

Cayla Clinkenbeard, Ph.D.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Social Epistemology; Ethics (AI ethics); Social and Political Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Philosophy of Mind; Philosophy of Technology; Modern and 20th Century Analytic Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology, Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School of Public Policy Teaching Postdoctoral Fellow	Jan. 2026 - present
The New School for Social Research Ph.D. in philosophy Dissertation: Abusing Trust Committee: Zed Adams (chair), Alice Crary, Jay Bernstein, Emily Sullivan, and Miranda Fricker	May 2025
M.A. in philosophy Thesis topic: The limits of rational grounds in persuasion in Wittgenstein's <i>On Certainty</i> Thesis Chairs: Alice Crary and Richard J. Bernstein	May 2017
Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX B.A. philosophy Minor: English	Aug. 2014
B.A. English and political science Minor: Philosophy	May 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Articles:

- [“Nihilistic Distrust: The Problem with Echo Chambers,”](#) *Philosophy & Technology* 38:171 (2025)
- [“Collective Deception: Toward a Network Model of Epistemic Responsibility,”](#) *Synthese* 202:3 (2023)

Book Reviews:

- Review of Anna Boncompagni, *Wittgenstein and Pragmatism*, *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 39:2 (2018).

In Progress:

- Social Media's Responsibility for Disinformation (R&R)
 - Epistemic Nihilism (in preparation for submission)
 - Individuating Echo Chambers (in preparation for submission)
 - The Discretionary Control View of Epistemic Responsibility (in preparation for submission)
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Social Media’s Responsibility for Disinformation,”
Feminist Philosophy of Trust Reading Group workshop Dec. 12, 2024
- “Social Media’s Responsibility for Disinformation”
4TU/ESDiT Conference, Rethinking Ethics—Reimagining Technology, Twente University Oct. 4, 2024
- “Individuating Epistemic Networks”
International Social Ontology Society conference, **Duke University** Jul. 25, 2024
- “Echo Chamber Individuation”
American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division) Mar. 21, 2024
- “Echo Chamber Individuation”
Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis & Clark College Nov. 2, 2023
- “Contagions of Distrust: The Epistemic Vulnerability of Misinformation Groups”
Policy, Expertise and Trust, **PERITIA conference at University College Dublin** Mar. 23, 2023
- “Deceptive Epistemic Networks and the Climate Crisis”
Food, Consumption, Climate Change, University of North Texas Oct. 9, 2022
- “A Network Model of Epistemic Responsibility”
British Society for Theory of Knowledge Conference, **University of Glasgow** Sept. 7, 2022
- “Sounds from the Past: Recordings from the GFPJ Archive”
A Night of Philosophy, panel discussion, The New School for Social Research October 5, 2019
- Response to Mario Juarez-Garcia, “Moral Incompetence & Expert Failure: How to be
Virtuous in Corrupt Environments,” **APA Eastern Division Meeting**, Philadelphia, USA Jan. 11, 2020
- “Concepts, Thoughts, and Non-Rational Animals”
Phenomenology and Mind: Collaborative Investigations, New School for Social Research Feb. 27, 2016
- “Why I Can Never Be an It,”
New Mexico West Texas Philosophical Society Colloquium,
University of Texas at El Paso Apr. 5, 2014
- “Conrad, Wittgenstein, and the Epistemic Limitations of Solipsism,”
New Mexico West Texas Philosophical Society Colloquium, San Antonio College Mar. 22, 2013
- “The Unconscious and the Text,”
Graduate Student Symposium poster presentation, Angelo State University Apr. 26, 2013
- “The Noblest Roman’s Death: Brutus’s Justification for Suicide,”
International Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Thought,
Sam Houston State University Apr. 5, 2013
- “A Critique of the Holocaust Metaphor in ‘Daddy’: Is Plath a ‘Bit of a Jew?’”
TTU Women’s Conference, Texas Tech University Apr. 13, 2012
- “A Dose of Androgyny: The Cure for Inevitably Sexist Gender Identity,”
TTU Women’s Conference, Texas Tech University Feb. 4, 2011

INVITED TALKS

- Social Media’s Responsibility for Disinformation
The Normativity of Artifacts graduate course at The New School for Social Research April. 22, 2025
- Social Media’s Responsibility for Disinformation
Angelo State University Nov. 15, 2024
- Abusing Trust: The Problem with Echo Chambers
Angelo State University Nov. 17, 2023
- Abusing Trust: The Problem with Echo Chambers
The New School for Social Research Sept. 15, 2023
- Epistemic Responsibility for Climate Science Disinformation Campaigns
Environmental Ethics course at Eugene Lang College Sept. 10, 2023

INTERVIEWS

- The Philosopher's Nest Nov. 29, 2023
<http://www.philosophersnest.com/episode/d3821f6f/cayla-clinkenbeard-on-trust-knowledge-and-publishing-in-topical-collections>
 (with University of Oxford graduate students Lewis Williams and Kyle van Oosterum)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Helen Marie Hittel Dissertation Award for Philosophy and Politics, The New School 2025
- Hans Jonas Award in Philosophy for dissertation, The New School 2025
- Distinguished Doctoral Award, The New School 2024–2025
- Research Travel Awards, The New School 2022–2025
- APA travel award (Pacific Division) 2024
- Dissertation Fellowship, The New School 2022–2023
- Bursary award to attend and give a paper at the PERITIA conference in Dublin 2023
- Teaching Fellowship, Eugene Lang College, The New School 2020–2021
- Centennial Research Award (with Ceciel Meiborg & Joel de Lara), The New School 2019
 (to support publishing the centennial issue of the *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*)
- Prize Fellowship, The New School for Social Research 2016–2019
- Dean's scholarship at The New School for Social Research 2014–2016
- Nominee for Presidential Academic Excellence Award, Political Science and Philosophy Dept. Apr. 2014
- Weldon and Virginia Fikes Scholarship Spring 2014
- Graduate Research Fellowship recipient for course "The Unconscious & the Text" Spring 2013
- Best Undergraduate Paper Award, Texas Tech University Apr. 2011
- Pell Grant and Academic Competitiveness Grant Recipient 2006–2008
- CARR Scholarship recipient 2006

TEACHING

- Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA* Jan. 2026
Teaching Postdoctoral Fellow
 AI Ethics
 Environmental Ethics
- Eugene Lang, The New School, New York, NY* Jan. 2020 – May 2021
Teaching Fellow (sole instructor)
 Modern philosophy: Will, Intellect, and Belief Formation
- Hunter College, New York, NY* Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019
Teaching Assistant
 Introduction to Philosophy, supervised by Professor Frank Kirkland
- Eugene Lang, The New School, New York, NY* Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019
Teaching Assistant
 New School Histories, supervised by Professors Mark Larrimore and Julia Foulkes
- Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York, NY* Aug. 2018 – Dec. 2018
Adjunct Lecturer
 Introduction to Philosophy course
- NSSR, The New School, New York, NY* Aug. 2016 – Dec. 2016
Teaching Assistant—Proseminar Facilitator

Explained program requirements, led workshops, and mentored new MA and PhD philosophy students

EDITING

Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal, New York, NY

Senior Editor–Budget Officer

Jan. 2018 – Aug. 2020

Communicate with authors, supervise Editorial Assistants, fact check articles, edit for style and grammar, solicit articles, write blurbs, help organize events, write budget proposal, manage funds

Editorial Assistant

Aug. 2016 – Dec. 2017

Fact check articles, edit for *GFPJ* style consistency, copyediting, give solicitation recommendations, write blurbs

Canon, Interdisciplinary Journal of NSSR, New York, NY

Editor

Oct. 2014 – May 2016

Contributed blog posts, helped select and edit submissions, brainstormed topics for new issues

Undecidable Unconscious, New York, NY

Proofreader

Aug. 2015

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

NSSR, New York, NY

Research Assistant – for Professor Alice Cray

Aug. 2016 – May 2021

TUTORING

City College Writing Center, New York, NY

College Assistant

Oct. 2015 – May 2016

Collaborated with students with various learning needs to improve writing skills (including papers and application materials); worked with ESL students, students with dyslexia, and MA students.

Angelo State University Writing Center, San Angelo, TX

Peer Tutor

Jan. 2011 – May 2014

Assisted undergrad and graduate students with brainstorming, grammar, and research

Angelo State University Department of English

Graduate Assistant – for Dr. Linda Kornasky

Aug. 2012 – Aug. 2013

Assisted undergrad students with writing skills, graded papers, led class discussions

Angelo State University Department of Political Science and Philosophy

Ethics Tutor – for Dr. Susana Badiola

Oct. 2010 – May 2012

Introduction to Philosophy Tutor – for Dr. Susana Badiola

Oct. 2010 – Dec. 2011

Modern Political Theory Tutor – for Dr. John Glassford

Jan. – May 2011

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Chair, Applied Epistemology in Times of Political Crisis Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill 2026
- Reviewer for *Philosophy & Technology* 2026
- Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST) Program Committee Member 2024-2025

- Reviewer for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 2024-2025
- Reviewer for *Philosophical Quarterly* 2024
- Reviewer for *Synthese* 2024
- Faculty Liaison for the NSSR Philosophy Forum 2017–2018
- Member of faculty hiring committee 2017–2018
- Volunteer mentor for new graduate students, The New School for Social Research 2018

WORKSHOPS

- Co-Coordinator of the NYC Wittgenstein Workshop 2015–2018
- Facilitator, People in Support of Women in Philosophy 2015–2016

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association, International Social Ontology Society, Feminist Ethics and Social Theory (FEAST), Feminist Philosophy of Trust Reading Group, NYC Wittgenstein Workshop, People in Support of Women in Philosophy, SWIP, British Society for Theory of Knowledge

LANGUAGES

German: Reading
Spanish: Reading

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Volunteer for Evers Park Elementary School, Denton 2025
- Volunteer for Gonzalez School for Young Children, Denton 2023–2024
- Volunteer for ReThink at Sanctuary for Families, NYC 2015

REFERENCES

Zed Adams, Vice President of Technology, The New School for Social Research, New York, NY

Jay Bernstein, University Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, The New School for Social Research, New York, NY

Alice Crary, University Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, The New School for Social Research, New York, NY

Miranda Fricker, Julius Silver Professor, New York University, New York, NY

Emily Sullivan, Senior Lecturer of Philosophy of Science and AI, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK