

Kylie McClain

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Education

B.A.

Philosophy, with minor in Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies.

Capstone: "Beyond Plunderphonics: A prolegomena to any future revolutionary music."

Class of 2024, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

Academics

Academic memberships

Aug 2021 — May 2024: Co-president, Appalachian State Philosophical Society

2018: Member, Linux@App

Conference presentations

- "Response to Abigail Cuttle - 'Transforming Our Perception of Deformity: Gloria E. Anzaldúa and Zhuangzi on Wholeness, Usefulness, and Value.'" *2023 Kennesaw State University/Appalachian State University Philosophy Symposium*, Kennesaw State University, November 11th, 2023.
- "Whatever's Left of Woman: Porn, Trans Identity, and Gender Expansivity." *23rd Annual Southern Appalachian Undergraduate Philosophy Conference*, University of North Carolina at Asheville, February 11th, 2023. First place prize winner.

Professional experience

Jul 2024 — Apr 2025: Support Services Associate, Appalachian State University Campus Store

- Gained storefront customer experience and experience working in a retail setting, and engaging in customer service over the phone
- Learned how to direct student co-workers and delegate tasks effectively
- Worked with inventory management software like Oracle NetSuite

Aug 2018 — May 2024: Student IT Technician, Appalachian State Technology Support Services

- Repairing computers: virus removal, data backup, hardware diagnostics, ticket management via Atlassian Jira
- Primarily repaired student and faculty Windows laptops

- Customer service: explaining repair steps taken to customers upon them picking up their computers in an understandable way

Volunteer experience

May 2022 — present: Contributor, [Nixpkgs](#)

- I run NixOS on all my machines and enjoy learning about weird technology like Nix.

2014 — 2017, Developer, [Exherbo Linux](#)

- Added support to system package management structure for new platforms such as [musl libc](#), and ARMv7.
- Gained experience doing technical writing, both for [developer audiences](#) and [for more general audiences](#).

Language competencies

- English (native)
- Spanish (reading)