

# Rima Basu

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## EMPLOYMENT

2018–present Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College

## EDUCATION

2018 PhD in Philosophy, University of Southern California.  
2011 MA in Philosophy, University of Toronto.  
2010 Hons. BA (High Distinction) in Philosophy, University of Toronto.

## PUBLICATIONS

### ARTICLES

1. “Radical Moral Encroachment: The Moral Stakes of Racist Beliefs”, *Philosophical Issues* 29(1):9-23. 2019.
2. “The Wrongs of Racist Beliefs”, *Philosophical Studies* 176(9):2497–2515. 2019.
3. “What We Epistemically Owe To Each Other”, *Philosophical Studies* 176(4):915-931. 2019.
4. “Can Beliefs Wrong?”, *Philosophical Topics* 46(1):1-17. 2018.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

1. “A Tale of Two Doctrines: Moral Encroachment and Doxastic Wronging”, in *Applied Epistemology*, ed. Jennifer Lackey. Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.
2. “The Specter of Normative Conflict: Does Fairness Require Inaccuracy?”, in *An Introduction to Implicit Bias: Knowledge, Justice, and the Social Mind*, eds. Erin Beeghly and Alex Madva. Routledge, pp. 191-210. 2020.
3. “Doxastic Wronging”, in *Pragmatic Encroachment in Epistemology*, eds. Brian Kim and Matthew McGrath. Routledge, pp. 181-205. 2019. (co-written with Mark Schroeder)

### PUBLIC WRITING

1. “To avoid moral failure, don’t see people as Sherlock does”, *Aeon Magazine*. May 22 2019.  
link: <https://aeon.co/ideas/to-avoid-moral-failure-dont-see-people-as-sherlock-does>

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2018 Mark Sanders Foundation Graduate Student Prize  
2017 USC Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Grant  
2015-2018 Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics Graduate Fellow  
2014-2017 Center for Excellence in Teaching TA Fellow  
2012-2015 SSHRC Doctoral Award  
2011-2012 Carl and Carolyn Franklin Endowed Fellowship  
2011-2016 College Merit Award  
2010-2011 Ontario Graduate Scholarship  
2010 Gombay Prize in Philosophy  
2009-2010 Jackman Humanities Institute Undergraduate Fellowship

## CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

### COLLOQUIUM AND OTHER INVITED TALKS

1. Feb 2022, UNC Chapel Hill
2. May 2021, St. Andrews University
3. Feb 2021, Central APA
4. Feb 2021, University of Toronto
5. Nov 2020, Queen's University
6. Sept 2020, Lafayette College
7. Sept 2020, Oxford lockdown epistemology group
8. Aug 2020, Lafayette College
9. Aug 2020, Australian National University (cancelled due to COVID-19)
10. April 2020, SUNY Buffalo (postponed due to COVID-19)
11. April 2020, Keynote speaker at *Fifth Annual Undergraduate Women in Philosophy Conference*, MSU Denver (postponed due to COVID-19)
12. Feb 2020, "The Parent Trap: How Doxastic Wronging Starts At Home", MIT
13. Nov 2019, "Indecent Philosophy: Mapping the Moral Terrain of Philosophical Inquiry", UC San Diego
14. Oct 2019, "Indecent Philosophy: Mapping the Moral Terrain of Philosophical Inquiry", NYU Minorities and Philosophy Chapter
15. Oct 2019, "Indecent Philosophy: Mapping the Moral Terrain of Philosophical Inquiry", Amherst College
16. March 2019, "The Weight of Expectations", Indiana University Bloomington
17. Feb 2019, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", University of California Santa Cruz
18. Feb 2019, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", Boston University
19. Feb 2019, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Barnard College
20. Jan 2019, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", McGill University
21. Jan 2019, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Virginia Tech
22. Jan 2019, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", University of Victoria
23. Nov 2018, "The Weight of Expectations", *PeRFECT 4*, University of Pennsylvania
24. Oct 2018, "The Weight of Expectations", *Workshop in Ethics*, Washington University in St Louis
25. April 2018, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others" Pacific APA
26. Feb 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", University of Missouri
27. Feb 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Simon Fraser University
28. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Queen's University
29. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Claremont McKenna College
30. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Georgetown University
31. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", *Moral and Pragmatic Encroachment Workshop*, University of British Columbia
32. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", McMaster University
33. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Wayne State University
34. March 2017, "Demanding Better Of Each Other", Central APA
35. Feb 2017, "Moral Encroachment", Duke University.
36. Jan 2015, "Rethinking Epistemic Reasons and Pascal's Wager", *University of Toronto Mississauga Alumni Speaker Series*, University of Toronto

### PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES

37. Aug 2018, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", *Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference*, University of British Columbia

38. Feb 2018, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", *Princeton Workshop in Social Philosophy*, Princeton University
39. Oct 2018, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", *Gaslighting and Epistemic Injustice*, Claremont McKenna College
40. April 2017, "Motivating Ethical Demands on Belief", *Penn-Rutgers-Princeton Social Epistemology Workshop*, University of Pennsylvania
41. Aug 2016, "Motivating Ethical Demands on Belief", *Athena in Action*, Princeton University
42. March 2016, "Emergency Medicine's Challenge to Informed Consent", *Medical Knowledge in a Social World*, UC Irvine
43. May 2014, "Dutch Book Arguments Repragmatized", *University of Toronto Graduate Philosophy Conference*, University of Toronto
44. Dec 2014, "Rethinking Epistemic Reasons and Pascal's Wager", *New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology Workshop: Formal Epistemology and Religious Epistemology*, Oxford University
45. June 2013, "Practical Reason and Practical Success", *Canadian Philosophical Association*, University of Victoria
46. May 2013, "Radical Probabilism", *Society for Exact Philosophy*, Université of Montréal
47. Nov 2012, "The Inescapability of Diachronic Dilemmas", *16th Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference*, Oxford University
48. Oct 2012, "The Inescapability of Diachronic Dilemmas", *Society for Exact Philosophy*, The Ohio State University
49. Nov 2011, "Naïve Expressivism", *63rd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Lewis and Clark College
50. March 2011, "Tracking Commitments: Revisiting the Frege-Geach Problem", *12th Annual Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference*, Princeton University

#### INVITED COMMENTS AND PANELS

51. Jan 2021, Eastern APA
52. Feb 2020, NYU Abu Dhabi Normativity and Reasoning Workshop
53. Nov 2019, Discussant at The Ethics of Algorithmic Decision-Making in Democratic Institutions, Princeton University
54. April 2019, Comments on Regina Rini's "Contingency Inattention", Pacific APA
55. Feb 2019, Comments on Elizabeth Jackson's, "How Belief-Credence Dualism Explains Away Pragmatic Encroachment", Central APA
56. March 2018, Commentator-at-large, Ethics of Belief, Harvard University
57. May 2017, Chair and Comments on Stephen White's "Predicting Failure", St Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality
58. March 2017, Comments on Joshua Mugg's "Practical Reason Constrains Theoretical Reason: An Argument from Implicit Bias", Central APA
59. Oct 2015, Invited Panelist, "Ethics of Emergency Treatment: Exemptions to Informed Consent", Zygo Student Lunchtime Series on Ethics in Medicine, USC
60. June 2015, Comments on Nate Sharadin's "Actualism and Possibilism in Epistemology", Epistemic Consequentialism, University of Kent
61. Nov 2014, Invited Panelist, "Doctors vs. Parents: Decision-making in Paediatrics", Zygo Student Lunchtime Series on Ethics in Medicine, USC
62. Feb 2014, Comments on Nilanjan Das's "Moral Heroism", USC/UCLA Graduate Philosophy Conference, USC
63. June 2013, Comments on Mandy Kamangar's "The Decider", Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Victoria

64. May 2013, Chair and Comments on Chrisoula Andreou's "Temptations, Resolutions, and Regret", St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality
65. Nov 2011, Comments on Kenneth Boyce's "On Believing in Neutrons but not Numbers", Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis and Clark College

## TEACHING

### COURSES TAUGHT AT CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

Advanced Seminar: Belief, Evidence, and Agency  
 Epistemology  
 Freshman Humanities Seminar: Evil  
 Intro to Philosophy: Moral and Political Issues  
 Race and Policy

### COURSES TAUGHT ELSEWHERE

What's Wrong With Discrimination?, *Central European University*  
 Business Ethics, *University of Southern California*

### EDUCATION OUTREACH AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

2020-present Board Member, *Corrupt the Youth*  
 2019-2020 Humanities Lab Supervisor, *Gould Center for Humanistic Studies at CMC*  
 2017-2018 Public Humanities Program Director, *USC Levan Institute*  
 2016-2018 Director, *Corrupt the Youth-Los Angeles*

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### EDITORIAL WORK

2016-2018 Managing Editor, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*  
 2018 Co-editor (with Mark Schroeder), special issue of *Philosophical Topics*

### REFEREEING

Journals *Episteme, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Ethics, Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, Journal of Value Inquiry, Journal of Philosophy, Philosophy, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Synthese*  
 Presses Oxford University Press, Routledge, Wiley-Blackwell

### CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

2020 Social (Distance) Epistemology Series  
 2016 USC/UCLA Graduate Conference  
 2015 MAP SoCal Regional Multi-Campus Working Group on Philosophy and Inclusive Pedagogy

### UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE SERVICE

#### AT CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

2020-2022 Administration Committee  
 2020-2021 Philosophy Department Speaker Coordinator  
 2019-2020 Student Recruitment Committee  
 2019-2020 Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellows Steering Committee  
 2019-2020 Philosophy Department Student Coordinator

AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

2016-2017      President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association  
2015-2016      Organizer, USC/UCLA Philosophy of Race reading group  
2014-2016      Organizer, USC Minorities And Philosophy (MAP) chapter  
2011-2018      Referee, USC/UCLA Graduate Conference  
2013-2014      Meeting Organizer, Speculative Society  
2012-2013      Treasurer, Philosophy Graduate Student Association

AT UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA

2008-2010      President, Philosophy Undergraduate Club  
2009-2010      Advisory Committee, search for Principal  
2009-2010      Student Advisory Committee, Philosophy Job Search  
2008              Search Committee for Chair of Philosophy

OTHER SERVICE

2019-2022      Member, APA Committee on LGBTQ People in the Profession