**MERCER E. GARY**

**Curriculum Vitae**

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**APPOINTMENTS**

2022-2025 The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY

Postdoctoral Fellow in Bioethics and the Humanities

**EDUCATION**

*2017-2022*The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

**Dual-title PhD** in Philosophy and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality

Dissertation: “The Limits of Care: Making Feminist Sense of Technology Relations”

Committee**:** Sarah Clark Miller (Co-director), Ted Toadvine (Co-director), Nancy Tuana, Jonathan Marks, Hil Malatino

*2015-2017*Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

**Master of Arts** in Philosophy

Graduate Certificate in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

MA Thesis: “Dignity and Disability: Towards a Relational Approach”

Committee**:** Christie Hartley (Director), Andrew Altman, Peter Lindsay

*2011-2015* Smith College, Northampton, MA

**Bachelor of Arts**, *Summa cum laude*, with Highest Honors in Government

Government (Political Theory Concentration) and Latin American Studies

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**: Feminist Philosophy, Bioethics, Ethics

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE:** Philosophy of Technology, Social/Political Philosophy, 20th Century Continental (esp. phenomenology and deconstruction)

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

2022: **“From Care Ethics to Pluralist Care Theory: The State of the Field,” *Philosophy Compass*** 17, no. 4 (April 2022).

2021: **“Care Robots, Crises of Capitalism, and the Limits of Human Caring,” *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics***14, no.1 (2021): 19-48.

2020: with Nancy Berlinger, **“Interdependent Citizens: The Ethics of Care in Pandemic Recovery,” *The Hastings Center Report***50, no. 3 (2020): 56-58.

*Review Essays*

2022: “**Disability’s Demands of Care**,” review of Eva Feder Kittay’s *Learning from My Daughter* in *Journal of the Philosophy of Disability*

2021: **“Disability and Debility under Neoliberal Globalization,” *Feminist Studies***, Volume 47, Number 3 (2021), pages 683-699.

*Works in Progress*

***The Limits of Care: Making Feminist Sense of Technology Relations***, book manuscript (writing stage)

**“Mapping Relational Bioethics**,**”** article (under review)

**“The Instrumental and Non-Instrumental Uses of Health Humanities in Medical Education,”** (co-authored article under review)

***Disability Justice in Emergency Conditions***, scholarly volume co-edited with Joel M. Reynolds

**“Care Ethics and Phenomenology,”** invited contribution to Springer *Encyclopedia of Phenomenology* (writing stage)

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

*2022* Visiting Residency in Healthcare Ethics, Fondation Brocher, Geneva, Switzerland

*2021* Crawford Family Fellowship in Ethical Inquiry, Rock Ethics Institute, Penn State University

*2021* Raymond Lombra Award for Graduate Research, College of Liberal Arts, Penn State University

*2021* Graduate Assistantship in Medical Humanities, Penn State College of Medicine

*2020* Joseph J. Kockelmans Award for Outstanding Achievement by Graduate Student, Penn State

*2020* Excellence in Graduate Research Award, Philosophy Department, Penn State University

*2019* Superior Teaching and Research Award, Penn State University

*2019* Selected Participant, Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Citta di Castello, Italy

*2019* Fellowship in Ethics and Health Policy, The Hastings Center and Yale University

*2018* Selected Participant, Sherwin Nuland Summer Institute in Bioethics, Yale University

*2017* Enhanced Graduate Scholar Assistantship, Penn State University

*2015* Graduate Research Assistantship, Georgia State University

*2015* Dawes Prize for Best Work in Government, Smith College

*2015* McPherson Prize for Best Paper in the Study of Women and Gender, Smith College

*2015* Elected Phi Beta Kappa, Smith College

**PRESENTATIONS**

***Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations***

2022 “Feminist Ethics and the False Problem of Normativity,” Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, Texas A&M University | October 13-15

*Awarded Junior Scholar Prize*

2022 “Self-Determined Care or Pernicious Self-Responsibilization? The Case of Telemedicine,” Feminist Ethics and Social Theory | October 6-9

2022 “Telemedicine and the Redistribution of Care,” 16th World Congress of Bioethics, The Institute of Biomedical Ethics, University of Basel | July 20-22

2022 “Mapping Relational Bioethics,” Scientific Congress of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics, The Institute of Biomedical Ethics, University of Basel | July 18-19

*Selected for Special Plenary Session*

2022 “Telemedicine and the Redistribution of Care,” Moving Past Emergency Responses: Care as Essential Infrastructure,” Carework Network Virtual Symposium | March 3

2021 “Telemedicine and the Redistribution of Care: Lessons in Access and Intimacy from COVID-19,” COVID-19 and Disability, Georgetown University | November 5

2021 “Transforming Police and Public Safety at the University,” Public Philosophy Network | George Mason University, October 21-23

2021 “Relational Theory as Bioethical Methodology,” American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities | Virtual Conference, October 14-19

2021 “Telemedicine and the Redistribution of Care: Lessons in Access and Intimacy from COVID-19,” American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities | Virtual Conference, October 14-19

2021 “Care and Relation: Disentangling Two Feminist Frameworks,” Relations of Care Across and After Worlds, University of Wisconsin-Madison | Virtual Conference, May 13-14

2021 “Normative Ambivalence, Political Justification, and the Possibility of a Critical Care,” Care Ethics Research Consortium | Virtual Conference, May 3-7

2021 “Values in Crisis and the Critical Edge of Care,” Health Humanities Conference, Penn State College of Medicine | Virtual Conference, March 25-27

2020 “Fearing Dependence: Technological Remedies in Dementia Care,” American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities | Virtual Conference, October 14-18

2020 “Normative Ambivalence, Political Justification, and the Possibility of a Critical Care,” philoSOPHIA | Nashville, TN, May 14-17 (*cancelled due to COVID-19*)

2019 “Re-Writing the Self: Narrative Bioethics and Relational Ontologies,” American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities | Pittsburgh, PA, October 25-26

2019 “The Bodily Baggage of ‘World’-Traveling: Lugones and Intercorporeality,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division| New York, NY, January 7-9

2018“Social Robotics and the Limits of Relational Dignity,” Care Ethics Research Consortium, Portland State University | Portland, OR, September 27-29

2018 “The Bodily Baggage of ‘World’-Traveling: Lugones and Intercorporeality,” Toward Decolonial Feminisms, Penn State University | State College, PA, May 11-13

2018 “Ann Cvetkovich and the Depressive Continuum,” Queering Care and Cure, UC Davis | Davis, CA, May 2-4

2017 “Dignity and Disability: Towards a Relational Approach,” Duquesne Women in Philosophy Conference | Pittsburgh, PA, March 24-25

***Invited Talks***  
2020 “Feminist Narrative Ethics and Relational Responsibilities,” Cultural Narratives of Dementia Workshop, The Hastings Center | Garrison, NY, May 20

2019“Care Robots and Care Ethics in Crisis,” Early Career Scholar’s Workshop, The Hastings Center | Garrison, NY, June 17

**GRADUATE COURSEWORK**

***Penn State University****:* Seminar in Relational Ethics, Sarah Clark Miller

Seminar in Continental Philosophy: Merleau-Ponty, Ted Toadvine

Seminar in Women’s Studies: María Lugones, Nancy Tuana

Seminar in Phenomenology: Husserl & Heidegger, Nicolas DeWarren

Seminar in Bioethics, Jonathan Marks

Seminar in Disability Theory, Michael Bérubé

Seminar in Early Greek Philosophy, Christopher Moore

Seminar in Global Feminisms, Melissa Wright

Special Topics Seminar: Critiques of Capitalism, Amy Allen

Seminar in Continental Philosophy: Derrida, Len Lawlor

Topics in Continental Philosophy: Ethics after Auschwitz, Nicolas DeWarren

Kant’s Ethics, Uygar Abaci

Feminist Methodologies, Alicia Decker

Independent Study in Feminist Science Studies, Nancy Tuana

***Georgia State University****:* Feminist Philosophy, Christie Hartley

Seminar in Philosophy of Law: Global Justice, Andrew Altman

Seminar in Contemporary Political Theory, Peter Lindsay

Seminar in Democratic Theory, Mario Feit

Seminar in Hegel’s Philosophy of Mind, Sebastian Rand

Reason and Emotion in Spinoza and Kant, Eric Wilson

Symbolic Logic, Ed Cox

Seminar in Feminist Theory, Tiffany Lethabo King

Seminar in Feminist Pedagogies, Julie Kubala

Seminar in Affect Theory, Susan Talburt

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

***Graduate Instructor, Penn State College of Medicine, University Park***

*Spring 2022* Instructor, Critical Approaches in Bioethics

*Spring 2021* PBL Health Humanities Facilitator

*Summer/Fall 2021* Course Facilitator, Foundations of Health Humanities

***Instructor of Record, The Pennsylvania State University***

*Summer 2022* PHIL 119: Ethical Leadership (Undergraduate, online, 25 students)

*Summer 2021* PHIL 003: Ethical Life (Undergraduate, 28 students)

*Fall 2020* PHIL 103w: Intro to Ethics, Writing Intensive (Undergraduate, online, 28 students)

*Summer 2020* PHIL 103w: Intro to Ethics, Writing Intensive (Undergraduate, online, 26 students)

*Summer 2019* PHIL 119: Ethical Leadership (Undergraduate, online, 35 students)

*Spring 2019* PHIL 001: Basic Problems of Philosophy (Undergraduate, 35 students)

***Instructor of Record, Georgia State University***

*Spring 2017* PHIL 1010: Critical Thinking (Undergraduate, 2 sections, 40 students each section)

*Fall 2016* PHIL 1010: Critical Thinking (Undergraduate, 3 sections, 40 students each section)

*Summer 2016* PHIL 1010: Critical Thinking (Undergraduate, 1 section, 40 students)

***Teaching Assistant, The Pennsylvania State University***

*Fall 2018* PHIL 001: Basic Problems of Philosophy (Led 2 discussion sections, 35 students each)

*Spring 2018* PHIL 001: Basic Problems of Philosophy (Grader)

*Fall 2017* PHIL 103: Intro to Ethics (Grader)

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish: Advanced speaking, reading, and writing

French: Advanced speaking, reading, and writing

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

*Fall 2020* Research Assistant to Dr. Andrea Matwyshyn, Penn State College of Law

*2018-2020* President, Student Restorative Justice Initiative, Penn State University

*2018-Present* Advisory Board Member, Restorative Justice Initiative, Penn State University

*Summer 2017* Research Assistantto Dr. Sarah Clark Miller, Penn State University

*Spring 2016* Research Assistant to Dr. Christie Hartley, Georgie State University

**SERVICE**

***To The Pennsylvania State University***

*2019-Present* Member, Graduate Student Disability Committee, Penn State University

*2018-2020* Secretary, Philosophy Graduate Students Organization, Penn State University

***To Georgia State University***

*Spring 2017* Graduate Assistant, “Over-Criminalization and Indigent Legal Care Conference”

*2016-2017* Secretary, Student Ethics Forum, Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics

*Spring 2016* Graduate Assistant, Symposium for 25th Anniversary of Rawls’ *Political Liberalism*