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CONTACT INFORMATION	Department of Philosophy San Francisco State University San Francisco, USA	<i>email:</i> asta@sfsu.edu <i>web:</i> astaphilosophy.com
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION	Metaphysics, Feminist Philosophy, Social Philosophy	
AREAS OF COMPETENCE	Epistemology, Philosophy of Language and Mind, Aesthetics	
EDUCATION	PhD, Philosophy, MIT, 2004 Dissertation: <i>Siding with Euthyphro: response-dependence, essentiality, and the individuation of ordinary objects</i> Advisors: Sally Haslanger (chair), Robert Stalnaker, and Alex Byrne AM, Philosophy, Harvard University, 1997 BA, <i>summa cum laude</i> , Mathematics and Philosophy, Brandeis University, 1992 Stúdentspróf (Physics I; <i>prae ceteris</i>), Menntaskólinn í Reykjavík, Iceland, 1989	
POSITIONS HELD	Associate Professor of Philosophy, San Francisco State University, 2011-Present Assistant Professor of Philosophy, San Francisco State University, 2005-2011 Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy, Bifröst University, Iceland, 2007-2013 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Vassar College, 2004-2005 Lecturer in Mathematics, Menntaskólinn í Reykjavík, Iceland, 1992-1993	
HONORS AND AWARDS	National Humanities Center Fellowship 2016-2017 Sabbatical Award, San Francisco State University, Fall 2012 [semester leave] Presidential Award, San Francisco State University, Spring 2010 [semester leave] Faculty Diversity Award, San Francisco State University, Fall 2008 [one course release] Vice President's AT Award, San Francisco State University, Spring 2006 [one course release] Phi Beta Kappa, 1992 Class of 1955 Endowment Fund Prize, Brandeis University, 1992 Brandeis University Scholar, 1991-1992 Undergraduate Fellow, Brandeis University, 1991-1992 Wien International Scholar, Brandeis University, 1989-1992 Represented Iceland at the International Physics Olympiads in Austria 1988 and Poland 1989 Represented Iceland at the International Mathematics Olympiad in Australia 1988	
BOOKS UNDER CONTRACT	<i>Categories We Live By</i> , monograph under contract with Oxford University Press. <i>The Oxford Handbook of Feminist Philosophy</i> , co-edited with Kim Q. Hall. Edited volume to appear with Oxford University Press in 2018.	

ARTICLES
IN PRINT OR
FORTHCOMING

- “Social Kinds”, forthcoming in *The Routledge Handbook on Collective Intentionality*, ed. by Kirk Ludwig and Marija Jankovic.
- “The Naturalism Question in Feminism”, *The Blackwell Companion to Naturalism*, ed. by Kelly James Clark (Wiley-Blackwell, 2016).
- “Social Construction”, *Philosophy Compass*, December 2015.
- “Who’s Afraid of Feminist Metaphysics?”, in *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, Fall 2013, ed. by Margaret Crouch.
- “Knowledge of Essence”, *Philosophical Studies*, October 2013, vol. 166(1).
- “The Social Construction of Human Kinds”, *Hypatia*, Fall 2013, vol. 28(4).
- “The Metaphysics of Sex and Gender”, in *Feminist Metaphysics*, ed. by Charlotte Witt (Springer, 2011).
- “Siding with Euthyphro”, *European Journal of Philosophy*, March 2010.
- “Fólkstegundir” [“Human Kinds”], *Hugur* 2009, Reykjavík, Iceland. [in Icelandic]
- “Essentiality Conferred”, *Philosophical Studies*, July 2008.

ENCYCLOPÆDIA
ENTRY

Entry on *Feminist Metaphysics* in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2011/2017 (with Sally Haslanger). <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/feminism-metaphysics/>.

REVIEWS

- Review of *The Metaphysics of Gender* by Charlotte Witt, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, May 2012. <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/30682-the-metaphysics-of-gender/>
Reappeared in *The Symposium on Gender, Race, and Philosophy*. <http://sgrp.typepad.com/>
- Review of *The Metaphysics of Gender* by Charlotte Witt, in *Philosophers’ Magazine*, 2nd Quarter, 2012. <http://www.thephilosophersmagazine.com/TPM/article/view/14833/11723>.
- Review of *The Landscape of Humanity: Art, Culture, and Society* by Anthony O’Hear, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, June 2009. <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=16268>.
- Critical discussion of Sigríður Þorgeirsdóttir’s *Kvenna megin [Essays on Feminist Philosophy]*, in *Skírniir*, The Journal of the Icelandic Literary Society, 167th year, Spring 2002. [in Icelandic]

OTHER
PUBLICATIONS

- Interview with Louise Antony, *Hugur* 2009, Journal of the Icelandic Philosophical Society, Reykjavík, Iceland. [in Icelandic]
- “But Isn’t Philosophy Dead?—Philosophy in and for a New Age”, in *Morgunblaðið’s* Weekend Magazine, Reykjavík, March 2, 2002. [in Icelandic]
- “Philosophy in *The Book of Job*”, a playbill article for the production of *The Book of Job*, directed by Sveinn Einarsson, Neskirkja, Reykjavík, February, 2000. Reprinted in *Morgunblaðið’s* Weekend Magazine, Reykjavík, February, 2000. [in Icelandic]
- Entry in *Dagbók Íslendinga [Diary of Icelanders]*, Mál og menning, Reykjavík, 1999. [in Icelandic]
- Translation of Alfred Tarski’s “The Semantic Conception of Truth and the Foundations of Semantics” (with Arnór Hannibalsson), in *Heimspeki á tuttugustu öld: Safn merkra ritgerða úr heimspeki aldarinnar*, edited by Einar Logi Vignisson and Ólafur Páll Jónsson (Reykjavík: Mál og menning, 1994). [in Icelandic]
- Interview with Valentina Gregorjevna Ushakova, director of St. Petersburg’s Women’s Center, in the *Women’s Alliance 10th Anniversary Publication*, Reykjavík, 1993. [in Icelandic]

“Eins og menn” and “Samskipti” (poems). In *Smásögur og ljóð* '87, ed. by Elsa Valsdóttir, Kristinn Þ. Hrafnsson, and Melkorka Thekla Ólafsdóttir (Reykjavík: Listafélag Menntaskólans í Reykjavík, Framtíðin, 1988). [In Icelandic]

“Mathematics Down Under”, a travel journal from the International Mathematics Olympiad in Australia, in *Morgunblaðið's* Weekend Magazine, Reykjavík, 1988. [in Icelandic]

PRESENTATIONS

Upcoming: U Michigan Ann Arbor, UNC Wilmington, Appalachian State.

“Social Construction as Social Significance”, December 2016
Duke University, Durham, NC.

“Social Construction as Social Significance”, October 2016
Washington University in St Louis, MO.

“Social Construction as Social Significance”, September 2016
Keynote, XII Simposio de Estudiantes de Filosofía, PUCP, Lima, Peru.

“Identity as Social Location”, March 2016.
Invited symposium, Central APA, Chicago, IL.

“Social Construction as Social Significance”, January 2016
Invited symposium, Eastern APA, Washington, DC.

Précis of *Categories We Live By*, December 2015.
Workshop with commentary, UC Boulder.

“Social Construction as Social Significance”, October 2015.
Feminist Ontology Workshop at MIT.

“Social Construction as Social Significance”, May 2015.
Hypatia Diversity Conference, Villanova, PA.

”Philosophers out in the Field: shaping policy on regulations of financial markets and the environment”, April 2015.
APA Committee on Public Philosophy, Pacific APA, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

“Social Construction as Social Significance”, March 2015.
UC Berkeley Center for Social Ontology Spring Symposium, Berkeley, CA.

“Social Properties”, September 2014.
Collective Intentionality IX, Bloomington, IN.

“Social Properties”, February 2014.
Invited symposium, Central APA, Chicago, IL.

“Identity as Social Location”, October 2013.
Bay Area Feminism and Philosophy workshop (BayFAP), San Francisco, CA.

“Social Properties”. September 2013.
UC Berkeley Social Ontology Group, Berkeley, CA.

“Natural Kinds *light*”, December 2012.
Invited symposium, Eastern APA, Atlanta, GA.

“Philosophy in Society”, October 2012.
Philosophy and Multiculturalism conference, UCSC, Santa Cruz, CA.

“Identity as Social Location”, October 2012.
SAF conference, Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN.

“Who’s Afraid of Metaphysics?”, September 2012.
SWIP-NORD conference, Reykjavík, Iceland.

“Social Properties”, August 2012.
Collective Intentionality VIII conference, Manchester, UK.

“Identity as Social Location”, May 2012.
FEMMSS4, Penn State, PA.

“Identity as Social Location”, April 2012.
WOGAP, MIT, Cambridge, MA.

“Feminism and Metaphysics”, April 2012.
Society for Analytical Feminism, Session on Feminist Metaphysics, APA Pacific Division Meetings, Seattle, WA.

”The Social Construction of Human Kinds”, January 2012.
MITing of the Minds, MIT, Cambridge, MA.

“Ontology and Feminism: Comments on Poutanen on Lawson, Harding et al on the feminist need for metaphysics”, September 2011
Joint Symposium of the Bay Area Philosophy of Science workshop and the Bay Area Feminism and Philosophy workshop, SFSU, San Francisco, CA.

“Blame and Understanding: Philosophical Reflections on Carla Lucero’s *Wuornos*”, August 2010.
Center for Research on Gender and Sexuality, San Francisco State University, CA.

“Human Kinds as Conferred Kinds”, December 2009.
UC Berkeley Social Ontology Group, Berkeley, CA.

“Human Kinds as Conferred Kinds”, November 2009.
UC Santa Cruz Philosophy Department, Santa Cruz, CA.

“Human Kinds as Conferred Kinds”, April 2009.
California State University, Chico, CA.

“The Metaphysics of Sex and Gender”, November 2008.
UC Berkeley Social Ontology Group, Berkeley, CA.

“Vindicating Thought Experiments about Essences”, July 2008.
eidōs Metaphysics Conference, Geneva, Switzerland.

“Human Kinds as Conferred Kinds”, July 2008.
Collective Intentionality VI: Social Change, Berkeley, CA.

“Judith Butler’s Constructivism: An Interpretation”, November 2007
BayFAP, San Francisco, CA.

“Siding with Euthyphro: Human Judgement and the Construction of Ordinary Objects”, September 2001.
The 5th Nordic Symposium of Women in Philosophy, Reykjavík, Iceland.

“Essentialism Reconsidered”, September 2001.
The Women’s Studies Research Institute at the University of Iceland, Reykjavík. [in Icelandic]

“Gender and Essentialism” (with Ishani Maitra), January 2001.
IAP, MIT.

COMMENTS

Commentator on Adam Ferner’s “The Living Eye and the Dead Eye of Science”, June 2015.
Organic Individuals conference, University of Paris-Sorbonne, Paris.

Critic, Charlotte Witt’s *The Metaphysics of Gender*, April 2012
Author Meets Critics, Pacific APA, Seattle, WA

Commentator on Nathaniel Goldberg's "Response-Dependence, Noumenalism, and Ontological Mystery", April 2007

Colloquium on Metaphysics, APA Central Division Meetings, Chicago, IL

Moderator and commentator on Jennifer Uleman's "Gardens of Angels: Infanticide, Dependency, and Justice" and Lisa Eckenwiler's "Mercy and Justice for Pregnant Addicts: Two Arguments against Retribution", ESWIP, MIT, Spring 2002.

SERVICE TO THE
PROFESSION
(SELECTED)

Section Editor for Feminist Philosophy, *PhilPapers*, 2016-Present

Leaf Editor for Feminist Metaphysics, *PhilPapers*, 2012-Present

Section Editor, *Ergo: An Open Access Journal of Philosophy*, 2013-Present

Chair, APA Committee on LGBT Issues in the Profession, 2015-2018

Acting Chair, 2014, Member, 2013-2014

ex-officio member of the Committee on Inclusiveness in the Profession 2015-2018.

Associate Editor, *Hypatia*, 2012-2017

Co-founder and co-organizer (with Profs. Jacqueline Taylor at University of San Francisco and Shelley Wilcox at San Francisco State University), SF Bay Area Feminism and Philosophy Workshop (BayFAP), 2005-2016

Member, Program Committee, APA Pacific Division, 2012-2015

Member, Program Advisory Committee, APA Eastern Division, 2012-2015

Co-organizer (with Sigríður Þorgeirsdóttir, Eyja Margrét Brynjarsdóttir, and Salvör Nordal), "Has Feminist Philosophy Changed Philosophy?". Conference of the Nordic Network of Women Philosophers, Reykjavík, Iceland, September 2012.

Co-organizer (with Shelley Wilcox, Chris Bellon, and Emily Lee), Fall meeting of the Society for Women in Philosophy, Pacific Division, San Francisco State University, November, 2010.

Co-organizer (with Prof. Sally Haslanger and Ishani Maitra), Society for Women in Philosophy, Eastern Division Meeting, Cambridge, MA, Spring 2002

Co-founder and co-organizer (with Sally Haslanger and Ishani Maitra), Workshop on Gender and Philosophy (WOGAP), MIT, 2000-2004

Referee/consultant for *Dialectica*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ethics*, *Hypatia*, *The Journal of the APA*, *The Journal of Philosophical Research*, *The Journal of Social Philosophy*, *The Journal of Social Ontology*, *Noûs*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophy Compass*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, The Icelandic Center for Research, Bloomsbury, Columbia University Press, University of Iceland Press. External examiner for University of Iceland.

DEPARTMENT AND
UNIVERSITY SERVICE
(SELECTED)

Chair, Philosophy Department Hiring Committee, SFSU, 2014-Present

Member from 2005, Vice-Chair from 2006

Assessment Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, Spring 2011-Present

Chair, Philosophy Department RTP Committee, 2011-2012

Undergraduate Advisor, Philosophy Department, SFSU, 2007-Present

Academic Senator, SFSU, 2008-2009

Assistant Chair, Philosophy Department, SFSU, 2007-2008

Undergraduate Advising Coordinator, Philosophy Department, SFSU, 2007-2008

Member, Department Program Review Committee, SFSU, 2005-2007

OTHER EXPERIENCE (SELECTED) Faculty Advisor, Philosophy at the Exploratorium Project, San Francisco, 2008-2009
Subject of a radio interview at the Icelandic State Radio, broadcast 10 August 2006, repeated 13 August 2006. Interviewer: Edda Jónsdóttir. Length: 40 mins.
Program Assistant, Organizer, and Web Designer, Program in Women's Studies, MIT, 1998-2000
Guides' Coordinator, XXIX International Physics Olympiad, Iceland, 1998
Resident Tutor and House Librarian, Cabot House, Harvard University, 1996-1997
Archaeological Assistant, National Museum of Iceland excavations, Stóra-Borg, Iceland, Summer 1990 and Bessastaðir, Iceland, Summer 1993
Guide, Árbær Museum (Reykjavík Folk Museum), Summer 1990
Farm Hand, Hvoll, Mýrdal, Iceland, Summers 1981-1985 and Glænø, Denmark, Summer 1986

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS American Philosophical Association
Society for Women in Philosophy
Society for Analytic Feminism
Icelandic Philosophical Society
Nordic Society for Women in Philosophy
UC Berkeley Social Ontology Group
Academic Visitor, Faculty of Philosophy, and Visiting Fellow, Oriel College, Oxford, Hilary 2010

COURSES TAUGHT AT SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY Phil 110 Critical Thinking
Phil 160 Introduction to Philosophy of Art
Phil 320 Philosophical Analysis
Phil 321 Being and Knowing
Phil 451 Feminist Moral Issues
Phil 460 Philosophy of Art
Phil 605 Metaphysics
Phil 610 Theory of Knowledge
Phil 620/820 Philosophy of Mind
Phil 630 Philosophy of Language
Phil 702 Seminar on Culture, Language, and Society
Phil 805 Seminar in Metaphysics: Social Ontology
Phil 810 Seminar in Theory of Knowledge
Phil 830 Seminar in Philosophy of Language
Phil 890 Seminar on Current Issues in Philosophy: Realism and Naturalism

COURSES TAUGHT ELSEWHERE Feminist Theory, Bifröst University
Philosophy of Culture, Bifröst University
Gender Studies, Bifröst University
Problems of Philosophy, Vassar College
Metaphysics and Epistemology, Vassar College
Philosophy of Science: Value and Objectivity in Science, Vassar College
Reality and Objectivity: Senior Seminar, Vassar College
Junior Tutorials in Philosophy, Harvard University

LANGUAGES Icelandic, English, Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, German