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AOS/AOC

Areas of Specialization: Social/Political Philosophy; Applied Ethics; Feminist Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Epistemology; Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy of Sexuality and Gender

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy 2028 (expected)
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Dissertation: “The Politics of Privilege: Allyship in Social Justice Movements”
Committee: Avery Kolers (co-chair); Judith Carlisle (co-chair); Kristina Gehrman; Philip Yaure (Virginia Tech)

M.A. in Philosophy 2025
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Capstone: “Messy Methodologies and Epistemic Echo Chambers in Evolutionary Psychology”
Committee: Nora Berenstain (chair); Judith Carlisle; Jonathan Garthoff

B.A. in Philosophy (*summa cum laude*) 2021
University of West Georgia

Certificates & Training

Graduate Certificate in Religious Studies 2025
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Advisor: Megan Bryson

Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 2028 (expected)
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Advisor: Nora Berenstain

Teaching Certificate (Associate Level) 2025
UTK Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, & Learning

PUBLICATIONS

Research Articles

[“A.I.-Mediated Mystical Experiences.”](#) *Religious Studies* (forthcoming)

[“Hermeneutical Priming and Linguistic Hijacking in the *God’s Not Dead* series.”](#) *Journal of Religion and Film* vol. 29, no. 2 (2025).

[“A Hermeneutical Response to Apologists and Atheists.”](#) *Aporia* vol. 31, no. 2 (2021).

Book Chapters

“Born in the USA (No, Not Like That!)” In *Classic Rock and Philosophy: Dispatches from the Dark Side of the Moon*, ed. Joshua Heter and Richard Greene. Wallace & Jacobs Press. (forthcoming)

Book Reviews

Munther Dahleh, “Data, Systems, and Society: Harnessing AI for Societal Good,” *Journal of Ethics and Emerging Technologies* (forthcoming)

[David Gooblar, “One Classroom at a Time: How Better Teaching Can Make College More Equitable.”](#) *Teaching Philosophy* 48 (4):642-646 (2025).

HONORS & AWARDS

John Hardwig Teaching Excellence Award, University of Tennessee, Department of Philosophy (2026)

Richard Aquila Essay Prize Winner, University of Tennessee, Department of Philosophy (2026)

3-Minute Thesis Finalist, University of Tennessee (2025)

Graduate Student Senate Travel Award, University of Tennessee (2025)

PPE Society Travel award, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society (2025)

Outstanding Student Paper, Mississippi Philosophical Association (2025)

Richard Aquila Essay Prize Runner-Up, University of Tennessee, Department of Philosophy (2024)

Graduate Student Senate Travel Award, University of Tennessee (2024)

Graduate Excellence Fellowship, University of Tennessee (2022-2026)

Sethna Undergraduate Research Award, University of West Georgia (2021)

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Research Presentations

“Deference, Initiative-Taking, and the Ally Learning Process.” [Poster Presentation] Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress. Summer 2026.

“Allyship as Solidarity.” North American Society for Social Philosophy + Canadian Society Working for Inclusion in Philosophy: Care, Joy, and Resistance. Summer 2026.

“Allyship as Solidarity.” Long Island Philosophical Society Conference, Spring 2026.

“The Political Puzzle of Privilege.” Tennessee Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Fall 2025

“Salvaging the Allyship.” Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society 9th Annual Meeting (Solidarity and Oppression Panel), Fall 2025

“Skin Deep Science: Racial Assumptions in Obesity Research and Treatment.” Minorities and Philosophy Panel on Healthcare Injustice, Understanding Value XIII, Summer 2025

“Allies and Intellectual Virtue Signaling.” UConn Graduate Student Conference, Spring 2025

“Allies and Intellectual Virtue Signaling.” Boston University: Virtues and Vices in Social Contexts Conference, Spring 2025

“Allies and the Aesthetic Appreciation of Diversity.” Beacon College: Dimensions of Difference Symposium, Spring 2025

“Linguistic Hijacking and Hermeneutical Priming in the *God's Not Dead* series.” Mississippi Philosophical Association, Spring 2025

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

“My Porn Preferences Are Not Genetic.” Boston University: Values in Research Conference, Spring 2024

“A Valuable Incompatibilism.” Florida State University Free Will Conference, Fall 2023

“Righteous Indignation and Radical Love: Emotions in Social Justice Movements.” Minorities and Philosophy Conference, The Ohio State University, Spring 2023

Invited Research Talks

“Allyship: The Active Use View.” UTK Arts & Sciences Dean’s Advisory Board, Spring 2026.

“The Structure(s) of Social Roles.” UTK Philosophy Graduate Student Colloquium Series, Fall 2025

“Cis Duties to ‘Speak Up’ as a Trans Ally.” Duke Social Philosophy Conference (Graduate Flash Talk), Spring 2025

“The Value-Free Ideal (?) of Science.” UTK GSSE: STEM in Society, Summer 2024

“Beyond Harm Reduction: A Hermeneutic Account of Consent.” UTK Philosophy Club, Fall 2022

Commentary

Yao, Yingjing. “Understanding Solidarity.” University of Tennessee Justice and Solidarity Conference, Spring 2026.

Fuehrer, Nathan. “Angelic Devil’s Advocacy: Reengineering Debate Incentives to Cultivate Open-Mindedness Under Polarization.” Arguing for Sport Online Workshop (University of Lethbridge), Spring 2026

Hamilton, Ely. “Standing to Demand.” Tennessee Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Fall 2025

Pedagogy Presentations

Panel participant, “Non-Traditional Assessments in the Classroom.” UTK Philosophy Pedagogy Workshop Series, Spring 2026.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor, Pellissippi State Community College (Knoxville, TN)

Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2026)
Introduction to World Religions (Spring 2026)
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2025)

Instructor of Record, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Critical Thinking (Fall 2026)
Contemporary Moral Problems (online synchronous) (Summer 2026)
Professional Responsibility (Summer 2025; Fall 2025; Spring 2026)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Professional Responsibility (w/ Judith Carlisle)
Contemporary Moral Problems (w/ Alex Feldt)
Introduction to Philosophy (w/ Sam von Mizner)
Introduction to Philosophy (w/Kristina Gehrman)

Teaching Assistant, Governor's School at University of Tennessee, Knoxville

STEM in Society (w/ Kristina Gehrman)

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP & PROGRAM ORGANIZING

Graduate Teaching Coordinator, University of Tennessee, Philosophy Department (FA26-SP27)

Mentored incoming graduate teaching assistants and organized the department's pedagogy workshop series.

International Organizer, Minorities and Philosophy, International (MAP) (FA24-SP26)

Coordinated chapter support and international programming; managed the organization's social media presence. Organized various chapter workshops and multiple online international conferences and speakers.

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Student-Athlete Academic Mentor, Thornton Athletic Center, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Supplemental Instruction Leader: Elementary Statistics, University of West Georgia

Peer Tutor: Philosophy and Mathematics, University of West Georgia

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OUTREACH

University & Professional Service

Invited Reviewer, *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*

Faculty Representative, University of Tennessee Philosophy Graduate Students (SP26)

Member, UTK Student Library Advisory Committee (FA25-SP26)

Social Chair, UTK Philosophy Graduate Student Association (FA25-SP26)

President, UTK Philosophy Graduate Student Association (FA24-SP25)

Representative to Graduate Student Senate (FA23-SP24)

Member, Graduate Student Senate Travel Awards Committee (FA23-SP24)

Member, University of West Georgia President's Advisory Council on Diversity (2019)

Scholarly & Student Engagement

Co-Organizer, UTK Justice & Solidarity Conference (SP26)

Organizer, Meaning in Life Reading Group (FA25)

Organizer, UTK Meaning in Life Conference (SP25)

Co-Organizer, UTK Emerging Technologies & Social Ethics Conference (SP24)

Invited Reviewer, *Medusa: An Undergraduate Feminist Philosophy Journal*

Judge, ASUres Undergraduate Research Symposium (2025; 2026)

Public Philosophy & Educational Outreach

Judge, East TN Ethics Bowl (2024; 2025)

Judge, West GA Ethics Bowl (2022)

Co-Coach, Central High School Ethics Bowl (Carrollton, GA) (2020-2022)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division

Public-Philosophy Network

Tennessee Philosophical Association

North American Society for Social Philosophy

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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)

PHIL463: Race, Science, and Medicine (Berenstain)

REST599: Advanced Seminar in the Study of Religion (Bryson)

REFERENCES

Available upon request