

## Kaitlyn Creasy

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- AOS** Nineteenth-Century European Philosophy (especially Friedrich Nietzsche), Ethics (especially Moral Psychology), Environmental Philosophy
- AOC** Existentialism, Social and Political Philosophy (including Feminist Philosophy)

### EMPLOYMENT

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- Assistant Professor of Philosophy 2019-present  
California State University, San Bernardino
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy 2017-2019  
Butler University  
*Affiliate: Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies*

### EDUCATION

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- Ph.D.** The University of New Mexico, Philosophy (with distinction). June 2017
- B.A.** New York University, Philosophy (with honors), *magna cum laude*. May 2010

### RESEARCH

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#### BOOK

1. *The Problem of Affective Nihilism in Nietzsche*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. (June 2020)  
Paperback edition published in June 2021.  
Reviews:  
(i) Lawrence Hatab, *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*. (2022)  
(ii) Paul Katsafanas, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*. (forthcoming)  
(iii) Rebecca Bamford, *Human Studies*. (forthcoming)

#### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

7. “Making Knowledge the Most Powerful Affect: Overcoming Affective Nihilism.” *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*. 50:2 (2019)
6. “On the Problem of Affective Nihilism.” *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*. 49:1 (2018)
5. “Environmental Nihilism: Reading Nietzsche Against New Conservationism” in *Environmental Philosophy*. 17:2 (2017)

#### PAPERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

4. “Sexism is Exhausting: Nietzsche and the Affective Dynamics of Sexist Oppression” in *Nietzsche and Politicized Identities*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press. (forthcoming)
3. “Nietzsche on the Re-naturalization of Humanity in *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*” in *Nietzsche’s Thus Spoke Zarathustra: A Critical Guide*. Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press. (forthcoming June 2022)
2. “Contending with New Conservationism” in *Conservation: Integrating Social and Ecological Justice*. New York: Springer. (2020)

1. “The Birth of Dada out of the Spirit of Nihilism” in *Understanding Nietzsche, Understanding Modernism*. New York: Bloomsbury. (2019)

## PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

4. Interview on *The Problem of Affective Nihilism*, LA Review of Books Blog. 2020. [[Link](#)]
3. Interviewed for “Is This the End of American Optimism?” on *Vox*. 2020. [[Link](#)]
2. “Envisioning a Nietzschean Land Ethic” in *Ecological Citizen*. 2020. [[Link](#)]
1. APA Member Interview, Blog of the *American Philosophical Association*. 2020. [[Link](#)]

## BOOK REVIEWS

5. Review of *Nietzsche’s Moral Psychology* by Mark Alfano (Cambridge University Press 2019) in the *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*. (2022)
4. Review of *Individuality and Beyond: Nietzsche Reads Emerson* by Benedetta Zavatta (Oxford University Press, 2019) in the *Journal of the History of Philosophy*. (2021)
3. Review of *Friedrich Nietzsche and European Nihilism* by Paul van Tongeren (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2018) in *The Agonist*. 7:1 (2018)
2. Review of *Naturalizing Heidegger* by David E. Storey (SUNY Press, 2015) in the *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*. 48:2 (2017)
1. Review of *Plato and Nietzsche: Their Philosophical Art* by Mark Anderson (Bloomsbury, 2014) in *Ancient Philosophy*. 36 (2016)

## INVITED TALKS

7. “Response to Critics” for SPEG Book Symposium on *The Problem of Affective Nihilism in Nietzsche*. 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. (2022)
6. “Exhausting Environmental Optimism.” University of Maine. Maine Seminar for Engaged Philosophy. (2021)
5. “Nietzsche on Sociocultural Impacts on Emotions.” University of London, Birkbeck. (2021)
4. “Response to Critics” for APA Book Symposium on *The Problem of Affective Nihilism in Nietzsche*. 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. (2021)
3. “Nietzsche on Sociocultural Impacts on Emotions.” Presented at the Friedrich Nietzsche Society’s Works in Progress Series. (2021)
2. “Resisting Human Exceptionalism in the Anthropocene: Nietzsche’s Ecocentrism.” *Nietzsche in the Northeast*. (2020) (*postponed due to COVID-19*)
1. “Nietzschean Nihilisms: Distinctions, Overlap, and Interactions.” Presented at Nietzsche in the Northeast. (2019)

## PRESENTATIONS

- “Emotional Dominance and Psycho-physiological Decadence”  
North American Nietzsche Society, Brown University, October 2022. (upcoming)
- “Stubborn Social Emotions and their Harms”  
39<sup>th</sup> International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2022. (upcoming)
- “The Sociality of Emotion and the Affective Freedom of Nietzsche’s Free Spirit”  
North American Nietzsche Society, Georgia State University, October 2021.
- “Nietzsche on Sociocultural Impacts on Emotions”

26<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society (virtual), September 2021.  
Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, May 2021.

“Nietzsche’s Proto-Ecocentrism: On Cultivating an Ecological Conscience.”  
94<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 2020. (*cancelled due to COVID-19*)

“Nietzsche on Affect, Self-Knowledge, and Personal Transformation.”  
57<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 2018.

“Nietzsche on Nihilism, Affect, and Agency.”  
North American Nietzsche Society, Stanford University, October 2018.

“Contending with New Conservationism.”  
Conference on Religious Perspectives and Alternative Futures in an Age of Humans. Humanities Without Walls, Indiana University, May 2018.  
International Society of Environmental Ethics at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March 2018.  
Irish Philosophical Society, Carlowe College, November 2017.

“How to Feel Differently: The Problem of Affective Nihilism in Nietzsche.”  
23<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, September 2017.

“Environmental Nihilism: Reading Nietzsche Against New Conservationism.”  
91<sup>st</sup> Annual Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 2017.

“Thinking Self-Transformation and Openness.”  
55<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 2016.

“The Limits of Self-Determination in Nietzsche.”  
21<sup>st</sup> International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, September 2015.

“Finding Love in Nietzsche: from the *Untimely Meditations* through *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*.”  
20<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, September 2014.

## INVITED COMMENTARIES

Comments on “Pessimism and the Affirmation of Life: Nietzsche’s Music-Making Socrates” by Peter Stewart-Kroeker. 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 2022.

Comments on *Richard Rorty: Outgrowing Modern Nihilism* by Tracy Llanera. 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, March 2022.

Comments on “Dionysian Women: Hedwig Dohm’s Feminist Critique of Nietzschean Life Affirmation” by Katie Brennan. WIP Series for [Extending New Narratives in Philosophy](#), an organization committed to “retrieving philosophical works of women and individuals from... marginalized groups.” May 2021.

## GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowship, *American Association of University Women* (\$30,000) 2021-22

Dean's Summer Research Fellowship, <i>California State University, San Bernardino</i>	2020, 2021
Most Valuable Professor, Athletics (university-wide), <i>California State University, San Bernardino</i>	2020
Outstanding Professor of the Year Award in Teaching (university-wide), <i>Butler University</i>	2019
Travel Grant, <i>Butler University</i>	2017, 2018, 2019
Social Justice and Diversity Vocational Fellowship, <i>Butler University</i>	2019
Faculty Summer Research Grant, <i>Butler University</i>	2018
Graduate Student Award (stipend), <i>American Philosophical Association</i>	2017
Student Research Grant, Graduate Student Association, <i>University of New Mexico</i>	2017
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, <i>Russell and Dorothy Bilinski Foundation</i> (\$30,000)	2016-17
Student Conference Award, <i>University of New Mexico</i>	2014, 2016
Student Research Grant, Graduate Student Association, <i>University of New Mexico</i>	2016
Philosophy Department Travel Award, <i>University of New Mexico</i> (awarded three times)	2014, 2015, 2016
Intensive Language Course Grant, <i>Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst</i> (DAAD: German Academic Exchange Service)	2014

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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### *California State University, San Bernardino*

Capstone seminar: Schopenhauer and Nietzsche

Upper-level courses: Environmental Ethics; Moral Psychology; The Meaning of Life; Continental Philosophy; Existentialism; Phenomenology

Lower-level courses: Honors: Thinking Critically; Introduction to Ethics; Introduction to Philosophy

### *Butler University*

Capstone seminar: Genealogy and Power: Nietzsche and Foucault

Upper-level courses: Wilderness and the Land Ethic; History of Modern Philosophy

Lower-level courses: Marginalized in America; Ethics, the Good Life, and Society; First Year Seminar: Becoming Who You Are (two semesters); Principles of Reasoning

Honors theses supervised: Philosophy of Adoption and Parenthood; Omar Khayyam and Albert Camus on the Absurd

### *The University of New Mexico*

Lower-level courses: Introduction to Philosophy; Reasoning and Critical Thinking

## **SERVICE**

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## Service to the Profession

- Steering Committee Member, North American Nietzsche Society (2019-present)
- Advisory Board, *The Ecological Citizen* (2019-present)
- Secretary-Treasurer, The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (2018-2021)
- Program Committee Member, North American Nietzsche Society (2019-2020)
- Advisory Council, Global Ecocentric Network for Implementing Ecodemocracy (2018-present)
- Organizer, Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy (virtual) (2021)
- Editor for Special Issue titled “Nietzsche and Affects.” *The Agonist* 13: 1-2 (2020)
- Managing Editor, *The Agonist* (2017-2019)
- Director, Nietzsche Circle (2008-2018)
- Book Reviews Editor, *The Agonist* (2015-2017)
- Referee for: *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, *Ethics and the Environment*, *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, Bloomsbury Press, Palgrave Macmillan

## University Service

### *California State University, San Bernardino*

- Faculty Advisor and Coordinator for the Philosophy Club (2019-present)
- Writing Intensive Advisory Board, All-university (2019-present)
- Search Committee (tenure-track), Philosophy Department (2021-2022)
- Search Committee (tenure-track), Philosophy Department (2019-2020)
- Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Letters (2019-2021)

### *Butler University*

- Faculty Advisor and Coordinator for the Philosophy Club (2018-2019)
- Creator and Facilitator of Philosophy on Tap (2018-2019)
- Faculty Senator, Butler University Faculty Senate (2018-2019)
- Search Committee (tenure-track), Philosophy, Religion, and Classics Department (2017-2018)
- Faculty Sponsor, Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute (PIKSI) (2017-2018)
- Creator and Moderator of the Philosophy Facebook page (2018-2019)