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## AREAS OF FOCUS

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### **Research Specializations:**

Kant's Practical Philosophy  
The Enlightenment  
Socio-Political Philosophy  
Feminist Theory

### **Teaching Competences:**

History of Modern Philosophy  
Normative Ethics  
Applied Ethics (esp. Animal Ethics)  
Philosophy of Public Policy  
Philosophy of Race

## EMPLOYMENT

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### **CURRENT:**

2024– Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Advancement of Human Rights; Philosophy, Politics, and  
Economics Program; Women's Studies Program  
**Florida State University**

2023–2026 Principal Investigator, Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange grant:  
*Women's Enlightenment: Early Feminist Critiques of the Gendered Ideal of Human Progress*

### **PREVIOUS:**

2021–2024 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy & Religion  
**University of North Carolina, Wilmington**

## EDUCATION

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2016–2021 PhD in Philosophy; PhD Minor in Political Science  
**Stanford University**  
Dissertation: *Kant and Rawls on the Moral and Political Development of Persons*  
Committee: Allen Wood, Leif Wenar, Juliana Bidadanure, David Hills, David Estlund

2012–2016 BA in Philosophy and Italian (First Class Hons)  
**University of Oxford**

## PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

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2017–2020 Research Fellow  
Stanford Basic Income Lab  
**Stanford University**

2014–2015 Research Fellow  
Institute for Research on Population & Social Policies  
**Italian National Research Council**

## PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOKS:

2. Lenczewska, O. *Kant and Women's Enlightenment: Feminist Critiques from 18th Century Germany and Poland*. Under contract with Routledge.
1. Lenczewska, O. 2025. *Kant on the History and Development of Practical Reason*. Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 9781009216784 (paperback), 9781009565141 (hardback), 9781009216760 (electronic). Available at: [doi.org/10.1017/9781009216760](https://doi.org/10.1017/9781009216760).  
Reviews scheduled in *Kant-Studien*, *Studi Kantiani*, *Intellectual History Review*, *History of European Ideas*, and *1650-1850*. Author meets critics symposium pending in *Con-Textos Kantianos*.

### ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS:

15. Lenczewska, O. 2026 (forthcoming). "Deontology and Feminist Ethics." J. P. Rawling (ed), *The Oxford Handbook of Deontology*. Oxford University Press.
14. Lenczewska, O. 2026 (forthcoming). "Developing Politically Stable Societies: Kant and Rawls on Moral Maturation." *Social Theory and Practice* 52(1).
13. Lenczewska, O. 2025. "Karolina on Confining Women to Domestic Labor and Private Reason." R. Maliks & E. Widmer (eds), *Kant's Early Followers in Political Philosophy*. Routledge: 90-113. Available at: [doi.org/10.4324/9781003516545-6](https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003516545-6).
12. Lenczewska, O. 2025. "Kant on Moral Education and the Origins of Humanity." *Journal of the History of Ideas* 86(2): 217-235. Available at: [doi.org/10.1353/jhi.2025.a959032](https://doi.org/10.1353/jhi.2025.a959032).
11. Xu, N., O. Lenczewska, S. Wieten, C. Federico, J. Dabiri. 2025. "Ethics of Biohybrid Robotics Invertebrate Research: Biohybrid Robotic Jellyfish as a Case Study." *Bioinspiration & Biomimetics* 20(3): 1-15. Available at: [doi.org/10.1088/1748-3190/adc0d4](https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-3190/adc0d4).
10. Lenczewska, O. & K. Yuan. 2024. "Global Poverty, Structural Change, and Role-Ideals." *Philosophy and Public Issues* 14(2): 431-457. Available at: [doi.org/10.17473/2240-7987-2024-2-14](https://doi.org/10.17473/2240-7987-2024-2-14).
9. Lenczewska, O. 2024. "Can the Author Escape Himself? Italo Calvino on the Absolute Power and the Insuperable Limitations of Authorship." *Literature & Aesthetics* 34(3): 34-42. Available at: [openjournals.library.sydney.edu.au/LA/article/view/20469](https://openjournals.library.sydney.edu.au/LA/article/view/20469).
8. Lenczewska, O. 2022. "Universal Basic Income and Divergent Theories of Gender Justice." *Hypatia* 37(4): 705-725. Available at: [doi.org/10.1017/hyp.2022.57](https://doi.org/10.1017/hyp.2022.57).
7. Lenczewska, O. 2022. "From Rationality to Morality: The Collective Development of Practical Reason in Kant's Moral Anthropology." *Kantian Review* 27(3): 363-383. Available at: [doi.org/10.1017/S1369415422000152](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1369415422000152).
6. Lenczewska, O. 2021. "Electoral Competence, Epistocracy, and Standpoint Epistemologies. A Reply to Brennan." *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 29(4): 641-664. Available at: [doi.org/10.1080/09672559.2021.1997392](https://doi.org/10.1080/09672559.2021.1997392).
5. Lenczewska, O. 2021. "Becoming Pluralists: Kant on the Normative Aspects and Constraints of Pluralistic Thinking." *Kant Yearbook* 13(1): 107-128. Available at: [doi.org/10.1515/kantyb-2021-0005](https://doi.org/10.1515/kantyb-2021-0005).
4. Lenczewska, O. & Schwartz, A. M. 2020. "Disagree to Agree: Forming Consensus around Basic Income in Times of Political Divisiveness." R. Caputo & L. Liu (eds), *Political Activism and Basic Income Guarantee*. Palgrave Macmillan: 13-31. Available at: [doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-43904-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-43904-0).
3. Lenczewska, O. 2019. "Expansion of Self-Consciousness in Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*." *Kant-Studien* 110(4): 554-594. Available at: [doi.org/10.1515/kant-2019-4002](https://doi.org/10.1515/kant-2019-4002).
2. Lenczewska, O. 2018. "Sterilisation without Informed Consent. How to Improve the Medical Agency of European Citizens." D. Archibugi & A. Benli (eds), *Claiming Rights in Europe. Emerging Challenges and Political Agents*. Routledge: 130-147. Available at: [doi.org/10.4324/9781315178370](https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315178370).
1. Lenczewska, O. 2018. "The Evolution of the Concept of Freedom between the *Critique of Pure Reason* and the *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*." V. Weibel & M. Ruffing (eds.), *Proceedings of the XII. International Kant Congress*. De Gruyter: 1943-1950. Available at: [doi.org/10.1515/9783110467888-176](https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110467888-176).

## **TRANSLATIONS:**

- Manuscript: Rawls, J. *Justice as Fairness: A Restatement*, Polish transl. O. Lenczewska & J. Szczepański. Under contract with the Polish Academic Press PWN.

## **BOOK REVIEWS:**

- Lenczewska, O. 2023. "Owen Ware, *Kant's Justification of Ethics*." *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*. Available at: doi.org/10.1080/09608788.2023.2197950.
- Lenczewska, O. 2020. "Fred Feldman, *Distributive Justice. Getting What We Deserve from Our Country*." *Utilitas* 32(4): 499-502. Available at: doi.org/10.1017/S0953820820000187.

## **ONLINE PUBLICATIONS:**

- Lenczewska, O. 2021. "Can People with Vastly Different Political Beliefs Support a Universal Basic Income?" *Basic Income Lab*. Available at: basicincome.stanford.edu/news/lab-updates/can-people-with-vastly-different-political-beliefs-support-a-universal-basic-income-1/.
- Lenczewska, O. et al., 2020. "Visualizing UBI Research." *Basic Income Lab*. Available at: basicincome.stanford.edu/research/ubi-visualization/.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS & UNDER REVIEW**

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- "Kant on Women's Role in Moral Development and Their Moral Patienthood" (under review)
- *Kant and Women's Enlightenment: Feminist Critiques from 18th Century Germany and Poland* (under contract)
- *Political Philosophy in Music: Perspectives on Post-1945 American Genres and Artists* (collection in preparation)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** (\* –peer reviewed; \*\* –invited)

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"Karolina on Confining Women to Domestic Labor and Private Reason" (formerly: "Early Feminist Critiques of the Gendered Conception of Human Progress in European Enlightenment: A Female Perspective from Poland")

- Florida Philosophical Association's 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Flagler College, 01/2025\*
- International Conference "The Vocation of Woman", Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, 09/2024\*\*
- Faculty of Philosophy, University of Warsaw, 03/2024\*\*
- Department of Philosophy, University of California Irvine, 03/2024\*\*
- Department of Philosophy, Florida State University, 01/2024\*\*
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Seventh Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 11/2023\*
- 2nd Kantian Foundations of Democracy Conference: "Progressivism and Conservatism in Kantian Political Thought", University of Oslo, 08/2023\*
- North American Society for Social Philosophy Conference, University of Portland, 07/2023\*

"Global Poverty, Structural Change, and Role-Ideals" (formerly: "Negative Duty, Philanthropy, and Global Justice") (with Kate Yuan)

- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Eighth Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 11/2024\*
- Long Island Philosophical Society Conference, Saint John's University, 04/2023\*
- South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference, University South Carolina Beaufort, 04/2023\*
- North Carolina Philosophical Society Conference, Duke University, 03/2023\*

"Kant on the Origins of Humanity and Moral Education"

- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Eighth Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 11/2024\*
- Conference "Theoretical - Practical - Pragmatic: Kant's Applications of Reason in Interplay", Goethe University Frankfurt, 07/2024\*\*

- Faculty of Philosophy, University of Warsaw, 03/2024\*\*
  - Enlightenment Club Seminar Series, University of Oxford, 01/2023\*\*
  - Polish Philosophical Society [Polskie Towarzystwo Filozoficzne], Jagiellonian University, 05/2022\*\*
  - Virtual Women Scholars Network Series, North American Kant Society, 02/2022\*
  - Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee Knoxville, 02/2022\*\*
  - Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, 01/2022\*\*
- “Kant and Rawls on Moral Maturation”
- XIV. International Kant Congress: “Kant’s Project of Enlightenment”, University of Bonn, 09/2024\*
  - South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference, University South Carolina Beaufort, 04/2023\*
  - North Carolina Philosophical Society Conference, Duke University, 03/2023\*
- “Alleviating Gender Injustice – Is Basic Income the Answer?”
- Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam, 05/2023\*\*
  - International Interdisciplinary Conference on Social Justice, Morality and Culture, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 12/2022\*
  - School of Geography, Politics and Sociology, Newcastle University, 06/2022\*\*
  - Department of Philosophy, University of Bristol, 06/2022\*\*
  - Department of Economics, Philosophy & Political Science, University of British Columbia (Okanagan), 03/2022\*\*
  - Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of North Carolina Wilmington, 01/2021\*\*
- “Reasonable Education and Shared Political Values”
- Research Symposium *Deliberation without Weights?*, Department of Management, Politics and Philosophy, Copenhagen Business School, 09/2022\*\*
- “Against Equating ‘Work’ with ‘Waged Labor’: On the Feminist Support of Universal Basic Income as a Means to Women’s Equality and Freedom”
- Center for Emancipatory Thinking Conference, University of Warsaw, 03/2022\*
- “Rawls’s Kantian Account of Moral Development”
- North American Association for Philosophy & Education Annual Conference, University of St. Mary of the Lake, 10/2021\*
- “Political Competence, Epistocracy, and Standpoint Epistemologies. A Reply to Brennan”
- Workshop on Testimonial Injustice and Trust hosted by the International Journal of Philosophical Studies, University College Dublin, 06/2021\* (Paper shortlisted for the Policy, Expertise and Trust Essay Prize.)
  - Centre for Applied Philosophy, Politics and Ethics Annual Conference, University of Brighton, 01/2021\*
  - Manchester Centre for Political Theory Annual Workshops, University of Manchester, 09/2020\*
- “Universal Basic Income and Divergent Theories of Gender Justice”
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 03/2020\*
- “Becoming Pluralists: Kant on the Normative Aspects of Pluralistic Thinking”
- North American Kant Society’s Midwest Study Group, DePaul University, 10/2019\*
- “From Rationality to Morality: The Collective Development of Practical Reason in Kant’s Moral Anthropology”
- International Kant Conference, Wuhan University, 06/2019\*
  - Ethics and Politics, Ancient and Modern Workshop, Stanford University, 05/2019

- North American Kant Society’s Midwest Study Group, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 10/2018\* (Paper awarded the 2018 Markus Herz Prize from the North American Kant Society.)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Multilateral Kant Colloquium Kant and the Contemporary World: Philosophy, Science, Politics, University of Catania, 10/2018\*
- United Kingdom Kant Society’s Annual Conference, Cardiff University, 09/2018\*
- General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (section “Kant on Political Change: Global Challenges”), Universität Hamburg, 08/2018\*
- Annual Conference of the Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP), Northwestern University, 03/2018\*

“Universal Basic Income and the Socio-Economic Wellbeing of Aging Women: Broadening the Debate on Universal Basic Income and Gender Justice”

- Aging & Society: Eighth Interdisciplinary Conference, Tokyo University, 09/2018\*

“Framing the Conversation about UBI: What are the Most Pressing Questions? What are the Biggest Opportunities?”

- New Directions in Basic Income Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 05/2018\*\*

“The Evolution of the Concept of Freedom between the Critique of Pure Reason and the Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals”

- XII. International Kant Congress: “Nature and Freedom”, University of Vienna, 09/2015\*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **At Florida State University**

*Philosophy of Human Rights* (Primary Instructor, Spring 2025)

*Introduction to Political Philosophy* (Primary Instructor, Spring 2025)

*Kant on Labor and Passive/ Active Citizenship* (Directed Individual Study, Spring 2025)

*Graduate Seminar: Feminist Approaches to Kant* (Primary Instructor, Fall 2024)

*Ethical Issues and Life Choices* (Primary Instructor, Fall 2024)

### **At the University of North Carolina, Wilmington**

*Introduction to Ethics* (Primary Instructor, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

*Socio-Political Philosophy* (Primary Instructor, Fall 2023)

*Welfare, Gender, and Race* (Primary Instructor, Spring 2022)

*Animal Ethics* (Primary Instructor, Fall 2022)

### **At Stanford University**

*Animal Ethics* (Primary Instructor, Spring 2021)

*The Philosophy of Universal Basic Income* (TA for J. Bidadanure, Winter 2020 & Spring 2019)

*History of Political Philosophy* (Guest Lecturer & TA for D. Estlund, Autumn 2019)

*Feminist and Queer Theories and Methods* (TA for H. Longino, Winter 2019)

*Introduction to Moral Philosophy* (TA for N. Hussain, Spring 2018)

*Justice* (Guest Lecturer & TA for R. Reich, Autumn 2017)

*Evil* (TA for Ch. Bobonich, Summer 2019 & Summer 2018)

*Language and Orientation Tutoring Program* (Tutor, Winter 2017)

## **PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING**

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*Open Pedagogy* Faculty Fellowship, William Madison Randall Library (UNC Wilmington, 2023)

*Information Literacy* Faculty Fellowship, William Madison Randall Library (UNC Wilmington, 2022)

Preparing *Future Professors* Fellowship, Office of Vice Provost for Graduate Education (Stanford, 2019)  
Teaching Methods Seminar, Philosophy Department (Stanford, 2017-2018)  
Teaching consultations at the Center for Teaching and Learning (Stanford, 2017-2018)

## **AWARDS**

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Finalist for the Policy, Expertise and Trust Essay Prize from the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* (University College Dublin, 2021)  
Winner of the best graduate student paper presented at one of the annual meetings of the North American Kant Society (University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2018)  
Winner of the Markus Herz Prize in graduate Kantian scholarship (North American Kant Society, 2018)  
The Nancy and Joseph Burton Prize for the Best Essay in PPE (University of Oxford, 2014)

## **FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

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A Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange grant (primary investigator) for the project “Women’s Enlightenment: Early Feminist Critiques of the Gendered Ideal of Human Progress” (2023-2026)  
*First Year Assistant Professor* grant (primary investigator) for the project “Kant on the Confines of Womanhood and Its Early-Feminist Critique” (Florida State University, 2025)  
A Polish Ministry of Education and Science grant for the Polish translation and commentary of John Rawls’ *Justice as Fairness: A Restatement* for the Polish Academic Press PWN (2023-2025)  
*Living in Our Diverse Nation* course development grant (UNC Wilmington, 2021-22)  
Secured funding to host a North American Kant Society Southern Division conference (Research and Innovation Service Team; Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, UNC Wilmington 2021-22)  
*Graduate Ethics* Fellowship, Stanford McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society (Stanford, 2019-20)  
Thomas Mardenbro Benson Scholarship for the School of Humanities and Sciences (Stanford, 2018)  
The International Centre for Philosophy North Rhine-Westphalia Fellowship to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> International Summer School in German Philosophy (Bonn University, 2017)  
The Patrick M. Byrne Fellowship for the School of Humanities and Sciences (Stanford, 2016)

## **SELECTED SERVICE**

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Rhodes Scholarship Committee member, Florida State University (2025-)  
Women’s Studies program & PPE program faculty member, Florida State University (2025-)  
Board member & submissions reviewer, North American Kant Society, Southern Division (2021-)  
Organizer of the UNCW Department of Philosophy & Religion Colloquium Series (2023-24)  
Organizer of the Annual Conference of the North American Kant Society, Southern Division (2022)  
Academic mentor for international students, Virtual Mentorship for Students Abroad (2020-2021)  
Volunteer (public lecture series organizer and writer), Palo Alto Humane Society (2019-20)  
Graduate student representative at faculty meetings, Philosophy Department, Stanford (2018-19)  
Co-organizer of the Annual Conference of the North American Kant Society, Pacific Division (2017)  
Journal reviewer: *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Kantian Review*.