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## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD</b>	CUNY Graduate Center, Philosophy Doctoral Candidate	September 2022- Present
<b>MA</b>	Georgia State University, Philosophy Thesis: ‘Self-Identification’ Committee: Neil Van Leeuwen (chair), Dan Weiskopf, Christie Hartley	May 2022
<b>BA</b>	University of Rochester, Philosophy Graduated with Highest Distinction Minor in Brain & Cognitive Sciences	May 2020
<b>AS</b>	Monroe Community College, Psychology Graduated with Distinction Specialization in Anthropology	May 2018

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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Rifkin, M. J., & Garson, J. (2023). Sex by design: a new account of the animal sexes. *Biology and Philosophy*, 38, (2):1-17.

## POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

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Garson, J., and Rifkin, M. J. (2023). Is a person’s sex socially constructed? And what would that even mean? *Psychology Today*. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-biology-of-human-nature/202302/is-a-persons-sex-a-social-construct>

## PRESENTATIONS

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Conference(s)</b>	<b>Date(s) and Location(s)</b>
‘On the Construct Stability of Gender Identity in Neuroscience’	The Georgia Philosophical Society Conference on Contemporary Problems.	March 2021, Virtual Meeting
	The 113 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.	April 2022, Mobile AL
	Invited Talk, University of Rochester, Department of	July 2022, Rochester, NY

	Brain and Cognitive Sciences.	
	The joint meeting of the European and American Societies for Philosophy and Psychology.	July 2022, Virtual Presentation
	The Deep South Philosophy and Neuroscience Working Group's 'Philosophy and Neuroscience in the Gulf V'.	September 2022, Pensacola, FL
Explicating Scientific Notions of Gender Identity	Group Session of the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.	April 2023, San Francisco, CA
	Invited talk, Yale University, Applied Philosophy in Neuroscience (APHINE).	June 2023, New Haven, CT
	The Deep South Philosophy and Neuroscience Working Group's 'Philosophy and Neuroscience in the Gulf VI'.	September 2023, Pensacola, FL
'What Counts as Ideological Domination?'	The Georgia Philosophical Society Conference on Rights, Obligations, and Freedom.	December 2021, Virtual Meeting
'Communicating Honestly as Minorities in Academia'	Minorities & Philosophy Workshop.	October 2021, Georgia State University
'Sexes are Real and Politically Benign'	The Sexontology Group's 'Workshop on the Descriptive and Normative Ontology of Sex'.	Fall 2022, CUNY Graduate Center
Commentary on Michael Sechman's 'Implicit Attitudes: States, not traits?'	The Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.	April 2023, San Francisco, CA

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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### **Graduate Student Travel Stipend**

*Fall 2022*

Awarded to CUNY graduate students admitted to professional conferences to defray the cost of attendance.

### **Ralf F. Munster Fellowship for Excellence in Research**

*Spring 2022*

Awarded to a graduate student completing the philosophy master's program at Georgia State University based on excellence in philosophical research.

### **Ralf F. Munster Graduate Student Travel Stipend**

*Spring 2022*

Awarded to graduate students admitted to professional conferences to defray the cost of attendance.

### **Ralf F. Munster Graduate Student Travel Stipend**

*Spring 2021*

See the description above.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Institution</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Date</b>
Georgia State University	Instructor	PHIL 1010 Critical Thinking	Lecture, grading, office hours	June 2021 to May 2022
Georgia State University	Supplemental Instruction Leader	PHIL 1010 Critical Thinking	Lecture	January 2021 to May 2021
Georgia State University	Writing Across the Curriculum Consultant	Introductory philosophy of science	Commented on drafts of student writing	August 2020 to December 2020

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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<b>Institution</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Dates</b>
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Georgia State University,  
Center for Teaching and  
Learning

Affective Learning:  
Mindset, Motivation, and  
Metacognition’.

October 29<sup>th</sup> 2021

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Organization	Dates
American Philosophical Association	2021-Present
Minorities and Philosophy	2021-Present
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology	2022-Present
Corrupt the Youth	2022-Present

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Organization	Locations and Dates	Services
Minorities and Philosophy	Georgia State University, 2021-2022	President
	CUNY Graduate Center, 2022-Present	Treasurer
Corrupt the Youth	CUNY Graduate Center, 2022-Present	Volunteer Instructor
The Deep South Philosophy and Neuroscience Working- Group	CUNY Graduate Center, 2022-Present	Organizer

## REFERENCES

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