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**Areas of Interest:** Philosophy of Technology (esp. Artificial Intelligence), Feminist Philosophy, Disability Theory, Social Epistemology, Queer Theory, Ethics and Moral Philosophy

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>M.A.</b> | Ethics and Applied Philosophy (in progress) with a graduate certificate in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, University of North Carolina at Charlotte | 2024 |
| <b>B.A.</b> | Philosophy ( <i>summa cum laude</i> ), University of North Carolina at Charlotte   | 2022 |
| <b>B.S.</b> | Computer Science ( <i>summa cum laude</i> ) with a minor in Mathematics, University of North Carolina at Charlotte   | 2022 |

## PRESENTATIONS

### Conference Presentations

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| Future | "Troubling the Metaverse: Disabled Phenomenologies and Feminist Critique" at the 17 <sup>th</sup> meeting of <i>philoSOPHIA</i> : a feminist society. Mount Royal University, Calgary. March 14–17, 2024.  |  |
| 2024   | "Analyzing the Bootstrapping Problem of Web3: A Tri-Conditional Approach" at the 33 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Association for Practical and Professional Ethics International Conference. Cincinnati. February 24, 2023. [Joint presentation with Violet Victoria].   |  |
| 2023   | "A Bootstrapping Problem for Web3 Adoption" at the 6 <sup>th</sup> Transatlantic Conference on the Ethics of Business, Trade, & Global Governance: Ethics and Sustainability in Banking and Finance. St. Andrews, Scotland. November 23, 2023. [Joint presentation with Violet Victoria].              |  |
|        | "Why a Socialist Cryptocurrency Can Never Exist: The Hermeneutical Resources of Virtual Money and Cryptocurrency" at the 61 <sup>st</sup> 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 16 <sup>th</sup> meeting of <i>philoSOPHIA</i> : 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 22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Southern Appalachian Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. UNC Asheville, NC. April 16.   |  |

### Workshop Presentations

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| 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. |
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### Guest Lectures

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| 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

2022 – Present    Disability and Accessibility Committee, *philoSOPHIA*: a feminist society  
 2024                Judge, APPE Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl National Competition  
 2023 – Present    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                Reviewer for the 2022 Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference

### Extracurricular University

2023 – Present    Co-President, Philosophical Union of UNC Charlotte  
 2022 – 2023      Treasurer, Philosophical Union of UNC Charlotte

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

### *Internal — UNC Charlotte*

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| 2023 | Center for Professional & Applied Ethics, Conference Travel Funding     | \$750  |
| 2023 | Graduate and Professional Student Government, Conference Travel Funding | \$500  |
| 2022 | Graduate and Professional Student Government, Conference Travel Funding | \$250  |
| 2020 | Atkins Library Undergraduate Research Award                             | \$1000 |

### *External*

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| 2022 | Prize for Paper Presentation, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Southern Appalachian Undergraduate Philosophy Conference | \$100 |
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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

American Philosophical Association

*philoSOPHIA*: 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