

# Meredith Sheeks

## Curriculum Vitae

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### RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization – Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competence – Feminist Philosophy, Social & Political Philosophy

### EDUCATION

2021-2027 (expected)

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2019-2021

M.A., Philosophy, Northern Illinois University

– G.P.A. 4.0

2015-2019

B.S., Majors: Mathematics and Biblical and Theological Studies,

Minor: Philosophy, Lee University

– *Summa cum laude*

### PUBLICATIONS

2023

“The Myth of the Good Epistemic Bubble.” *Episteme*, 20(3), 2023

2023

“A Love that Hides.” *Faith and Philosophy*, 40(2), 2023

### TEACHING

Fall 2023-

Instructor of Record, UNC Chapel Hill

- Introduction to Social Ethics and Political Thought, Spring 2025
- Philosophy of Western Religion, Fall 2024
- An Introduction to Critical Thinking, Spring 2024
- Moral and Philosophical Issues of Gender in Society, Fall 2023

Fall 2022-Spring 2023	Teaching Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pandemics: Ethics, Literatures and Cultures, Spring 2023</li> <li>• An Introduction to Moral Theory, Fall 2022</li> </ul>
Fall 2019-Spring 2021	Teaching Assistant, Northern Illinois University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philosophy of Science, Spring 2021</li> <li>• Contemporary Issues in Ethics, Fall 2020</li> <li>• Feminism and Philosophy, Spring 2020</li> <li>• Philosophy of Race, Fall 2019</li> </ul>
Fall 2018-Spring 2019	Teaching Assistant, Lee University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Philosophy, Spring 2019</li> <li>• Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2018</li> </ul>
Fall 2017-Spring 2019	Lead tutor in mathematics, Lee University's L.E.A.P. program
Fall 2018-Spring 2019	Student Worker (grader), Philosophy, Lee University
Fall 2016-Fall 2017	Tutor for M <sup>3</sup> : Mentoring Mathematicians in the Making, Lee University
Spring 2017-Spring 2019	Student Worker (grader), Mathematics, Lee University
Spring 2016-Summer 2017	Student Worker (grader), Theology, Lee University

## PRESENTATIONS

September 2025 (scheduled)	“Trusting Morality’s Authority” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Madison Metaethics (MadMeta) Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison</li> </ul>
November 2024	“The Importance of Being Rude” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennessee Philosophical Association 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Vanderbilt University</li> </ul>

October 2024	<p>“The Importance of Being Rude”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virginia Philosophical Association 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophy Congress, Virginia Tech</li> <li>– Paper awarded the “best paper” prize at the conference.</li> </ul>
August 2024	<p>“The Importance of Being Rude”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> annual Rocky Mountain Ethics (RoME) Congress, University of Colorado Boulder</li> </ul>
May 2024	<p>“The Guilt of the Moral Minimalist”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> Annual KCL-UNC Workshop</li> </ul>
February 2024 (invited)	<p>“The Myth of the Good Epistemic Bubble”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polarization, Disagreement, and Intellectual Humility Speaker Series, Bowdoin College</li> </ul>
January 2024	<p>“The Guilt of the Moral Minimalist”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting</li> </ul>
October 2023	<p>“The Dilemma of the Many or the Few”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georgia Philosophical Society, Fall Meeting, Georgia College &amp; State University</li> </ul>
May 2023	<p>“The Guilt of the Moral Minimalist”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Transatlantic Workshop in Practical Philosophy</li> </ul>
March 2023	<p>“The Guilt of the Moral Minimalist”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Carolina Philosophical Society Meeting, Duke University</li> </ul>
February 2023	<p>“The Case of the Missing Normative Authority”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duke-UNC Graduate Workshop in Philosophy</li> </ul>
Fall 2019	<p>“Distinguishing Between Friends: Mary Astell’s Missional Friendship”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illinois Philosophical Association, Annual Meeting, Illinois State University</li> </ul>
Spring 2019	<p>“On Combating Moral Stagnation and Disappointment”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alpha Chi, Academic Showcase, Lee University</li> </ul>
Spring 2018	<p>“Needing Not a Teacher”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alpha Chi, Academic Showcase, Lee University</li> </ul>
Spring 2018	<p>“Needing Not a Teacher: On the Importance of Humility”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Appalachian Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, University of North Carolina at Asheville</li> <li>– Paper and presentation awarded first place at the conference.</li> </ul>

Summer 2017	<p>“Proving the Proof-less Profitable”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mathematical Association of America’s MathFest, Chicago</li> </ul>
Spring 2016	<p>“Ascertaining then Persuading”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathematics and Science Symposium, Lee University</li> </ul>
Spring 2015	<p>“Progress in Proving the Disproof: on the Collatz Conjecture”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathematics and Science Symposium, Lee University</li> </ul>

## OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

(scheduled)	
January 2026 (invited)	<p>Chair for Z Quanbeck’s “The Plurality of Ethical Norms on Belief”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2026 Workshop in Normative Ethics (WiNE), University of Arizona</li> </ul>
January 2025 (invited)	<p>Comments on Dale Dorsey’s “Doing What’s Done: On Manners and Morality”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting</li> </ul>

## PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY TALKS & PANEL DISCUSSIONS

April 2025 (invited)	<p>“Pass the rudeness, please”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Carolina Meadows Retirement Community</li> </ul>
April 2025 (invited)	<p>Panel discussion: Administration and classroom management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– UNC Philosophy Teaching Workshop</li> </ul>
August 2024 (invited)	<p>Panel discussion: Grading assignments and teaching collaboratively</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– UNC Philosophy Teaching Workshop</li> </ul>
April 2024 (invited)	<p>Panel discussion: Christina LaFont, “Building Democracies in Times of Populism and Polarization”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Maynard Adams Symposium for the Humanities, Hosted by Carolina Public Humanities</li> </ul>
March 2024 (invited)	<p>Panel discussion: Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– UNC Philosophy Teaching Workshop</li> </ul>
January 2023	<p>“Saints, Heroes, and the Ethics of Going the Second Mile”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Carolina Meadows Retirement Community</li> </ul>

## HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & AWARDS

Summer 2025	UNC Graduate Mellon Fellow in the Humanities
Summer 2024	UNC Graduate Mellon Fellow in the Humanities
January 2024	Eastern APA Travel Grant

2023-2024	Maynard Adams Fellow for the Public Humanities
Summer 2023	UNC Graduate Mellon Fellow in the Humanities
Fall 2021-	Graduate Fellow, Parr Center for Ethics at UNC Chapel Hill
2021-2022	Horace Williams Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill
2021	C. Mason and Madeline Myers Graduate Philosophy Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Awarded by Northern Illinois University’s philosophy department to the philosophy graduate student whose overall academic achievements and contributions to the professional life of the department have been the most outstanding.</li> </ul>
2019	F.J. Lee Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– University-wide annual award presented to the graduating senior at Lee University with the overall most outstanding record of student achievement, i.e., the graduating senior who has demonstrated “high standards of integrity, leadership, service, broad campus involvement, and academic excellence.”</li> </ul>
2019	Philosophy Award, Department of Theology, Lee University
2019	Theta Alpha Kappa Undergraduate Achievement Award
2018	Inducted as a member of Kappa Mu Epsilon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Kappa Mu Epsilon is a national mathematics honors society for undergraduates.</li> </ul>
2016	Inducted as a member of Theta Alpha Kappa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Theta Alpha Kappa is the national undergraduate honors society for religious studies.</li> </ul>
2016	Inducted as a member of Phi Eta Sigma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Phi Eta Sigma is a national freshman honors society for undergraduates.</li> </ul>
Fall 2015-Spring 2019	Melody Conn Scholarship, Lee University
Fall 2015-Spring 2019	Honors Scholarship, Lee University
Fall 2015-Spring 2019	Presidential Scholarship, Lee University
Summer 2015	AP Scholar
Summer 2015	Tennessee Scholar

## LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

2024-	Diversity Committee, UNC Chapel Hill
2023-	Referee for <i>Episteme</i> , <i>The Philosophical Quarterly</i>
2022-	Philosophy Graduate Committee Member/Representative, UNC Chapel Hill
2022, 2023, 2024, 2025	Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl, Parr Center for Ethics
2022, 2023, 2024, 2025	Judge, North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl, Parr Center for Ethics
2021, 2022, 2023	Case Writer for the National High School Ethics Bowl <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The cases I submitted in 2022 and 2023 were also selected to be included in the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) Regional Ethics Bowl Cases Sets.</li> </ul>

2022	Prospective Graduate Student Committee Member, UNC Chapel Hill
2021-2022	Participant in Philosophy as Mail via the Parr Center for Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Philosophy as Mail facilitates philosophical discussion between philosophers at UNC Chapel Hill and inmates in various detention centers in North Carolina.</li> </ul>
2021- 2022	Philosophy Graduate Council Member/Representative, UNC Chapel Hill
2020-2021	Philosophy Graduate Student Advisory Council Member, NIU
2019-2021	Member of Philosophy as Literature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Philosophy as Literature partners with the juvenile detention center in St. Charles, IL to provide juveniles with weekly opportunities for philosophical discussion.</li> </ul>
2018	Chaplain of Omega Alpha Phi
2018-2019	President, Philosophy Club, Lee University
2017-2018	Vice President, Philosophy Club, Lee University
2016-2017	Route Leader, Crossover, Lee University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Crossover is an ethics in action group that distributes free fresh produce across impoverished neighborhoods in East Tennessee on a weekly basis.</li> </ul>

## MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

2021-	Affiliated Graduate Student, UNC's PPE Program
2022-	Graduate Student Member, APA, Eastern Division
2021-2022	Graduate Student Member, APA, Central Division

## PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

March 2023	UNC Chapel Hill Weekend Teaching Workshop
October 2022	UNC Chapel Hill Teaching Workshop, Topic: In-Class Discussion
August 2022	UNC Chapel Hill Weekend Teaching Workshop
April 2022	UNC Chapel Hill Teaching Workshop, Topic: Syllabus Design
March 2022	UNC Teaching Workshop, Topic: Promoting Diversity in the Classroom
October 2021	UNC Teaching Workshop, Topic: Leading Discussions
September 2021	UNC Teaching Workshop, Topic: Lecturing
August 2020	NIU Teaching Assistant Institute
August 2019	NIU Teaching Assistant Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The institute, offered by NIU's CITL, offers a weekend of workshops, including culturally responsible training, sessions on reducing barriers for students with disabilities and assisting students with mental illness.</li> </ul>

## READING GROUPS

Fall 2025 (scheduled)	Catharine A. MacKinnon's <i>Toward a Feminist Theory of the State</i> (as group leader) – Sponsored by UNC's PPE program for undergraduates
Summer 2025	Rae Langton, <i>Sexual Solipsism</i> (as participant)
Summer 2025	T.M. Scanlon, <i>What We Owe to Each Other</i> (as participant)
Spring 2025	Samuel Scheffler, <i>One Life to Lead</i> (as participant)
Spring 2025	Simone de Beauvoir's <i>The Second Sex</i> (as group leader) – Sponsored by UNC's PPE program for undergraduates
Spring 2025	Mark C. Murphy's <i>God's Own Ethics</i> (as participant)
Summer 2024	Scott A. Davison, <i>Petitionary Prayer</i> (as participant)
Fall 2023	J.S. Mill's <i>The Subjection of Women</i> (as group leader) – Sponsored by UNC's PPE program for undergraduates
Fall 2022-Spring 2023	Barbara Herman's <i>The Moral Habitat</i> (as participant)

## GRADUATE COURSE WORK

At UNC Chapel Hill

Spring 2024	Context-sensitivity (Alex Worsnip)
Spring 2024	Morality and Partiality (Sarah Stroud and Susan Wolf)
Fall 2023	Introduction to Formal Epistemology (Matthew Kotzen and Jim Pryor)
Fall 2023	Kant's Practical Philosophy (Markus Kohl)
Spring 2023	Aristotle (C.D.C. Reeve)
Spring 2023	Kant and Epistemic Agency (Markus Kohl and Ram Neta)
Spring 2023	Contemporary Topics in Contemporary Normative Ethics (Daniel Muñoz)
Spring 2023	Master's Research and Thesis (Thesis Advisor: Sarah Stroud)
Fall 2022	Advanced Studies in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Luc Bovens)
Fall 2022	Philosophy of Law (Matthew Kotzen)
Fall 2022	Master's Research and Thesis (Thesis Advisor: Sarah Stroud)
Spring 2022	The Content and Epistemology of the First-Person (Ram Neta)
Spring 2022	Contemporary Moral Philosophy: Metaethics (Alex Worsnip)
Spring 2022	Symbolic Logic (Jim Pryor)
Spring 2022	Moral Responsibility (Susan Wolf)
Fall 2021	Political Epistemology and Democratic Theory (Alex Worsnip)
Fall 2021	Rationalism: Leibniz (Alan Nelson)
Fall 2021	Protoseminar (Thomas Hofweber and Sarah Stroud)
Fall 2021	Bioethics Methods (Rebecca Walker)

At Northern Illinois University

Spring 2021	Procreation & Parenthood (Jason Hanna)
Spring 2021	Blameworthiness (Alicia Finch)
Spring 2021	Consequentialism (Steve Daskal)
Fall 2020	Personal Ontology (Carl Gillett)
Fall 2020	God, Freedom, and the Self (Alicia Finch)
Fall 2020	Self-Defense and War (Jason Hanna)
Spring 2020	Free Will (Alicia Finch)
Spring 2020	Existentialism & Pragmatism (Steve Daskal)
Spring 2020	Truth (David Buller)
Fall 2019	Philosophy of Language (Lenny Clapp)
Fall 2019	Intermediate Logic (David Buller)
Fall 2019	Contemporary Problems in Social & Political Philosophy (Jason Hanna)

## REFERENCES

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