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AREAS OF
SPECIALIZATION Philosophy of Science
 Philosophy of Biology
 Data Ethics

AREAS OF
COMPETENCE Bioethics
 Feminist Philosophy
 20th Century Continental Philosophy

EDUCATION 2017 - 2022 Ph.D., Philosophy
 Department of Philosophy
 McGill University, Canada

 2019 Graduate Certificate in Teaching
 Faculty of Education
 University of Montreal, Canada

 2015-2017 M.A., Philosophy
 Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

 2010-2013 B.A., Philosophy
 Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

 B.A., Finance and Business
 Instituto Brasileiro de Mercados e Capitais (Ibmec), Rio
 de Janeiro, Brazil

EMPLOYMENT 2024-2026 FRQSC Postdoctoral Fellow
 Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, Canada.

 2022-2023 Postdoctoral Fellow
 Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
 Department of Philosophy
 Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada

 2021 - Lecturer
 Department of Philosophy
 Collège de Bois-de-Boulogne, Montreal, Canada

 2020-2022 Research Assistant
 Department of Philosophy

2020	McGill University, Montreal, Canada Project: Data Ethics: Responsible Measurement for the Digital Age
2017-2020	Course Lecturer Department of Philosophy McGill University, Canada
	Teaching Assistant Department of Philosophy McGill University, Canada

PUBLICATIONS	Peer-reviewed articles	1. Haddad, Yasmin. (forthcoming) “Measuring Ancestry”. <i>Biology and Philosophy</i> . [conditionally accepted – minor revisions]
		2. Haddad, Yasmin. (2025) “The Value-Ladenness of Ancestry”. <i>Studies in History and Philosophy of Science</i> . https://doi.org/10.1016/j.shpsa.2025.06.001
		3. Haddad, Yasmin. (2024). “The Scope of Reciprocal Causation”. <i>Philosophy, Theory, and Practice In Biology</i> . https://doi.org/10.3998/ptpbio.5258
		4. Haddad, Yasmin. (2024). “Demystifying Downward Causation in Biology”. <i>Journal for General Philosophy of Science</i> . https://doi.org/10.1007/s10838-024-09686-5
		5. Haddad, Yasmin. (2023). “The Epistemic Harms of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Tests.” <i>Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy</i> . https://doi.org/10.1007/s11019-023-10164-w .
		6. Longino, Helen, Haddad, Yasmin, Arbo, Jade Bueno, and Soares, Maria Helena Silva. 2021. “Philosophy of Science and feminist epistemologies: interview with Helen Longino” (In Portuguese) <i>Em Construção</i> , no. 10 (In Portuguese). https://doi.org/10.12957/emconstrucao.2021.62842 .
	Book under contract	7. Haddad, Yasmin. “Ancestry”. <i>Cambridge Elements in Philosophy of Biology</i> . Cambridge University Press.
	Book chapter	8. Haddad, Yasmin, Neto, Celso. “Values in Genomics”. (2026) In: <i>The Routledge Handbook for Values and Science</i> . Edited by Kevin C. Elliott and Ted Richards. (Forthcoming)

Under review	<p>Haddad, Yasmin, Neto, Celso, Nieves Delgado, Abigail. “Challenges Facing the Use of Ancestry, Ethnicity, and Race in Genomics” (Undergoing major revisions)</p> <p>Haddad, Yasmin, Neto, Celso. “Navigating Values in Scientific Recommendations” (Under review)</p> <p>Haddad, Yasmin. “Status Quo Bias: a Case Study from Human Genomics”. (Under review)</p>
In preparation	<p>Haddad, Yasmin. “When imprecision is a bad thing: the case of ancestry”</p> <p>Haddad, Yasmin. “Constitutive Objectivity”</p> <p>Haddad, Yasmin. “Adequacy-for-purpose and ancestry inference”</p> <p>Haddad, Yasmin. “Colonialist Heritage in Ancestry Classification”</p> <p>Haddad, Yasmin., Hazelwood, Caleb. “The Unbearable Lightness of Intervening”</p> <p>Haddad, Yasmin. Doolittle, Ford. “Reviving Mayr’s Proximate/Ulimate Distinction”.</p>
Translations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. De Laclos, Choderlos. (2019). “On the Education of Women” (in Portuguese) In <i>Arqueofeminismo: Mulheres Filósofas e Filósofos Feministas Do Século XVII-XVIII</i>, edited by Maxime Rovere, translated by Yasmin Haddad. São Paulo: n-1 edições. 2. Poullain De La Barre, François. (2019). “On the Equality of the Two Sexes” (in Portuguese) In <i>Arqueofeminismo: Mulheres Filósofas e Filósofos Feministas Do Século XVII-XVIII</i>, edited by Maxime Rovere, translated by Yasmin Haddad. São Paulo: n-1 edições. 3. Ravaisson, Félix. 2018. “On Habit” (in Portuguese) Translated by Yasmin Haddad. <i>Revista Ideação</i> 1 (37).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2024-2026	<p>FRQSC Postdoctoral Fellowship (grant holder) \$90.000 + \$30.000 supplement Project title: Rethinking Our Individual Differences Through Genomics</p>
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2024	Philosophy of Science Association Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Caucus Prize Prize awarded for the symposium “Race, ethnicity and ancestry: uses and misuses of population descriptors in genomics”, with Celso Neto.
2022-2023	Postdoctoral Fellowship funded by the New Frontiers in Research Funding Host institution: Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada. \$56.000
2022	McGill Graduate Excellence Award \$5.300
2020-2021	Wolfe Fellowship in Scientific and Technological Literacy \$7.000
2020	MITACS Research Training Award \$6.000
2020	Early Career Fellowship Konrad Lorenz Institute, Klosterneuburg, Austria (declined due to outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic)
2019	G.R.E.A.T Mobility Award to attend academic conferences in Canada \$2.400
2017	McGill Graduate Excellence Award (Doctoral funding) \$80.000
2016	Faperj Nota 10 Excellence Fellowship (Master’s funding) \$10.000
2015	CAPES / CNPQ Research Grant (Brazilian funding agency) \$6.000
2014	PIBIC (Scientific Initiation Program) Undergraduate Scholarship \$6.000

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

2021 - present	Instructor, Collège de Bois-de-Boulogne Department of Philosophy Montreal, Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Science, Technology, and Society (45h, x2) - Philosophy and Rationality (60h, x4) - The Human Being (45h, x3) - Ethics and Politics (45h, x3)
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- 2020 Course Lecturer, McGill University
Department of Philosophy
Montreal, Canada
- PHIL341 – Philosophy of Science (90h, x1)
- 2017-2020 Teaching Assistant, McGill University
Department of Philosophy
Montreal, Canada
- Contemporary Moral Issues (x1)
 - Biomedical Ethics (x1)
 - Introduction to History and Philosophy of Science (x2)
 - Introduction to Feminist Philosophy (x2)

SELECTED
TALKS
* = invited

- 2026 Keynote Speaker, POBAM (Philosophy of Biology at Madison) Conference*
Wisconsin-Madison, U.S.A.
- “The Ancestry Paradox”
British Society for Philosophy of Science Conference (BSPS), Leeds, UK.
- 2025 “When imprecision is a bad thing: the case of ‘ancestry’”
Human Genomics Without Racism (HUGERA) Online Lecture Series, University of Exeter, UK.
- “Status Quo Bias”
International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB) 2025, Porto, Portugal.
- “Measuring Ancestry”
Pragmatism and Measurement: New Directions (conference), Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, U.S.A.
- 2024 “Ancestry in genomics: ethical, political and social considerations”* (In Portuguese)
Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- “Value Trade-Offs and Alignments” (with Celso Neto)
Philosophy of Science Association (PSA), New Orleans, U.S.A.
- “Genetics and Ancestry” * (In Portuguese)
Institute of Biosciences, University of São Paulo (USP), São Paulo, Brazil.
- “Measuring Ancestry”

Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science (CSHPS), McGill University, Canada.

“Measuring Ancestry”*

International Postdoc Forum, University of Minnesota, U.S.A.

2023

“The Unbearable Lightness of Intervening” (with Caleb Hazelwood)

ROTO Lecture Series, University of Bochum, Germany (online)

“The Scope of Reciprocal Causation”

International Society for the Social Studies, History and Philosophy of Biology (ISHPSSB), University of Toronto, Canada.

“The Value-Ladenness of Population Descriptors”

International Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

“The Value-Ladenness of Population Descriptors”

Egenis, the Centre for the Study of the Life Sciences, University of Exeter, U.K.

2022

“Demystifying Downward Causation in Biology”

New Perspectives on Causation in the Life Sciences, University of Kent, U.K.

2021

“Demystifying Downward Causation in Biology”

International Society for the Social Studies, History and Philosophy of Biology (ISHPSSB), Cold Spring Harbour, U.S. (online due to Covid-19)

“Demystifying Downward Causation in Biology” *

Redpath Museum Seminar Series, McGill University, Canada.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH	2024	Global South Philosophies of Science Directory Project stage: data collection Creation of a directory for philosophers of science publishing in Portuguese or Spanish.
		“Artificial Intelligence and Pedagogy” Project for the Philosophy department at Collège de Bois-de-Boulogne Head of the project to develop pedagogical best practices for the use of generative AI in the classroom.
	2021	Podcast interview, Podcast of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Podcast interview, Dragões de Garagem Podcast
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REFEREE WORK		Journals: Biology and Philosophy (1x) British Journal for the Philosophy of Science (1x) Philosophical Explorations (1x) Grant schemes: Jury member for the Fonds de Recherche du Québec undergraduate fellowship program (ongoing)
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SERVICE		Member in the following departmental committees: – Committee for academic success in philosophy (training and recruitment of philosophy tutors) – Committee for the departmental educational development community
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LANGUAGES		English (fluent) Portuguese (native) French (native) Spanish (fluent)
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS		Philosophy of Science Association (PSA) International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB) Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science (CSHPS)
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