

KRISTINA MESHELSKI

Employment Chair, Philosophy Department, CSUN 2023-present
Professor, California State University, Northridge, 2022-present
Associate Professor, California State University, Northridge, 2017-2022
Assistant Professor, California State University, Northridge, 2011-2017

Area of Specialization Social and Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy

Areas of Competence Logic, Spinoza, Philosophy of Race, Gender, and Sexuality,
Applied Ethics

Education Ph.D. University of Virginia, 2011
Dissertation: "The Structure of Injustice: A New Approach to Nonideal Theory"
Director: A. John Simmons
B.A. University of California, Los Angeles, 2003

Publications

"Housing Markets," *The Routledge Companion to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics*, edited by C.M. Melenovsky, (2022)
Book review: Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen, *Making Sense of Affirmative Action*, *Ethics* 131:4 (2021)
"Affirmative Action is not Morally Wrong," *Ethics: Left and Right*; edited by Bob Fischer (Oxford University Press, 2019)
"Rawls's Socialism and Pure Procedural Justice," *Ethical Perspectives* 26:2 (2019)
"Amartya Sen's Nonideal Theory," *Ethics & Global Politics* 12:2 (2019)
"Procedural Justice and Affirmative Action," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 19:2 (2016)
"Infinite Modes," in *Spinoza: Basic Concepts*, edited by Andre Santos Campos (Imprint Academic: 2015)
"Two Kinds of Definitions in Spinoza's *Ethics*," *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 19 (2011)

Papers Under Review/In Progress

"Socially Constructed Identities and Rawls's Original Position"
"Social Contract and Globalization"

Presentations (Peer-reviewed)

"Housing and Exploitation" accepted for the 2021 PPE Meeting, cancelled for COVID
"The Consequences of the Social Construction of Race for Social Contract Theory" PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 29, 2019
"Racial Displacement and Housing Justice" PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 28, 2019

- “The Consequences of the Social Construction of Race for Social Contract Theory” International Social Ontology Society, Tufts University, August 24, 2018
- “Pure Procedural Justice and Property-Owning Democracy” 9th Braga Summer-School in Political Philosophy & Public Policy, University of Minho, July 5, 2018
- “The Significance of Pure Procedural Justice” Zicklin Center Normative Business Ethics Workshop Series, The Wharton School, UPenn, March 16, 2018
- “Calexit from a Social Contract Perspective” (Poster) *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress 10* University of Colorado, Boulder, August 12, 2017
- “The Basic Structure as the Subject of Justice” colloquium at Eastern APA, Baltimore, MA, January 7, 2017
- “Socially Constructed Identities and Rawls's Original Position” (main program) *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress 8*, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 9, 2015
- “The Social Contract and Globalization” (Poster) *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress 7*, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 9, 2014
- “The Social Contract and Globalization” *Ideals and Reality in Social Ethics*, University of South Wales, Caerleon Campus, April 10, 2014
- “Structures not Institutions” *On the Scope of Distributive Justice Workshop*, Central European University, Budapest, July 6, 2012
- “Feminism and Non-Ideal Theory: The Problem with Facts” *International Association of Women Philosophers*, University of Western Ontario, June 26, 2010
- “Non-Ideal Theory and the Basic Structure” *Canadian Political Science Association*, Concordia University, Montreal, June 2, 2010
- “Ideal Theory and the Basic Structure” *6th Annual MMU Workshops in Political Theory*, Manchester Metropolitan University, September 3, 2009
- “Definitions, Axioms, and Postulates in Spinoza’s *Ethics*” *University of Virginia Philosophy Department Annual Blandy Farm Retreat*, October 16, 2006

Public Talks and Media Appearances

- Small Revolutions Panelist on Youth Homelessness, sponsored by the East Hollywood, Silverlake, and Los Feliz Neighborhood Councils, February 11, 2021-available as a podcast at <https://soundcloud.com/alex-crow-205500691/youth-homelessness>
- Housing Justice from Trump to Biden Panelist, California Center for Ethics & Policy (CCEP) at Cal Poly Pomona, January 29, 2021 – available as video or podcast at <https://ccepsecuringjustice.podbean.com/e/episode-1-housing-justice-from-trump-to-biden/>
- Featured interview: “Meet the PHIMBYs California’s Public Housing Advocates” Bloomberg CityLab: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-13/meet-the-phimbys-california-s-public-housing-advocates>
- Featured guest on Left Coast podcast episode 35: How much does your Hawkins cost? California Housing Crisis, March 2018 <https://www.podchaser.com/podcasts/left-coast-533166/episodes/e035-how-much-does-your-hawkin-28128555>

Interviewed: “San Francisco’s Civil War” Slate.com, June 28, 2017:

<https://slate.com/business/2017/06/yimbys-and-the-dsa-cant-get-along-despite-their-common-enemy-high-rent.html>

Fellowships and Awards

CSUN Sabbatical for research, awarded for Fall 2022

CSUN College of Humanities Faculty Fellowship, one course reassigned time for research Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2022

CSUN Probationary Faculty Research Support Program Summer Grant Summer 2015, Summer 2016

NEH Seminar Participant “Liberty, Equality, and Justice: Philosophical Problems in Domestic and Global Contexts” Directed by Christopher H. Wellman and Andrew Altman, University of Washington, St. Louis, June 4-29, 2012

University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Year Fellowship (one of twenty) 2009-2010

University of Virginia Second-Year Council Class of 2010 Dinner Series Invitee (for faculty who have inspired second-year undergraduates) 2008

University of California, Los Angeles Alumni Scholarship 1999-2000

Invited Presentations, Comments, and Workshops

Invited Portland State University talk on housing politics 2020 – cancelled due to pandemic

Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Colloquium “Mill and Hayek,” Arizona October 2017

Comments on Reis-Dennis and Yao, “‘I Love Women’: The Conceptual Inadequacy of ‘Implicit Bias’” at the Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress 2017

“Calexit from a Social Contract Perspective” Cal State Long Beach Applied Ethics Forum, February 23, 2017

Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Colloquium “Limits of State Sovereignty: Revolution, Intervention, and Succession” Santa Fe, New Mexico, October 8-10, 2015

Comments on Duncan Purves’ “How to Raise the Levelling Down Objection without an Appeal to the Slogan,” *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress* 7, UC Boulder, August 8, 2014

“Socially Constructed Identities and Rawls’s Original Position,” Injustice League Lecture Series, University of Connecticut, September 25, 2015

Invited Participant in “Liberty, Punishment, and Criminalization,” *Liberty Fund Colloquia*, Miami, FL, January 10-13, 2013.

Comments on Tommie Shelby’s “Justice, Work, and the Ghetto Poor,” *Political Theory Colloquia*, University of Virginia, March 25, 2011

Comments on Fonna Forman-Barzalai’s “Escape from Isolation: rethinking justice in a global age,” *Politics, Philosophy, and Law Colloquia*, University of Virginia, March 2, 2011

Comments on Harvey Mansfield’s “Manliness,” *Forum for Contemporary Thought*, University of Virginia, March 1, 2007

Comments on Christina Hoff Sommers’ “The War on Boys,” *Forum for Contemporary Thought*, University of Virginia, October 9, 2006

Courses Taught

- CSUN:** Phil 497: Senior Research Seminar
Phil 403: Contemporary Philosophy
Phil 446: Advanced Social and Political Philosophy
Phil 406: Philosophy of Sex, Gender, and Sexuality
Phil 365: Social and Political Philosophy
Phil 348: Feminism and Philosophy
Phil 310: Philosophical Problems
Phil 303: Sexual Ethics
Phil 230: Introduction to Formal Logic
Phil 150: Introduction to Philosophy
LRS 250: Reason, Belief, and Education (Integrated Teacher Education Program)
- UVA:** Phil 163: Masculinity
Phil 161: Introduction to the Philosophy of Art

Undergraduate Student Research Supervised

Ryan James Cook-“Discrimination Revised: Reviewing the Relationship between Social Groups, Disparate Treatment, and Disparate Impact” *Moral Philosophy and Politics* 2:2 (2015)

Selected University Service

Chair of the Philosophy Department	2023-present
Associate Chair of Philosophy Department	2016-2022
Director of Peer Mentoring Program for Critical Thinking Courses	2017-Present
Director of College of Humanities Center for Ethics and Values	2016-2017
Philosophy Department Assessment Liaison	2012-2016

Selected Professional Service

NEH Seminars and Institutes Review Panel, April 28, 2016, Washington DC
Judge, Los Angeles Regional High School Ethics Bowl, Cal Poly Pomona, January 30, 2016
Chair, Colloquium: “Spinoza on the Linguistic Nature of Impossibility” P-APA, April 1, 2016
Chair, Colloquium: “Rawls's Accommodation of Desert” P-APA, April 17, 2014
Blog Post: “Real Jobs in Philosophy Series” for *Philosopher’s Cocoon*
Mentor for Job Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy, AY 2015-2016
Referee for *Hypatia*, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Public Affairs Quarterly*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Political Studies*

Community and Political Activities

Founding member of Street Watch LA
Organizing Committee of Reclaiming our Homes (El Sereno), 2019-2023

Co-Chair of Democratic Socialists of America-Los Angeles Housing & Homelessness committee
2017-2018, 2022

Philosophical/Professional Blogging

Philosophers on Brexit, post for Daily Nous, June 28, 2016

<http://dailynous.com/2016/06/28/philosophers-on-brexit/>

Straight Outta Compton, guest post for Philosophical Percolations, September 10, 2015

<http://www.philpercs.com/2015/09/straight-outta-compton-part-1.html>

Philosophers on “Irrational Man,” post for Daily Nous August 5, 2015

<http://dailynous.com/2015/08/05/philosophers-on-irrational-man/>

Are Trigger Warnings for White People? Post for Daily Nous, July 9, 2014

<http://dailynous.com/2014/07/09/are-trigger-warnings-for-white-people-guest-post-by-kristina-meshelski/>

Featured Philosopher, March 7, 2014, Political Philosopher Blog

<http://politicalphilosopher.net/2014/03/07/featured-philosopher-kristina-meshelski/>

(Response by Miriam Ronzoni on Political Philosopher

<http://politicalphilosopher.net/2014/03/14/featured-philosopher-miriam-rozoni/>)

References

A. John Simmons, Commonwealth Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Law, University of Virginia

Christopher Heath Wellman, Dean of Academic Planning, Chair and Professor of Philosophy, Washington University, St. Louis

Andrew Altman, Distinguished University Professor, Professor of Philosophy and Director of Research of the Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, Georgia State University

Ann Cudd, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor, University of Pittsburgh

Tim Black, Professor of Philosophy, California State University, Northridge