

# ELANOR TAYLOR

## CV

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### Employment

Johns Hopkins University

Associate Professor of Philosophy with tenure (2022 - ongoing)

Assistant Professor of Philosophy tenure-track (2017 - 2022)

Iowa State University

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

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

### Visiting

National Humanities Center, Fellow. Project: *The Foundations of Social Metaphysics*. (2023-4)

University of Wisconsin at Madison, Visiting Associate Professor of Philosophy (Fall 2022)

University of Minnesota, Minnesota Center for Philosophy of Science, Visiting Fellow (Fall 2015)

### Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

PhD in Philosophy (2012)

MA in Philosophy (2008)

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

**Areas of Competence:** Social Philosophy

## Publications

### Papers

“Explanatory Substantivity.” (forthcoming) *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

“A Dormitive Virtue Puzzle.” (2024) In *Levels of Explanation*, edited by Alastair Wilson and Katie Richardson. Oxford University Press.

“Naturalness: Abundant and Sparse Properties.” (2024) *Routledge Handbook on Properties*, edited by Anna-Sofia Maurin and Anthony Fisher. Routledge.

“Substantive Social Metaphysics.” (2023) *Philosophers' Imprint* 23(18):1-18

“Explanation and the Right to Explanation.” (2023) *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 1-16. doi:10.1017/apa.2023.7

[\(New Work in Philosophy piece on this article.\)](#)

“Explanatory Distance.” (2023) *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 74(1):221-239  
[\(Short Read, Selected for BJPS Editors' Choice.\)](#)

“Power Emergentism and the Collapse Problem.” (2022) *Philosophy of Science* 89(2):302-318

“Backing Without Realism.” (2020) *Erkenntnis* 87:1295-1315

“Social Categories in Context.” (2020) *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 6(2):171-187

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

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

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

“Only Explanation Can Reinflate Emergence.” (2017) *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) *Philosophical Quarterly* 65(271):732-753

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

## **Book Reviews, Comments**

Review of Jessica Wilson's *Metaphysical Emergence*. (2023) *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 101(3):767-771

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

## **Selected Recent Presentations: Papers**

*Explanatory Substantivity*, Social Metametaphysics Workshop, University of St Andrews (June 2025)

*Social Metaphysics and Metametaphysics*, Metaphysical Mayhem, Rutgers University (May 2025)

*Explanatory Substantivity*, Conference on the Metaphysics of Mind-Dependence, University of Oxford (April 2025)

*Explanatory Substantivity*, Philosophy Mountain Workshop, Jackson Hole WY (January 2025)

*Three Models of Social Essentialism*, University of Colorado Center for Philosophy of Science (January 2025)

*Explanatory Substantivity*, Idealism Workshop, Keynote, University of British Columbia (September 2024)

*The Foundations of Social Metaphysics*, JHU Philosophy "Struggles and Triumphs" series (April 2024)

*The Foundations of Social Metaphysics*, National Humanities Center (March 2024)

## **Selected Recent Presentations: Comments & Panels**

Comments on Siddharth Muthukrishnan's *The Scientific and the Zetetic*, Eastern APA (January 2025)

Panelist, Manuscript Workshop on Kevin Richardson's *The End of Binaries: Gender and Sexuality on a Continuum*, Duke University (May 2024)

Comments on Jade Fletcher's *The Role of Values in Feminist Metaphysics*, Social Metaphysics Workshop, Rutgers University (April 2024)

Comments on Shimin Zhao's *Two Problems for Interventionist's Probabilistic Explanations*, Eastern APA (January 2024)

Panelist, Book Symposium on Jamin Asay's *Truthmaking*, Purdue University (November 2023)

## **Teaching: Classes**

At Johns Hopkins University

AS 150.112 Philosophical Problems: Fall 2025  
 AS 150.672 Social Metaphysics: Spring 2025  
 AS 150.622 Metametaphysics: Fall 2021  
 AS 150.678 Social Construction: Fall 2019  
 AS 150.668 Essence (co-taught with Yitzhak Melamed): Spring 2019  
 AS 150.667 Explanation in Science and Metaphysics: Fall 2017  
 AS 150.436 Philosophy of Gender: Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020,  
 Spring 2019, Spring 2018  
 AS 150.301 Majors' Seminar on Realism and Anti-Realism: Fall 2024, Spring 2021  
 AS 150.301 Majors' Seminar on Truth: Fall 2019  
 AS 150.260 Introduction to Metaphysics: Fall 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2018  
 AS 150.245 Introduction to Philosophy of Mind: Fall 2017

At University of Wisconsin at Madison

PHILOS 560 Metaphysics: Fall 2022  
 PHILOS 960 Social Metaphysics: Fall 2022

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

## **Teaching: Awards**

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

## **Advising**

Graduate

Jacob Lettie, Primary Advisor, ongoing  
 Emily Scholfield, Primary Advisor, ongoing  
 JoJo Lovejoy (at UW Madison), External committee member, ongoing  
 Arun Baxter (at UW Madison), Reader for Prelim 2022  
 Zachary Gartenberg, Reader for Dissertation Defence 2022  
 Tammo Lossau, Reader for Dissertation Defence 2022

Oscar Rodriguez Cruz, co-advised with Dean Moyar 2020-2021  
 Maegan Kaczmarek, Reader for Third Year Paper and Proposal, 2018, 2019  
 Palmer Gunderson, Reader for Proposal, 2018

#### Undergraduate

Independent Study, Lawrence Cao 2021-2022  
 Co-Advisor for independent study, Phillip Yoon, 2020-2021  
 Senior Thesis, Shanice Guthrie 2020-2021

#### **Grants & Fellowships: External**

National Humanities Center, Fellowship. Project: *The Foundations of Social Metaphysics*. 2023-4

SET Foundations *Building Foundations in Science-Engaged Theology: Insights from Philosophy of Science*  
 Summer Seminar Speaker (Funded by the Templeton Foundation), 2021

National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar Stipend to attend *Summer Seminar on Metaphysics and Mind*, Washington University St Louis, Summer 2013

Eastern American Philosophical Association Graduate Student Travel Stipend, December 2011

#### **Grants & Fellowships: Internal**

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

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

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

#### **Selected service to the profession**

Referee for *Acta Analytica*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*,  
*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Critica*, *Ergo*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal for*  
*General Philosophy of Science*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophy*  
*& Technology*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Res Philosophica*, *Synthese*,  
*Thought*.

Area Editor for *Ergo*, 2022-ongoing

International Social Ontology Society, Program Chair for ISOS 2024 conference

External Honors Examiner for Swarthmore College Phil 119 Philosophy of Science, 2023-2024

Referee for Oxford University Press

Reviewer for the National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship Program

Reviewer for the National Humanities Center Fellowship Program

Referee for the Israel Science Foundation

Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Reviewer, 2023

Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, 2023 Program Committee

Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, 2018 Program Committee

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

### **Selected service to Department & University**

Johns Hopkins University, SGC Wages and Compensation Subcommittee, 2024-ongoing

Johns Hopkins University, Director of Undergraduate Studies in Philosophy, 2024-ongoing

Johns Hopkins University PATHs Program, Faculty Associate, 2023-2024

Johns Hopkins University, Ad Hoc Tenure Committee member, 2023-4

Johns Hopkins University Department of Philosophy Graduate Admissions Committee, 2019, 2021, 2022, Chair in 2023

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Manny Ross Scholarship Selection Committee, 2022

Johns Hopkins University Department of Philosophy Climate Committee, 2021-ongoing

Johns Hopkins University Department of Philosophy Job Market Co-Ordinator, 2019-2020

Johns Hopkins University Department of Philosophy Graduate Life Seminar, 2017-2020

Johns Hopkins University Department of Philosophy Advising Committee, 2017-2018

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

### **Outreach and Public Philosophy**

The Malone Center for Engineering in Healthcare, Johns Hopkins University. Discussion on Philosophical Issues in Artificial Intelligence (with Israel Gannot) (February 2020)

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)