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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

EDUCATION

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| M.A. | Ethics and Applied Philosophy 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

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| 2024 | "Analyzing the Bootstrapping Problem of Web3: A Tri-Conditional Approach" at the 33 rd 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 th 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 st 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 th 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 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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Invited Presentations and Commentaries

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| 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	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 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)

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