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Education

2022 – 2027 **University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT**
(Projected) • Candidate for a PhD in Philosophy
• Advisor: Dr. Michael P. Lynch

2022 - 2024 **University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT**
• MA in Philosophy

2019 - 2021 **Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY**
• MA in Women's and Gender Studies
• Thesis: *Fantasies of Representation*
• Advisor: Dr. Linda Martín Alcoff

2018 - 2019 **SUNY Purchase College, Purchase, NY**
• BA in Philosophy

2011 - 2013 **University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME**
• BA in Media Studies and Communication

Academic Appointments

2023 - Present **Lecturer**

University of Connecticut, Stamford

- Instructor of record for the following courses:
 - *Philosophy and Social Ethics*, historical and contemporary ethics
 - *Gender and Philosophy*, feminist philosophy

2021 - 2025 **Adjunct Professor**

SUNY Purchase College

- Instructor of record for the following courses:
 - *Gender and Power*, feminist philosophy
 - *Methods of Reasoning*, basic logic and critical thinking
 - *Theories of Sexuality*, queer theory

2023 - 2024 **Summer Lecturer**

University of Connecticut

- Instructor of record for the following courses:
 - *Gender and Philosophy*, feminist philosophy

2022 - 2024 **Teaching Assistant**

University of Connecticut

- Fall 2022: Teaching assistant for Dr. Lewis Gordon's course on *Non-Western Philosophy*.
- Spring 2023 & 2024: Teaching assistant for Dr. Nicholas H. Smith's course on *Philosophy and Social Ethics*.

Research Experience

Summer 2025 **Research Assistant**

University of Connecticut

- Duties: archive work, literature review, summary and compilation of research.
- Topic: John & Alice Dewey.

Supervisor: Dr. Michael P. Lynch

2022 - 2023

Research Assistant

University of Connecticut

- Duties: generating literature for review, reviewing literature, online research, archive research, summary and compilation of research.

Supervisors:

- 2022 - 2023: Dr. Lynne Tirrell
- 2023 - 2024: Dr. Tom Bontly

Fall 2020

Research Assistant

The Graduate Center, CUNY

- Duties included: generating literature for review, reviewing literature, compiling literature information, syllabus development.

Supervisor: Dr. Dana-Ain Davis

Spring 2020

Research Assistant

DVSJA Law Project

- Participated in the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Action collaborative project between the CUNY Public Science Project, the Center for the Study of Women and Society, and Brooklyn Law School.
- Duties included: compilation of data, data analysis.

Supervisors: Dr. Michelle Fine and Kate Mogulescu.

Relevant Professional Experience

Spring 2026

Advisory Editor

Journal of the American Philosophical Association

- Duties: manuscript review, author communication, assistant to the Editor-in-Chief.

Supervisor: Dr. Heather Battaly

Feb 2021 -

Office Assistant

Dec 2021

National Women's Studies Association

- Handled email, website, and social media development and management.
- Assisted members with membership, registration, institutional memberships, etc.
- Major work on the NWSA 2021 Conference, including branding design, participant organizing and communication, website design, and more.

Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Ash

Sep 2020 -

Editorial Assistant

Dec 2021

Feminist Anthropology

- Maintained author/journal communication.

Supervisor: Dr. Dana-Ain Davis

Sep 2020 - **Editorial Assistant**
July 2021 *Women's Studies Quarterly*

- Provided direct assistance to the editorial staff, including working with peer-reviewers within the parameters of a production schedule.

Supervisor: Dr. Red Washburn & Dr. Brianne Waychoff

Academic Publications

Stamson, A. (Forthcoming) "Responsibility and Representation: A New Media Dilemma." *Convocarte Journal of Art Sciences*. (No. 18/19, 2025).

Stamson, A. (2024). "Reading Between Worlds: Gendered Narratives in Fiction." *Critical Gender Studies Journal* (Vol 1, 2024). <https://cgsjournal.com/v1n103/>

Stamson, A and Ash, J. (2023). "Powered Daughters and Narcissistic Fathers." *Kinship in the Fiction of N.K. Jemisin: Relations of Power and Resistance* Edited Collection.
<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781666910452/Kinship-in-the-Fiction-of-N-K-Jemisin-Relations-of-Power-and-Resistance>

Stamson, A. and Rossberg, J. (2023). "A Novice Feminist Pedagogy: Community, accessibility, and lessons from online learning during COVID-19." *Queering Sharing: Toward the Redistribution of Resources around the University* Edited Collection. <https://www.routledge.com/Queer-Sharing-in-the-Marketized-University/Mahn-Brim-Taylor/p/book/9781032066578>

Stamson, A. (2022). "Crafting Representation: Deploying Racecrafting Techniques to Critique Gender- and Sexuality-Swapping in HBO's *Lovecraft Country*." *Studies in the Fantastic* (Vol 11, 2022). <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/851949>.

Trade Publications

Stamson, A. (2021). "Feminist Reflections on Dune: Spoiler Alert, Women Write Speculative Fiction Too!" Ms. Magazine. <https://msmagazine.com/2021/12/02/dune-review-women-speculative-science-fiction-feminist/>

Stamson, A. (2021). "Backstabbing and Backing Out: Feminist Fails of Game of Thrones." Ms. Magazine. <https://msmagazine.com/2021/11/26/feminist-women-game-of-thrones-arya-daenerys/>

Academic Conferences

April 2025 **AI & Humanities: An Interdisciplinary Symposium**

- Presented: "Existential Epistemic Risk of AI"

November 2024 **National Women's Studies Association Conference**

- Moderated & Proposed Panel: "What Was I Made For: Barbie and the Goals of Feminist Media"

October 2023 **National Women's Studies Association Conference**

- Presented: “The Space Between Gendered Worlds: Gender-Internal, Gender-Neutral, and Gender-External Narratives in Fantasy”

September 2023 **Hypatia's 40th Anniversary Conference**

- Presented: “Moving Beyond-And-Within Binary Embodiment”

March 2023 **Boston College Philosophy Graduate Student Conference**

- Presented: “Moving Beyond-And-Within Binary Embodiment”

April 2022 **Women's and Gender Studies Consortium Conference**

- Presented: “A Novice Feminist Pedagogy: Community, accessibility, and lessons from online learning during COVID-19”

March 2022 **Northeast Modern Language Association Conference**

- Presented: “Place, Prize, and Agency Through Rape: Chaucer's Lady Constance and Martin's Sansa Stark”

October 2021 **National Women's Studies Association Conference**

- Presented: “The Fictional West: Examining the Perpetuation of White Missionary Feminism in Game of Thrones”

September 2021 **PCAS/ACAS Conference**

- Presented: “The Wheel Remains Unbroken: Self-Sacrifice and the Failure of Daenerys Targaryen's Hero's Journey”

June 2021 **Pop Culture Association Annual Conference**

- Presented: “Fantasies of Feminine Representation: New Methods of Feminist Critique and Analysis”

Grants and Awards

2025 **CLAS Fellowship**

University of Connecticut

2024 **CLAS Fellowship**

University of Connecticut

2023 **2023 Wood/Raith Gender Identity Living Trust Summer Fellowship**

University of Connecticut

2019 **James and Alice Greenwood Prize in Philosophy**

SUNY Purchase College

Media and Public Appearances

November 2025 – **Lectures on Tap, NYC**

March 2026 *Resident Monthly Lecturer*

October 2025 **Women's Leadership Network Event at R&CPMK-Octagon**
Invited Speaker: "Women's Credibility & Epistemic Injustice"

October 2025 **Multiverse Convention**
Guest Speaker: "Representation & Reading Between Worlds"

August 2025 **Lectures on Tap, NYC**
Guest Lecturer: "Existentialism and AI: A Philosophical Discussion"

December 2024 **Kinda Radical Podcast**
Guest Speaker: "On Game of Thrones & The Hero's Journey"

May 2024 **SUNY Purchase Lavender Graduation**
Invited Keynote Speaker

Service and Leadership

2024 - Present **Editorial Board Member**
Critical Gender Studies Journal

- International, interdisciplinary journal (founded in 2024)
- Duties include review of manuscripts for publication based on their quality, relevance, and contribution to the field of critical gender studies.

2023 - 2024 **President of the Society of Women in Philosophy**
University of Connecticut

- Main facilitator of the SWIP chapter at UConn

2023 - 2024 **Philosophy Graduate Student Association Treasurer**
University of Connecticut

- Responsible for developing and maintaining the PGSA annual budget.
- Duties: budgeting, organizing payments, placing orders, etc.

2021 - 2025 **NWSA Popular Culture Interest Group Co-Chair**
The National Women's Studies Organization

- One of the founding members of the interest group, focused on pop culture and feminism and the integration of theory into public-facing mediums.

2020 - 2022 **16 Stories Campaign Developer & Facilitator**
Changed institutions annually

- Created a social media campaign highlighting activists in local and global communities: <https://16daysoffeministactivism.wordpress.com/>

2021 - 2022 **Feminist Press Inaugural Young Feminist Leadership Council Member**

The Feminist Press

- A council dedicated to creating change through feminist literature & diverse storytelling: <https://www.feministpress.org/young-feminist-leaders-council>

2019 - 2021 **CSWS Student Representative**

The Graduate Center, CUNY

- Executive Committee, Awards Committee, and Elections Committee
- Attended meetings, voted on referendums, and ran and finalized elections