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AOS

- ◆ Ethics, Feminist Philosophy, Social Philosophy, Moral Psychology

AOC

- ◆ Existentialism, Philosophy of Psychiatry

Employment

- ◆ Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Grand Valley State University, Fall 2019-present
- ◆ Resident Ethics Fellow, Stockdale Center for Ethics, U.S. Naval Academy, 2018-2019
 - ◇ Participated in year-long seminar, “Moral Virtue and Moral Injury”

Education

- ◆ Ph.D. Philosophy. University of Connecticut. 2018.
 - ◇ Dissertation Fellow, University of Connecticut Humanities Institute, 2017-2018
 - ◇ University Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award from the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, University of Connecticut, 2018
- ◆ M.A. Philosophy. University of Connecticut. 2015.
- ◆ B.A. Philosophy major, English minor. Stony Brook University. *Summa Cum Laude*. 2011.

Dissertation

- ◆ *Suffering and Self-Sabotage in Ethical Life*
 - ◇ Committee: Dr. Paul Bloomfield, Dr. Daniel Silvermint, (co-advisors), Dr. Lewis Gordon
 - ◇ External Reader: Dr. Michael Brady (University of Glasgow)

Research

Article Publications (Peer-reviewed)

- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, Alycia W. 2025. “Better Together: Intersubjective Agency Expansion as Resistance.” *Hypatia*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/hyp.2025.6>
- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A., Forthcoming. “Some Risks of Neutrality,” (Personal Reflection). *AAPT (American Association of Philosophy Teachers) Studies in Pedagogy: Teaching in Hostile Climates Special Issue*.
- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A., Bloomfield, P. 2023. “The Axiology of Pain and Pleasure.” *Journal of Value Inquiry*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10790-023-09941-w>

- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A. 2022. “Reframing Abortion Lessons.” *Teaching Ethics*, 22(2): 201-217. <https://doi.org/10.5840/tej202322123>. (Published in 2023 for the Fall 2022 issue).
- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A. 2022. “Community Repair of Moral Damage from Domestic Violence.” *Social Philosophy Today*, (38): 47-65. <https://doi.org/10.5840/socphiltoday202271293>
- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A. 2021. “Trauma and Compassionate Blame.” *Ergo an Open Access Journal of Philosophy* 7. doi: <https://doi.org/10.3998/ergo.1116>
- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A. 2019. “Understanding Self-Injury through Body Shame and Internalized Oppression.” *Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology*, 26(4): 295-313.
- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A. 2019. “Self-Saboteurs and Ethical Relationships.” *Social Theory and Practice*, 45(2): 249-285.
- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A. 2018. “Complicit Suffering and the Duty to Self-Care.” *Philosophy*, 93(2): 251-277.

Book Chapters (Peer-reviewed)

- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A. W. (2025). “Becoming Yourself: Existential Authenticity and Mental Illness.” Méliisa Fox-Muraton (editor), *Existential Philosophy and Disability: Perspectives*, Brill (coll. New Research in the History of Western Philosophy). Pp. 173-201. doi: https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004730748_009

Blog Posts (Invited)

- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A., Bloomfield, P. 2023. “The Axiology of Pain and Pleasure.” *New Work in Philosophy Blog*. <https://newworkinphilosophy.substack.com/p/alycia-laguardia-lobianco-grand-valley>
- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A. 2023. “Trauma and Compassionate Blame.” *Ergo Blog*. <https://ergoblog.org/alycia-laguardia-lobianco-trauma-and-compassionate-blame/>
- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A. 2022. “Reframing Abortion Lessons.” *Blog of the APA: Women in Philosophy*. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2022/05/18/reframing-abortion-lessons/>

Symposium Comments (Peer-reviewed)

- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A. 2021. “Emotions Under Trauma.” *Journal of Philosophy of Emotion* 3, no. 1: 31-38. <https://doi.org/10.33497/2021.summer.6>.

Encyclopedia Entries (Editor-reviewed)

- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A. 2019. “Moral Luck.” In: Sellers M., Kirste S. (eds). *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*. Springer, Dordrecht.

Book Reviews (Editor-reviewed)

- ◆ LaGuardia-LoBianco, A. 2021. *Decolonizing Universalism: A Transnational Feminist Ethic* (Oxford University Press, 2018). By Serene J. Khader. *Philosophy and Global Affairs*, 1(1): 165-167.

Presentations

Invited Colloquia and Talks

- ◆ “Changing One’s Mind,” Philosophy Colloquium at Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, March 24, 2023.
- ◆ “Repairing Moral Damage Through Self-regarding Resistance,” invited guest speaker in Tamara Fakhoury’s “The Ethics and Moral Psychology of Resistance” Graduate Seminar. University of Minnesota, Virtual, September 29, 2022
- ◆ Distinguished Alumna Talk at the Philosophy Department Commencement Ceremony, Stony Brook University. Virtual. May 2020.
- ◆ “Self-Saboteurs and Ethical Relationships.” University of Minnesota Duluth. Duluth, MN. April 12, 2018.
- ◆ “Jealousy,” lesson in Hallie Liberto’s Sexual Wrongdoing Graduate Seminar. University of Connecticut, November 14, 2016.

International Peer Reviewed Conferences

- ◆ “Selfhood, Authenticity, and Mental Illness.” *Existential Philosophy for Times of Change and Crisis: Difference, Disability, Diversity*, 4th ed. Virtual. July 7, 2023.
- ◆ “Repairing Moral Damage Through Self-regarding Resistance.” 39th *International Social Philosophy Conference, North American Society for Social Philosophy*. Neumann University, Aston, PA. July 15, 2022.
- ◆ “Repairing Moral Damage Through Self-regarding Resistance.” *Workshop on Injustice, Resistance and Complicity*. University of Groningen; Groningen, The Netherlands. June 14, 2022.
- ◆ “Repairing Moral Damage Through Self-regarding Resistance.” *Society for Women in Philosophy Austria Symposium: Solidarity and Resistance—A Philosophical Approach*. Virtual. November 5, 2021.
- ◆ “Repairing Moral Damage Through Self-regarding Resistance.” *Existential Philosophy for Times of Change and Crisis: Freedom, Responsibility, and Equality*. Virtual. August 26, 2021.

- ◆ “Community Repair of Moral Damage from Domestic Violence.” *38th International Social Philosophy Conference: Revolutions and Reparations*, North American Society for Social Philosophy. Virtual. July 16, 2021.
- ◆ “Narrative Identity, Authenticity, and Psychopathology.” *Caring and Sharing: Health and Humanities in Today’s World*. International Conference at ULisboa, Portugal. Virtual. June 25, 2021.
- ◆ “Intimate Partner Violence and Moral Damage.” *SWIP Ireland Annual Conference*. Dublin City University. Glasnevin, Ireland. April 28, 2019.

National Peer Reviewed Conferences and Workshops

- ◆ “People Pleasing as Affective Injustice.” *Midwest Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP) 2025 Conference*. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Hybrid. March 20, 2025.
- ◆ “Untethered Pain.” *The Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics Annual Conference (NUSTEP)*. Northwestern University. Evanston, IL. May 30, 2024.
- ◆ “Untethered Pain.” *Great Lakes Philosophy Conference*. Sponsored by Siena Heights University, MI. Virtual. April 13, 2024.
- ◆ “Untethered Pain.” 5th Annual CNY Moral Psychology Workshop. Sponsored by Le Moyne College. Syracuse, NY. Virtual participation. November 3, 2023.
- ◆ “Changing One’s Mind.” *Workshop on Free Will and Moral Luck*. Sponsored by Ohio Northern University. Ada, OH. Virtual. May 6, 2023.
- ◆ “Changing One’s Mind.” *Great Lakes Philosophy Conference*. Sponsored by Siena Heights University, MI. Virtual. April 16th, 2023.
- ◆ “Narrative Identity, Authenticity, and Psychopathology.” Conference on Disability and Illness, *Minorities in Philosophy Penn*. Virtual. April 8th, 2022.
- ◆ “Narrative Identity, Authenticity, and Psychopathology.” *Great Lakes Philosophy Conference*. Sponsored by Siena Heights University, MI. Virtual. April 9th, 2022.
- ◆ “Why We Should Stop Teaching Abortion in Ethics Classes.” *Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum 22nd Annual Conference*. Virtual. October 8, 2021.
- ◆ “Responsibility Under Trauma.” *Annual Meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry*. Virtual. April 17, 2021.
- ◆ “Vicious Resistance and Well-Being,” *Great Lakes Philosophy Conference*. Sponsored by Siena Heights University, MI. Virtual. April 11, 2021.

- ◆ “Intimate Partner Violence and Moral Damage.” Scholars Circle, *Feminist-Pragmatist Colloquium 2019: Looking Back to Move Forward*. Rochester, NY. November 15, 2019.
- ◆ “Self-Injury, Shame, and Agency.” *2019 Annual Meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry*. San Francisco, CA. May 19, 2019.
- ◆ “Trauma, Abuse, and Compassionate Blame.” *Blame, Punishment, and Health Workshop*. Rutgers University-Camden. Camden, NJ. April 5, 2019.
- ◆ “Trauma as Morally Damaging.” *Philosophical Engagements with Trauma*. University of North Carolina Asheville. Asheville, NC. March 23, 2019.
- ◆ “Narrative Identity and Psychopathology.” *2018 Annual Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry*. New York City, NY. May 6, 2018.
- ◆ “Understanding Self-Injury Through (Body) Shame and Oppression.” *Society for Analytical Feminism Session at the Pacific APA 2018*. San Diego, CA. March 28, 2018.
- ◆ “Understanding Self-Injury Through (Body) Shame and Oppression.” *2018 Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical Society*. Winthrop University. Rock Hill, SC. March 24, 2018.
- ◆ “Suffering, Moral Luck, and the Duty to Self-Care.” *The Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics Annual Conference (NUSTEP)*. Northwestern University. Evanston, IL. March 8, 2018.
- ◆ “Suffering as a Component of Well-Being.” *2018 Mississippi Philosophical Association Annual Meeting*. Mississippi State University. Starkville, MS. February 9, 2018.
- ◆ “A Feminist Analysis of the Bridezilla.” *The Wedding Conference: The Social Philosophy and Business Ethics of the American Wedding*. The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. November 4, 2017.
- ◆ “Self-Injury, Shame, and Agency.” *Conference on Ethics and Mental Health*, Viterbo University. La Crosse, WI. April 7, 2017.
- ◆ “Caring For Those Who Make Themselves Suffer.” *Great Lakes Philosophy Conference*, Siena Heights University. Adrian, MI. March 26, 2017.
- ◆ “Caring For Those Who Make Themselves Suffer.” *2017 Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology*, Savannah, Georgia, March 22, 2017.
- ◆ “Complicit Suffering and Self-Care.” *Transform-able Identity/ies Graduate Conference*, Oregon State University. Corvallis, OR. March 10, 2017.

- ◆ “Complicit Suffering and Self-Care.” *U.S. Midwest SWIP 2016 Conference*, Centre College. Danville KY. October 8, 2016.
- ◆ “Complicit Suffering and Self-Care.” *Society for Analytical Feminism Conference*, University of Massachusetts Lowell. Lowell, MA. September 17, 2016.
- ◆ “Invisible Suffering.” *In/Visibility: UMass Interdisciplinary Political Studies Conference*, University of Massachusetts. Amherst, MA. March 12, 2016.

Comments and Panels

- ◆ Comments on Gabriel Tugendstein’s “Alienating Forgiveness.” Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference. University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. October 14th, 2023.
- ◆ Comments on Cecilea Mun’s “Interdisciplinary Foundations for the Science of Emotion: Unification Without Consilience.” *Society for the Philosophy of Emotions Author Meets Critics Session at the Pacific Division APA 2021*. Virtual. April 6, 2021.
- ◆ Comments on Michael Brady’s “Emotions: The Basics.” *Society for the Philosophy of Emotions Author Meets Critics Session at the Central Division APA 2020*, Chicago, IL. February 27, 2020.
- ◆ “Moral Injury: Philosophical Perspectives.” Panel. *2019 McCain Conference: Moral Virtue and Moral Injury*. United States Naval Academy. Annapolis, MD. March 29, 2019.
- ◆ Comments on Stephen Darwall’s “Trust as a Second-Personal Phenomenon,” *Problem Promises Workshop*, Princeton University. Princeton, NJ. March 1, 2015.

Community Presentations

- ◆ “When it’s Not Just Stress: Mental Illness as Invisible Disability.” Presentation with Toni Butler, Michelle DeWitt, Karen Gipson, and Mikaela Padgen at the *GVSU Teach-In*, Allendale, MI. November 9, 2023.
- ◆ “Feminism and Masculinity.” Presentation with Dr. William Parkhurst at the *GVSU Teach-In*, Allendale, MI. November 10, 2022.
- ◆ “Gender Norms and Relationships.” Partners in Prevention Conference hosted by *Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence*. Virtual. October 14, 2021.
- ◆ “Unearthing the Roots of Domestic and Sexual Violence.” Webinar co-presented with Lesley Coghill. *Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence*. Virtual. March 30, 2021.
- ◆ “Maternal Drug Testing and Ethical Implications. Presentation to Spectrum Health Ethics Committee. Virtual. July 28, 2020.

Local Conferences and Presentations

- ◆ “Theories of Mental Illness and Why They Matter.” *GVSU Philosophy Colloquium*, Interdisciplinary Panel on the Philosophical Implications of Mental Illness and Mental Health, Allendale, MI. March 29, 2024.
- ◆ “Untethered Pain.” *GVSU Philosophy Colloquium*, Allendale, MI. February 23, 2024.
- ◆ “Reparative Resistance, Moral Damage, and Oppression.” *GVSU Philosophy Colloquium*, Allendale, MI. November 4, 2022.
- ◆ “Self-Injury, (Body) Shame, and Agency.” *UConn Humanities Institute Fellowship Public Talk*. Storrs, CT. October 25, 2017
- ◆ “Suffering and Self-Regarding Obligations.” *Grue Bag Graduate Conference, UConn Philosophy Department*. Storrs, CT. January 23, 2016.
- ◆ “Coping with Illusion: Suffering, Self-Deception, and Adaptive Preferences.” *Grue Bag Graduate Conference, UConn Philosophy Department*. Storrs, CT. January 31, 2015.
- ◆ “Towards a Concept of ‘Suffering.’” *Grue Bag Graduate Conference, UConn Philosophy Department*. Storrs, CT. August 30, 2014.
- ◆ “How Does Suffering Impact Moral Responsibility?” *UConn Philosophy Department Graduate Presentations*. Storrs, CT. April 7, 2015.

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record, Grand Valley State University

- ◆ PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy
- ◆ PHI 102 Ethics
- ◆ PHI 202 Philosophy and Ethics of Health
- ◆ PHI 370 Sex Matters: Feminist Philosophy in the Contemporary World
- ◆ PHI 460 Rights, Duties, and the Meaning of Life: Moral Philosophy

Instructor of Record, University of Connecticut

- ◆ PHIL 1104 Philosophy and Social Ethics
- ◆ PHIL 1107 Philosophy and Gender
- ◆ PHIL 1106 Non-Western and Comparative Philosophy
- ◆ PHIL 1101 Problems of Philosophy (co-taught with Mitch Green)

Teaching Assistant, University of Connecticut

- ◆ PHIL 1101 Problems of Philosophy
- ◆ PHIL 1102 Philosophy and Logic
- ◆ PHIL 1104 Philosophy and Social Ethics

- ◆ PHIL 1107 Philosophy and Gender

Additional Fellowships and Awards

- ◆ Doctoral Student Travel Award, Graduate School, University of Connecticut. 2018.
- ◆ 1st Place, Graduate Student Presentation, *2018 Mississippi Philosophical Association Annual Meeting*. 2018.
- ◆ Fall Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Award, Graduate School, University of Connecticut. 2016.
- ◆ Recognition for Teaching Excellence, Office of the Provost, University of Connecticut. 2015, 2016.

Research Assistant

- ◆ Graduate Assistant, UConn Contested Sexual Consent Workshop. 2016.
- ◆ Graduate Assistant, UConn Dominating Speech Conference. 2014.
- ◆ “Invisible Disabilities,” project with Daniel Silvermint. 2015.

Service (Grand Valley State University)

- ◆ Member, Search Committee, Philosophy Visiting Professor Search, 2024
- ◆ Faculty Mental Health Ambassador, May 2024 – present
- ◆ Member, PACE Initiative for Connecting Mind and Health, Fall 2023 – present
- ◆ Organizer, Philosophy Colloquium Series, Winter 2023 – present
- ◆ Member, Curriculum Committee for Bellamy Creek Campus program (serving incarcerated students), Fall 2022
- ◆ Member, *Lakeshore Healthy Manhood Collective*, June 2021 – 2023
- ◆ Member, Philosophy Department Curriculum Committee, Winter 2020 – present

Service (University of Connecticut)

- ◆ Secretary, Philosophy Graduate Student Association, University of Connecticut. 2013-2014.
- ◆ Coordinator, Society for Women in Philosophy, University of Connecticut. 2014-2015.
- ◆ Co-organizer, Political and Moral Philosophy Writing Group, University of Connecticut. 2014-2016.
- ◆ Co-organizer, Undergraduate Philosophy Club, University of Connecticut. 2015.

Professional Referee Work

- ◆ Referee, *Hypatia*
- ◆ Referee, *Social Philosophy Today*
- ◆ Referee, American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT) *Studies in Pedagogy*
- ◆ Referee, *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology*

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