

Natasha M. Haddal

Dissertation

Bridging the Towers of Babel: Pluralistic Approaches to Biological Sex (2025)

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Areas of specialization

Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Science, Feminist Philosophy of Science

Areas of Competence

Cognitive Science, Epistemology, Feminist Epistemology

Education

University of California, Davis: Ph.D. in Philosophy 2025

University of California, Davis: M.A. in Philosophy 2021

University of California, Davis: B.A. in Philosophy 2014

Awards

- [1] Dean's Graduate Summer Fellowship Award Summer 2022 (amount \$5260)
- [2] Development Grant from the Graduate Student Association Fall 2022 (amount \$500)
- [3] Travel grant to attend Gametic Politics Workshop 2026 (amount \$800)
- [4] Travel grant to attend Mycological Society of America 2026 (Amount \$1300)

Conferences

- [1] "Understanding Biological Sex Pluralistically"
The International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB) Summer 2020
- [2] "Pluralistic Approaches to Scientific Theorizing"
Philosophy of Biology at the Mountains - Appalachia (POBAMA) Summer 2022
- [3] "Pluralistic Approaches and Biological Sex"
Invited talk - Chico State University - October 4th, 2023
- [4] "A comparative analysis of pluralistic approaches and the tensions that arise in them."
Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science March 23, 2023
- [5] "Context Use in Pluralism and Contextualism"
The International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB) Summer 2023
- [6] "Three Context-Sensitive Approaches to Biological Sex"
Poster presentation - Philosophy of Science Association (PSA) 2024
- [7] "Eliminative Pluralism and Biological Sex -Marc Ereshefky's impact on classification"
Invited talk - The International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB) Summer 2025

- [8] "The Role of Gametic Sex: Is It Enough?" Gametic Sex Workshop, Yale University - April 2026
- [9] "Interdisciplinarity and Pluralistic Approaches to Biological Sex" Mycological Society of America - July 2026

Papers

- [1] "When One is Not Enough: Virtue-Based Critiques of Monism about Sex", in review
- [2] "Process-Sensitive Accounts of Biological Sex", in review

Academic Service

- [1] Graduate Student Organizer of DEX (2022-2023)
- [2] Graduate Student Representative to the Graduate Student Association (2019-2023)
- [3] Graduate Representative to the Graduate Program Evaluation Committee (2020)
- [4] Teaching Practicum Organizer TIPS (Fall 2019, 2020, 2022)
- [5] Founding member of the UC Davis Philosophy Department Diversity Working Group
- [6] Graduate Student Representative of the International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social studies of Biology (2022-2025)
- [7] Graduate Student Mentor (2020-2025)

Comments

- [1] Comments of Evangelian Collings "Persons as Organisms and the Pregnancy Problem" American Philosophical Association (Pacific), San Francisco 2023
- [2] Chaired Session Megan Kitts "Throwing the Embryos Out with the Bathwater? A Novel evaluation of Discarding Surplus Embryos" American Philosophical Association (Pacific), San Francisco 2023
- [3] Comments for Meghan Wu's "The pain is good, as long as you're not laughing: Why the best revenge is the life well lived" Berkeley, Stanford, Davis Graduate Conference, Davis 2025

Primary Instructor

- [1] Introduction to Cognitive Science (Summer 2021)
- [2] Introduction to the Philosophy of Science (Spring 2023)
- [3] Critical Reasoning (Summer 2023)
- [4] Evolution of Mind (Summer 2025)

Teaching Assistant

- [1] Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Winter 2020, Spring 2020, Winter 2021, Fall 2024)
- [2] Minds, Brains, and Computers (Winter 2019, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Spring 2022)
- [3] Introduction to Cognitive Science (Fall 2020, Spring 2025)
- [4] Introduction to the Philosophy of Science (Winter 2022)

- [5] Philosophical Classics of the Modern Era (Fall 2022)
- [6] Introduction to the Philosophy of Science (Winter 2023)
- [7] Epistemology (Spring 2024)
- [8] Metaphysics, Upper Division (Winter 2025)

Reader

- [1] Philosophy of Biology (Summer 2021)
- [2] Evolution of Mind (Spring 2019)

Previous Experience

Research Analyst and Consulting Manager in Research and Development at Catalina Structured Funding