

# Yasmin Haddad

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## AREAS OF SPECIALTY

Philosophy of Science  
Philosophy of Biology  
Data Ethics

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Bioethics  
Feminist Philosophy  
20th Century Continental  
Philosophy

## EMPLOYMENT

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- 2022 - 2023 Postdoctoral Fellow  
Department of Philosophy and Department of Molecular Biology  
Dalhousie University
- 2024 - 2026 FRQSC Postdoctoral Fellow  
Université du Québec à Montréal

## EDUCATION

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- 2017 - 2022 PhD Philosophy, McGill University  
Thesis title: Beyond the Divide: the  
Conceptual Foundations of Evolutionary  
Developmental Biology.
- 2019-2020 Graduate Degree in Teaching Faculty of  
Education, Université de Montréal
- 2015-2017 M.A. Philosophy, PUC-Rio
- 2011-2014 B.A. Philosophy, UFRJ
- 2010-2013 B.A. Finance and Business  
Administration, Ibmecc-RJ

## LANGUAGES

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Fluent in English, French and  
Portuguese. Proficient in Spanish.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Haddad, Yasmin. (Forthcoming) The Epistemic Harms of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Tests in *Medicine, Healthcare and Philosophy*.
- Longino, Helen, **Haddad, Yasmin**, Arbo, Jade Bueno and Silva Soares, Maria Helena. 2021. "Filosofia da ciência e epistemologias feministas: entrevista com Helen Longino." *Em Construção*, no. 10 (November).
- Haddad, Yasmin. 2016. "Previsão e Passagem: Considerações sobre a Causalidade em A Evolução Criadora." *ANALÓGOS* 16 (1).  
<https://doi.org/10.17771/PUCRio.ANA.28210>

## UNDER REVIEW

– Haddad, Y. Demystifying Downward Causation in Biology.

– Haddad, Y. The Scope of Reciprocal Causation.

## IN PREPARATION

– Haddad, Y. The Value Ladenness of Population Descriptors

– With Caleb Hazelwood, The Unbearable Lightness of Intervening.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- 2022 McGill Graduate Excellence Award, \$5,300
- 2020 -21 Wolfe Graduate Fellowship in Scientific and Technological Literacy, \$7,000
- 2020 MITACS Research Training Award, \$6,000  
Early Career Fellowship, Konrad Lorenz Institute, Klosterneuburg, Austria (Unable to take fellowship due to Covid-19)
- 2019 G.R.E.A.T Mobility Award, \$2,400
- 2017 McGill Graduate Excellence Award, \$80,000
- 2016 Faperj Nota 10 Excellence Scholarship, \$10,000
- 2015 CAPES/CNPQ Research Grant, \$6,000
- 2014 PIBIC Undergraduate Research Scholarship, \$6,000

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2020-22 Research Assistant  
Project: Data Ethics: Responsible Measurement for the Digital Age (led by Prof. Eran Tal)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2021 - present Instructor, Bois-de-Boulogne College  
–Philosophy and Rationality (introduction to logic and critical thinking)  
–The Human Being (a survey of key conceptions of the human being through 18th - 20th century philosophers)  
– Ethics and Politics (key contemporary moral and political issues)
- 2020 Instructor, McGill University  
– PHIL341 - Philosophy of Science (Topic: Philosophy of Biology)
- 2017-20 Teaching Assistant, McGill University  
Courses  
– Contemporary Moral Issues (Summer 2020)  
– Biomedical Ethics (Fall 2019)  
– Introduction to History and Philosophy of Science (Winter 2019)  
– Introduction to Feminist Philosophy (Fall 2018)  
– Introduction to History and Philosophy of Science (Winter 2018)  
– Introduction to Feminist Philosophy (Fall 2017)

## TRANSLATIONS

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- De Laclós, Choderlos. 2019. "Da Educação Das Mulheres." In *Arqueofeminismo: Mulheres Filósofas e Filósofos Feministas Do Século XVII-XVIII*, edited by Maxime Rovere, translated by Yasmin Haddad. São Paulo: n-1 edições.
- Poullain De La Barre, François. 2019. "Da Igualdade Entre Os Dois Sexos, Discurso Físico e Moral, Onde Vemos a Importância de Se Desfazer Dos Preconceitos." In *Arqueofeminismo: Mulheres Filósofas e Filósofos Feministas Do Século XVII-XVIII*, edited by Maxime Rovere, translated by Yasmin Haddad. São Paulo: n-1 edições.
- Ravaisson, Félix. 2018. "Do Hábito." Translated by Yasmin Haddad. *Revista Ideação* 1 (37).

## REFEREED TALKS

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- 2023 – "The Scope of Reciprocal Causation". ISHPSSB Conference, Toronto, Canada.  
– "The Value Ladenness of Population Descriptors". CLMPST Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2022 – "Demystifying Downward Causation in Biology" New Perspectives on Causation in the Life Sciences, University of Kent, June 2022.
- 2021 – "Demystifying Downward Causation in Biology". International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB), Cold Spring Harbour (online).
- 2020 – "Downward Causation in Biology: a Philosophical Account". Redpath Museum Seminar Series, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
- 2019 – "The Emergence of Evolutionary Novelties". Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA), University of British Columbia, Vancouver.  
– "Emergence and Novelty in Evolutionary Biology". Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science (CSHPS), University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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- 2021 – Podcast interview: "Philosophy of Biology", Podcast PPGLM  
– Podcast interview: "Philosophy of Science", Podcast Dragões de Garagem (2021)

## REVIEWING

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- British Journal of Philosophy of Science (BJPS)  
– Philosophical Explorations

## REFERENCES

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## INVITED TALKS

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- 2023 – "The Value Ladenness of Population Descriptors".  
Egenis, University of Exeter, United Kingdom.
- 2022 – "The Scope of Reciprocal Causation" Halifax  
Workshop in Philosophy of Biology. Dalhousie  
University, Halifax, Canada.
- 2021 – "Demystifying Downward Causation in Biology".  
Colloquium Series, Department of Philosophy.  
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada.
- 2019 – "Emergence and Novelty in Evolutionary Biology".  
McGill Workshop Series, McGill University. Montreal,  
Canada.