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EDUCATION

- MA** Georgia State University, Philosophy *Anticipated May 2022*
Thesis: ‘Self-Identification’
Committee: Neil Van Leeuwen (chair), Dan Weiskopf, Christie Hartley
- BA** University of Rochester, Philosophy *May 2020*
Graduated with Highest Distinction
Minor in Brain & Cognitive Sciences
- AS** Monroe Community College, Psychology *May 2018*
Graduated with Distinction
Specialization in Anthropology

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publications Pending Peer Review

- Invited submission to the research topic ‘Current Topics in Inclusive Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience’ in *Frontiers in Neuroscience* entitled ‘Challenges and Future Directions in the Neuroscience of Gender Identity’.

PRESENTATIONS

Paper Presentation, “On the Construct Stability of Gender Identity in Neuroscience,” (1) the Georgia Philosophical Society Conference on Contemporary Problems, March 2021; (2) the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March-April 2022; and (3) the 113th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, April 2022.

Paper Presentation, “What Counts as Ideological Domination?”, Georgia Philosophical Society Conference on Rights, Obligations, and Freedom, December 2021.

Workshop, “Communicating Honestly,” Methodological Inclusion Workshop hosted by Minorities & Philosophy, October 2021.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Ralf F. Munster Fellowship for Excellence in Research *Spring 2022*
Awarded to a graduate student completing the philosophy master’s program at Georgia State University on the basis of excellence in philosophical research.

Ralf F. Munster Graduate Student Travel Stipend *Spring 2022*
Awarded to graduate students admitted to professional conferences to defray cost of attendance.

Ralf F. Munster Graduate Student Travel Stipend *Spring 2021*
See description above.

Rochester Area Colleges Continuing Education Award *March 2020*
Awarded to three outstanding adult students from schools in the Rochester Area Consortium to recognize success in college while juggling other adult responsibilities.

Phi Beta Kappa, Iota Chapter *March 2020*
“Phi Beta Kappa recognizes high standards of scholarship and humanistic values demonstrated by students in their undergraduate careers”.

Title: ‘Iris Marion Young Diversity Scholar’ *June 2019*
Awarded to PIKSI Fellows of Philosophy in an Inclusive Key at the Rock Ethics Institute at Penn State, PA.

Academic Achievement Award *May 2018*
Awarded to students graduating with GPAs in the top 1% of their class year.

Exemplary Student Award *May 2018*
Awarded for service to the faculty and college.

Advanced Studies Certificate with Distinction *May 2018*
Awarded to students who complete a certain number of credits at a level beyond that of a two-year college.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgia State University, Atlanta GA *June 2021 to May 2022*
Instructor of Record, Philosophy

- Taught Critical Thinking, an undergraduate course averaging 150 students per semester, covering the following topics: elements of language, logic, and argument evaluation.
 - Developed weekly mock quizzes and guided chapter questions, modules on the role of metacognition in learning and metacognitive skills training, developing a growth mindset, and time management skills, and a course concept map.

Georgia State University, Atlanta GA *January 2021 to May 2021*
Supplemental Instruction Leader, Philosophy

- Prepared slides for and led a weekly recitation section for critical thinking (see description of critical thinking above for more details).

Georgia State University, Atlanta GA August 2020 to December 2020
Writing Across the Curriculum Consultant, Philosophy

- Provided written feedback on grammar, style, and argumentation in weekly writing assignments and final term papers for an introductory philosophy of science course with an average of 30 students per section per semester.

University of Rochester, Rochester NY Fall 2019
Teaching Assistant, Brain & Cognitive Sciences

- BCS 151: Perception & Action.
 - Prepared slides for and led weekly recitations in a section of BCS 151 averaging 50 students per semester.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Thesis, Georgia State University, Atlanta GA Spring 2021-Present
Advisor: Neil Van Leeuwen

- Developed an applied research project to provide a conceptual definition of gender identity for use by neuroscientists.
- Developed competence in interdisciplinary research by incorporating sociological, neuroscientific, and philosophical perspectives on gender identity.

Selected Graduate Coursework, Georgia State University, Atlanta GA 2020 to Present

- Seminar in Philosophy of Neuroscience with Dr. Dan Weiskopf, Fall 2020.
 - Developed ongoing research project on the construct stability of ‘gender identity’ in neuroscience.
- Seminar in Advanced Cognitive Psychology with Dr. Heather Offut, Fall 2020.
- Seminar on Skill and Knowhow with Dr. Juan Pinerros-Glasscock, Fall 2020.
- Seminar on Capitalism & Freedom with Dr. Suzanne M. Love, Spring 2021.
 - Developed ongoing research project on the definition of ‘ideological domination’ in socialist republican accounts of political freedom.
- Graduate section of Cognitive Neuroscience with Dr. Jeff Malins, Spring 2021.
 - Developed ongoing research project on review of gender identity in neuroscience.
- Audited seminar in Philosophy and Cognitive Science with Dr. Neil Van Leeuwen, Fall 2021.
- Seminar on Emotion and Motivation with Andrea Scarantino, Fall 2021.
 - Developed ongoing research project on the natural kind status of ‘gender dysphoria’ in the discipline of psychiatry.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Georgia State University, Center for Teaching and Learning

- Attended presentation on ‘Affective Learning: Mindset, Motivation, and Metacognition’, October 29th, 2021.

- Affective learning concerns how to develop student’s skills for cognitive and conative self-regulation on the one hand, and how to foster a classroom environment conducive for students to practice these skills on the other hand.

Diversity Institute in Philosophy titled ‘Philosophy in an Inclusive Key’ (PIKSI)

- Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State, PA, June 2019
 - PIKSI fellows learned about what it means to be minorities in philosophy today, how to create inclusive academic spaces, how to perform graduate philosophical research, and how to apply to graduate school in philosophy.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association, 2021-Present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

President, Minorities & Philosophy
Georgia State University, 2021-Present

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