

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

PhD in Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Fall 2022 - Present

- Dissertation: “Allyship as Friendship”
- Committee: Judith Carlisle (Co-Supervisor); Kristina Gehrman (Co-Supervisor)

MA in Philosophy (*en passant*), University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Spring 2025)

- Capstone: “Messy Methodologies and Epistemic Echo Chambers in Evolutionary Psychology”
- Committee: Nora Berenstain (Chair); Judith Carlisle (member); Jonathan Garthoff (member)

Graduate Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Fall 2025)

Graduate Certificate in Religious Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Spring 2025)

BA in Philosophy (*summa cum laude*), University of West Georgia (Fall 2021)

- Capstone: “Epicureanism about Alzheimer’s: The Constitution View, Existence Requirements, and Hope”
- Supervisor: Robert Lane

Research Interests

Primary: Epistemology (political/social/applied), Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Social Justice

Secondary: Philosophy of Science, Metaphilosophy, Philosophy of Disability, Philosophy of Race, LGBTQ Philosophy

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Professional Responsibility, Carlisle, Fall 2024

Contemporary Moral Problems, Feldt, Fall 2023-Spring 2024

Introduction to Philosophy, von Mizner, Spring 2022

Introduction to Philosophy, Gehrman, Fall 2022

GSSE Instructor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
STEM in Society, Summer 2024
STEM in Society, Summer 2023
K-12 Teacher, Carrollton City Schools, Carrollton, GA
Georgia History (8th grade)
Honors World History (9th grade)

Publications

“A Hermeneutical Response to Apologists and Atheists”- *Aporia* (Fall 2021)

Presentations

"Linguistic Hijacking and Hermeneutic Priming in the *God's Not Dead* Series." Mississippi Philosophical Association: Making Philosophy Pop conference. Spring 2025.

“The Heart of Discovery: Emotions in the Scientific Endeavor.” Tennessee Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. Fall 2024.

“The Value-Free Ideal (?) of Science: Do Values Make for Bad Science?” GSSE, STEM in Society (presentation on feminist philosophy of science geared towards advanced high school students). Summer 2024.

"Because God Said So: Divine Revelation and Externalism about Knowledge." University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's Graduate Philosophy Conference. Spring 2024. [Accepted].

“My Porn Preferences are not Genetic: A Critique of Pornography Research in Sexual Strategies Theory.” Boston University’s Values in Research and Researching Values Conference. Spring 2024.

"Transformative (VR) Experiences: The Epistemic and Moral Potential of Gaming in Virtual Reality." Florida Atlantic University, 2nd Annual Philosophy of Video Games Conference. Spring 2024. [Accepted]

“A Valuable Incompatibilism: Rethinking the Rollback Argument”- Florida State University’s Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference. Fall 2023

“Righteous Indignation and Radical Love: An Analysis of Anger in Social Justice” -The Ohio State MAP conference, Spring 2023

“Beyond Harm Reduction: A Hermeneutic Account of Consent”- Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, Spring 2022

“A Critique of William James’ Account of Mystical Experiences”-National Conference on Undergraduate Research (Spring 2021); Georgia Undergraduate Research Collective (Fall 2020)

“Autonomy and Risk: A Defense of the Nozick Principles”-National Conference on Undergraduate Research (Spring 2021); Georgia Undergraduate Research Collective (Fall 2020)

Professional Service & Outreach

Minorities and Philosophy International, International Organizer, Fall 2024-Current

UTK PGSA, President, Fall 2024-Spring 2025

UTK PGSA, Conference Committee, Spring 2024

East Tennessee Ethics Bowl, Juge, Spring 2024

Thornton Athletics Center, Academic Mentor, Fall 2023-Fall 2024

Graduate Student Senate Representative, Fall 2023-Spring 2024

Graduate Student Senate Travel Awards Committee, Fall 2023-Spring 2024

UTK Philosophy Club, invited speaker, Fall 2022

West Georgia Philosophical Society, Vice President, Fall 2020-Fall 2021

West Georgia High School Ethics Bowl, Judge, Spring 2022

Central High School Ethics Bowl, Co-coach, Fall 2020-Fall 2022

Presidential Student Advisory Council on Diversity, Representative, Spring 2019

Grants and Honors

Aquila Essay Prize Runner-Up (“The Epistemic Duty to Be a Social Media Minimalist”), University of Tennessee- Spring 2024

Graduate Excellence Fellowship, University of Tennessee- Fall 2022-Fall 2026

Gordon Watson Award: Philosophy, University of West Georgia- Spring 2021

Best Seminar Paper, University of West Georgia- Spring 2021

Sethna Undergraduate Research Award, University of West Georgia- Spring 2021

Best Paper Award, Georgia Undergraduate Research Collective- Fall 2020

Ingram Scholar, University of West Georgia- Fall 2017-Fall 2021

Presidential Scholar with Recognition, Oglethorpe University- Fall 2019

Graduate Coursework

University of Tennessee

- PHIL573: Nature and Value of Thought (Garthoff)
- PHIL574: Social Epistemology (Gardiner)
- PHIL640: Survey of Ethical Thought (Cureton)
- REST510: Method/Theory in Religious Studies (Bryson)
- PHIL528: Philosophy of Disability (Cureton)
- PHIL520: Plato (Shaw)
- PHIL573: Metaphysics (Palmer)
- REST593: Gender, Sexuality, and Religion in Asia (Scott)
- PHIL560: Feminist Philosophy of Science (Berenstain)
- PHIL574: Epistemic Dimensions of Agency (Coffman)
- PHIL626: Naming and Necessity (Garthoff)
- PHIL435: Intermediate Formal Logic (Moore)
- PHIL524: History of Analytic Philosophy (Eldridge)
- PHIL540: History of Modern Moral Philosophy (Cureton)
- PHIL520: Hellenistic Philosophy (Shaw)
- REST593: Popular Religion in the United States (Kline)

References

Available upon request