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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Epistemology; Philosophy of Language

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: Metaphysics; Decision Theory; Metaethics; Feminism and Gender Issues

CURRENT POSITION: SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of Calgary **2013-2014**

FUTURE POSITION: Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy College of Charleston **2014-**

PREVIOUS POSITION: Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Waterloo **2012-2013**

EDUCATION:

PhD, Philosophy **2008 - 2012**
University of Waterloo

“Reasonable Assertions: On Norms of Assertion and Why You Don’t Need to Know What You’re Talking About.”

Advisor: Tim Kenyon

MA, Philosophy **2005 - 2006**
Dalhousie University

“Local Justification: A New Look at Epistemic Justification”

Advisor: Tom Vinci

BA Honours with Distinction, Philosophy **2000 - 2005**
University of Victoria

PUBLICATIONS:

Refereed Journal Articles:

1. McKinnon, R. (Forthcoming). "Stereotype Threat and Attributional Ambiguity for Trans Women." *Hypatia*.
2. McKinnon, R. (Forthcoming). "Lotteries, Knowledge, and Irrelevant Alternatives." *Dialogue*.
3. McKinnon, R. and Doucet, M. (Forthcoming). "This Paper Took Too Long to Write: A Puzzle about Overcoming Weakness of Will." *Philosophical Psychology*.
4. McKinnon, R. and Turri, J. (2013). "Irkable Assertions." *Philosophical Studies*, 166(1), pp. 123-128.
5. McKinnon, R. and Simard Smith, P. (2013). "Sure the Emperor Has No Clothes, but You Shouldn't Say That." *Philosophia*, 41(3), pp. 825-829.
6. McKinnon, R. (2013). "Getting Luck Properly Under Control." *Metaphilosophy*, 44(4), pp. 496-511.
7. McKinnon, R. (2013). "The Supportive Reasons Norm of Assertion." *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 50(2), pp. 121-135.
8. McKinnon, R. (2012). "What I Learned in the Lunch Room about Assertion and Practical Reasoning." *Logos and Episteme: An International Journal of Epistemology*, Vol 3(4), pp. 565-569.
9. McKinnon, R. (2012). "How Do You Know that 'How Do You Know?' Challenges a Speaker's Knowledge?" *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 93(1), pp. 65-83.
10. McKinnon, R. (2011). "Lotteries, Knowledge, and Practical Reasoning." *Logos and Episteme: An International Journal of Epistemology*, Vol. 2(2), pp. 225-31.

Invited Contributions:

1. McKinnon, R. (Forthcoming). "Review of Clayton Littlejohn's *Justification and the Truth-Connection*." *Mind*.
2. McKinnon, R. (Forthcoming). "Some Thoughts on Being a Trans Professor." In *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves*. Oxford University Press. Expected release: Summer 2014.

In Preparation:

The Norms of Assertion. Book manuscript.

"You Make Your Own Luck." Special issue of *Metaphilosophy* on luck. [Invited]

"Propaganda, Lies, and Misleading Language in *Bioshock*." *Bioshock and Philosophy*, Blackwell Popular Culture and Philosophy series. Luke Cuddy, (ed.).

PRESENTATIONS:

Refereed Conference Papers:

1. McKinnon, R. (2013). "Stereotype Threat for Trans Women." Diversity in Philosophy conference, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, May 2013.
2. McKinnon, R. (2013). "Stereotype Threat and Attributional Ambiguity for Trans Women." Implicit Bias, Psychology, and Philosophy conference. Sheffield, England, April 2013.
3. McKinnon, R. (2013). "Stereotype Threat and Trans Women." 2013 meeting of the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2013.
4. McKinnon, R. and Simard Smith, P. (2013). "Sure the Emperor Has No Clothes, but You Shouldn't Say That." American Philosophical Association, Central Division, New Orleans, February 2013.
5. McKinnon, R. (2012). "The Supportive Reasons Norm of Assertion." Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Victoria, October 2012.
6. McKinnon, R. (2011). "Responding to Prompts and Challenges." Canadian Philosophical Association, University of New Brunswick, May 2011.
7. McKinnon, R. (2011). "Responding to Prompts and Challenges." Society for Exact Philosophy, University of Manitoba, May 2011.
8. McKinnon, R. (2010). "Giving Warrant Credit in Warranted Assertibility." Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary, October 2010.
9. McKinnon, R. (2010). "Giving Warrant Credit in Warranted Assertibility." Amsterdam Graduate Philosophy Conference, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands, October 2010.
10. McKinnon, R. (2006). "Rationalizing Non-Rational Choice Situations." Canadian Philosophical Association, York University, May 2006.

Invited Contributions:

Presentations

1. McKinnon, R. (2014). "You Make Your Own Luck." Department of Philosophy Speaker Series, University of Calgary, April 2014.
2. McKinnon, R. (2013). "Stereotype Threat and Implicit Bias: Gender Identities and Women's Representation in STEM and Philosophy." Keynote address, Trent Bias Conference, Trent University, Peterborough, March 2013.
3. McKinnon, R. (2012). "Trans/feminism and Stereotype Threat for Trans Women." University of Waterloo Women's Centre "Find Your Feminism" speaker series. October 2012.

Commentaries

1. McKinnon, R. (2013). Commentary on Geoff Pynn's "Assertibility in Context." American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2013.
2. McKinnon, R. (2012). Commentary on Ken Boyd's "Assertion, Practical Reasoning, and Excuses." Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Waterloo, May 2012.
3. McKinnon, R. (2012). Commentary on John Turri's "Knowledge and Suberogatory Assertion." Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Waterloo, May 2012.
4. McKinnon, R. (2011). Commentary on Eric Dayton's "Ability, Modality, Luck: On Epistemic Agency." Canadian Philosophical Association, University of New Brunswick, June 2011.

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

Participant (mentee) in the 2013 Mentoring Project for Pre-Tenure Women Faculty in Philosophy Workshop, Epistemology Group. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, June 2013.

OUTREACH:

1. Presenting panellist at two workshops on gender inequity in philosophy for the Philosophy Graduate Students Association at the University of Calgary. November 14 and 21, 2013.
2. McKinnon, R. (2013). "Gender transition isn't a whim, so why the mistrust?" *The Conversation*.
<http://theconversation.com/gender-transition-isnt-a-whim-so-why-the-mistrust-19783>

3. McKinnon, R. (2013). "Trouble making the change: my transgender experience." *The Conversation*.
<http://theconversation.com/trouble-making-the-change-my-transgender-experience-18527>
4. Presenting panellist discussing transgender stereotypes. GLOW, University of Waterloo, November 2012.
5. McKinnon, R. (2012). "On the Job Market as a Transgender Candidate." *Chronicle of Higher Education*. August 27, 2012.
<http://chronicle.com/article/On-the-Job-Market-as-a/133958/>
6. McKinnon, R. (2012). "Coming Out in Class." *Chronicle of Higher Education*. June 25, 2012. <http://chronicle.com/article/Coming-Out-in-Class/132403/>

HONOURS AND AWARDS:

2013-2014 SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$43,000 in 1st year, \$38,000 in 2nd year)
2011-2012 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)
2011-2012 University of Waterloo President's Graduate Scholarship (\$10,000)
2011 Inaugural University of Waterloo Department of Philosophy Award for Excellence as a Graduate Student Instructor
2010, 2011 University of Waterloo Travel Grant Award
2010 University of Waterloo Graduate Senate Award
2008-2012 University of Waterloo Arts Graduate Experience Award
2008-2012 University of Waterloo Graduate Scholarship
2006 Dalhousie University Travel Grant Award
2005-2006 Dalhousie University Faculty of Graduate Studies Scholarship
2003 NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award
2000-2001 XV Commonwealth Games Scholarship

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

University of Calgary

Winter 2014 Phil 561/661: Norms of Assertion (15 students)

University of Waterloo

Winter 2013 Phil 350: Theories of Knowledge (30 students)
Winter 2013 Phil 215: Professional and Business Ethics (150 students)
Fall 2012 Phil 110B: Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics and Values (50 students)
Fall 2012 Phil 145: Critical Thinking – Distance Education (65 students)
Spring 2012 Phil 110A: Introduction to Philosophy: M+E (45 students)
Spring 2012 Phil 215: Professional and Business Ethics (120 students)
Spring 2011 Phil 215: Professional and Business Ethics (110 students)

