courses

- *Introduction to Ancient Philosophy*. Fall 2010, Summer 2009, 2008
- *Special Topics in the History of Philosophy: Plato's Republic*, Fall 2010, Summer 2010
- *Special Topics in the History of Philosophy: Aristotle's Metaphysics and Science*. Spring 2011

Other:

- Seminar series: *Aristotle's De Generatione Animalium and the Notion of Soul*, TOPOI Excellence Cluster, Berlin. June 2009