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AREAS OF FOCUS

Research Specializations:

Kant's Philosophy
Socio-Political Philosophy (Modern and Contemporary)
Feminist Theory (Modern and Contemporary)

Teaching Competences:

Early Modern Philosophy
Ethics (Normative and Applied)
Philosophy of Public Policy
Philosophy of Human Rights
Philosophy of Race

EMPLOYMENT

CURRENT:

2024– Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure-track)

Florida State University

Faculty Affiliate: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program; Women's Studies Program;
Center for the Advancement of Human Rights

2023–2026 Principal Investigator

Kant and Women's Enlightenment: Feminist Critiques from 18th-Century Germany and Poland

Project funded by a grant from the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange

PREVIOUS:

2021–2024 Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure-track)

University of North Carolina, Wilmington

EDUCATION

2016–2021 PhD in Philosophy; PhD Minor in Political Science

Stanford University

Dissertation: *Kant and Rawls on the Moral and Political Development of Persons*

2012–2016 BA in Philosophy and Modern Languages (First Class Hons)

University of Oxford, St Hugh's College

PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

2017–2020 Research Fellow – Stanford Basic Income Lab

Stanford University

2014–2015 Research Fellow – Institute for Research on Population and Social Policies

Italian National Research Council

PUBLICATIONS

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.

Reviews scheduled in *Kant-Studien*, *Studi Kantiani*, *Intellectual History Review*, *History of European Ideas*, and *1650-1850*; Author Meets Critics symposium scheduled in *Con-Textos Kantianos*.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS:

16. Lenczewska, O. (forthcoming). "Deontology and Feminist Ethics." J. P. Rawling (ed), *The Oxford Handbook of Deontology*. Oxford University Press.
15. Lenczewska, O. (forthcoming). "Kant, Human History, and Practical Reason: Replies to Holtman, Loudon, Moore, Pascoe, Radhakrishnan, and Shell." *Con-Textos Kantianos* (for the Author Meets Critics symposium on my book *Kant on the History and Development of Practical Reason*).
14. Lenczewska, O. 2026. "Developing Politically Stable Societies: Kant and Rawls on Moral Maturation." *Social Theory and Practice* 52(1): 27-60. Available at: doi.org/10.5840/soctheorpract 2026224257.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

TRANSLATIONS AND BOOK REVIEWS:

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

- 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.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

- Lenczewska, O. 2023. “Early Feminist Critiques of Kant’s Gendered Ideal of Human Progress.” *Blog of the American Philosophical Association*. Available at: blog.apaonline.org/2023/11/15/early-feminist-critiques-of-kants-gendered-ideal-of-human-progress/.
- 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

- “Kant on Women’s Role in Moral Development and Their Moral Patienthood”
- *Kant and Women’s Enlightenment: Feminist Critiques from 18th Century Germany and Poland*
- *Political Philosophy in Music: Perspectives on Post-1945 American Genres and Artists* (edited collection)

CONFERENCE & COLLOQUIA PRESENTATIONS (* –peer reviewed; ** –invited)

“Children’s Right to Early Psycho-Emotional Development: A Comparative Legal-Normative Analysis” (with Rafal Wonicki)

- Second Annual Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law in the Global South Conference, Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia, 12/2026* (forthcoming)
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society’s Tenth Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA, 11/2026* (forthcoming)

“Kant’s Historical Account of Our Species’ Rational and Moral Progress – Some Interpretative Puzzles”

- Conference in Honor of Allen W. Wood and Rega Wood “Rufus and German Idealism: A Woodsfest”, Stanford University, USA, 09/2026**

“Developing Politically Stable Societies: Kant and Rawls on Moral Maturation”

- Symposium “John Rawls’s *Justice as Fairness. A Restatement*”, Jagiellonian University, 10/2025**
- XIV. International Kant Congress “Kant’s Project of Enlightenment”, University of Bonn, Germany, 09/2024*
- South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference, University South Carolina Beaufort, USA, 04/2023*
- North Carolina Philosophical Society Conference, Duke University, USA, 03/2023*
- North American Association for Philosophy & Education Annual Conference, University of St. Mary of the Lake, USA, 10/2021*

“Karolina on Confining Women to Domestic Labor and Private Reason”

- Florida Philosophical Association’s 70th Annual Meeting, Flagler College, USA, 01/2025*
- International Conference “The Vocation of Woman”, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany, 09/2024**
- Faculty of Philosophy, University of Warsaw, Poland 03/2024**
- Department of Philosophy, University of California Irvine, USA, 03/2024**
- Department of Philosophy, Florida State University, USA, 01/2024**
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society’s Seventh Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA, 11/2023*

- 2nd Kantian Foundations of Democracy Conference: “Progressivism and Conservatism in Kantian Political Thought”, University of Oslo, Norway, 08/2023*
 - North American Society for Social Philosophy Conference, University of Portland, USA, 07/2023*
- “Kant on the Origins of Humanity and Moral Education”
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society’s Eighth Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA, 11/2024*
 - Conference “Theoretical - Practical - Pragmatic: Kant’s Applications of Reason in Interplay”, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany, 07/2024**
 - Faculty of Philosophy, University of Warsaw, Poland, 03/2024**
 - Enlightenment Club Seminar Series, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, 01/2023**
 - Polish Philosophical Society [Polskie Towarzystwo Filozoficzne], Jagiellonian University, Poland, 05/2022**
 - Virtual Women Scholars Network Series, North American Kant Society, USA, 02/2022*
 - Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee Knoxville, USA, 02/2022**
 - Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, USA, 01/2022**
- “Global Poverty, Structural Change, and Role-Ideals” (with Kate Yuan)
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society’s Eighth Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA, 11/2024*
 - Long Island Philosophical Society Conference, Saint John’s University, USA, 04/2023*
 - South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference, University South Carolina Beaufort, USA, 04/2023*
 - North Carolina Philosophical Society Conference, Duke University, USA, 03/2023*
- “Alleviating Gender Injustice – Is Basic Income the Answer?”
- Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 05/2023**
 - International Interdisciplinary Conference on Social Justice, Morality and Culture, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India 12/2022*
 - School of Geography, Politics and Sociology, Newcastle University, United Kingdom, 06/2022**
 - Department of Philosophy, University of Bristol, United Kingdom, 06/2022**
 - Department of Economics, Philosophy & Political Science, University of British Columbia (Okanagan), Canada, 03/2022**
 - Annual Conference of the Center for Emancipatory Thinking, University of Warsaw, Poland, 03/2022*
 - Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of North Carolina Wilmington, USA, 01/2021**
- “Reasonable Education and Shared Political Values”
- Research Symposium *Deliberation without Weights?*, Department of Management, Politics and Philosophy, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark, 09/2022**
- “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, Ireland, 06/2021* (paper shortlisted for the Policy, Expertise and Trust Essay Prize)
 - Centre for Applied Philosophy, Politics and Ethics Annual Conference, University of Brighton, United Kingdom, 01/2021*
 - Manchester Centre for Political Theory Annual Workshops, University of Manchester, United Kingdom, 09/2020*
- “Universal Basic Income and Divergent Theories of Gender Justice”
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Fourth Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA, 03/2020*
 - Aging & Society: Eighth Interdisciplinary Conference, Tokyo University, Japan, 09/2018*
 - New Directions in Basic Income Research, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, USA, 05/2018**

“Becoming Pluralists: Kant on the Normative Aspects of Pluralistic Thinking”

– North American Kant Society’s Midwest Study Group, DePaul University, USA, 10/2019*

“From Rationality to Morality: The Collective Development of Practical Reason in Kant’s Moral Anthropology”

– International Kant Conference, Wuhan University, China, 06/2019*

– Ethics and Politics, Ancient and Modern Workshop, Stanford University, USA, 05/2019

– North American Kant Society’s Midwest Study Group, University of Wisconsin Madison, USA, 10/2018* (paper awarded the 2018 Markus Herz Prize from the North American Kant Society)

– 8th Multilateral Kant Colloquium Kant and the Contemporary World: Philosophy, Science, Politics, University of Catania, Italy, 10/2018*

– United Kingdom Kant Society’s Annual Conference, Cardiff University, United Kingdom, 09/2018*

– General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (section “Kant on Political Change: Global Challenges”), Universität Hamburg, Germany, 08/2018*

– Annual Conference of the Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, Northwestern University, USA, 03/2018*

“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, Austria, 09/2015*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE *(as Primary Instructor unless noted otherwise)*

Graduate Seminars

Parenthood and Childhood – Philosophical Explorations

Philosophy of History

Feminist Critiques of Kant’s Views on Women and Human Progress

Feminist Approaches to Kant

Kant on Labor and Passive/ Active Citizenship (Individual Directed Study)

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Ethics/Ethical Issues and Life Choices (x14)

Socio-Political Philosophy/Introduction to Political Philosophy (x2)

Philosophy of Human Rights

Welfare, Gender, and Race

Animal Ethics (x2)

Introduction to Moral Philosophy (Teaching Assistant)

History of Political Philosophy (Teaching Assistant)

Justice (Teaching Assistant)

The Philosophy of Universal Basic Income (Teaching Assistant, x2)

Feminist and Queer Theories and Methods (Teaching Assistant)

Evil (Teaching Assistant, x2)

SUPERVISION OF THESES AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

At the Post-Doctoral Level

Kinga Elert – research on the history of feminist philosophy (University of Warsaw, 2025-26)

Elżbieta Filipow – research on the history of feminist philosophy (University of Warsaw, 2025-26)

At the Postgraduate Level

Nikolaus Kennelly – PhD thesis involving feminist critiques of Kant’s conceptions of labor and citizenship (Florida State University, 2024-25)

Dylan Masterson – Master’s thesis on the metaphysics of gender (Florida State University, 2024-25)

At the Undergraduate Level

Jill Garera – BA thesis on paternalism and the troubled teen industry (UNC Wilmington, 2023-24)

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

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 & Center for Teaching and Learning (Stanford, 2017-2018)

GRANTS AND FUNDING

External

A Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange grant (PI) for the project “Kant and Women’s Enlightenment: Feminist Critiques from 18th-Century Germany and Poland” (2023-2026)

A Polish Ministry of Education and Science grant (co-PI) for the Polish translation and commentary of John Rawls’ *Justice as Fairness: A Restatement* for the Polish Academic Press PWN (2023-2025)

Internal

First Year Assistant Professor grant (PI) for the project “Kant on the Confines of Womanhood and Its Early-Feminist Critique” (Florida State University, 2025)

Living in Our Diverse Nation course development grant (UNC Wilmington, 2021-22)

Funding to host an annual conference of the North American Kant Society (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)

AWARDS

Finalist for the Policy, Expertise and Trust Essay Prize from the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* (University College Dublin, 2021)

Winner of the Markus Herz Prize in graduate Kantian scholarship (North American Kant Society, 2018)

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 Nancy and Joseph Burton Prize for the Best Essay in PPE (University of Oxford, 2014)

SELECTED SERVICE

Advisory Boards of University Programs

Women’s Studies Program faculty affiliate and advisory board member, Florida State University (2025-)

PPE Program faculty affiliate, Florida State University (2025-)

Center for the Advancement of Human Rights faculty affiliate, Florida State University (2025-)

Departmental and Institutional Committees

Academic job search committee member, Philosophy Department, Florida State University (2024-25)

Colloquium series organizer, Department of Philosophy and Religion, UNC Wilmington (2023-24)

Student scholarships committee and student recruitment committee member, Department of Philosophy and Religion, UNC Wilmington (2022-24)

Conference Organization

Primary organizer of the International Conference “Woman and Human Progress in the Enlightenment”, University of Warsaw (2025-26)

Primary organizer of the Annual Conference of the North American Kant Society’s Southern Division, UNC Wilmington (2022)

Other Service to the Profession

Board member and submissions reviewer, North American Kant Society, Southern Division (2021-)

Journal reviewer: *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Kantian Review*.