

# ELANOR TAYLOR

## CV

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### EMPLOYMENT

Johns Hopkins University

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, tenure-track (July 2017 - ongoing)

Iowa State University

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, tenure-track (August 2012 - May 2017)

Faculty Affiliate, Women's and Gender Studies Program (December 2016 - May 2017)

### EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

PhD in Philosophy (2012)

Thesis: *The Perspectival Nature of Emergence*

Committee: Marc Lange (chair), William Lycan, Karen Neander, Laurie Paul, John Roberts.

MA in Philosophy (2008)

Thesis: *Models and Explanation*

Committee: William Lycan (chair), Dorit Bar-On, Marc Lange

University of Edinburgh

MSc in Philosophy (2005, Distinction)

University of Oxford

BA (Hons) in Philosophy and Theology (2003)

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mind

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Social Ontology, Philosophy of Gender, Philosophy of Cognitive Science

## PUBLICATIONS

### Papers

"How to Make the Case for Brute Facts." (2018) in *Brute Facts*, edited by Elly Vintiadis and Constantinos Mekios, Oxford University Press.

"Against Explanatory Realism." (2018) *Philosophical Studies* 175 (1):197-219

"Explanatory Emergence as a Guide to Metaphysical Structure." (2017) *Philosophica* 91: 15-48

"Only Explanation Can Reinflate Emergence." (2017) *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 68 (271): 385–394

"Groups and Oppression." (2016) *Hypatia* 31 (3): 520–536

"Naturalness in Context." (2016) *Inquiry* 59 (4): 319-342

"Explanation and the Explanatory Gap." (2016) *Acta Analytica* 31 (1): 77-88

"Collapsing Emergence." (2015) *The Philosophical Quarterly* 65 (271): 732-753

"An Explication of Emergence." (2015) *Philosophical Studies* 172 (3): 653-669

### Book Reviews, Comments

Review of Carl Gillett's *Reduction and Emergence in Science and Philosophy*. (2017) *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science Review of Books*.

Commentary on Suffis' "Emergent Panpsychism, Emotional Zombies and Fundamental Kinds." (2015) *Southwest Philosophy Review* 15(2): 81-84

## PRESENTATIONS

### Papers

TBA, Symposium on Objectivity and Grounding, Pacific APA, April 2020

TBA University of Mississippi, February 2020

TBA Metaphysics Conference, University of California at Irvine, December 2019

*Philosophical Perspectives on the Right to Explanation*, Computational Methods and the Future of Science, University of Kansas (June 2019)

*Backing Without Realism*, Women's Pre-Tenure Mentoring Workshop in Philosophy, Boston University (June 2019)

*Backing Without Realism*, Non-Causal Explanations: Logical, Linguistic and Philosophical Perspectives, Ghent University (May 2019)

*Backing Without Realism*, Early Career workshop in Metaphysics, Lehigh University (April 2019, Filling in for cancelled talk)

*Backing Without Realism*, FramePhys/Gothenburg conference on Metaphysical Explanation in Science, Birmingham (January 2019)

*Naturalness, Context and Social Categories*, Social Ontology 2018 Conference, Tufts University (August 2018)

*Social Explanation in Context*, University of Edinburgh (August 2018)

*Explanation, Distance and Dependence*, University of Glasgow (July 2018)

*Explanation, Distance and Dependence*, Metaphysical Explanation Workshop, University of Gothenburg (February 2018)

*Explanation, Distance and Dependence*, Society for Women in Philosophy Analytic Lecture Series, CUNY (February 2018)

*Social Explanation and Social Groups*, Symposium on The Metaphysics and Ethics of Social Groups, Eastern American Philosophical Association (January 2018) (Cancelled due to weather.)

*Explanatory Distance*, Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics, University of Wisconsin-Madison (October 2017)

*Explanatory Distance*, Scripps College (February 2017)

*Naturalness, Context and Social Categories*, Johns Hopkins University (January 2017)

*Explanatory Distance*, Iowa Philosophical Society (November 2016)

*Emergence and Explanation*, Boise State University (April 2016)

*Groups and Oppression*, Boise State University (April 2016)

*Groups and Oppression*, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (February 2016)

*Against Explanatory Realism*, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Philosophy of Science Workshop (November 2015)

*Against Explanatory Realism*, University of Reading (October 2015)

*Groups and Oppression*, University of California at Irvine (April 2015)

*Three Problems for Grounding*, Iowa Philosophical Society (November 2014)

*Three Problems for Grounding*, Central States Philosophical Association (October 2014)

*Three Problems for Grounding*, Open Session of the Aristotelian Society, University of Cambridge (July 2014)

*The Natural in Context*, Occidental College (April 2014)

*An Explication of Emergence*, Reduction and Emergence in the Sciences, LMU Munich (November 2013)

*The Natural in Context*, Central States Philosophical Association (October 2013)

*An Explication of Emergence*, Illinois Wesleyan University (November 2012)

*Explanation and the Explanatory Gap*, Mountain Plains Philosophy Conference (October 2012)

*Collapsing Emergence*, Illinois State University (February 2012)

*Collapsing Emergence*, Barnard College (February 2012)

*Collapsing Emergence*, Union College (February 2012)

*Collapsing Emergence*, Duke University (January 2012)

*Collapsing Emergence*, Iowa State University (January 2012)

*Collapsing Emergence*, Eastern American Philosophical Association (December 2011)

*Collapsing Emergence*, University of Tennessee (December 2011)

*Real Patterns and Less Real Patterns*, Metaphysics of Science '09, University of Nottingham (September 2009)

*Systems and Non-Mechanistic Explanation*, Mechanisms and Causality in the Sciences, University of Kent (September 2009)

*Models and Systems Explanation*, Models and Simulations III, University of Virginia (March 2009)

### **Comments & Panels**

Comments at Ranch Ontology Workshop (February 2020)

Comments at Eastern American Philosophical Association (January 2020)

Comments on Richard Lauer's *Scientific Social Ontology? Objecting to Kincaid on the Existence of Social Classes*, Pacific American Philosophical Association (March 2018)

Panelist, Author Meets Critics session on Carl Gillett's *Reduction and Emergence in Science and Philosophy*. Central American Philosophical Association (March 2017)

Comments on Cameron Buckner's *The Rationality of Intuitive Judgment*. Eastern American Philosophical Association (January 2016)

Comments on Maxwell Suffis' *Emergent Panpsychism, Emotional Zombies and Fundamental Kinds*. Southwest Philosophical Society (October 2014)

Panelist, Author Meets Critics session on John Heil's *The Universe as We Find It*. Pacific American Philosophical Association (April 2014)

Comments on Joshua Rassmussen and Andrew Bailey's *Physicalism and the Puppet Argument*. Eastern American Philosophical Association (December 2013)

Comments on David Kovacs' *A New Look at the Simple Question*. Central States Philosophical Association (October 2013)

Comments on Thomas Polger's *Exclusion, Still Not Tracted*. Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (March 2013)

Comments on Kari Theurer's *When Is a Mechanism More than the Sum of its Parts?* Eastern American Philosophical Association (December 2012)

Comments on Dan Giberman's *Emergent Consciousness and Ontological Fundamentality*. Pacific American Philosophical Association, (April 2010)

## TEACHING

At Johns Hopkins University

Fall 2019: AS 150.301 Majors Seminar: Truth

Fall 2019: AS 150.678 Social Construction

Spring 2019: AS 150.436 Philosophy of Gender

Spring 2019: AS 150.668 Essence (co-taught with Yitzhak Melamed)

Spring 2018: AS 150.260 Introduction to Metaphysics

Spring 2018: AS 150.436 Philosophy of Gender

Fall 2017: AS 150.245 Introduction to Philosophy of Mind

Fall 2017: AS 150.667 Explanation in Science and Metaphysics

At Iowa State University

Phil 464X Contemporary Metaphysics: Spring 2016  
 Phil 201 Introduction to Philosophy: Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017  
 Phil 338 Feminist Philosophy: Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2016

At UNC-Chapel Hill as Primary Instructor

Summer 2011 Philosophy of Religion  
 Summer 2010 Bioethics  
 Summer 2009 Philosophy of Gender  
 Summer 2008 Practical Ethics

At UNC-Chapel Hill as Teaching Assistant

Spring 2009 Philosophy of Science with Marc Lange  
 Spring 2008 Introduction to Ethics with Geoff Sayre-McCord  
 Fall 2007 Introduction to Philosophy with Ram Neta

Advising

Reader for Third Year Paper Defence, Maegan Kaczmarek (2018)  
 Reader for Topical Defence, Palmer Gunderson (2018)

## **OUTREACH AND PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY**

Film Studies/Biophysics Science and Film series. Public discussion of “The Matrix”, Parkway Theater, Baltimore. (October 2019)

Consulted for Radiolab podcast, episode on “Einstein’s Brain.” (July 2019)

Philosopher-in-Residence, Whitehall Berkeley Museum, Middletown RI. (July 2017, July 2019)

Prometheus Philosophy Club, Johns Hopkins University. Keynote speaker for annual conference. (April 2019)

University of the Third Age Philosophy Group, Leeds, Seminar on “Philosophy of Gender”. (July 2018)

Johns Hopkins University Flash Seminar on “Old and New Riddles of Induction”. (February 2018)

Prometheus Philosophy Club, Johns Hopkins University, Presentation on “Emergence”. (October 2017)

Philosophy Discussion Group, C.A. Dillon Youth Development Center, North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, Butner NC. (Spring 2007, Fall 2009, Spring 2010)

## **GRANTS, HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS**

Iowa State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Cassling Family Faculty Award for Early Achievement in Teaching, 2016

Iowa State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Award for Early Achievement in Teaching, 2016

Iowa State University Liberal Arts and Sciences Small Grant, 2015-2016

Visiting Fellow, Minnesota Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Minnesota, September 2015

Iowa State University Center for Excellence in Arts and Humanities Research Grant for project *Groups and Oppression*, Fall 2014

Iowa State University Liberal Arts and Sciences Small Grant, 2013-2014

Iowa State University Foreign Travel Grant, Fall 2013

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on Metaphysics and Mind, Washington University St Louis, Summer 2013

Eastern American Philosophical Association Graduate Student Travel Stipend, December 2011

Richard Brooke Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (full stipend), 2008-2012

Horace Williams Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2006-2007

Graham Kenan Memorial Fund Travel Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 2009, September 2009, April 2010

## **SERVICE**

### **Service to the Profession**

Referee for *Acta Analytica*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Critica*, *Ergo*, *Journal for General Philosophy of Science*, *Mind*, *Nous*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Synthese*.

Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, 2018 Program Committee

Mentor for the Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy, 2015-2018

### **Service to Department & University**

Johns Hopkins University Department of Philosophy Job Market Co-Ordinator, 2019-ongoing

Johns Hopkins University Department of Philosophy Graduate Admissions Committee, 2019

Johns Hopkins University Department of Philosophy Graduate Life Seminar, 2017-ongoing

Johns Hopkins University Department of Philosophy Advising Committee, 2017-ongoing

Iowa State University Faculty Senator, 2016-2017

Iowa State University Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies Speakers Committee, 2016-2017

Iowa State University Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies Curriculum Committee, 2016-2017

Chair, Iowa State University Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies Recruitment & Retention Committee, 2013-2015

Iowa State University Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies Dorothy Scholarship Committee, 2013-2017

Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy Honor Society) advisor for Iowa State University, 2013-2016

Research Assistant to William Lycan, 2009-2011

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Philosophy Graduate Student Grievance Officer, 2011-2012

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Graduate Research Consultant, PHIL 165 Bioethics, Spring 2009

Graduate Student Representative, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Philosophy Department Colloquium Planning Committee, 2008-2009

Graduate Student Representative, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Philosophy Department Hiring Committee, 2007-2008