

**Megan A. Dean**  
Abbreviated 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

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

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

**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

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Refereed Journal Articles**

2022 [Forthcoming] Dean, M. "The 'worst dinner guest ever': On "gut issues" and epistemic injustice at the dinner table." *Gastronomica: The Journal for Food Studies*.

2021 Dean, M. "Eating as a Self-Shaping Activity: The Case of Young Women's Vegetarianism and Eating Disorders." *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* 7.3 (2021).  
Guidry-Grimes, L., M. Dean, E. Victor. "Covert Administration of Medication in Food: A Worthwhile Moral Gamble?" *Journal of Medical Ethics* 47 (2021): 389-393. [Published online first 2020]  
Dean, M. "A Defense of Mindless Eating." *Topoi* 40 (2021): 504-516. [Published online first 2020]

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.

### Other Refereed Publications

2021 Cornell, C. and M. Dean. "Assessing Outside the Box: The Open Format Assignment." *The FLT MAG*. September 3, 2021.

### Book Chapters

2022 [Forthcoming] Dean, M. "Feminist Global Food Ethics." *Routledge Handbook on Feminist Bioethics*. Eds. Wendy Rogers, Stacy Carter, Vikki Entwistle, Catherine Mills, and Jackie Leach Scully.

### 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

2021 Dean, M. "Lessons on Eating in a Pandemic." *MSU Bioethics in the News* (blog), January 21, 2021.

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.

### Other Publications

- 2022 Dean, M. "Reflection on the Feminist Bioethics and the Pandemic." *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics* 15.1 (2022): 98-99.

### Interviews

- 2022 Dean, M. "APA Member Interview: Megan Dean." By Sabrina D. MisirHiralall. *American Philosophical Association Blog*. February 11.
- 2021 Dean, M. "Megan Dean – Food for Thought." By Bridget Carrigan. *Bricks: Talking to Strong Women*. April 12. (Podcast)
- 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

- 2022 "Panel presentation on Quill R. Kukla's *City Living*." American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, January 14.
- 2020 "Why it Matters How We Eat," St. Paul's Girls School Medical Ethics Society, London, England, November 4.  
"Big Fat Liars, Sneaky Dieters, and Factitious Allergies: On Distrust and Eating," Culinary Mind Half-Baked Online Colloquia Series, October 16.  
"Time to Eat: Healthist Eating and our Experience of Time." Philosophers on Eating, Culinary Mind Online Symposium, June 26.  
"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.  
 “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

- 2022 [Upcoming]. “Smuggled donuts and forbidden fried chicken: Analyzing ethical tensions around family and food restrictions in hospital settings.” With Laura Guidry-Grimes. World Congress of Bioethics, Basel, Switzerland, July 20-22.  
 [Upcoming]. “The ‘Worst Dinner Guest Ever’: On the moral difficulties of eating right with food allergies and intolerances.” Cultivating Connections: Meeting of The Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and Association for the Study of Food and Society, Athens, GA, USA. May 18-21.
- 2021 “Lessons from Eating in a Pandemic: New Directions for Bioethics of Food,” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, virtual conference, October 11-16.  
 “Lessons from Eating in a Pandemic,” Canadian Bioethics Society, virtual conference, May 26-28.
- 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. 36<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Campus and Departmental Talks**

2020 “On Distrust and Eating: The Case of Fictitious Food Allergies.” Philosophy Department  
Faculty Works-in-Progress, Michigan State University, December 11.  
“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.

2017 “Unhealthy Eater as Damaged Identity.” Prospective Students Day, Philosophy  
Department, Georgetown University, March 31.

### **AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS**

2022 Center for Interdisciplinarity (C4I) Seed Grant, for “An interdisciplinary approach  
to infant growth and development in Mexico: the role of structural, sociocultural,  
and biological factors,” with Nerli Paredes Ruvalcaba, Elena Ruíz, Alejandra Núñez  
de la Mora, and Masako Fujita. -- \$10,000

2020 Harold N. Glassman Distinguished Dissertation Award in the Humanities, Georgetown  
University – \$2,500

2019 American Philosophical Association Graduate Student Travel Stipend - \$300

2017-2018 Mellon-Sawyer Predoctoral Fellowship, “Approaching the Anthropocene: Global  
Culture and Planetary Change” - \$28,000

2017 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

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*

PHL 840: Seminar in Value Theory: Ethics of Food and Eating (Spring 2022)  
PHL 344: Ethics of Health Care (Fall 2020, Spring & Fall 2021, Spring 2022)  
PHL 356: Philosophical Issues of Feminism (Spring & Fall 2021)

##### *Hamilton College*

Ethics and Politics of Food (Spring 2020)  
Bioethics and Disability (Spring 2020)  
Philosophy of the Body (Fall 2019)

*Georgetown University*

Bioethics and Disability (Spring 2019)

Philosophy of Science (Summer 2018, Fall 2018)

Bioethics (Fall 2016)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 2021-                   Mentee, College of Arts and Letters Faculty Mentoring Program, Michigan State University
- 2021                   Book Proposal Accelerator, Manuscript Works
- 2020-2021            Digital Humanities Pedagogy Learning Community, Michigan State University
- 2020                   Participant, Summer Online Instruction Readiness for Educational Excellence (SOIREE) Program, Michigan State University
- 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 Summer School, Center of Study and Investigation for Decolonial Dialogues, Barcelona, Spain

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

- Affiliated faculty, Center for Interdisciplinarity (C41), Michigan State University
- Core member, Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), Michigan State University
- Socially Engaged Philosophy of Science (SEPOS)
- American Philosophical Association
- American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
- Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy
- Canadian Bioethics Society
- Southwest Ontario Feminism and Philosophy Group
- International Association of Bioethics
- Association for the Study of Food and Society

**OTHER LANGUAGES**

French, intermediate (read, write, speak)