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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

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| M.A. | 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.A. | Philosophy (<i>summa cum laude</i>), University of North Carolina at Charlotte | 2022 |
| B.S. | Computer Science (<i>summa cum laude</i>) with a minor in Mathematics, University of North Carolina at Charlotte | 2022 |

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations (Refereed)

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| Future | <p>"Troubling the Metaverse: Disabled Phenomenologies and Feminist Critique" at the 17th meeting of <i>philoSOPHIA</i>: a feminist society. Mount Royal University, Calgary. March 14–17, 2024.</p> <p>"A Bootstrapping Problem for Web3 Adoption" at the 6th Transatlantic Conference on the Ethics of Business, Trade, & Global Governance: Ethics and Sustainability in Banking and Finance. St. Andrews, Scotland. November 23, 2024. [Joint presentation with Violet Victoria].</p> |
| 2023 | <p>"Why a Socialist Cryptocurrency Can Never Exist: The Hermeneutical Resources of Virtual Money and Cryptocurrency" at the 61st Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy [Friday individual paper session]. Toronto Metropolitan University, Ontario. October 13.</p> <p>"Feminist Practices of the Nikkei: Japanese Diasporic Feminisms Between and Across Generations" at the 16th meeting of <i>philoSOPHIA</i>: a feminist society. UNC Charlotte, NC. June 2.</p> <p>"Japanese Anarcha-Feminism through the Seitō Literary Magazine" at Marquette University's Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference on Hidden Figures. Marquette University, WI. March 24.</p> |
| 2022 | "Japanese Ethical Philosophy and Algorithm Design" at the 22 nd 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

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| 2023 | " Naming and Muddling: Messiness as Pedagogy ." Blog of the American Philosophical Association, Graduate Student Reflection Series. July 5. [Invited] |
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SERVICE**Profession**

2023 – Present	Organizer for the 2024 Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference
2022 – 2023	Disability and Accessibility Committee, <i>philoSOPHIA</i> : a feminist society
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*

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

External

2022	Prize for Paper Presentation, 22 nd 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