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## SPECIALIZATIONS

Social & Feminist Philosophy, Ethics (especially Bioethics), Critical Phenomenology, Fat Studies

## COMPETENCIES

Political Philosophy, Qualitative X-Phi, Philosophy of Emotion

## EDUCATION

### The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, USA

Ph.D., Philosophy

*(expected) June 2025*

*Thesis:* Individuals Resisting Oppression: Allyship and Resistant Subjectivity

*Description:* My dissertation project draws on in-depth interviews to focus on the affective lives and political psychology of feminist men and anti-racist white women. I vindicate the political role of emotion in social justice movement building whilst critiquing contemporary allyship discourse and offering normative direction to would-be-allies.

*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.

"Towards a critical phenomenology of weight-cycling: three features"

*Under Review*

Excessive Bodies, special issue "Critical Fat Phenomenology" (eds. Ramanpreet Bahra, Christine Negus & Kristin Rodier).

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Obesity and Healthcare in the Face of Fat Activism"

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

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

"The Comparative Effectiveness of Synchronous and Asynchronous Online Bioethics Lecture Delivery on Student Learning in Discussion Board Posts" (Collaborators: Jenny Schiff, Ryan Felder, Joanna Smolenski, Julia Kolak, Paul Cummins, Rosamond Rhodes)

## PRESENTATIONS

- “Public Engagement in Medical Policymaking: Performative or Transformative?” *September 2024*  
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
St. Louis, Missouri, USA
- “Shame About White Shame: Personal Affective Transformation as a Tool for Resisting Oppression” *July 2024*  
Understanding Value XII  
The University of Sheffield, England
- “Resistance to Oppression and Difference Within The Self” *July 2024*  
Association for Social and Political Philosophy  
Swansea University, Wales
- “‘Obesity’ and Healthcare in the Face of Fat Activism” *March 2024*  
Oxford-Mt Sinai Consortium on Bioethics  
ISMMS, New York
- “White Allies: Good Emotions, Good Associations” *June 2023*  
European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions (EPSSE)  
University of Tartu, Estonia
- “How can clinicians be ‘allies’ to fat persons in the medical context” *March 2023*  
Oxford-Mt Sinai Consortium on Bioethics  
ETHOX Centre, University of Oxford, England
- “On Oscillating Between Fatness and Thinness in a Fatphobic World: Weight-Cycling, Apprehensive Perception, and the Body You Might Have” *Aug. 2022*  
British Society for Phenomenology Annual UK Conference  
*Theme: ‘Engaged Phenomenology II: Explorations of Embodiment, Emotions and Sociality’*  
University of Exeter, England
- “The Comparative Effectiveness of Synchronous and Asynchronous Online Bioethics Lecture Delivery on Student Learning in Discussion Board Posts” *Sep. 2021*  
European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics, The Netherlands
- “Development of an Innovative Rubric to Evaluate Student Learning in Discussion Board Posts within a Study Comparing Synchronous and Asynchronous Online Bioethics Lecture Delivery” *May 2021*  
Asian Pacific Bioethics Education Network
- Title of Talk:* “Reclaiming the Pejorative: Imaginable Futures and Socially Situated Knowledge” *April 2021*  
Allegory and Futurity: Prophecy, Eschatology, and the Possibilities of Political Subversion American Comparative Literature Association Annual Meeting, USA
- Indeterminate Futures / The Future of Indeterminacy *November 2020*  
The University of Dundee, Scotland.
- Contextual Ethics II: Methods and Approaches *May 2020\**  
The 11th conference of the Nordic Wittgenstein Society  
Åbo Akademi University, Finland

Conversations XV: Language – Uses and Misuses Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium (CHiPS) 2020 The University of the West Indies at Cave Hill, Barbados	<i>April 2020*</i>
“Weight-Cycling, Apprehensive Perception, and the Body You Might Have” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, USA	<i>Feb. 2021</i>
“The Social Determinants of Health and the Methodology of Principlism” Workshop on Political Philosophy in Bioethics Carnegie Mellon University, Center for Ethics & Policy, Pittsburgh.	<i>Feb. 2021</i>
“‘Diversifying’ Philosophy: The Problem of White Women” Radical Philosophy Conference British Postgraduate Philosophy Association Annual Conference University of Manchester in association with MAP, England.	<i>Nov. 2020</i>
“Informed Consent to Medical Research: The Importance of Conceiving it as a Process” World Congress of Bioethics The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.	<i>June 2020</i>
“Towards a Sex-Critical Approach to BDSM” University of Buffalo Graduate Conference on Philosophy of Sex and Love Department of Philosophy, SUNY Buffalo, NY.	<i>February 2020</i>
“The Pathologization of Fat: a Case Study of Faulty Assumptions and Victim Blaming” Philosophy Summer Sessions, University of Sheffield, England.	<i>June 2017</i>

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Instructor of Record**

CUNY, City College of NY  
Biomedical Ethics

*Fall 2024 (Online)*

CUNY, Hunter College  
Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies  
Political Philosophy

*Spring 2024 (In Person)*  
*Fall 2023 (In Person)*

CUNY, Brooklyn College  
Moral Issues in Business

*Spring 2022 (In Person)*  
*Spring 2021 (Online)*  
*Spring 2020 (In Person)*  
*Fall 2021 (Online)*  
*Fall 2020 (Online)*  
*Fall 2019 (In Person)*

Introduction to Philosophy  
Philosophical Issues in Literature

### **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*

\* = interrupted due to COVID-19

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**

Supervised undergraduate application

*Spring 2024*

The Mellon Public Humanities and Social Justice Scholars Program

Supervised university-prep high schoolers in the Spring 2023 Research Program

*Spring 2023*

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.

<b>Writing Across the Curriculum Fellowship</b> New York City College of Technology, CUNY, NY \$26,000	2022-23
<b>McPherson Fellowship</b> The Center for Ethics and Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison & University of Illinois-Chicago	2022-23
<b>Andrew W. Mellon Transformative Learning in the Humanities Faculty Fellow</b> CUNY, NY Award of \$1800	2021-22
<b>Open Pedagogy/Open Knowledge Fellowship</b> Mina Rees Library, The Graduate Center, CUNY, NY \$2000 from OER grant funding from New York State	Spring 2021
<b>Graduate Teaching Fellowship and Scholarship for Ph.D. funding</b> The Graduate Center, CUNY, NY \$26,000 per annum	2018-22
<b>Scholarship, Master's in Philosophy</b> The University of Sheffield £3000 per annum	2016-17

#### **GRANT FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Two projects associated with two Fogarty International Center NIH grants	<i>Fall 2020- Present</i>
- "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 Lecture, "Public Health Ethics & Fat Activism" Clinical Ethics Practicum, ISMMS, New York	<i>June 2024</i>
Invited Talk, "Obesity' and Healthcare in the Face of Fat Activism" New Topics in Bioethics, Nassau Community College, New York	<i>April 2024</i>
Commentary, Panel on <i>Gender Identity</i> 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"	<i>February 2024</i>
Invited Talk, presented with Jenny Schiff. "The Ethics of Public Health Surveillance" Master of Public Health Program, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York NY	<i>January 2024</i>

- 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”
- 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**

- Selected as an alternate for the 2024-25 American Dissertation Fellowship *Spring 2024*  
*American Association of University Women*  
 If selected, award is worth \$25,000
- 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 *Summer 2021*  
 The Graduate Center, CUNY, NY  
 \$4000 to spend on summer research
- Doctoral Student Research Grant *2021-22*  
 The Graduate Center, CUNY, NY  
 \$750 to spend on summer research
- Advanced Research Collaborative *2019*  
 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)

## 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 &amp; 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 <i>Theme: "Feminism and the Philosophy of Language"</i> University of Vienna, Austria	<i>Summer 2018</i>
Bioethics Practicum Participant Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NY	<i>Summer 2019</i>
<b>PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY</b>	
" <u>Feminist X-Phi Reading Group Blueprint</u> ", for the <u>Diversity Reading List</u> , with Shannon Brick and Tomasz Zyglewicz	<i>2023</i>
Blogpost: " <u>Expressive Prose and Freire's Problem-Posing Education</u> ," as part of a fellowship with <u>Writing Across the Curriculum at City Tech</u>	<i>2022</i>
Public project and podcast: " <u>Imagining a CUNY Without Grades</u> " supported by Andrew W. Mellon Transformative Learning in the Humanities	<i>2022</i>

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/1avqOT6UCXZ1dtMcujHvXsnCcPeQuIgJ5cTfTzjQCAEg/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](mailto: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](mailto:rosamond.rhodes@mssm.edu)

## Graduate Level Coursework

<b>Course</b>	<b>Professor</b>	<b>Institution</b>	
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 <sup>th</sup> 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

### Topic-Based Reading Groups

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

### Duration

Fall 2016 – Summer 2017  
Fall 2016  
Fall 2018  
Fall 2020  
Fall 2020-Spring 2023  
Fall 2020-Spring 2023  
Spring 2023  
Fall 2023-Spring 2024  
Fall 2022-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)

### Duration

Fall 2013  
Summer 2017  
Fall 2017  
Summer 2020  
Summer 2020  
Summer 2020  
Summer 2020  
Fall 2020  
Fall 2020  
Fall 2022-Spring 2023  
Spring – Fall 2023