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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Roseman University of Health Sciences — Las Vegas, NV

August 2024 – Present

Assistant Professor

Department of Bioethics, Humanism, and Policy, College of Medicine

Graduate Faculty

Biomedical Sciences MS Program, College of Graduate Studies

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy

August 2024

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Graduate Certificates: Ethics of Technology; Women’s Studies

M.A., Philosophy

August 2018

University of Western Ontario, London, ON, Canada

B.A., Philosophy

August 2016

University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran

RESEARCH INTERESTS

AOS: Bioethics, AI/Data Ethics, Neuroethics, Philosophy of Medicine

AOC: Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Technology, Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics

PUBLICATIONS

Books (Under Contract)

Cosmetic Gynecology: Understanding Non-Ideal Subjectivity in Clinical Ethics (tentative title).
International Bioethics Series, Springer Nature.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“From Correction to Formation: Towards a Character-Based Approach to AI Ethics Education.” *Journal of Character Education*. Revised and resubmitted in Sep 2026.

“When Patient Preference Does Not Settle the Matter: Structural Ambiguity in Cosmetic Gynecology.” *Journal of Healthcare Analysis*. Revised and resubmitted in Sep 2026.

“Expanding Clinical Deliberation: Affective Embodiment in Cosmetic Gynecology.” *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*. Forthcoming.

“Adaptive Preferences in Medicine: A Subjectivity-First Account.” *Journal of Medical Ethics*. Forthcoming.

“Education, A Thin Concept with a Thick Skin: What Do Supervillains and Anti-Heroes Teach Us About Virtuous Action-Guidedness?” *Episteme* 22(4): 1055–1073. 2025.

“Toward a Feminist Model for Women’s Healthcare: The Problem of False Consciousness and the Moral Status of Female Genital Cosmetic Surgery.” *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics* 17(2): 28–54. 2024.

“From Gender Segregation to Epistemic Segregation: A Case Study of the School System in Iran.” *Journal of Philosophy of Education* 57(4–5): 901–922. 2023.

Book Review

“Review of The Ethics of Inclusive Education: Presenting a New Theoretical Framework.” *Philosophical Inquiry in Education* 30(1): 85–88. 2023

Public-Facing Writing

“A Change in Title: From “Women in Philosophy” to “Gender, Sexuality, and Women in Philosophy.”” *Gender, Sexuality, and Women in Philosophy Blog of APA*

“What Makes a Strong Review? On Writing for IJFAB.” *FAB Blog*. 2026.

“Before We Judge the Preference.” *Journal of Medical Ethics Forum*. 2026.

“Interview with New Associate Editor of the Women in Philosophy Series.” *Women in Philosophy Blog of APA*

Media

“Episode 5: Shadi Heidarifar.” *FAB Gab Pod*, International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics. 2025.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Medical Education

Roseman University of Health Sciences

College of Medicine

MED 5300: Clinical Practice III (Co-instructor)
MED 5200: Clinical Practice II (Co-instructor)
MED 5100: Clinical Practice I (Co-instructor)
MED 5320: Foundations F3B (Co-instructor)
MED 5310: Foundations F3A (Co-instructor)
MED 5230: Foundations F2C (Co-instructor)
MED 5220: Foundations F2B (Co-instructor)
MED 5210: Foundations F2A (Co-instructor)
MED 5120: Foundations F1B (Co-instructor)
MED 5110: Foundations F1A (Co-instructor)

Graduate Education

Roseman University of Health Sciences

College of Graduate Studies

MS600: Fundamentals of Biomedical Research (Co-instructor, *3)

Undergraduate Education

Instructor of Record

University of Florida

Department of Philosophy

PHI3681: Ethics, Data & Technology

Undergraduate Education

Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of Florida

Department of Philosophy

PHI3641: Ethics & Innovation
PHI2010: Introduction to Philosophy (*6)
PHI3681: Ethics, Data & Technology (*2)

University of Florida

Quest Program

IDS1114: Ethics & the Public Sphere
IDS2935: Conflict of Ideas (*2)
IDS1161: What is the Good Life?

University of Guelph

Department of Philosophy

PHI1010: Introduction to Social & Political Philosophy (*2)

University of Western Ontario

Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

WS2270B: Women, Law & Social Change

WS2164A: Gender & Fashion

Pedagogical Training

Compassion Cultivation in Health Care, Compassion Institute, 2026

Graduate and Early Career Scholar Seminar on Teaching Ethics, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Annual Meeting, 2023

Future Professor Workshop: Great Ideas for Teaching Panel, Teaching Support Center, University of Western Ontario, 2018

Future Professor Workshop: Supporting the Wellness of Undergraduate Students, Teaching Support Center, University of Western Ontario, 2018

Teaching Assistant Training Program Certificate, Teaching Support Center, University of Western Ontario, 2017

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Compassionatomy at RUCOM: Implementing and Evaluating Compassion-Based Anatomy in an Integrated Medical Curriculum, 2025 - Present

Co-Principal Investigator (with Daniel van Tonder, PhD)

Collaborative Medical Education Initiative, Roseman University of Health Sciences–University of California, San Diego

Educating Character Initiative Professional Development Grant, 2024 - 2025

Principal Investigator, “From Code to Character: Reimagining AI Ethics Education for Future Professionals”

Program for Leadership and Character, Wake Forest University

Association for Academic Women’s Emerging Scholar Award, 2024

University of Florida

CLAS Dissertation Fellowship, 2024

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Florida

Best Graduate Paper Award, 2022

Political Science Department, University of Florida

Summer Research Scholarship, 2022

Philosophy Department, University of Florida

University Graduate Scholarship, 2018-2019

Philosophy Department, University of Guelph

Western Graduate Research Scholarship, 2017-2018

INVITED TALKS

“APS, Medical Knowledge Production, and the Fragmentation of Women’s Health”

University of Texas, San Antonio, 2026

“Queer Medicine, and the Future of Healthcare Access for All: Lessons from AIDS Crisis”

NLM Exhibit, Roseman University of Health Sciences, October 2025

“Beyond Competence: Practicing Cultural Humility, Establishing Cultural Safety, and Addressing Issues of Health Equity”

Pediatric Residency Grand Rounds, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (with Judy Hanrahan, JD), July 2025

“The Politics of Gender Segregation and Women’s Mobilization in SWANA”

University of Florida, September 2023

“Why Data Science Needs Feminism?”

University of Florida, August 2023

“Social Movements and the Continuation of Women’s Resistance in SWANA”

Women’s History Month Speaker, Alma College, March 2023

University of Florida, November 2022

“Women, Law and Social Change in SWANA”

University of Western Ontario, January 2018

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, PANELS & WORKSHOPS

“Health, Pluralism, and the Structure of Explanation”

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Boston, MA, January 2027

International Philosophy of Medicine Roundtable, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, September 2026

“Embodiment, Adaptive Preferences and the Question of Subjectivity in Cosmetic Gynecology”

National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 2026

Mentoring Workshop for Early Career Women Faculty in Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, June 2025

“The Politics of War/State Violence, The Question of Nonviolence, and The Practice of Transnational Feminist Solidarity”

National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 2026 (& Moderator)

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, New York City, NY, January 2024

The Complexity Theory, Social Ontology, and Social Change Workshop, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, October 2023

National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, November 2022 (& Moderator)

"Cultivating Compassion in Medical Education"

Symposium for Innovation in Medical Education, University of California, San Diego, San Diego, CA, May 2025

"From Code to Character: Reimagining AI Ethics Education for Future Professionals"

Educating Character Across Differences: Cultivating Communities of Character in the University, Winston-Salem, NC, December 2024

The Academy for Professionalism in Health Care Virtual Conference, November 2024

"What is Islamic Feminism?" (Commentator)

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, New York City, New York, January 2025

"Cosmetic Gynecology: Toward a Feminist Model for Women's Healthcare"

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, September 2024

The Association for Practical & Professional Ethics Annual Conference, Portland, OR, March 2023

Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Sarasota, FL, February 2023

"Education: A Thin Concept with A Thick Skin"

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Association for Philosophy of Education, New York City, NY, January 2024

North American Association for Philosophy & Education Annual Conference, Mundelein, IL, October 2023

"From Gender Segregation to Epistemic Segregation"

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Society Seventh Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2023

National Women's Studies Association, Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, October 2023

North American Association for Philosophy & Education Annual, Conference, Mundelein, IL, October 2022

Ethics Workshop, Philosophy Department, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, October 2022

"Cognitive Injustice, Marked Embodiment & Gender"

Minorities & Philosophy Conference, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, May 2023

Florida Philosophical Association Annual Conference, Miami, FL, Feb 2022

"The Ethics of Inclusive Education" (Author Meets Critics)

North American Association for Philosophy & Education Annual Conference, Mundelein, IL, October 2022

SERVICE

To Profession

Editorial Role

Incoming Editor, *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*, 2027-
Book Review Editor, *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*, 2026 - 2027
Associate Editor, *Hypatia*, 2025 - Present
Associate Editor, *Gender, Sexuality, and Women in Philosophy*, Blog of the APA, 2025 - 2026

Nominations and Election Chair

FEAST: Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory, 2026 – Present

Committee Member

Women and Gender, American Philosophical Association, 2025 – Present

Journal Referee

AI & Ethics, 2026 – Present
BMC Medical Education, 2026 – Present
International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics, 2026 – Present
Hypatia, 2024 - Present
Women's Studies International Forum, 2024 – Present
Journal of Philosophy of Education, 2024 – Present

Conference Referee

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference, 2025 - Present
North American Association for Philosophy and Education Annual Conference, 2025 - Present
Florida Philosophical Association Annual Conference, 2023
Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2021 - 2023

To Institution

Committee (Voting Member)

Learning Environment and Professionalism (LEAP) Committee, 2026 – Present
Curriculum Committee, College of Medicine, Roseman University of Health Sciences, 2025 – Present
Professionalism Subcommittee, Curriculum Committee, College of Medicine, Roseman University of Health Sciences, 2025 – Present
Admission Committee, College of Medicine, Roseman University of Health Sciences, 2024 – 2025

Minorities & Philosophy (MAP) Chapter Representative

Philosophy Department, University of Florida, 2022 – 2024
Philosophy Department, University of Guelph, 2018 – 2019

Secretary

Graduate Student Philosophy Society, Philosophy Department, University of Florida, 2023 – 2024

Organizer & Facilitator

Annual Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Florida, 2023

Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop

Philosophy Department, University of Florida (with Jim Gillespie, PhD), 2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association (APA)

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH)

Academy for Professionalism in Health Care (APHC)

National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)

Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE)

North American Association for Philosophy & Education (NAAPE)