

# Esther Nikbin

# Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION Philosophy of Mind; Philosophy of Gender; Feminist Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE Philosophy of Language; Logic; Philosophy of Science; Political Philosophy

EDUCATION **The University of California, Los Angeles**  
Ph.D. in Philosophy (expected 2025)  
Dissertation: “Networked Inequities”  
Committee: Josh Armstrong (co-chair), Sam Cumming (co-chair), AJ Julius, Cailin O’Connor  
Candidate in Philosophy (2020)  
Master of Arts, Philosophy (2017)

## Cornell University

Bachelor of Arts (2016)  
Linguistics, *summa cum laude*  
Thesis: “Conditioned, Unconditioned, and Unusual Variation in a Consistency-Oriented Speech Task”  
Philosophy, *summa cum laude*  
Thesis: “Convention as Evolution: A Generalized Darwinian Approach”  
Minor in Mathematics

FELLOWSHIPS AWARDS HONORS  
2021 Yost Prize for Excellence in Teaching (UCLA)  
2018 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (UCLA)  
2016-7 Dean’s Scholar (UCLA)  
2016 Phi Beta Kappa (Cornell University)  
2012-6 Dean’s List (Cornell University, seven semesters)  
2013 Research Experience for Undergraduates  
(Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics)

WRITING “If a Baby is Born in the Woods with Nobody to Teach it Gender, Can it be Trans?”  
under review at *Hypatia*

PRIMARY  
INSTRUCTOR

**The University of California, Los Angeles**  
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (Summer 2023)  
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (Summer 2021)

TEACHING  
ASSISTANT

**The University of California, Los Angeles**  
Introduction to Logic (Summer 2024)  
Introduction to Ethical Theory (Spring 2023)  
Logic-Second Course (Fall 2023)  
Analysis of Contemporary Moral Issues (Fall 2022)  
Introduction to the Philosophy of Science (Spring 2022)  
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (Winter 2022)  
Analysis of Contemporary Moral Issues (Fall 2021)  
Topics in Aesthetic Theory: Poetry (Spring 2021)  
Introduction to Logic (Winter 2021)  
Philosophy of Space and Time (Fall 2020)  
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (Summer 2020)  
Language and Identity (Spring 2019)  
Skepticism and Rationality (Winter 2019)  
Philosophy of Space and Time (Fall 2018)  
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (Spring 2018)  
Meaning and Communication (Winter 2018)  
Introduction to Ethical Theory (Fall 2017)

**Cornell University**

Introduction to Statistical Methods (2015)  
Precalculus for Summer Prefreshman (2015)  
Introduction to Computing in Python (2013-2015)

RESEARCH  
ASSISTANT

Cornell University Phonetics Laboratory (2015)  
Cornell University Gravitational Waves Group (2013-4)  
Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics (2013)

DEPT.  
SERVICE

**The University of California, Los Angeles**  
Graduate Student Representative, 2018-9

REFERENCES

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