

Megan A. Dean
Curriculum Vitae

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Department of Philosophy
Michigan State University
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AOS: Feminist Philosophy, Bioethics, Science and Values

AOC: Philosophy of Food, 20th Century Continental Philosophy (especially phenomenology and Michel Foucault), Philosophy of Science, Fat Studies

EDUCATION

2019 PhD in Philosophy (with Distinction), Georgetown University
2012 MA in Philosophy, University of Alberta
2009 BAH in Contemporary Studies and Philosophy (First Class Honours), University of King's College and Dalhousie University

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2020- Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Michigan State University
2019-2020 Chauncey Truax Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Hamilton College

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

2020 Dean, M. "A Defense of Mindless Eating." *Topoi* (2020).
Guidry-Grimes, L., M. Dean, E. Victor. "Covert Administration of Medication in Food: A Worthwhile Moral Gamble?" *Journal of Medical Ethics*. Published online first: February 14.
2019 Dean, M. "Identity and the Ethics of Eating Interventions." *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* 16.3 (2019): 353-364.
2018 Dean, M. "Eating Identities, 'Unhealthy' Eaters, and Damaged Agency." *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* 4.3 (2018). Article 3.
2016 Dean, M., E. Victor, L. Guidry-Grimes. "Inhospitable Health Care Spaces: Why Diversity Training on LGBTQIA Issues Is Not Enough." *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* 13.4 (2016): 1-14.
2015 Heyes, C., M. Dean, L. Goldberg. "Queer Phenomenology, Sexual Orientation, and Health Care Spaces: Learning from the Narratives of Queer Women and Nurses in Primary Health Care." *Journal of Homosexuality* 63.2 (2015): 141-155.
2014 Dean, M. "You Are *How* You Eat? Femininity, Normalization, and Veganism as an Ethical Practice of Freedom." *Societies* 4.2 (2014): 127-147.
2011 Dean, M. "Visualizing Resistance: Foucauldian Ethics and the Female Body Builder." *PhaenEx: Journal of Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture* 6.1 (2011): 64-89.

Conference Proceedings

- 2012 Dean, M. "Hasana Sharp's *Spinoza and the Politics of Renaturalization*, Feminism, and Embodiment." *PhaenEx: Journal of Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture* 7.2 (2012): 239-247.

Book Reviews

- 2020 Dean, M. Review of Ásta, *Categories We Live By: The Construction of Sex, Gender, Race, & Other Social Categories*. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 98:3 (2020): 623-627.
- Dean, M. Review of Morris, Amelia, *The Politics of Weight: Feminist Dichotomies of Power in Dieting*. *London School of Economics Review of Books Blog*, January 24. Web. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2020/01/24/book-review-the-politics-of-weight-feminist-dichotomies-of-power-in-dieting-by-amelia-morris/>
- 2013 Dean, M. "On Fat Agency, Activism, and Academia." Review of Chastain, Ragen, *Fat: The Owner's Manual: Navigating a Thin-Obsessed World with Your Health, Happiness, and Self-Esteem Intact* and McMichael, Lonie, *Talking Fat: Health Vs. Persuasion in the War on our Bodies*. *Fat Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Body Weight and Society* 2.2 (2013): 210-215.
- 2011 Dean, M. "Considering the Value of Bodily Transgressions." Review of Bobel, Chris; Kwan, Samantha, eds., *Embodied Resistance: Challenging the Norms, Breaking the Rules*. *H-Histsex, H-Net Reviews*. December, 2011. Web. <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=33952>

Edited Volumes

- 2014 Dean, M. and R. Kukla, *Regulating Bodies in the 'Obesity Era': Ethical, Social, and Legal Perspectives*. Special issue, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* 24.3 (2014).

Blog Posts

- 2020 Dean, M. "Stress Eating in the Time of Covid-19." *Fit is a Feminist Issue*. March 21.
- Dean, M., Guidry-Grimes, L., Victor, E. "What's in the Applesauce? Reflections on the Covert Administration of Medication in Food." *Journal of Medical Ethics Blog*. February 14.
- 2018 Dean, M., M. Denning, D. Luciano. "Reflections on Accessibility." *Approaching the Anthropocene: Global Culture and Planetary Change Blog*. June 1.
- Dean, M., M. Denning. "Best Practices for (More) Sustainable Events: Event Planning in Compromised Times." *Approaching the Anthropocene: Global Culture and Planetary Change Blog*. April 19.
- 2017 Dean, M. "Mini Cupcakes? Really, Google Maps?" *Fit is a Feminist Issue*. October 14.
- Dean, M. "Some Thoughts on Affect, Action, and White Women Who Marched." *Philosophers Reflect on the Women's March. Discrimination and Disadvantage Blog*. January 31.
- 2015 Dean, M. "Can we Train the Shame Away?" *Fit is a Feminist Issue*. November 6.
- 2012 Dean, M. "[Guest Post]." *Hook and Eye: Fast Feminism Slow Academe*. July 23.

Interviews

- 2018 Dean, M. "Dialogues on Disability: Shelley Tremain Interviews Megan Dean." By Shelley Tremain. *Discrimination and Disadvantage Blog*. January 17.

Video

- 2020 Dean, M. "Why it Matters How We Eat." *Public Philosophy Network Video Series*. YouTube.

PRESENTATIONS**Invited Presentations**

- 2020 "Why it Matters How We Eat," St. Paul's Girls School Medical Ethics Society, London, England, Nov. 4. (Upcoming.)
 "Big Fat Liars, Sneaky Dieters, and Factitious Allergies: On Distrust and Eating," Culinary Mind Half-Baked Colloquia Series, October 16.
 "Time to Eat: Healthist Eating and our Experience of Time." *Philosophers on Eating*, Culinary Mind Online Symposium, June 26.
 "Green Eating, Green You? Or, Why Being Too into Healthy Eating is Bad for you and the Environment," Food and Sustainability Series, Levitt Public Affairs Center, Hamilton College, NY, February 18.
 "Why it Matters How We Eat: Food Ethics and Eating as a Self-shaping Activity," Contemporary Studies Programme, University of King's College, Halifax, NS, Canada, January 15.
- 2019 "Young Women, Eating Disorders, and Vegetarianism: An Ethical Analysis of an Uncertain Hypothesis," Bioethics Club, William Paterson University, NJ, December 5.
 "Food Ethics and Eating as a Self-shaping Activity," Philosophy Department at Illinois State University, IL, November 21.
 "The Value of Mindless Eating," Food Justice and Morality Workshop, Hamilton College, NY, September 20-22.
- 2017 "Healthism, Eating, and the Anthropocene." Anthropocene Impacts: A Work-in-Progress Forum, Approaching the Anthropocene: Global Culture and Planetary Change, Georgetown University, November 28.
 "Unhealthy Eater as Damaged Identity." Prospective Students Day, Philosophy Department, Georgetown University, March 31.
 "Eating, Agency, and Fat." American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Baltimore, MD, January 4-7.
- 2016 "Who Fits in Philosophy?" Philosophy Outside the Canon, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia, October 28.
- 2012 "Panel Presentation on Hasana Sharp's *Spinoza and the Politics of Renaturalization*," Joint panel for The Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture and The Canadian Philosophical Association, Waterloo, ON, May 31-June 3.

Peer-reviewed Presentations

- 2020 "Big Fat Liars: Testimonial Injustice, Untrustworthy Eaters, and Eating Identities," FEMMSS. Conference cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2019 "Vegetarianism and Eating Disorders: An Ethical Analysis of an Uncertain Hypothesis," Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, Guelph, ON, October 25-27.
 "Covert Drugging in Food: A Worthwhile Moral Gamble?" With L. Guidry-Grimes and E. Victor. American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. Pittsburgh, PA,

- October 24-27.
- "Covert Drugging in Food: A Feminist Ethical Analysis." With L. Guidry-Grimes and E. Victor. 36th International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Rome, Italy, July 21-27.
- "Food Ethics and Eating as a Self-shaping Activity," American Philosophical Association Central Division, Denver, CO, February 20-23.
- 2018 "Covert Drugging in Food: A Feminist Ethical Analysis." With L. Guidry-Grimes and E. Victor. Feminist Approaches to Bioethics World Congress, Bangalore, India, December 3-5.
- "In Defense of (Some) Mindless Eating," Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, Sydney, NS, September 28-30.
- "In Defense of Mindless Eating," Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics and Science Studies, Corvallis, OR, August 1-5.
- "Identity and the Ethics of Eating Interventions," Canadian Bioethics Society, Halifax, NS, May 23-25.
- 2017 "Identity and the Ethics of Eating Interventions," Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, London, ON, October 27-29.
- 2016 "Be a Good Influence (on Yourself!): A Foucauldian Critique of Situationist Moral Theory," Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, Sackville, NB, November 4-6.
- "Who's a Good Eater?" Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics and Science Studies, South Bend, IN, October 2-4.
- "Situationist Moral Theory and Foucault." Canadian Philosophical Association, Calgary, AB, May 29-June 1.
- "Who's a Good Dieter?" Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes, Calgary, AB, May 28-31.
- 2015 "Fat Shame is not Moral Shame." Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, Regina, SK, October 23-25.
- "Losing Normal: On Mourning Norms and *Murderball*." Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, Ottawa, ON, June 2-5.
- "Inhospitable Healthcare Spaces: Why Training on LGBTQIA Issues Is Not Enough." With E. Victor and L. Guidry-Grimes. Canadian Bioethical Society, Winnipeg, MB, May 27-29.
- 2014 "Inhospitable Healthcare Spaces: Why Training on LGBTQIA Issues Is Not Enough." With E. Victor and L. Guidry-Grimes. American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, San Diego, CA, October 16-19.
- "You Are How You Eat: A Foucauldian Critique of Dietetics Research on Eating Disorders & Vegetarianism." Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics and Science Studies/Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, Waterloo, ON, August 10-13.
- "Fat Shame as a Way of Being-In-The-World." Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, St. Catherine's, ON, May 27-29.
- "When Knowing Better is Not Enough: A Foucauldian Defense of Feminist Critiques of Embodiment." Feminism: Body, Image, Power, Villanova University, PA, March 21-22.
- 2013 "Nourishing a Beautiful Life: Ethics, Vegetarianism, and Disordered Eating." philoSOPHIA: A Feminist Society, Banff, AB, May 2-5.

- 2012 “Experiential Truth and Fiction: Toward a Foucauldian Strategy for Undoing Certainties.” Association for Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics and Science Studies, The Pennsylvania State University, PA, May 10-12.
- 2011 “Experiential Truth and Fiction: A Foucauldian Strategy for Undoing Certainties.” Diotima: A Graduate Conference for Feminist Philosophers, Western University, ON, September 23-24.
- “Foucauldian Ethical Resistance and the Muscled Woman.” Canadian Philosophical Association, Fredericton, NB, May 30-June 2.
- “The Muscled Woman and the Weight Lifter: The Importance of the Image in Foucauldian Askesis.” Foucault Circle, Banff, AB, March 25-27.

Commentaries

- 2015 “Commentary on ‘Cartesian Prejudice and Critique of Gender in Poullain de la Barre’ by Amy Schmitter.” Canadian Philosophical Association, Ottawa, ON, May 31-June 3.
- 2012 “Commentary on ‘Critique of Haslanger’s Concept of Woman,’ by Stephanie Kapusta.” Canadian Philosophical Association, Waterloo, ON, May 27-30.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- 2020 Harold N. Glassman Dissertation Award in the Humanities, Georgetown University – \$2,500
- 2019 American Philosophical Association Graduate Student Travel Stipend - \$300
- 2018-2019 Graduate School Ph.D. Assistantship Stipend, Georgetown University - \$29,000
- 2017-2018 Mellon-Sawyer Predoctoral Fellowship, “Approaching the Anthropocene: Global Culture and Planetary Change” - \$28,000
- 2017 Graduate School Fellowship Stipend, Georgetown University - \$5,846.55
- Jean Harvey Student Essay Award, Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy - \$200
- 2016 Bioethics Bootcamp Stipend, University of Pennsylvania - \$3000
- 2015 Jean Harvey Student Essay Award, Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy - \$200
- 2013 – 2017 Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council – \$80,000
- 2013 – 2016 Graduate School Ph.D. Assistantship Stipend and Tuition Scholarship, Georgetown University - ~\$26,000/year plus tuition
- 2011 – 2012 Graduate Student Scholarship, Alberta Advanced Education and Technology – \$3000
- QEII Graduate Scholarship, Master’s Level, University of Alberta - \$10,800
- 2010 – 2011 J. Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Master’s - \$17,500
- Walter H Johns Graduate Fellowship, University of Alberta - \$5010
- University of Alberta Master’s Scholarship - \$17,000 plus tuition (declined)
- Honorary University of Alberta Master’s Scholarship

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Primary Instructor

Michigan State University

Ethics of Health Care (Fall 2020)

Hamilton College

Ethics and Politics of Food (Spring 2020)

- Reviewer, *Feral Feminisms*, special issue on "Untimely Bodies: Futurity, Resistance, and Non-normative Bodies"
- 2014 Reviewer, *Florida Philosophical Review*
- 2013 Reviewer, *PhaenEx*, special issue on "Animal and Food Ethics"
- 2012 Reviewer, *Philosophy and Technology*

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2020-2021 Committee Member, Undergraduate Committee, MSU Philosophy Department
- 2020 Alumna Speaker, Placement Meeting, Georgetown Philosophy Department, June 5
Faculty Speaker, Philosophy Graduate School Information Session, May 7,
Hamilton College Philosophy Dept.
Co-organizer, Junior Faculty Retreat, Feb. 7-9, Hamilton College
- 2019-2020 Coordinator, Junior Faculty Writing Group, Hamilton College
- 2017-2018 Volunteer Advisor to Student Health Services and International Students Office,
Georgetown University
- 2016-2017 Committee Member, Reporting, Resources, and Policies Subcommittee, Sexual Assault
Task Force, Georgetown University
- 2014-2017 Founder and Coordinator, Diversifying Syllabi Summer Reading Group, Georgetown
Philosophy Dept.
- 2015-2016 Coordinator, European Philosophy Workshop, Georgetown Philosophy Dept.
- 2011-2012 Graduate Student Representative, Dept. of Philosophy Staff Council, University of
Alberta
- 2010-2011 President (pro tem), Graduate Residence Student Council, Graduate Residence,
University of Alberta

OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2018 Apprenticeship in Teaching Program, Center for New Designs in Learning and
Scholarship, Georgetown University
- 2016 Bioethics Bootcamp, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 2015 Decolonizing Knowledge and Power, Center of Study and Investigation for Decolonial
Dialogues, Barcelona, Spain

OTHER LANGUAGES

French, intermediate (read, write, speak)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy