

CURRICULUM VITAE  
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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Oregon	2023–present
Graduate Certificate in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
M.A. in Philosophy, University of Oregon	2023–2025
B.A. Honors in Philosophy & Sociology ( <i>summa cum laude</i> ), Rollins College	2019–2023
Minor in Sexuality, Women’s & Gender Studies	
Honors thesis: “Postcolonial Possibilities of Sociological Theory”	

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Areas of Specialization: Feminist Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy  
Areas of Competence: Decolonial Philosophy, Philosophy of Race

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**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES** (\* = invited)

- Rajat, Sanjula. 2025. “Lives in Limbo: Trans Temporalities and the Phenomenology of Waiting.” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 39(3): 296–309.
- \*McLaren, Margaret A. and Sanjula Rajat. 2025. “Biopolitics and Reproductive Injustice: The Medicalization of Reproduction and Transition.” *Revista Ideação* 51: 59–81.
- Rajat, Sanjula and Billie Waller. 2024. “Decolonial Trans Futurity: A Trans of Color Critique of Normative Assimilation.” *APA Studies on Feminism and Philosophy* 24(1): 29–38.
- Rajat, Sanjula and Margaret A. McLaren. 2023. “Decolonial Reproductive Justice: Analyzing Reproductive Oppression in India.” *Feminist Formations* 35(2): 78–105.

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**WORK IN PROGRESS**

- “The Colonial Politics of Impurity: Gender, Caste, and Capital in the Consolidation of a Hindu Nation-State” (under review)
- “Hindutva, Homonationalism, and Hijras: Queer Activism and the State.” (with co-author Margaret McLaren) (under review)
- “Hindu Nationalism, Reproductive Justice, and the Politics and Possibilities of Trans Reproduction in India” (invited)
- “Queer World-Making as Social Reproduction: A Trans Marxist Analysis of Expropriation and Disavowal”

**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS**

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- 2026 Graduate Student Research Grant, Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies, University of Oregon
- 2026 Graduate Research Support Fellowship, Oregon Humanities Center, University of Oregon
- 2026 Global Oregon Graduate Research Award, Global Studies Institute, University of Oregon
- 2025 Everett D. Monte Scholarship, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oregon
- 2025 Graduate Student Research Grant, Center for the Study of Women and Society, University of Oregon
- 2025 Martha Thorsland Baker Fellowship, Special Collections and University Archives, University of Oregon
- 2025 Centurion Award, University Honors & Awards, University of Oregon
- 2024 Kyoo “Q” Lee Prize for Best Paper on LGBTQ Issues in Philosophy, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)
- 2024 Honorable Mention for Best Submission by a Graduate Student, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)
- 2024 Miller Family Scholarship, Women’s Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department, University of Oregon
- 2024 Philosophy Matters Prize, Philosophy Department, University of Oregon
- 2024 Graduate Professional Development Scholarship, Division of Graduate Studies, University of Oregon
- 2024 Graduate Student Travel Award, Philosophy Department, University of Oregon
- 2023 Outstanding Senior Scholar in the Social Sciences Division Award, Rollins College
- 2023 C. Wright Mills Award in Sociology, Rollins College
- 2023 Senior Outstanding Achievement Award in Philosophy, Rollins College
- 2023 Sojourner Truth Award for Combined Academic and Activist Work, Rollins College
- 2022 Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Scholarship, “Coloniality of Gender and Queerness in India,” Rollins College
- 2022 Marie Curie Research Award, Rollins College
- 2022 Junior Outstanding Achievement Award in Philosophy, Rollins College
- 2021 Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Scholarship, “Decolonial Reproductive Justice,” Rollins College

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- (2026) “What Lies Outside of ‘Freedom’? Investigating the Limits of a Concept Forged through Modernity.” Caribbean Philosophical Association, Shifting the Geographies of Reason XXIV, New York City, NY, June 3–6.
- (2026) “Queer World-Making as Social Reproduction: A Trans Marxist Analysis of Expropriation and Disavowal.” PhiloSOPHIA Annual Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, 17–18 April.

- (2026) “Is There an Outside of Modernity’s Freedom? Thinking ‘Freedom’ Through Four Strands of Decolonial Thought from the Americas.” Presenting with co-author Miguel Gualdron Ramirez, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 11 April.
- 2025 “Queer World-Making as Social Reproduction: A Trans Marxist Analysis of Expropriation and Disavowal.” Historical Materialism Conference, London, UK, 6–9 November.
- “Biopolitics and Repronormativity.” Presented online with co-author Margaret A. McLaren, Feminist Re-readings of Foucault Workshop, Sciences Po Paris (Saint-Thomas Campus), 7 November.
- “Queer World-Making as Social Reproduction: A Trans Marxist Analysis of Expropriation and Disavowal.” Thinking Trans//Trans Thinking Conference, Lafayette College, Easton, PA, 27–28 March.
- “Purity, Contamination and the Brahmanical Politics of Vegetarianism.” Rethinking South Asia: Postcoloniality & Decolonial Frames and Praxis, South Asian Literary Association (SALA) 24th Annual Conference, 18–19 January.
- 2024 “Beyond ‘Third Gender’: Coloniality and Hindu Nationalism in Indian Trans Rights Legislation.” Trans\* Research Association of Ireland’s First Annual Symposium, University College Dublin, Ireland, 31 October–1 November.
- “Lives in Limbo: Trans Temporalities and the Phenomenology of Waiting.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP) 62nd Annual Meeting, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, 26–28 September.
- “Beyond ‘Third Gender’: Coloniality and Hindu Nationalism in Indian Trans Rights Legislation.” The 2nd International Trans Studies Conference, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, 4–7 September.
- “Lives in Limbo: Trans Temporalities and the Phenomenology of Waiting.” Trans/Feminist Philosophy: Pasts, Presents, Futures, Canadian Society for Trans Philosophy (CSTP) and Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy (CSWIP), University of Guelph, Canada, 14–16 August.
- “Decolonial Trans Futurity: A Trans of Color Critique of Normative Assimilation.” Presented with co-author Billie Waller, Care Feminisms, Crip Futures, WGS South Conference, Spartanburg, SC, 28–30 March.
- “Decolonial Trans Futurity: A Trans of Color Critique of Normative Assimilation.” Presented virtually with co-author Billie Waller, Contemporary Philosophy of Race Conference, Queen’s University at Kingston, Canada, 8–10 February.
- 2023 “Coloniality of Gender and Queerness in India.” Presented with co-author Margaret McLaren, South Asian/Diaspora Feminist Discourse, Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST) Conference,

20–21 October.

“Dysphoria as Transness: Medicalization, Pathologization, and the *Scientia Sexualis*.” Presented virtually, Building a Trans Community in Philosophy Workshop, Minorities and Philosophy International, 3–4 September.

“Coloniality of Gender and Queerness in India.” Presented with co-author Margaret McLaren, Southern Movements: Transnational Feminist Praxis and Philosophical Interventions, PhiloSOPHIA 16th Annual Conference, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC, 1–3 June.

“Counternarratives of Color: Race in Queer Archiving.” Rollins-Stetson Undergraduate Philosophy Forum, Winter Park, FL, 15 April.

2022 “Decolonial Reproductive Justice: Analyzing Reproductive Oppression in India.” Presented with co-author Margaret McLaren, Socialist Feminist Philosophers Association (SOPHIA) Conference, New York City, NY, 21–23 October.

2021 “Expanding the Reproductive Justice Framework through Postcolonial Perspectives.” Presented virtually with co-author Margaret McLaren, Center for Applied Philosophy, Politics, and Ethics (CAPPE) 16th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference: The Politics of Reproduction, University of Brighton, UK, 15–17 September.

#### Invited Talks

2025 “The Colonial Politics of Impurity: Gender, Caste, and Religion in Colonial Missionary Documents,” as part of the SCUA (Special Collections and University Archives) Fellows Panel, University of Oregon, October 3.

“Distortions of Decoloniality in Anti-Trans Politics in India,” as part of the Di/versions of De/coloniality panel, Theorizing Liberation Invited Lecture Series, Central Connecticut State University, February 7.

2024 “Why Theory-Based Arguments Matter: A Critique of ‘Good Science.’” With Gonzalo Bustamante Moya and Matthew Miyagi Tuten, invited guest lecture for the Intersectionality Journal Club, Psychology Department, University of Oregon, 2 October.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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University of Oregon

*Instructor of Record*

PHIL 170: Love & Sex, Summer 2025

WGS 101: Introduction to Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Summer 2026

*Discussion Section Instructor*

PHIL 315: Feminist Philosophy, Winter 2026

PHIL 310: Ancient Philosophy, Fall 2025

PHIL 340: Environmental Philosophy, Spring 2025

GER 222: Histories and Representations of the Holocaust, Winter 2025

PHIL 170: Love & Sex, Spring 2024

PHIL 102: Ethics, Winter 2024

PHIL 101: Philosophical Problems, Fall 2023, Fall 2024

*Grader*

PHIL 407: Gender Wars, Winter 2026

*Classroom Assistant*

PHIL 443: Feminist Philosophy: Beauvoir, Spring 2024

Rollins College

*Undergraduate Teaching Assistant*

Dreams & Demons: The Good Place and The Good Life, Fall 2022

**DEPARTMENTAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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2025–present Vice President for Equity & Inclusion, Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation

2024–present Graduate Student Representative, Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)

2023–present Decolonial Philosophies Collaboratory Organizing Member

2023–2025 Union Steward for Philosophy Department, Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation

2023–2024 Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Graduate Coordinator, 2023–2024

**CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

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2024 Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Undergraduate Symposium

2026 Decolonial Global Justice Conference (as part of the Decolonial Philosophies Collaboratory)

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY**

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Rajat, Sanjula, contributor. "SE02 E02 Field Notes: Featuring Matthew J. Cull, Andrea Pitts, Sanjula Rajat and Jules Wong" *thinking bodies* (podcast), Anna Mudde and Kristin Rodier, hosts, January 18, 2026, Apple Podcasts.

**MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

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American Philosophical Association (APA)

Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST)

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP)

Women and Gender Studies South (WGS South)