

Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory Conference

Conference Program

Feminist Accountability and Transformative Justice

October 16 – 19, 2025

Sheraton Sand Key Resort

Clearwater Beach, Florida

The Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory is a professional organization dedicated to promoting feminist ethical perspectives on philosophy, moral and political life, and public policy, while centering decolonized, intersectional, and interdisciplinary approaches.

Through meetings, publications, and projects, we hope to increase the visibility and influence of feminist ethics, as well as feminist social and political theory, and to provide support to emerging scholars from diverse and underrepresented populations.

Our aim is to further the development and refinement of new understandings of ethical and political concepts and topics, especially as these arise out of feminist concerns regarding underrepresented and marginalized women — including BIPOC, Third World, disabled, and LGBTQIA — as well as those arising from marginalized identities and marginalized issues. We will interrogate and address the philosophical and practical underpinnings of white privilege and racist violence in its many forms, including in feminist theory and practice.

Thursday, Oct. 16

All times listed in Eastern Daylight Time (GMT-04)

4:30 – 6:00 pm **Registration** (Hotel Lobby)

6:00 – 8:00 pm **Panel: A Basic and Radical Alteration of Assumptions (Black Feminism)**

Location: Beach Room; Online

Presenters: Caleb Ward (University of Hamburg), Andrea Warmack (Ursinus College),
Naomi Simmons-Thorne (Loyola University Chicago)

8:15 – 9:15 pm **FEAST Mentoring Meet-and-Greet** (all in-person attendees welcome)

Location: Beach Room *Pizza and drinks will be served.*

*A quiet room will be available 9 am to 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday for those with sensory needs.
Information will be provided to all participants at registration.*

Friday, Oct. 17

All times listed in Eastern Daylight Time (GMT-04)

8:00 am – 2:00 pm **Registration** (Hotel Lobby)

7:00 – 8:45 am **Breakfast Buffet at Rusty's using vouchers**

9:00 – 10:30 am **Plenary Session I: Trust, Resistance, and Reciprocity**

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online A

Chair: Fulden İbrahimhakkıoğlu

9:00 – 9:30 Katrina Kish (St. Catherine University), “Virtue Signaling Liberatory Distrust: Holding groups and institutions accountable for collective betrayals”

9:30 – 10:00 Gail Weiss (George Washington University), “Curating Embodied Resistance Through Social Media: The Role of Virtual Audiences in the Fight for Social Justice”

10:00 – 10:30 Katy Fulfer and Kim Hong Nguyen (University of Waterloo), “Reciprocity as Mutual Stretching”

10:30 – 10:50 am **Break**

10:50 – 11:50 am Concurrent Sessions 1

Session 1A: Abolitionism and Punitive Justice

Location: Gulf Room; FEAST Online A

Chair: Michael Greer

10:50 – 11:20 Natasha Patel (Stanford University), “The Abolitionist Ethic: A Feminist Ethics of the Police and Prison Abolition Movement”

11:20 – 11:50 Emily Torine Cichocki (Huron University), “Punitive Justice and the Problem of Defensiveness” **(virtual)**

Session 1B: Anxiety and Medical Gaslighting

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online B

Chair: Courtney Miller

10:50 – 11:20 Shay Welch (Spelman College), “A Crip Perspective on the Paradoxical Role of Anxiety in Chronic Illness” **(virtual) — CW: suicide**

11:20 – 11:50 Christine Wieseler (Santa Clara University), “Critical Phenomenological Bioethics, Medical Gaslighting, and Trustworthiness”

11:50 am – 1:00 pm Lunch on your own

1:00 – 2:30 pm Keynote Address

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online A

Beth E. Richie (University of Illinois Chicago), “Black Feminist Abolition Praxis: Reflections on the movement to end gender-based violence and work for freedom”

2:30 – 2:50 pm Break

2:50 – 4:20 pm Concurrent Sessions 2

Session 2A: Sexual Violence and Accountability

Location: Gulf Room; FEAST Online A

Chair: Margaret McLaren

2:50 – 3:20 Simone Kreutz (Humboldt University of Berlin/University of Kassel), “Multiple Temporalities. Opportunities and Challenges for Collective Accountability after Sexualized Violence”

3:20 – 3:50 Courtney Miller (independent scholar), “Victims”

3:50 – 4:20 Aurora Laybourn-Candlish (DePaul University), “The Administrative Grotesque and ‘The Second Rape’: A Foucauldian Critique of Carceral Approaches to Sexual Violence”

Session 2B: Caregiving, Ableism, and Rights of Conscience

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online B

Chair: Christine Wieseler

2:50 – 3:20 Laura Wildemann Kane (Worcester State University), “A Moral Framework for State Support of Familial Caregiving” **(virtual)**

3:20 – 3:50 Alison Reiheld (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville), “To Be Noncompliant: Rights of Conscience as a Site of Resistance”

3:50 – 4:20 Roxy Alexander (American University), “Unmasking Pharmaceutical Intervention: Using Speculative Fiction to Critique of Pharmaleism in the U.S. Education System”

4:20 – 4:40 pm **Break**

4:40 – 5:40 pm **Concurrent Sessions 3**

Session 3A: Resistant Subjectivities

Location: Gulf Room; FEAST Online A

Chair: Caleb Ward

4:40 – 5:10 Michael L. J. Greer (CUNY & Iowa Care Lab), “Resistant Subjectivity and Social Transformation”

5:10 – 5:40 Tamara Fakhoury (University of Minnesota, Twin Cities), “How to Resist a Double Bind: Lessons from Palestinian Political Prisoners”

Session 3B: Digital Subjectivity and Neuroqueering

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online B

Chair: Meryl Altman

4:40 – 5:10 Janica Albers (Vrije University), “Who is Held Accountable?
Neuroqueering and the Burden of Normality” **(virtual)**

5:10 – 5:40 Jon Joey Telebrico (American University), “Nexus Threads: Queer and
Trans Digital Phenomenologies on Digital Subjectivity”

5:40 – 5:55 pm **Break**

5:55 – 6:00 pm **FEAST Chair Remarks**

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online A

6:00 – 7:30 pm **Panel: The “Accountability” of IL Accountability Law, and What it Can
Teach Us About Liberatory Learning**

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online A

Chair: Kelly Gawel

Presenters: Marshan Allan (Illinois Prison Project), Monica Cosby (independent
scholar-artist), Taylor Rogers (Governors State University), Qrescent Mali Mason
(Haverford College)

7:30 – 9:00 pm **Dinner on your own**

8:00 – 9:00 pm **TJ Practice Space** (Facilitator: Kelly Gawel)

Location: Gulf Room

9:00 – 10:00 pm **FEAST Business Meeting** (open to all)

Location: Beach Room

Saturday, Oct. 18

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7:00 – 8:45 am **Breakfast Buffet at Rusty’s using vouchers**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm **Registration** (Hotel Lobby)

9:00 – 10:00 am **Plenary Session II: Feminist Accountability**

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online A

Chair: Amy Marvin

9:00 – 9:30 Fulden İbrahimhakkioğlu (Middle East Technical University), “On Feminist Accountability: Anti-Trans Politics in Turkey and the Complicity of ‘Gender Critical Feminists’”

9:30 – 10:00 Carissa Phillips-Garrett (Loyola Marymount University), “Feminist Forgiveness and Accountability”

10:00 – 10:20 am Break

10:20 – 11:50 am Panel: Dark Days In The Sunshine State: Advancing Progressive Causes in Florida’s Current Political Climate

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online A

Chair: Rebecca Seté Jacobson (aka Rj; she/they)

Presenters: Reverend Ben Atherton-Zeman (he/they, Unitarian Universalist Church of St. Petersburg); Leigh Anne Balzekas & Kristine Ownley (both she/her, owners & founders of The Disco Dolls Studio); Jeremy Gloff (he/him, advocate & musician); Angelita Jimenez (she/her, service unit director at United Faculty of Florida)

12:05 – 1:15 pm Lunch Conversation with Rebecca Longtin (Palgrave Macmillan)
“Publishing Gender Studies Research in Critical Times”
Bring your lunch!

Location: Beach Room, FEAST Online A

1:20 – 2:50 pm Workshop/Roundtable: Strategies for Rest as Resistance Within Anti-racist Feminist Frameworks

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online A

Presenters: Janaka Bowman Lewis (UNC Charlotte), Shaeeda Mensah, (McDaniel College) (**virtual**), Sandra Stephens (Pratt Munson), Farha Ternikar (LeMoyne College)

2:50 – 3:10 pm Break

3:10 – 4:40 pm Concurrent Sessions 5

Session 5A: Trans Fascination, Intersex Exception, and the Coloniality of Age

Location: Gulf Room; FEAST Online A

Chair: Gail Weiss

3:10 – 3:40 Amy Marvin (Hamilton College), “Trans Fascination and the Trans Advocate”

3:40 – 4:10 Rachel McNealis (Marquette University), “The Coloniality of Age: Temporal Governance and Feminist Accountability”

4:10 – 4:40 David A. Rubin (University of South Florida), “The Intersex Exception and The Intersex Ungovernable”

Session 5B: Teaching in Times of Perpetual Crisis

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online B

Chair: Shelley Park

3:10 – 3:40 Katie Peters (University of Connecticut), “Moral repair: The end goal of responsibility theory” (**virtual**)

3:40 – 4:10 Grace Livingston (University of Puget Sound), “Toward Historicized Grammars of Accountability: Reckoning with Historical Trauma, Memory, Debt and the Reparative Imperative”

4:10 – 4:40 Saba Fatima (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville), “Grief Hierarchies and Epistemic Evasion: Palestine in the Western Academia”

4:40 – 5:00 pm **Break**

5:00 – 6:00 pm **Concurrent Sessions 6**

Session 6A: Care, Solidarity, and Collective Healing

Location: Gulf Room; FEAST Online A

Chair: Katy Fulfer

5:00 – 5:30 Roksana Alavi (University of Oklahoma), “Expatriate Solidarity Care” (**virtual**)

5:30 – 6:00 Youjin Kong (Seoul National University), “Self-Care as Collective Healing: Contradiction-Bridging and Home-Making under Oppression”

Session 6B: Care, Precarity, and Accountability

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online B

Chair: Rebecca Longtin

5:00 – 5:30 Shelley Park (University of Central Florida), “E-Carity: Rethinking the Connections between Care and Precarity in the Digital Age”

5:30 – 6:00 Eirini Martsoukaki (University of Toronto), “Transformative Justice: When Accountability Fails” **(virtual)**

6:00 – 6:20 pm **Break**

6:20 – 7:30 pm **Workshop: Investigating Affective Course Goals**

Chair: Christine Wieseler

Location: Gulf Room; FEAST Online A

Facilitator: Alida Liberman, Southern Methodist University **(virtual)**

7:30 pm **Dinner on your own**

Sunday, Oct. 19

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7:00 – 8:45 am **Breakfast Buffet at Rusty’s using vouchers**

9:00 – 10:30 am **Workshop/Roundtable: Power, Paradox, and Play in Building Cultures of Accountability**

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online A

Presenters: Kelly Gawel (Governors State University), Sandra Stephens (Pratt Munson), Britta Love, Ciclón Olivares (Pratt Institute)

10:30 – 10:50 am **Break**

10:50 am – 12:20 **Plenary Session III: Restorative Justice**

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online A

Chair: Saba Fatima

10:50 – 11:20 Charié Payne (Pennsylvania State University), “Winds Laden with Dust: Way-Finding Through Creolized Religious Experiences” **(virtual)**

11:20 – 11:50 Katia Bazile (Universitat Valencia & UT1 Toulouse Capitole University), “Promises and limitations of restorative justice: a study on girls and boys deprived of their liberty in French and Spain” **(virtual)**

11:50 – 12:20 Roula Seghaier (Rutgers University & Women in Migration Network [WIMN]), “The Double Bind: Dismantling Consociationalism and Kafala from a Reproductive Justice Approach” **(virtual)**

12:20 – 12:30 pm **Concluding Remarks**

Location: Beach Room; FEAST Online A

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