

# Nicholas Osaka

Independent Scholar

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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

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

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

Osaka, Nicholas. "Hermeneutical Dilution in Large Language Models: Epistemic Injustice, Language, and Statistics" [Submitted to journal for review].

## PRESENTATIONS

### Conference Presentations

- 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 *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.

### Invited Presentations and Commentaries

- 2024 Comments on Jill Fellow's "Binary Bonding: Programming Care and Scripting the Self", at the Digital Worlds Workshop. University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley, Virtual. April 20.
- 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.

2022 “Problems in Computer Vision Classification.” Lecture in Aileen Benedict’s Introduction to Data Mining class, University of North Carolina at Charlotte. October 5.

## PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY AND WRITING

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 – 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 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

### Non-Academic

2024 Reviewer, AI 2030 platform — Encode Justice

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

### Internal — UNC Charlotte

2024	The Graduate School, Conference Travel Merit Scholarship	\$1200
2024	Ann C. Carver Graduate Essay Contest, Honorable Mention	\$200
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

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)

Association for Professional and Practical Ethics

**CERTIFICATIONS**

CITI Program IRB Members Certification

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

CITI Program Engineering: Responsible Conduct of Research Certification