

Dr Jonathan Paul Mitchell

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Areas of specialisation: Continental philosophy, phenomenology, philosophy of disability, disability studies, philosophy of technology, feminist philosophy, actor-network theory, vulnerability, biopolitics, posthumanism.

Areas of competence: philosophy of biology, embodied cognition, Critical Theory, bioethics, medical ethics.

Current & Recent Employment Year(s)

Editorial Assistant: International Journal of Philosophical Studies	2022–
Part-Time (HPAL) Lecturer (University College Dublin)	2019, 2023–4
Tutor (University College Dublin)	2012–2019

Education Year(s)

University College Dublin

PhD in Philosophy 2013–2021

Thesis Title: “Distributing Disability: Embodied Difference, Technology, and the Human”.

MA in Philosophy (First Class) 2011–2012

Thesis Title: “Rebellious Matter: Towards an Ontology of Embodied Difference”.

Queen’s University Belfast

BA (Hons) in Sociology and Politics (First Class) 2008–2011

Dissertation Title: “Live Flesh: Materiality, Subjectivity, Agency”.

Publications Year(s)

Dolezal, Luna, Cathrin Fischer & Jonathan Paul Mitchell, “Disability”, in *Routledge Handbook of Political Phenomenology*, edited by Steffen Herrmann, Gerhard Thonhauser, Sophie Loidolt, Tobias Matzner, Nils Baratella. London: Routledge, 2024. 2024

Käll, Lise Folkmarson, Jonathan Paul Mitchell & Tobias Skiveren. “Editors’ Introduction: Disability and Protheses”. *Women, Gender & Research* 31, no. 2 (2021): 5–9. 2021

Publications	Year(s)
Mitchell, Jonathan Paul. “Unsafe Ground: Technology, Habit, and the Enactment of Disability”. <i>Women, Gender & Research</i> 31, no. 2 (2021): 24–39.	2021
Mitchell, Jonathan Paul. “Disability and the Inhuman”, in <i>Perception and the Inhuman Gaze: Perspectives from Philosophy, Phenomenology and the Sciences</i> , edited by Anya Daly, James Jardine, Fred Cummins, and Dermot Moran, 298–307. London: Routledge, 2020.	2020
Mitchell, Jonathan. “‘Race’, Nation and Belonging in Ireland”. <i>Irish Journal of Applied Social Studies</i> 11, no. 1 (2011): 4–13.	2011

In Preparation

Manuscript: A New Disability Ethics.

Article: Crippling Online Sociality: A Critical Phenomenology of Online Encounters (with Cathrin Fischer)

Article: Can Personhood Ground Disability Ethics?

Article: Challenging the ‘Normal Body’ in Phenomenology of Illness.

Article: What is ‘Social’ and ‘Constructed’ in Social Construction? Pluralising Disability Concepts.

Article: Disability and Vulnerability: The Ethics and Politics of COVID-19 Responses.

Forthcoming Activities **Year(s)**

Awards **Year(s)**

Máire de Paor Award for Best PhD Thesis in UCD College of Social Sciences and Law (nominated)	2022
Irish Research Council, Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship	2013–2016
ESB–Universities Ireland, North/South Postgraduate Scholarship	2011–2012
Undergraduate Awards, ‘Social Studies’ category: Overall Winner	2011
Undergraduate Awards, ‘Politics and International Relations’ category: Highly Commended (runner-up)	2011
<i>Queen’s University Belfast, School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work</i>	
McLaughlin Prize (best work on disability)	2011
<i>Queen’s University Belfast, School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy</i>	
David Mulholland Prize (best performance in dissertation)	2011
Foundation Scholarship	2010

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Foundation Scholarship	2009

Conference & Workshop Presentations	Year(s)
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Invited Workshop Respondent	2024
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Vulnerability and the Gift of Death, Stockholm University, 16 April 2024.

Crippling Online Sociality (with Cathrin Fischer)	2024
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Imagining Technologies for Disability Futures workshop, University of Leeds, 24 April 2024.

Disability & Vulnerability	2023
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Vulnerability Workshop, University College Dublin, 12 May 2023.

Disability, Vulnerability, and Debility	2022
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Fits and Misfits: Rethinking Disability, Debility, and the World with Merleau-Ponty (46th Annual Conference of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle), Georgetown University, Washington, 10 November 2022.

Disability, Personhood, and Vulnerability [read]	2021
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Invited Speaker Seminar Series, Nordic Network Gender Body Health, 16 December 2021.

Disability, Technological Milieus, and Anticipation	2021
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Phenomenology Symposium, School of Philosophy, University College Dublin, 26 April 2021.

Inter-mundane Technology as an Unsafe Ground for Habit and Possibility	2018
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Habit and Social Experience, School of Philosophy, University College Dublin, 7-8 December 2018.

Some Implications of Enactivism for a Conception of Disability	2018
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A Workshop On and With Tony Chemero, School of Computer Science, University College Dublin, 27-28 June 2018.

Disability and The Inhuman [read]	2018
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The Inhuman Gaze and Perceiving Otherwise, Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris, France, 6-9 June 2018.

Disability, Technology, Time: The Technological Unconscious as an Unsafe Ground for Bodily Activity [read]	2017
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Interrogating Prostheses, Nordic Network Gender Body Health, Stockholm University, 15-16 May 2017.

Conference & Workshop Presentations	Year(s)
Disability and Prosthesis Beyond Utility and Function [read] <i>Disability, Arts and Health, Nordic Network for Gender, Body, Health, Bergen University, 1-2 September 2016.</i>	2016
Expression and <i>The Structure of Behavior</i> [read] <i>Workshop with Donald A. Landes on Merleau-Ponty and the Paradoxes of Expression, University College Dublin, 18 May 2016.</i>	2016
Atypical Morphology and the Normative Limits of Ability and Function [read] <i>Theorizing the Body in Health and Medicine, Maastricht University, 25-26 November 2015.</i>	2015
Bioethics Without a Concept of ‘Normalcy’ <i>Conceptualizing Disability as a Public Health Issue, Fondation Brocher, Geneva, Switzerland, 26 January 2015.</i>	2015
Other Academic Experience & Citizenship	Year(s)
Peer Review: <i>Puncta: A Journal of Critical Phenomenology</i>	2023
Minorities and Philosophy (Dublin Chapter) : Committee Member and Accessibility Coordinator	2021–2022
Co-organiser: <i>Imagining Technologies for Disability Futures</i> panel, ‘Phenomenology, Disability, and Technology’, at 2022 British Society for Phenomenology conference, University of Exeter	2022
Co-editor: special issue of <i>Women, Gender & Research</i> , ‘ Interrogating Disability and Prostheses ’	2019–2021
Conference assistant: <i>The Inhuman Gaze</i> , Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris	2018
Peer reviewer: <i>Hypatia</i>	2016
Peer reviewer: <i>Somatechnics</i>	2014
Conference assistant: <i>The Future of the Body</i> , Long Room Hub, Trinity College, Dublin	2014
Alumnus judge: 2013 <i>Undergraduate Awards</i>	2013
Indexer: Giffney, N. & Shildrick, M. (eds), <i>Theory on the Edge: Irish Studies and the Politics of Sexual Difference</i> . Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2013 <i>Queen’s University Belfast</i>	2013
Student Union Councillor	2010–2011
Community, Equality, Diversity Committee Member	2009–2011
Student–Staff Consultative Committee Member	2009–2010

Language(s)

English

French

Level

Native speaker

Speak & read with basic competence (CEF A2)

Memberships

Society for Philosophy and Disability

British Society for Phenomenology

Disabled Academic Collective

Year(s)

2020–

2022–

2022–