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Areas of Interest: Philosophy of Technology (esp. Artificial Intelligence), Feminist Philosophy, Disability Theory

Areas of Competency: Social Epistemology, Queer Theory, Ethics and Moral Philosophy

EDUCATION

- M.A. Ethics and Applied Philosophy (in progress), University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2024.
 Graduate Certificate in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, earned alongside M.A.
- B.A. Philosophy (*summa cum laude*), University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2022.
- B.S. Computer Science (Mathematics Minor, *summa cum laude*), University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2022.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations (Refereed)

- 2023 "Why a Socialist Cryptocurrency Can Never Exist" at the 61st Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy [Friday individual paper session]. Toronto Metropolitan University, Ontario. October 13.
- "Feminist Practices of the Nikkei: Japanese Diasporic Feminisms Between and Across Generations" at the 16th meeting of *philoSOPHIA*: a feminist society. UNC Charlotte, NC. June 2.
- "Japanese Anarcha-Feminism through the Seitō Literary Magazine" at Marquette University's Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference on Hidden Figures. Marquette University, WI. March 24.
- 2022 "Japanese Ethical Philosophy and Algorithm Design" at the 22nd Annual Southern Appalachian Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. UNC Asheville, NC. April 16.

Workshop Presentations

- 2023 "Non-Fungible Tokens and Neoliberal Asset Logics/Economies via the Metaverse" at the Digital Worlds Workshop. University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley, Virtual. April 23.

Guest Lectures

- 2023 "Problematizing Classification Systems and Methods: Historical Sketches and Illustrations." Lecture in Aileen Benedict's Introduction to Data Mining class, University of North Carolina at Charlotte. October 6. [Invited]
- 2022 "Problems in Computer Vision Classification." Lecture in Aileen Benedict's Introduction to Data Mining class, University of North Carolina at Charlotte. October 5. [Invited]

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- 2023 "[Naming and Muddling: Messiness as Pedagogy](#)." Blog of the American Philosophical Association, Graduate Student Reflection Series. July 5. [Invited]

SERVICE

Profession

- 2023-2024 Organizer for the 2024 Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference
- 2022-2023 Organizer, Panel Moderator, and Reviewer for the 2023 Annual Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference
- 2022-2023 Disability and Accessibility Committee, 16th meeting of *philoSOPHIA*: a feminist society

2022 Reviewer for the 2022 Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference

Extracurricular University

2023-2024 Co-President, Philosophical Union of UNC Charlotte

2022-2023 Treasurer, Philosophical Union of UNC Charlotte

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2023 Center for Professional & Applied Ethics, Conference Travel Funding, \$750

2023 Graduate and Professional Student Government, Conference Travel Funding, \$500

2022 Award for Paper Presentation, 22nd Annual Southern Appalachian Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, \$125

2020 Atkins Library Undergraduate Research Award, \$1000

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

American Philosophical Association

*philo*SOPHIA: society for continental feminism

Society for Philosophy and Disability

Association for Computing Machinery — Special Interest Group on Accessible Computing (ACM SIGACCESS)

CERTIFICATIONS

Amazon Web Services Certified Cloud Practitioner

CITI Program IRB Members Certification

CITI Program Social and Behavioral Sciences: Responsible Conduct of Research Certification

CITI Program Engineering: Responsible Conduct of Research Certification