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## Areas of Study

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**Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Feminist Philosophy**

## Employment

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### Northwestern University

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Evanston, IL

2024 - present

### Cornell University

MELLON POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Ithaca, NY

2023 - 2024

### Bielefeld University

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Bielefeld, Germany

2020 - 2023

## Education

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### University of Pittsburgh

PHD HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

Pittsburgh, PA

2013 - 2020

- Advisor: Dr. Edouard Machery

### Georgia State University

MA PHILOSOPHY

Atlanta, GA

2011 - 2013

- Advisor: Dr. Eddy Nahmias

### University of Tennessee, Knoxville

BA PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY

Knoxville, TN

2007 - 2010

## Publications

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RESEARCH PAPERS \* *primary or co-primary author*; + *invited*

11. Daniel James, **Morgan Thompson**, and Tereza Hendl. 2024. Who Counts in Official Statistics? Ethical-epistemic issues in German migration and the collection of racial or ethnic data. *Journal of Applied Philosophy*. doi: 10.1111/japp.12737.\*
10. **Morgan Thompson**. 2024. Path-Dependence in Measurement: A Problem for Coherentism. *Philosophy of Science*, 91(5): 1467-1477.\*
9. **Morgan Thompson**. 2023. Characterizing and Measuring Racial Discrimination in Public Health Research. *Philosophy of Science*. 90(3): 721-743.\*
8. **Morgan Thompson**. 2023. Epistemic Risk in Triangulation: The Case of Implicit Attitudes. *Synthese*. 201(1).\*
7. Nick Byrd and **Morgan Thompson**. 2022. Testing for Implicit Bias: Values, Psychometrics, and Science Communication. *WIREs Cognitive Science*.
6. **Morgan Thompson**. 2020. Psychological Research on Racial Microaggressions: Community Science and Concept Explanation. In *Microaggressions and Philosophy*, ed. by Lauren Freeman and Jeanine Weekes Schroer. (Routledge).\*\*

5. **Morgan Thompson**. 2017. Explanations of the Gender Gap in Philosophy. *Philosophy Compass*. 12(3): e12406.\*
4. **Morgan Thompson**, Toni Adleberg, Sam Sims, and Eddy Nahmias. 2016. Why Do Women Leave Philosophy? Surveying Students at the Introductory Level. *Philosopher's Imprint*. 16(6), 1-36.\*
3. Liam Bright, Daniel Malinsky, and **Morgan Thompson**. 2015. Causally Interpreting Intersectionality Theory. *Philosophy of Science*. 83(1), 60-81.
2. Toni Adleberg, **Morgan Thompson**, and Eddy Nahmias. 2014. Do Men and Women Have Different Philosophical Intuitions? Further Data. *Philosophical Psychology*. 28(5): 615-641.\*
1. Eddy Nahmias and **Morgan Thompson**. 2014. A Naturalistic Vision of Free Will. In *Current Controversies in Experimental Philosophy*, ed. by E. O'Neill and E. Machery. (Routledge). 86-103.

## Pre-Doctoral Awards, Fellowships, & Honors

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2018	<b>Elizabeth Baranger Graduate Student Teaching Award</b> , University of Pittsburgh	\$ 250
2016	<b>Highlighted PhilosophHer of Science</b> , Science Visions, Blog of the Philosophy of Science Association, Women's Caucus	
2011-2013	<b>Brains and Behavior Fellowship</b> , Georgia State University	\$ 15,000

## Grants

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2020	<b>Pittsburgh Summer Program for Underrepresented Groups in Philosophy of Science</b> , Co-PIs: Edouard Machery and Morgan Thompson, American Philosophical Association Small Grant	\$10,000
2019	<b>Demographic Factors in Intended Major and Completed Major: A Comparison of Philosophy and Other Disciplines</b> , Co-PIs: Eric Schwitzgebel, Morgan Thompson, Eric Winsberg, American Philosophical Association Small Grant	\$2,850
2019	<b>Pittsburgh Summer Program for Underrepresented Groups in Philosophy of Science</b> , Co-PIs: Edouard Machery and Morgan Thompson, American Philosophical Association Small Grant	\$5,000
2018	<b>Underrepresentation of Minority Members and Women in Philosophy Compared to Psychology</b> , Co-PIs: Morgan Thompson and David Colaco, Research in Diversity Grant, Provost's Office, University of Pittsburgh	\$2,600

## Presentations

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\* *presenting author*; + *poster*

### INVITED TALKS

#### **Morgan Thompson**. Path-Dependence in Measurement: A Problem for Coherentism.

- Epistemology of Psychological Measurement at MCMP in Munich, Germany (June 2022).\*
- Colloquium Talk at the Philosophy Department at University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee (March 2023).\*

#### **Morgan Thompson**. Characterizing and Measuring Racial Discrimination in Public Health Research.

- Concepts in the Life Sciences Workshop at the ZiF in Bielefeld, Germany (February 2022).\*

#### **Morgan Thompson**. Values in Measures of Racial Discrimination in Public Health Research.

- Joint Center for Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology/Consortium for Socially Relevant Philosophy of/in Science and Engineering Symposium at the University of Texas, Dallas (June 2021).\*

#### **Morgan Thompson**. Underrepresentation of Women and Black Students in Philosophy: Surveying Introductory Students.

- Women and Academia, University of California, Irvine (May 2019).\*

- Psychology Outreach Lunch Series, Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Diversity, University of Pittsburgh (May 2019).\*

**Morgan Thompson. Intersectionality Theory: What is it and how can we test for it?**

- Institutional Change through Faculty Advancement in Instruction and Mentoring, Jackson State University, Mississippi (May 2018).\*

**Morgan Thompson. Intersectionality in the Classroom.**

- Institutional Change through Faculty Advancement in Instruction and Mentoring, Jackson State University, Mississippi (May 2018).\*

**Liam Bright and Morgan Thompson. Flexible Pedagogy as a Tool for Building an Inclusive Classroom.**

- Implicit Bias/Stereotype Threat and Pedagogy hosted by Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) at Princeton University (October 2016).\*

**Morgan Thompson. Changing our Syllabi and Explaining Philosophy’s Relevance.**

- Workshop on the Recruitment and Retention of Female Undergraduates in Philosophy, University of North Carolina (April 2014).\*

**CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS**

**Morgan Thompson. On the Validity of Self-Report Surveys of Racial Discrimination.**

- Philosophy of Science Association in New Orleans, USA (November 2024).\*
- Society for the Study of Measurement in Berkeley, USA (August 2024).\*

**Morgan Thompson. Philosophy of Science and Statactivism.**

- Philosophy of Science: Past, Present and Future in Minneapolis, Minnesota (October 2024).\* +

**Morgan Thompson. What are subjective measures of discrimination good for?**

- FEMMSS8, Hosted in Canada, held online (June 2024).\*
- CEPDISC’23 Conference on Discrimination in Aarhus, Denmark (October 2023).\*
- European Philosophy of Science Association in Belgrade, Serbia (September 2023).\*

**Morgan Thompson. Norms for Construct Development in the Social Sciences.**

- British Society for the Philosophy of Science in Bristol, UK (July 2023).\*

**Morgan Thompson. Path-Dependence in Measurement: A Problem for Coherentism.**

- Symposium on New Directions in the Science of Structural Oppression (co-organized with Mikio Akagi), Philosophy of Science Association in Pittsburgh, USA (November 2022).\*

**Morgan Thompson. Characterizing and Measuring Racial Discrimination in Public Health Research.**

- Measurement at the Crossroads 2022 in Milan, Italy (June 2022).\*
- Society for the Philosophy of Science in Practice, Ghent, Belgium (July 2022).\*
- British Society for the Philosophy of Science in Exeter, UK (July 2022).\*

**Morgan Thompson. Entrenched values in scientific research: Values beyond the psychological level.**

- International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB), online (July 2021).\*

**Morgan Thompson. Epistemic Risk in the Triangulation Argument for Implicit Attitudes.**

- Philosophy of Science Association, in Baltimore, USA (November 2021).\*
- American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting (February 2021).\*

**Morgan Thompson. Values in Concept Explication and Operationalization.**

- Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology Conference at the University of Texas, Dallas (May 2020). [Cancelled due to COVID-19]

**Morgan Thompson. Can Methodological Triangulation Save Implicit Attitudes from the Replication Crisis?**

- Replication of Crises: Psychology in Times of Epistemic Upheaval at the University of Lübeck, Germany (September 2019).\*

**Morgan Thompson. Robustness Analysis in Network Neuroscience.**

- American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Denver, USA (February 2019).\*

- Philosophy of Science Association, Seattle, USA (November 2018).\*
- Society for the Philosophy of Science in Practice, Ghent, Belgium (June 2018).\*

Eva Cadavid, John Ferguson, Stephen Bloch-Schulman, and **Morgan Thompson**. Understanding Underrepresentation in Philosophy.

- American Association of Philosophy Teachers, Greensboro, USA (July 2018).\*

**Morgan Thompson**. Making Introductory Philosophy of Science Courses More Inclusive.

- American Association of Philosophy Teachers, Greensboro, USA (July 2018).\*

**Morgan Thompson**. Exploratory Experimentation in Neuroscience: The Gendered Connectome.

- Philosophy of Science Association meeting, Atlanta, USA (November 2016).\*

Mahi Hardalupas, Evan Pence, and **Morgan Thompson**. On Delusion and the Ascription of Belief.

- Buffalo Annual Experimental Philosophy Conference, Buffalo, USA (September 2016).

**Morgan Thompson**. Limiting the Scope of Mechanistic Explanation.

- Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Duke University, USA (June 2015).\*\*
- Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice, Aarhus University, Denmark (June 2015).\*

**Morgan Thompson** and Liam Bright. Retaining Black Students in Philosophy.

- Hypatia/APA Committee on the Status of Women conference, Villanova University, USA (May 2015).\*

Liam Bright, Daniel Malinsky, **Morgan Thompson**. Causally Interpreting Intersectionality Theory.

- Perspectives on Gender, University of California at Irvine, USA (October 2014).\*

**Morgan Thompson**. Can there be spatially distributed parts in a mechanistic explanation?

- Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of British Columbia, Canada (June 2014).\*

**Morgan Thompson**. Changing our Syllabi and Explaining Philosophy's Relevance.

- APA Committee for the Status of Women Panel, Central American Philosophical Association meeting in Chicago, USA (February 2014).\*

Toni Adleberg and **Morgan Thompson**, Women and Philosophy: Why is it 'Goodbye' at 'Hello'?

- Implicit Bias, Philosophy and Psychology, University of Sheffield, England (April 2013).\*
- Diversity in Philosophy, University of Dayton, USA (May 2013).\*
- Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Brown University, USA (June 2013).\*

## COMMENTS

Melissa Rees "Placebos, Ordinary Encouragement, and Standard Treatment".

- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Louisville KY (March 2020). [Rescheduled to December 2020 due to COVID-19]

Laura Ruetsche "What is it like to be a woman in philosophy of physics?"

- Workshop in Honor of Jim Bogen at the Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh (March 2015).

## Teaching And Advising

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Winter 2025 **Scientific Methods in the Social Sciences**, Northwestern University  
 Winter 2025 **First-Year Writing Seminar: Discrimination and Oppression**, Northwestern University  
 Fall 2024 **Philosophy of Psychology**, Northwestern University  
 Fall 2024 **Introduction to Metaphysics**, Northwestern University  
 Spring 2024 **Introduction to Philosophy of Science**, Cornell University  
 Fall 2023 **Race, Gender, and Technology**, Cornell University  
 Summer 2023 **Philosophy of Technology**, Bielefeld University  
 Winter 2021/2022 **Feminist Philosophy of Science**, Bielefeld University  
 Spring 2016 **Race: History, Biology, Psychology, Philosophy**, University of Pittsburgh  
 Fall 2015 **Morality and Medicine**, University of Pittsburgh

## Service And Outreach

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### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

2020-current	<b>Academic Philosophy Data and Analysis</b> , Board of Advisors Member	
2020	<b>Bielefeld/Hannover Post-doc Search Committee</b> , Committee Member	<i>Bielefeld University</i>
2021-2023	<b>Philosophy of Science Association Women's Caucus</b> , Director of the Inclusivity and Future of the Women's Caucus Project	
2017-2018	<b>HPS Department TA/TF Mentor</b> ,	<i>University of Pittsburgh</i>
2015-2017	<b>HPS Graduate Teaching Co-Representative</b> ,	<i>University of Pittsburgh</i>
2013-2017	<b>Pittsburgh Minorities And Philosophy (MAP) Chapter</b> , Founder and Chapter Co-President	<i>University of Pittsburgh</i>

### DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2024-2025	<b>Philosophy Department Speaker Series</b> , Committee Member	<i>Northwestern University</i>
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### PEER REVIEW

#### JOURNAL REFEREE

*British Journal for Philosophy of Science, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Ergo, European Journal of Philosophy, European Journal for Philosophy of Science, Foundations of Science, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Philosophical Psychology, Precollege Philosophy and Public Practice, Philosophy of Science, Philosophical Studies, Synthese, Res Philosophica, Review of General Psychology, Review of Philosophy and Psychology, Teaching & Learning Inquiry*

#### CONFERENCE REFEREE

MAP Session at PSA, Society for Philosophy and Psychology

#### CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION AND SUMMER SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

2022 **Engaging Ethics and Epistemology of Science**, Organizing Committee Member *Leibniz Universität Hannover*

2022 **Structure and Development of Concepts in the Life Sciences**, Organizing Committee Member *Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung, Universität Bielefeld*

2020 **The Problem of Cognitive Ontology: Implications for Scientific Knowledge**, Organizing Committee Member *Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh*

2020 **Tool Development in Experimental Neuroscience: Early Career Workshop**, Organizing and Program Committee Member *Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh*

2019 **Retuning cognition with a pair of rocks: Culture, evolution, technology**, Organizing and Program Committee Member *Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh*

2018 **Learning From Empirical Approaches to HPS**, Program Committee Member *Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh*

2017-2019 **Pittsburgh Summer Program in Philosophy of Science**, Organizing and Selection Committee Member *Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh*

2017 **American Association of Philosophy Teachers Workshop: Focus on Inclusive Pedagogy**, Local Co-Organizer *University of Pittsburgh*