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SPECIALIZATIONS

Social & Feminist Philosophy, Applied Ethics (esp. Bioethics), Qualitative X-Phi

COMPETENCIES

Political Philosophy, Fat Studies, Critical Phenomenology

EDUCATION

The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, USA

(expected) June 2025

PhD, Philosophy

Thesis: Individuals Resisting Oppression: Allyship and Resistant Subjectivity

Advisor: Linda Martín Alcoff

MPhil, Philosophy

February 2023

University of Sheffield, Sheffield, England

September 2016 – September 2017

MA, Philosophy (with Distinction)

Thesis: Rolequeer BDSM: an examination and explication

Advisor: Komarine Romdenh-Romluc. *Second Reader:* Jennifer Saul.

Cardiff University, Cardiff, Wales

September 2012 – June 2015

Joint Honours BA (with First Class Honours)

Major: English Literature and Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Book Review on Sara Ahmed's *Complaint!* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2021)

September 2023

in Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal, The New School, Volume 43, Issue 2, 2022, pp. 428-433.

"The Phenomenology of Weight-Cycling and Participation in Diet Culture"

Forthcoming

Accepted on the basis of an extended abstract for publication in *Critical Fat Phenomenology* (eds.

Ramanpreet Bahra, Christine Negus & Kristin Rodier). In final editing stage.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"'Obesity' and Healthcare in the Face of Fat Activism"

"Social Justice Discourse, Identity Politics, and the 'Figure' of the Ally"

"The Comparative Effectiveness of Synchronous and Asynchronous Online Bioethics Lecture

Delivery on Student Learning in Discussion Board Posts" (with Jenny Schiff)

"On Calling and Being Called Fat" (with Miranda Young)

PRESENTATIONS

"White Allies: Good Emotions, Good Associations"

June 2023

European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions (EPSSE)

University of Tartu, Estonia

<p>“How can clinicians be ‘allies’ to fat persons in the medical context” Oxford-Mt Sinai Consortium on Bioethics ETHOX Centre, University of Oxford, England</p>	<p><i>March 2023</i></p>
<p>“On Oscillating Between Fatness and Thinness in a Fatphobic World: Weight-Cycling, Apprehensive Perception, and the Body You Might Have” British Society for Phenomenology Annual UK Conference Theme: ‘Engaged Phenomenology II: Explorations of Embodiment, Emotions and Sociality’ University of Exeter, England</p>	<p><i>Aug. 2022</i></p>
<p>“The Comparative Effectiveness of Synchronous and Asynchronous Online Bioethics Lecture Delivery on Student Learning in Discussion Board Posts” European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics, The Netherlands</p>	<p><i>Sep. 2021</i></p>
<p>“Development of an Innovative Rubric to Evaluate Student Learning in Discussion Board Posts within a Study Comparing Synchronous and Asynchronous Online Bioethics Lecture Delivery” Asian Pacific Bioethics Education Network</p>	<p><i>May 2021</i></p>
<p><i>Title of Talk:</i> “Reclaiming the Pejorative: Imaginable Futures and Socially Situated Knowledge” Allegory and Futurity: Prophecy, Eschatology, and the Possibilities of Political Subversion American Comparative Literature Association Annual Meeting, USA</p>	<p><i>April 2021</i></p>
<p>Indeterminate Futures / The Future of Indeterminacy The University of Dundee, Scotland.</p>	<p><i>November 2020</i></p>
<p>Contextual Ethics II: Methods and Approaches The 11th conference of the Nordic Wittgenstein Society Åbo Akademi University, Finland</p>	<p><i>May 2020*</i></p>
<p>Conversations XV: Language – Uses and Misuses Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium (CHiPS) 2020 The University of the West Indies at Cave Hill, Barbados</p>	<p><i>April 2020*</i></p>
<p>“Weight-Cycling, Apprehensive Perception, and the Body You Might Have” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, USA</p>	<p><i>Feb. 2021</i></p>
<p>“The Social Determinants of Health and the Methodology of Principlism” Workshop on Political Philosophy in Bioethics Carnegie Mellon University, Center for Ethics & Policy, Pittsburgh.</p>	<p><i>Feb. 2021</i></p>
<p>“‘Diversifying’ Philosophy: The Problem of White Women” Radical Philosophy Conference British Postgraduate Philosophy Association Annual Conference University of Manchester in association with MAP, England.</p>	<p><i>Nov. 2020</i></p>
<p>“Informed Consent to Medical Research: The Importance of Conceiving it as a Process” World Congress of Bioethics The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.</p>	<p><i>June 2020</i></p>
<p>“Towards a Sex-Critical Approach to BDSM”</p>	<p><i>February 2020</i></p>

* = interrupted due to COVID-19

University of Buffalo Graduate Conference on Philosophy of Sex and Love
Department of Philosophy, SUNY Buffalo, NY.

“The Pathologization of Fat: a Case Study of Faulty Assumptions and Victim Blaming” *June 2017*
Philosophy Summer Sessions,
University of Sheffield, England.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

CUNY, Hunter College
Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies *Spring 2024 (In Person)*
Political Philosophy *Fall 2023 (In Person)*

CUNY, Brooklyn College
Moral Issues in Business *Spring 2022 (In Person)*
Spring 2021 (Online)
Introduction to Philosophy *Spring 2020 (In Person)*
Philosophical Issues in Literature *Fall 2021 (Online)*
Fall 2020 (Online)
Fall 2019 (In Person)

Preceptor

Princeton University
Introduction to Moral Philosophy: *Fall 2021 (In Person)*

Didactics Session Leader

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York NY: *June 2019 – Present*
Responsible for facilitating monthly bioethics seminars and for serving as faculty for students’ assessments. Medical students attend these seminars and take these assessments as part of their medical school curricula.

Teaching Assistant

Johns Hopkins’ Center for Talented Youth, Los Angeles
Big Questions (Introduction to Philosophy) *July 2019*

Corrupt the Youth NYC Volunteer, East Side Community High School *Spring 2022*

Tutor

Fordham University: Human Nature (Introduction to Epistemology) *Spring 2019*

CURRICULUM AND PEDAGOGY DEVELOPMENT

Presented “Writing Abstracts for Research Projects” to undergraduate students *July 2023*
Research Foundation of CUNY, NY supported by the JLM RISE program

Became a “Certified Writing-Intensive Fellow” *Spring 2023*
New York City College of Technology, CUNY

Online Teaching Essentials Workshop *August 2021*
CUNY School of Professional Studies

Consultant, Clarkson University, Bioethics Program *Nov. 2020*
Hired to update curricular design of Public Health Ethics course in Master’s Program

ADVISING

Advising Fellow

2023-24

Advising students in the MA Liberal Studies program, The Graduate Center, CUNY

Advising 50+ MALS students on their degree pathways and class registrations, running a thesis writing group, running academic-focused panels (E.g., “preparing to apply for a PhD”), consulting with MA students about challenges facing them.

\$26,000 per annum

Faculty Supervisor

Spring 2023

Supervised university-prep high schoolers in the Spring 2023 Research Program Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP), York College, CUNY

FUNDING AND FELLOWSHIPS

Senior Ethics Fellowship

June 2023-Present

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NY

\$25,000 per annum for training and mentorship in bioethics and bioethics education, organizes bioethics activities at the hospital, e.g., reading groups, practicum, consortia, and serving on hospital ethics committee, which includes writing hospital ethics consult notes.

Junior Ethics Fellowship

June 2019-23

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NY

\$5000 per annum for training and mentorship in bioethics and bioethics education.

Writing Across the Curriculum Fellowship

2022-23

New York City College of Technology, CUNY, NY

\$26,000

McPherson Fellowship

2022-23

The Center for Ethics and Education,

University of Wisconsin-Madison & University of Illinois-Chicago

Andrew W. Mellon Transformative Learning in the Humanities Faculty Fellow

2021-22

CUNY, NY

Award of \$1800

Open Pedagogy/Open Knowledge Fellowship

Spring 2021

Mina Rees Library, The Graduate Center, CUNY, NY

\$2000 from OER grant funding from New York State

Graduate Teaching Fellowship and Scholarship for Ph.D. funding

2018-22

The Graduate Center, CUNY, NY

\$26,000 per annum

Scholarship, Master’s in Philosophy

2016-17

The University of Sheffield

£3000 per annum

GRANT FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Two projects associated with two Fogarty International Center NIH grants

Fall 2020- Present

- “Comparative Study of Synchronous and Asynchronous Online Bioethics Lecture Delivery”
- “Development of a Rubric for Discussion Board Use in Bioethics Education”

- NIH grants: (“Establishment of a Master’s Program in Research Ethics and the University of Belgrade School of Medicine”; “Establishing a Master’s Program in Research Ethics and Methodology in Cluj-Napoca Romania”)

INVITED TALKS & COMMENTARIES

- Invited Talk, “‘Obesity’ and Healthcare in the Face of Fat Activism” *April 2024*
 New Topics in Bioethics,
 Nassau Community College, New York
- Invited Talk, presented with Jenny Schiff. “The Ethics of Public Health Surveillance” *January 2024*
 Master of Public Health Program,
 Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York NY
- Commentary, Panel on *Practicing Feminist Philosophy* *January 2024*
 2023 American Philosophical Association Eastern Division
 Paper by Madeleine Kenyon “Jackhammering Concrete: Practicing responsible feminist philosophy through scope-limiting”
- Commentary, Panel on *Gender Identity* *February 2024*
 2024 American Philosophical Association Central Division
 Paper by Marlon Rivas Tinoco “Gender and Gender-Identity in Cognitively Disabled People: on Barnes’ Argument Against Internalist Views”
- Invited Talk, “The Comparative Effectiveness of Synchronous and Asynchronous Distance Learning in Mini-Course Bioethics Education” *June 2023*
 Fogarty Reunion Retreat
 Iuliu Hatieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy,
 Cluj Napoca, Romania
- Invited Talk, “Clinicians as “Allies” to Fat Persons” *June 2023*
 Fogarty Reunion Retreat
 Iuliu Hatieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy,
 Cluj Napoca, Romania
- Invited Talk, “The Comparative Effectiveness of Synchronous and Asynchronous Online Bioethics Lecture Delivery on Student Learning in Discussion Board Posts” *July 2022*
 Fogarty Reunion Retreat, Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade, Serbia
- Invited Talk, "Reflections on Sara Ahmed's' Critique of Inclusivity and Diversity," *August 2020*
 IWAP to UPsalon
 Towards Inclusion in the Institutional Context, University of Vienna, Austria.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Doctoral and Graduate Students’ Council Surplus Initiative Award *Fall 2023*
 One of 14 (out of 44). Selection criteria focused on impact on student life and NYC publics.
 \$2625 to run a graduate conference and pedagogy workshop on Philosophy of Education. Done as 2023-2024 GSCOPE committee (see service line for more details).
- Doctoral Student Research Grant, *2022-23*
 The Graduate Center, CUNY, NY

\$1050 to spend on qualitative summer research & conferences	
Early Research Initiative Pre-Dissertation Research Award The Graduate Center, CUNY, NY \$4000 to spend on summer research	<i>Summer 2021</i>
Doctoral Student Research Grant The Graduate Center, CUNY, NY \$750 to spend on summer research	<i>2021-22</i>
Advanced Research Collaborative The Graduate Center, CUNY, NY \$1500 towards the Feminist Philosophy Summer Reading School “Philosophy and Bodies” at Cornell University (co-organized by Ph.D. students from different universities)	<i>2019</i>
QUALIFICATIONS, SUMMER SCHOOLS & WORKSHOPS	
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) <i>CUNY Required Modules</i>	<i>October 2023</i>
<u>The Body Project Facilitator Qualification</u> <i>Aimed at the prevention of eating disorders in high-school age girls</i> National Eating Disorders Association, USA	<i>September 2023</i>
The Social Ontology Summer School University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland	<i>June 2023</i>
Graduate Institute, The Center for Ethics and Education University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI	<i>June 2022 & 2023</i>
Black Feminist Theory Summer Institute <i>Theme: “Life. Living. Alive.”</i> Duke University, USA	<i>August 2022</i>
Summer School, School of Criticism and Theory <i>Theme: “Whiteness and the Phenomenology of Racial Embodiment” with George Yancy</i> Cornell University, NY	<i>June-July 2021</i>
International Critical Theory Summer School (Online) <i>Theme: “Foundations of Solidarity”</i> Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany	<i>July 2021</i>
Decolonizing Philosophy Workshop (Online) University of Antwerp, Belgium	<i>Spring 2021</i>
Experimental and Feminist Philosophy (Online) The Graduate Center, CUNY, NY	<i>Spring 2021</i>
Summer Reading School for Women <i>Theme: “Philosophy and Bodies”</i> Cornell University, NY	<i>Summer 2019</i>

Summer Reading School for Women *Summer 2018*
Theme: “Feminism and the Philosophy of Language”
University of Vienna, Austria

Bioethics Practicum Participant *Summer 2019*
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NY

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

“[Feminist X-Phi Reading Group Blueprint](#)”, for the [Diversity Reading List](#), *2023*
with Shannon Brick and Tomasz Zyglewicz

Blogpost: “[Expressive Prose and Freire’s Problem-Posing Education](#),” *2022*
as part of a fellowship with [Writing Across the Curriculum at City Tech](#)

Public project and podcast: “[Imagining a CUNY Without Grades](#)” *2022*
supported by Andrew W. Mellon Transformative Learning in the Humanities

Blogpost: “[Cultivating a Philosophy of Open Pedagogy](#),” *2021*
Mina Rees Library Blog

Volunteer with Ask a Philosopher Booth *October 2021*
Downtown Brooklyn

Co-facilitated four episodes on philosophy and pedagogy, *2019*
part of “[We The Pupils](#)” podcast [forthcoming]

SERVICE & ADMINISTRATION

Service to the Profession

Colloquium Chair: “History of Feminism,” APA, Eastern Division *2023*

GSCOPE Program Committee: “Higher Education, Democracy, and Controversy” *2023*

Abstract Reviewer: NAAPE 2023 *2023*

Colloquium Chair: “Dying and Killing”, APA, Eastern Division *2021*

Abstract reviewer: *2020*
“Fifth Annual Medical Student Ethics Conference—Becoming a Physician: Ethical Challenges in
Medical Education,” ISMMS

Co-organizer, Society for Women in Philosophy-NYC *2020*

Conference co-organizer *2020*
“Analytic/Continental What? Dissolving the Philosophical Divide” conference [in collaboration with
SWIP-Analytic]

Summer school Co-organizer *2019*
“Philosophy and Bodies”: The 2019 Feminist Philosophy Summer Reading School at Cornell
University

Conference Assistant *2019*
Assisted Charles W. Mills and Linda Martín Alcoff in organizing the conference “Black Women
Philosophers”

Judge for NYC’s 2019 Ethics Bowl *2019*

Volunteer for the APA Eastern Division *2019*

Conference Assistant *2018*
Assisted Charles W. Mills and Linda Martín Alcoff in organizing the conference “#MeToo and
Epistemic Injustice”

College and University-Level Service @The Graduate Center, CUNY

Philosophy Program Representative, Doctoral and Graduate Student Council, *2019-22*

Steering Committee of the Doctoral and Graduate Students Council, *2019-20*

Department-Level Service @The Graduate Center, Brooklyn College, University of Sheffield

Student & Alumni Affairs Committee *2022-2023*

Member of Minorities and Philosophy (MAP)	2018-23
Co-leader of MAP Pedagogy Sessions	2020-22
Co-organizer, MAP panels and workshops:	2019-20
“WTF Do I Do Now? A Realistic Grad School Timeline”	
“Decolonizing the Classroom”	
“Imposter Syndrome Workshop”	
“Professional Boundary Setting”	
“Decolonizing Your Syllabus”	
Elected Member of newly founded Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee	2021-22
Co-Chair of Student Steering Committee (Executive Committee)	2020-21
Co-organizer, “Working Group for Anti-Racist Philosophy”	2020
Philosophy Department (Brooklyn College)	
Co-curation of a living reading list which features the work of BIPOC philosophers. Link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1avqOT6UCXZ1dtMcujHvXsnCcPeQuIgl5cTf1ZjQCAEg/edit?usp=sharing	
Student Steering Committee (Executive Committee)	2019-20
Member of Minorities and Philosophy (MAP)	2016-17
Philosophy Department, University of Sheffield	

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions (EPSSE)

REFERENCES

Linda Martín Alcoff, Professor of Philosophy at Hunter College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, lalcoff@gc.cuny.edu

Rosamond Rhodes, Professor at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York and the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Medical Education, rosamond.rhodes@mssm.edu

Graduate Level Coursework

Course	Professor	Institution	
Metaethics	Graham Bex-Priestly	The University of Sheffield	
Ph.D. Proposal	Komarine Romdenh-Romluc	The University of Sheffield	Independent Study
Philosophy of Medicine	Annamaria Carusi	The University of Sheffield	
Phenomenology	Komarine Romdenh-Romluc	The University of Sheffield	
Feminist Philosophy	Jennifer Saul	The University of Sheffield	Auditor
Metaphysics and Epistemology	Paul Faulkner	The University of Sheffield	Auditor
Proseminar	Miranda Fricker & Nick Pappas	CUNY	
Logic	Lisa Warenski	CUNY	
Decolonial Feminisms	Serene Khader	CUNY	
Social Justice in Public Health and Medicine	Rosamond Rhodes	CUNY	
The Philosophy of W.E.B. Du Bois	Charles Mills	CUNY	
Ethical Issues in Clinical Research	Rosamond Rhodes	CUNY	
From Schopenhauer to Freud (Via Nietzsche): Depth Psychology and Philosophy Wittgenstein	Samir Chopra Alice Crary	CUNY New School for Social Research	
20 th Century Feminist Ethics	Miranda Fricker	CUNY	Independent Study
Linguistic Pragmatism	Michael Devitt	CUNY	
Existentialism and Critical Phenomenology	Shiloh Whitney	Fordham University	
Language on Fire: Towards a More Egalitarian Fieldwork	Sarah Muir	CUNY (Anthropology)	Auditor
Decolonial and Continental Epistemology	Linda Martín Alcoff	CUNY	
Ethics and Agency in Classical Chinese Thought	Hagop Sarkissian	CUNY	
Differences in methodology in approaches to oppression	Miranda Fricker	CUNY	Independent Study
Interviewing Methods	Rachel Sherman	The New School for Social Research (Sociology)	Auditor
Lugones on Active Subjectivity and Resistance	Mariana Ortega	The New School for Social Research (Sociology)	Auditor

Topics-Based Reading Groups

Philosophy of Race
Metaethics
Social Epistemology
Black Methods
Fat Studies
Critical & Feminist Phenomenology
Bourdieu
Faculty Seminar in Philosophy of Medicine
Moral Philosophy Reading Group
Foucault

Duration

Fall 2016 – Summer 2017
Fall 2016
Fall 2018
Fall 2020
Fall 2020-Spring 2023
Fall 2020-Spring 2023
Spring 2023
Fall 2022-ongoing
Fall 2023-ongoing
Fall 2023-ongoing

Text-Based Reading Groups

Dialectic of Enlightenment (Max Horkheimer & Theodor W. Adorno)
Ethics of Ambiguity (Simone de Beauvoir)
Gender Trouble (Judith Butler)
Republic (Plato)
Towards a Feminist Theory of the State (Catherine A. Mackinnon)
Are Prisons Obsolete? (Angela Y. Davis)
Being and Time (Heidegger)
Spiral to the Stars: Muskoke Tools of Futurity (Laura Harjo)
Unbearable Weight: Feminism, Western Culture, and the Body (Susan Bordo)
Karl Marx's Theory of History (G. A. Cohen)
The Claim of Reason (Stanley Cavell)
Politics (Aristotle)

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Fall 2013
Summer 2017
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Fall 2022-Spring 2023
Spring – Fall 2023
Planned for Spring 2024