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**Areas of Specialization:** Philosophy of Technology (esp. Artificial Intelligence), Feminist Philosophy  
**Areas of Competency:** Social Epistemology, Asian-American Philosophy, Ethics and Moral Philosophy

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## 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 simultaneously.
- 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 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 *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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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      Graduate and Professional Student Government, Conference Travel Funding, \$500

2022      Award for Paper Presentation, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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