

# Meghan Robison

## curriculum vitae

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### PRESENT APPOINTMENT

— Fall 2016 Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Montclair State University

### Degrees

May 2016 PhD Philosophy, New School for Social Research,  
New York, NY  
Dissertation Title: The Birth of Political Life in  
Hobbes' *Leviathan*  
May 2010 MA Philosophy, New School for Social Research  
Dec 2006 BA Philosophy, Eugene Lang College

### Areas of Specialization

### Areas of Competence

Political Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy  
Feminist Philosophy, The History of Philosophy, Ancient  
Philosophy, Aesthetics

### Awards and Grants

CHSS Summer Research Grant, MSU (2017)  
Outstanding Graduate Teaching Finalist, NSSR  
(2015)  
Dissertation Fellowship, NSSR (2014-15)  
Tuition Fellowship, NSSR (2007-12)

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Single-authored, peer-reviewed published articles

“The Appearance of Power in Hobbes' *Leviathan*,” *Scienza & Politica*: vol. 31, no. 60  
(2019)

“From Expansionist Power to the Erosion of *Bios* in Arendt's Interpretation of Hobbes,”  
*Arendt Studies*: vol. 6 (forthcoming 2022)

“Mother Lords: Maternal Authority and the Practice of Preservation in Hobbes,” *Hypatia*  
(forthcoming 2022)

#### Book Chapters

“Dominion without Domination: Parental Authority in Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau” in *The  
Edinburgh Critical History of Early Modern and Enlightenment Philosophy*, Edinburgh  
University Press (forthcoming 2022)

### **Articles invited to resubmitted**

“The Vanishing Point: drawing the infinite universe out of the closed world” for *Early Modern Cultural Studies*

### **Articles in-Progress**

“Hobbes’ Theory of Recognition”: co-authored with Nicola Marcucci, final revisions  
“Art in the *Leviathan*,” in production

### **Monographs-in Progress**

*Raising Free Subjects: The Reinvention of Parental Authority in Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau* (under contract with Mimesis International Press)

*A Politics for the Living: from Moving Limbs to Making Pacts in Hobbes’ Leviathan* (under review with Edinburgh University Press)

### **Book Reviews**

*Hobbes and Modern Political Thought* by Yves Charles Zarka, Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal 40:1 (2019), pp. 234-7.

*The Corporate Commonwealth: Pluralism and Political Fictions in England* by Henry S. Turner (College Literature (Winter 2018), pp. 182-5.

### **Translated Article**

Translation from the Italian of Giorgio Agamben, “Sapere e Parole,” Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal 31:1 (2010)

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

“Dominion without Domination: Parental Authority in John Locke,” *The 2021 John Locke Conference, John Locke Society*, Naples, Italy (online, June 2021)

Hobbes and Maternal Authority, Guest Lecturer, Graduate Seminar, Justin Steinberg, Brooklyn College (May 2020).

“Power and the Promise in Arendt and Hobbes,” NY/NJ Research Seminar in Early Modern Workshop, New York, NY (October 2019).

“Empowering Bodies: Life and Power in Hobbes,” Hobbes International Association, 3rd International Conference, Rome, Italy (June 2019).

“Mother Lords: On the Power of Preserving Life,” American Philosophical Association Meeting, Eastern Division, New York, NY (January 2019)

“Mother Lords: On the Power of Preserving Life,” Hobbes and Gender, Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Nuremberg, Germany (November 2018)

“Living in Nature,” Humans and Nature, FINO North-Western Italian Philosophy Consortium, Pavia, Italy (September 2018)

“Power reconsidered from the point of the view of Life,” Hobbes and Power, University of Florence, Florence, Italy (May 2018)

“On the Movement of Life in Hobbes’ Leviathan,” International Hobbes Association, Sorbonne, Paris Descartes, Paris, France (October 2017).

“A Motion of Limbs,” Critical Theories of Life Conference, Duquesne Women in Philosophy, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh (March 2017)

“Moving in and Moving out of the State of Nature,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore (January 2017)

“On the Movement of Life in Hobbes’ Leviathan,” Halle Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Halle, Germany (November 2016)

“On the Legitimacy of Institutional Authority in Hobbes’ Leviathan,” Philosophy Department Thursday Night Workshop, The New School, New York (October, 2015)

“Hobbes and the New Science,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Washington DC (January 2015)

“Artificial Agency in Hobbes’ *Leviathan*,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting , Baltimore (January 2013)

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Fall 2016–Spring 2020

*Montclair State University*

Phil 290: Feminist Philosophy (Spring 2021)

Phil 100: Introduction to Philosophy (Fall / Spring 2016-20)

Phil 212: Social and Political Philosophy (Fall 2020)

Phil 290/GSWS302: Feminist Philosophy (Fall 2019)

Phil 331: History of Philosophy: Ancient (Spring 2019)

Phil 330: History of Philosophy: Modern (Spring 2018)

Phil 212: Social and Political Philosophy (Fall 2017)

Phil 424: Theories of Action (Spring 2017)

Phil 295: Living Machines in Descartes & Hobbes (Fall 2016)

## **Languages**

French: intermediate level of speaking, reading; Italian: intermediate level of speaking, reading; Latin: functional reading

## **Memberships**

American Philosophical Association  
Association for Political Theory  
International Hobbes Association  
European Hobbes Society  
Philosophers for Sustainability

## **References**

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