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Education

Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, University of Connecticut (Defense March 31st, 2027)

Graduate Certificate in Digital Humanities and Media Studies

Dissertation: *Understanding Identity: What We (Don't) Get About Each Other*

Advisor: Dr. Michael P. Lynch

M.A., Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Connecticut (May 2024)

M.A., Women's and Gender Studies, Graduate Center, CUNY (May 2021)

Thesis: *Fantasies of Representation: Methods of Feminist Literary Analysis*

Advisor: Dr. Linda Martín Alcoff

B.A., Philosophy, Purchase College, SUNY (May 2019)

Thesis: *The Narrative Demands of Normative Gender: Examining the Feminine Through Butler*

Advisor: Professor Morris Kaplan

B.A., Media Studies and Communication, University of Southern Maine (May 2014)

Areas of Specialization

Feminist/queer theory, social epistemology, ethics, continental philosophy, gender studies, media theory

Areas of Competence

History of philosophy, political philosophy, non-western philosophy, introductory logic, digital humanities

Academic Appointments

Instructor of Record, Philosophy, University of Connecticut (2023 – 2025)

Instructor of Record, Philosophy, Purchase College, SUNY (2021 – 2025)

Teaching Assistant, Philosophy, University of Connecticut (2022 – 2024)

Courses Taught

PHIL 1104: Philosophy of Social Ethics (Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025)

PHIL 1107: Philosophy of Gender (Summer 2023, Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025)

PHIL 1109: Non-Western Philosophy (TA - Fall 2022)

PHIL 2120: Methods of Reasoning (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

PHIL 2500: Gender and Power (Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025)

PHIL 3725: Theories of Sexuality (Fall 2024)

Academic Publications

1. Stamson, A. (2026). "Responsibility and Representation: A New Media Dilemma." *Convocate Journal*. (No. 18/19, 2026). [Forthcoming, October 2026]
2. Stamson, A. (2024). "Reading Between Worlds: Gendered Narratives in Fiction." *Critical Gender Studies Journal* (Vol 1, 2024). <https://cgsjournal.com/v1n103/>
3. 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>
4. 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>
5. 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>.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

The Ruth Garrett Millikan Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Connecticut, 2026
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Fellowship, University of Connecticut, 2025
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Fellowship, University of Connecticut, 2024
Wood/Raith Gender Identity Living Trust Summer Fellowship, University of Connecticut, 2023
James and Alice Greenwood Prize in Philosophy, Purchase College, SUNY, 2019

Conferences and Presentations

1. "Narrativizing Possibility: How fiction can help in our self-understanding" - Pratt Institute, Society for Theoretical Psychology 2026 (June 2026)
2. "On Identity-Understanding" - UConn Philosophy Department Brown Bag (November 2025)
3. "Existential Epistemic Risk of AI" - Illinois State University, AI & Humanities: An Interdisciplinary Symposium (April 2025)
4. "Justifying Self-Knowledge & the Harm of Epistemic Deserts" - UConn Philosophy Department Brown Bag (January 2025)
5. "What Was I Made For: Barbie and the Goals of Feminist Media" - National Women's Studies Association Conference (November 2024)
6. "The Space Between Gendered Worlds: Gender-Internal, Gender-Neutral, and Gender-External Narratives in Fantasy" - National Women's Studies Association Conference (October 2023)
7. "Moving Beyond-And-Within Binary Embodiment" - Hypatia's 40th Anniversary Conference (September 2023)
8. "Moving Beyond-And-Within Binary Embodiment" - Boston College Philosophy Graduate Student Conference (March 2023)
9. "A Novice Feminist Pedagogy: Community, accessibility, and lessons from online learning during COVID-19" - Women's and Gender Studies Consortium Conference (April 2022)
10. "Place, Prize, and Agency Through Rape: Chaucer's Lady Constance and Martin's Sansa Stark" - Northeast Modern Language Association Conference (March 2022)
11. "The Fictional West: Examining the Perpetuation of White Missionary Feminism in Game of Thrones" - National Women's Studies Association Conference (October 2021)

12. "The Wheel Remains Unbroken: Self-Sacrifice and the Failure of Daenerys Targaryen's Hero's Journey" - PCAS/ACAS Conference (September 2021)
13. "Fantasies of Feminine Representation: New Methods of Feminist Critique and Analysis" - Pop Culture Association Annual Conference (June 2021)

Research Experience

Research Assistant, University of Connecticut (May 2025 – August 2025)

Supervisor: Dr. Michael P. Lynch

- Performed archival research, including review of personal letters and formal bibliographies.
- Created a literature review of research for Dr. Lynch's writing reference on Alice Dewey

Research Assistant, University of Connecticut (January 2024 – May 2024)

Supervisor: Dr. Tom Bontly

- Compiled literature on data ethics, including notetaking on algorithmic biases.
- Compiled literature on environmental ethics, including note-taking climate justice.

Research Assistant, University of Connecticut (August 2022 – May 2023)

Supervisor: Dr. Lynne Tirrell

- Created a literature review for Tirrell's concept of "hit & run" speech acts.
- Edited and compiled works cited page for current publications.

Research Assistant, The Graduate Center, CUNY (September 2020 – December 2020)

Supervisor: Dr. Dána-Ain Davis

- Compiled a literature review for Davis' new Intro to Women's Studies textbook.
- Assisted in syllabus development for introductory women's studies courses.

Research Assistant, DVSJA Law Project (January 2020 – May 2020)

Supervisors: Dr. Michelle Fine and Kate Mogulescu

- The Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act Law Project, a collaborative project: CUNY Public Science Project, the Center for the Study of Women and Society, and Brooklyn Law School.
- Compiled data, and did data analysis, on women's unlawful arrests in relation to abuse.

Relevant Professional Experience

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (September 2026 – May 2027)

Supervisor: Dr. Heather Battaly

- Preparing manuscripts for blinded review and author communication
- Organization of previous articles for special issue compilations

Editorial Assistant, *Feminist Anthropology* (September 2020 – December 2021)

Supervisor: Dr. Dána-Ain Davis

- Managed manuscript review and author communications.

Office Assistant, National Women's Studies Association (February 2021 – December 2021)

Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Ash

- Managed email communication, website, and social media development and management.
- Assisted members with membership, registration, and other needs.

- Made significant contributions to the NWSA 2021 Conference, including branding.

Editorial Assistant, *Women's Studies Quarterly* (September 2020 – July 2021)

Supervisor: Dr. Dána-Ain Davis

- Managed manuscript review and author communications.

Media and Public Appearances

1. Lectures on Tap, NYC, Invited Resident Monthly Lecturer (August 2025 – Present)
 - [Lectures](#) given: Existentialism and AI | Histories of Gender | Social Construction of Gender | Identity, Politics, and Epistemic Injustice | Theories of Existentialism | A History of Feminism | Philosophies of 1984 | Feminist Philosophies of *The Handmaid's Tale*
2. [Femme and Furious Podcast](#), Guest speaker (March 2026) - “On Women in ‘A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms’”
3. [Society for Women in Philosophy Podcast](#), Guest moderator (February 2026) - “On Trustworthy AI”
4. Women's Leadership Network Event at R&CPMK-Octagon, Invited speaker (October 2025) - “Women's Credibility & Epistemic Injustice”
5. Multiverse Convention, Guest speaker (October 2025) - “Representation & Reading Between Worlds”
6. [Kinda Radical Podcast](#), Guest Speaker (December 2024) - “On *Game of Thrones* & The Hero's Journey”
7. SUNY Purchase Lavender Graduation, Invited Keynote Speaker (May 2024)
8. Ms. Magazine, Guest writer (Nov/Dec 2021)
 - [Feminist Reflections on Dune: Spoiler Alert, Women Write Speculative Fiction](#)
 - [Backstabbing and Backing Out: Feminist Fails of Game of Thrones](#)

Service and Leadership

Editorial Board Member, *Critical Gender Studies Journal* (2024 – 2025)

NWSA Pop Culture Group Co-Chair, National Women's Studies Association (2021 – 2025)

President of the Society of Women in Philosophy, UConn (2023 – 2024)

Philosophy Graduate Student Association Treasurer, UConn (2023 – 2024)

Inaugural Young Feminist Leadership Council Member, The Feminist Press (2021 – 2022)

Center for the Study of Women and Society Student Representative, Grad Center, CUNY (2019 – 2021)