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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

<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

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.	
Future	"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

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

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  
 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*

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 <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