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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.   Philosophy Program, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 2017

M.Phil.   Philosophy Program, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 2014

B.A./B.A.   Philosophy and Sociology, Hunter College, City University of New York, 2007

Certificates

2017   Certificate in Interactive Technology and Pedagogy, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2020-Present   Associate Professor of Philosophy (tenure-track), Department of Philosophy, Worcester State University

2025-Present   Academic Program Director, Clemente Course in the Humanities, Worcester Branch

2021-Present   Faculty Fellow and Philosophy Instructor, Clemente Course in the Humanities, Worcester Branch

2019-2020   Director, Women and Gender Studies, University of Tampa

2017-2020   Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure track), Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Tampa

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Feminist Philosophy; Ethics; Social & Political Philosophy.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE
Applied Ethics (Medical Ethics, Computer, Media, and Information Ethics); Philosophy of Law; Social Ontology; Philosophy of the Family; Modern Philosophy.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Forthcoming   *What is a Family? Sociality and the Ethics of Supporting Families* (Routledge; under contract).

Forthcoming   *Applied Feminist Philosophy: A Contemporary Introduction* (Routledge; under contract).

Book Chapters

Forthcoming   Invited book chapter, "The Concept of the Family", in *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy and the Family*.

Refereed Journal Articles

2023   "Weighing Identity in Procreative Decisions." *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly,* 9(3): Article 3.

2023   "Who Guards the Gates? Feminist Methods of Scholarly Publishing." Co-authored with Amanda Licastro (UPenn) and Danica Savonick (SUNY Cortland). *Interdisciplinary Digital Engagement in Arts & Humanities* (IDEAH) 3(3).

2022   "Encouraging Critical Engagement with Course Readings Through Focused Reading Responses." *Currents in Teaching and Learning,* 13(2): 28-37.

2021   "On What We Can Expect from One Another: Reciprocity in Families, Clubs, and Corporations." *The Journal of Social Philosophy,* 52(3): 310-327.

2020   "Accountability and Community on the Internet: A Plea for Restorative Justice." *The Journal of Applied Philosophy,* 37(4): 594-611.

2019   "What is a Family? Considerations on Purpose, Biology, and Sociality." *Public Affairs Quarterly,* 33:1: 65-88.

2017   "Are Children Capable of Collective Intentionality?" *Childhood and Philosophy,* 13:27: 291-302.

2016   "Childhood, Growth, and Dependency in Liberal Political Philosophy." *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, 31:1: 156-170.

2014   "On Hegel, Women, and the Foundation of Ethical Life: Why Gender Doesn't Belong in the Family." *CLIO: A Journal of Literature, History, and the Philosophy of History*, 44:1: 1-18.

Public Scholarship

2024   Invited blog post, "The Motherhood Identity", for the Blog of the American Philosophical Association *Women in Philosophy* section. https://blog.apaonline.org/2024/04/03/the-motherhood-identity

Edited Journals

2022   Editor, Summer Supplement Issue: A Conversation on International Collaboration in Digital Scholarship, *The Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy.* https://jitp.commons.gc.cuny.edu/a-conversation-on-international-collaboration-in-digital-scholarship

2018   Co-Author, "Introduction: The Push and Pull of Our Technological Moment." *The Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy,* Issue 13. (Co-Authored with Michelle A. McSweeney, Columbia University). https://jitp.commons.gc.cuny.edu/introduction-issue-thirteen-the-push-and-pull-of-our-technological-moment

2018   Co-Editor, Issue 13, *The Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy* (Co-Edited with Michelle A. McSweeney, Columbia University). https://jitp.commons.gc.cuny.edu/table-of-contents-issue-thirteen

Other Publications

2013   "The Crush of a Crowded City" Live Studio Recording for BreakThru Radio. Bassist, Nature Cruise. (https://tinyurl.com/crushofacrowdedcity)

2008   "Premonitions" Extended Player (EP). Bassist and Vocalist, Bella Noir. (http://bellanoir.bandcamp.com)

2008   "Stand Closer" Television Recording for Fearless Music TV (WNYW Fox). Bassist and Vocalist, Bella Noir. (https://vimeo.com/83334796)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS

2025	Worcester State University Library Research Award, as Faculty Supervisor for Student Research Project
2022	Nominee, Alden Excellence in Teaching Award, Worcester State University
2021	Worcester State Foundation Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Faculty Grant
2020	University of Tampa Research Innovation and Scholarly Excellence (RISE) Award / Dana Foundation Grant
2020	University of Tampa Research and Inquiry Curriculum Grant
2019	University of Tampa College of Arts and Letters Outstanding Faculty Achievement in Teaching Award
2017	Graduate Student Stipend, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division
2015-2017	Graduate A Fellowship: Managing Editor, *Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy,* Graduate Center, CUNY
2016, 2015	Provost's Digital Innovation Grant for CUNY Syllabus Project, Graduate Center, CUNY
2015	Provost's Summer Research Award, Graduate Center, CUNY
2012-2015	Graduate Center Digital Initiatives Fellowship, Graduate Center, CUNY
2014	Doctoral Students' Council Knowledge Grant, CUNY Syllabus Project, Graduate Center, CUNY
2013	Doctoral Students' Council Grant, Social and Political Philosophy Working Group, Graduate Center, CUNY
2011-2014	Graduate Teaching Assistant Fellowship, Hunter College, CUNY

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Invited Talks

2023	"The Social Family and the Obligation to Care." Panel presentation for session "Philosophy of Family: A New Subdiscipline in Philosophy" at the Beijing Forum 2023: Harmony of Civilizations and Prosperity for All — Inheritance and Mutual Learning Conference. November 4.
2023	"Relational Privacy and the Right to be Forgotten." The Center for Global Ethics and Politics, The Graduate Center, City University of New York. April 18.
2023	Teaching Hub Panel Member, "Teaching and the Philosophy Job Market." APA Central Division Meeting. February 24.
2015	"The Caring Way: Education and Service for a More Caring Society." Philosophy of Education Society Graduate Student Workshop, Spencer Foundation. University of Pennsylvania, October 1.

Conferences/Symposia Organized

2025	North American Society for Social Philosophy Panel Session "Personal Relationships Through the Lens of Institutions" at the 2025 Eastern Division Meeting for the American Philosophical Association. Co-Organizer.

2024	North American Society for Social Philosophy Panel Session "Social Ramifications of AI" at the 2024 Eastern Division Meeting for the American Philosophical Association. January 17. Co-Organizer.
2022	Sarah Ellen Sharbach Memorial Lecture featuring Kristin Waters (Worcester State Emerita), Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program and Philosophy Department, Worcester State University. February 28. Co-Organizer.
2019	36th International Social Philosophy Conference, North American Society for Social Philosophy. University of San Francisco. July 11-13. Co-Organizer.
2019	Honors Symposium featuring Elizabeth Brake (Rice University), Honors Program and Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Tampa. May 1.

Conference Presentations (2014—Present)

2025	*Upcoming:* "AI-Communication and Relational Ethics", 42nd International Social Philosophy Conference, NASSP. July.
2025	"An Institutional Obligation to Care", Colloquium Session at the 2025 Central Division Meeting for the American Philosophical Association. February.
2024	Invited Commentator for the "Feminism, Art, and Marriage" Divisional Program Session at the 2024 Eastern Division Meeting for the American Philosophical Association. January 15.
2023	"Procreative Decisions, Procreative Identity, and Networks of Procreative Aid", 40th International Social Philosophy Conference, NASSP. Accepted; declined participation.
2023	"The Right to be Forgotten: A Relational Privacy Defense", Media Law and Policy Scholars Conference (https://mlpsc.org). January 12.
2022	"The Right to be Forgotten: A Relational Defense", Social Ontology 2022: ISOS Collective Intentionality Conference. August 24.
2022	"Weighing Identity in Procreative Choices", 39th International Social Philosophy Conference, NASSP. July 29.
2022	"Moral Outrage, Moral Justification, and the Importance of Identity in Procreative Decisions", 16th World Congress of Bioethics 2022. Accepted; declined participation.
2021	"Examining the Nuance of Social Reality", Social Ontology 2021: ISOS Collective Intentionality Conference. (Video Presentation; Virtual Q&A). August 11.
2021	"Capturing the Nuance of Social Reality." 38th International Social Philosophy Conference, NASSP. (Video Presentation). July 17.
2021	"Critical Engagement Through Focused Reading Responses" Center for Excellence and Innovation in Teaching's Summer Conference at Sacred Heart University. (Video Presentation; Virtual Q&A). July 14.
2021	"The Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy: Digital Publishing as Feminist Praxis." Digital Humanities Summer Institute: Open/Social/Digital Humanities Pedagogy, Training, and Mentorship (Video Presentation). Co-presentation with Amanda Licastro (University of Pennsylvania) and Danica Savonick (SUNY Cortland). June 17.
2021	"Can We Justify Procreation?" APA Eastern Division Meeting. January 16. (Virtual poster presentation due to COVID-19). January 16.

2020	"Engaging Students with Focused Reading Responses and Commenting." Critical and Creative Thinking Conference. October 1. (Virtual conference presentation due to COVID-19).
2020	"Fragile Alliances and Moral Harm: The Ontological Status of Internet Mobs." Social Ontology 2020: 12th Biennial Collective Intentionality Conference. (Virtual conference presentation due to COVID-19). July 18.
2020	"Fragile Alliances and Moral Harm: The Ontological Status of Internet Mobs." 37th International Social Philosophy Conference, NASSP. Neumann University. July 16-18. (Accepted; conference cancelled due to COVID-19).
2019	"Theorizing Moral Communities on the Internet: Twitter and the Value of Accountability Practices." The Bodaken Philosophy Symposium: Living Together Online: Social Epistemology, Ethics, and the Internet. Colorado State University. October 15.
2019	"A Framework for Experiencing the Social World: Why Families are not Congregations, Sports Teams, or Political Communities." Alabama Philosophical Society 2019 Conference. Pensacola. September 27.
2019	"Toward A Theory of Moral Community on the Internet." 36th International Social Philosophy Conference, NASSP. University of San Francisco. July 12.
2018	"The Ontological Identity of the Family: Sociality, Purpose, and Care." Social Ontology 2018: 11th Biennial Collective Intentionality Conference. Tufts University. August 23.
2018	"Social Media, Online Discourse, and the Quality of Relationships." 35th International Social Philosophy Conference, NASSP. Oakland University. July 20.
2018	"On Social Benefits, Care, and the Family." APA Pacific Division Meeting: Society for LGBTQ Philosophy. San Diego. March 30.
2017	"On Determining the Responsibility to Meet Needs." U.S. Midwest Society for Women in Philosophy. Cleveland. November 4.
2017	"Are Children Capable of Collective Intentionality?" APA Pacific Division Meeting. Seattle. April 14. (Poster)
2016	"Who Cares? Examining Needs, Care, and Responsibility for a More Caring Version of the State." New York Society for Women in Philosophy. October 18.
2016	"Who Cares? Examining Needs, Care, and Responsibility for a More Caring Version of the State." Long Island Philosophical Society Spring Conference. Molloy College. April 9.
2015	"Civil Service and Education: Changing our View of Dependency." The 32nd International Social Philosophy Conference, NASSP. William Jewell College. July 17.
2014	"Children of the State: How the Concept of Childhood Influences Political Philosophy." APA Eastern Division Meeting: Symposium for the Institute for the Advancement of Philosophy for Children: Philosophy of Childhood. Philadelphia. December 28.
2014	"How did Medieval Philosophy Understand Childhood?" 32nd Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science. Fordham University. October 26.
2014	"How Has the Concept of Childhood Influenced Political Philosophy?" New York Society for Women in Philosophy. August 14.
2014	"What Does a Social Ontology of the Family Look Like?" The Social & Political Philosophy Working Group. Graduate Center, CUNY. May 15.
2014	"On Hegel, Women, and the Foundation of Ethical Life: Why Gender Doesn't Belong in the Family." APA Pacific Division Meeting. San Diego. April 18. (Poster)

CAMPUS TALKS

2023	"A Relational Defense of the Right to be Forgotten" Presentation for Shared Scholarship, Worcester State University. April 27.
2021	"Do Public Justifications of Procreative Decisions Perpetuate Harmful Stereotypes?" Presentation for Shared Scholarship Series, Worcester State University. September 24.
2021	"Our Public Health Crisis." Co-presentation with Syamak Moattari (Worcester State University) for the Center for the Study of Human Rights "A Crisis for Human Rights: Conversations on Health, Education, and Immigration" series, Worcester State University. March 30.
2020	"Fragile Alliances and Moral Harms: Understanding Internet Mobs." New Faculty Research Talk for the Philosophy Department and Philosophy Club, Worcester State University. October 28.
2018	"How Does Social Media Use Affect the Way Our Relationships are Formed or Maintained?" Honors Program Coffee Conversations, University of Tampa. February 5.
2017	"Envisioning New Open Access Journal Models: Editors and Librarians in Conversation." Library Association of CUNY (LACUNY) Scholarly Communications Roundtable (SCRT). Graduate Center, CUNY. April 28.
2016	"Why Failure Matters: Editors from CUNYs Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy on Learning from 'Teaching Fails." Academic Center for Excellence in Research and Teaching (ACERT) Lunchtime Seminar Series. Hunter College, CUNY. October 27.
2016	"The CUNY Syllabus Project." Digital GC Showcase. Provost's Digital Innovation Grant Presentation. Graduate Center, CUNY. May 17.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Worcester State University

Feminist Theory (*Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Spring 2025*)

Philosophy of Law (*Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024*)

Race, Gender, and the Law (*Fall 2023, Fall 2024*)

Political Theory (*Fall 2020*)

Philosophy of Love and Sex (*Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025*)

Feminist Medical Ethics (*Fall 2022, Fall 2024*)

Computing Ethics (*Spring 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024*)

Ethics: Human Conduct and Values (*Fall 2020*)

Medical Ethics (*Spring 2021, Summer 2021*)

Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (*Spring 2022*)

Introduction to Philosophy (*Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2025*)

First Year Seminar (*Fall 2022, Fall 2024*)

Clemente Course in the Humanities, Worcester Art Museum

Moral Philosophy (*2021–22; 2022–23; 2023–24; 2024–25 Courses*)

University of Tampa

Independent Study. (*Fall 2018, Fall 2019*)

Special Topics: Bioethics, Gender, and Politics. (*Spring 2018*)

Special Topics: Feminist Bioethics. (*Spring 2020*)

Special Topics: Ethics, Technology, and Media. (*Fall 2017, Fall 2019*)

Special Topics: Philosophy of Childhood and Education. (*Fall 2018*)

Special Topics: Philosophy of Social Groups. (*Spring 2020*)

Theories of Democracy. (*Spring 2019*)

Feminist Philosophy. (*Spring 2019, Fall 2019*)

Modern Philosophy. (*Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020*)

Introduction to Philosophy. (*Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018*)

Pathways to Honors I. (First Year Seminar for Honors Program, *Fall 2018, Fall 2019*)

Pathways to Honors II. (First Year Seminar for Honors Program, *Spring 2019, Spring 2020*)

Montefiore - Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Feminist Bioethics. (*Graduate Course, Spring 2017*)

Montclair State University

Philosophical Orientation to Education. (*Fall 2015, Spring 2016*)

Hunter College, CUNY

Philosophy, Politics & Society. (*Fall 2014, Spring 2015*)

Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking, T.A. (*Spring 2012, Spring 2014*)

Introduction to Philosophy, T.A. (*Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013*)

Map of Knowledge, T.A. (*Spring 2011*)

City College Of New York, CUNY

Introduction to Philosophy. (*Spring 2012, Summer 2012*)

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Worcester State University, Celebration of Scholarship and Creativity Conference 2025

"*Who Gets Seen First? The Hidden Bias in Triage Prioritization.*" (L. Morgan, Feminist Medical Ethics, Fall 2024).

   *Worcester State University Library Research Award Winner.

Massachusetts Undergraduate Research Conference 2023

"*The Racialization of Schizophrenia: The Impact of Racial Stigma on Health Care Outcomes.*" (A. Barry, Feminist

   Medical Ethics. Presentation on April 28th, 2023)

Worcester State University, Celebration of Scholarship and Creativity Conference 2023

"*Women's Healthcare: Medical Gaslighting.*" (C. Gilgun, Feminist Medical Ethics, Fall 2022)

Worcester State University, Celebration of Scholarship and Creativity Conference 2022

"*Feminism: Examining Sexist Oppression in Three Acts.*" (P. Kapitan, Feminist Theory, Spring 2021)

"*Feminopoly.*" (A. M. LeConti, Feminist Theory, Fall 2021)

"*Feminist Theory Scrapbook.*" (A. Rembetsy-Brown, Feminist Theory, Spring 2021)

University of Tampa, Undergraduate Independent Study

"*Family Law and Public Policy in the Tampa Bay Region*" (Fall 2019)

"*Promoting A Duty to Adopt.*" (Fall 2018). Paper accepted to the 2019 Florida Undergraduate Research Conference and the North American Association for Philosophy and Education 2019 Conference

University of Tampa, Undergraduate Honors Tutorials (Honors Program)

"*Leibniz and Hume on Free Will.*" (Modern Philosophy, Spring 2019)

"*Progressive or Conventional Education: Montessori and Locke.*" (Philosophy of Childhood and Education, Fall 2018)

"*Examining the Social Construction of Gender.*" (Bioethics, Gender, and Politics, Spring 2018)

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Referee

The Journal of Social Philosophy   *Childhood and Philosophy*
Ergo: An Open Access Journal of Philosophy   *The Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy*
Teaching Philosophy   *Currents in Teaching and Learning*
Moral Philosophy and Politics

Selected Departmental and Institutional Service (Since 2017)

Division Representative. North American Society for Social Philosophy, Eastern Division. (2023-Present)

Committee Member. General Education Revision Committee, Worcester State University (2023-Present)

Board Member. Parent-Teacher Association, Mary Lee Burbank Elementary School (2023-Present)

Committee Member. University Curriculum Committee, Worcester State University (2022-Present)

Advisory Board Member. SAVE (Sexual Assault Violence Education) Task Force, Worcester State University. (2022-Present)

Board Member. Belmont After School Enrichment Collaborative, Non-Profit Collaborative. (2022-Present)

Board Member, Campus Conduct/Appeals Board, Worcester State University (2022-2024)

Committee Member. American Philosophical Association Committee on Lectures, Publications, and Research (Three-Year Elected Term: July 2021-June 2024)

Short Section "Teaching Fails" Editor. *Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy* (2021-2024)

Committee Member. NECHE Self-Study Sub-Committee. Worcester State University (2021-2022)

Advisory Board Member. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Worcester State University (2020-Present)

Advisory Board Member. Center for the Study of Human Rights, Worcester State University (2020-2022)

Co-Developer and Organizer: The New Olympia Academy (Peer mentorship and workshop group), Tampa, FL. (2019-2020)

Developer and Organizer: Philosophy Lightning Talk Colloquium Series, University of Tampa (2019-2020, 2017-2018)

At-Large Representative. Faculty Senate, University of Tampa (2018-2020)

Assessment Coordinator. Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Tampa (2018-2020)

Faculty Advisor, University of Tampa Philosophy Club (2017-2020)

NASSP 2019 Program Committee. North American Society for Social Philosophy (2018-2019)

Co-Coach/Advisor for the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Debate Team. Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Tampa (2018-2019)

Governance and Oversight Committee Member. *Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy* (2017-2021)

Staging Editor. *Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy* (2017-2024)

Managing Editor. *Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy* (2015-2017)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory
The American Philosophical Association
International Social Ontology Society
The North American Society for Social Philosophy

REFERENCES

Carol C. Gould
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