MERCER E. GARY
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APPOINTMENTS

2026-Present **University of Mississippi**, Oxford, MS
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy & Religion

2023-Present **Drexel University**, Philadelphia, PA
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of English & Philosophy
Affiliate Faculty, Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies

The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY
2023-2025 Presidential Scholar
2022-2023 Postdoctoral Fellow in Bioethics and the Humanities

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Feminist Philosophy, Ethics, Bioethics
AREAS OF COMPETENCE: Social/Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Technology, 20th Century Continental

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 in Government & Latin American/Latinx Studies, *Summa cum laude*, with Highest Honors in Government

PUBLICATIONS

Books
Under contract: ***At the Limits of Care: Feminist Ethics and Technology Relations*** (Oxford University Press, Studies in Feminist Philosophy series; full manuscript reviewed)

2024: ***Disability Justice in Public Health Emergencies*** (Routledge), co-edited with Joel Michael Reynolds

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles
2025: **"Direct-to-Consumer Telehealth and the Ambivalence of Self-Care,"** ***Journal of Applied Philosophy***, 42 (4): 1359-1377. 2025.

2025: **"Managing Dependence: Assistive Technologies and Dementia Care,"** ***Hastings Center Report*** 55 (S1): S111-S116. 2025.

2025: with Shelbi Nahwilet Meissner, Andrew F. Smith, and Joel Michael Reynolds, **"Progressive Reckonings, Indigenous Feminist Praxis, and Resisting the Common Roots of Reproductive and Climate Injustice,"** ***IJFAB: International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics***

2023: **"Relational Approaches in Bioethics: A Guide to their Differences,"** ***Bioethics*** 37 (8): 733-40.

2022: with Sarah Walser (first author) and Mark Stephens, **"A Qualitative Study Exploring Self-Directed Learning in a Medical Humanities Curriculum,"** ***Research & Humanities in Medical Education*** 9: 40-47.

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,"** ***Hastings Center Report*** 50, no. 3 (2020): 56-58.

Book Chapters
2026: **"The Continued Relevance of Care Ethics for Care Theory"** in *Care Ethics and Moral Theory*, eds. Daniel Engster & Steven Steyl, Routledge.

2025: **"A Metaethics of Care? Revisiting the Normative Authority of Care Ethics,"** in *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Care Ethics*, ed. Matilda Carter, Bloomsbury.

Review Essays
2024: **Review of Bhandary & Baehr, eds. *Caring for Liberalism*,** *Journal of Moral Philosophy*

2023: **"Feminist Bioethics: Moving Forward in Coalition," Review of Rogers, Scully, Carter, Entwistle & Mills, eds. *The Routledge Handbook of Feminist Bioethics*,** *Hastings Center Report*

2022: "**Disability's Demands of Care: Review of Eva Feder Kittay's *Learning From My Daughter*,"** *Journal of Philosophy of Disability*

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

Public Philosophy and Commentaries
2023: with Nancy Berlinger, **"Centering Home Care in Bioethics,"** *The Hastings Center Report* 53 (3): 34-36.

2022: **"At the Center: Care Beyond Covid,"** ***The Hastings Center Report*** (forthcoming)

2021: **FAB Gab Episode 9: Mercer Gary on Care Robots** (June 2021)

Edited Works
2023: Co-editor, with Carolyn Neuhaus, Gustavo Ortiz Millán, Bernardo Aguilera Dreyse, & Cheryl MacPherson, **"Bioethics in the Caribbean Basin: Essays from the Bioethics Scholars Program of**

the Caribbean Research Ethics Education Initiative"

Works in Progress
"No Time for Care: The Burdens of Receiving" (article in progress)

"Medical AI and the Concrete, Particular Other" (article in progress)

"Accounting for Bad Care: Moral Luck and Ideal Theory in Care Ethics" (article in progress)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2026 Travel Grant, Office of Research and Economic Development, University of Mississippi
2025 Visiting Lecturer, Lanzhou University
2025 Alumni Speaker, Department of Philosophy, Penn State University
2022 Best Submission by a Graduate Student, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
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

GRANT WORK

2025-6 **Collaborator** Transformative Texts Cornerstone Program, Teagle Foundation
2022-3 **Collaborator** Caribbean Research Ethics Initiative Bioethics Scholars Program, NIH Fogarty, 10%
2022-3 **Collaborator** Supporting Aging through Housing, Greenwall Foundation, 5%
2020-2 **Working Group Member** Cultural Narratives of Dementia, NEH

PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

2026 "No Time for Care," philoSOPHIA Workshop at the Society for Phenomenology and Continental Philosophy, Chicago, Illinois | November 21-23

2026 "Distortions of Care," American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities, Indianapolis, Indiana | October 14-17

2026 "Distortions of Care," Scientific Congress of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics, Johannesburg, South Africa | July 8-12

2026 "Revisiting the Psychoanalytic Roots of Care Ethics," Care Ethics Research Consortium, online | June 8-10

2026 "No Time for Care," philoSOPHIA, Villanova University | April 17-18

2025 "Where Does Luxury Fit in a Theory of Care?" Care Ethics Research Consortium, virtual | January 30-31

2024 "Care Within and Against the Technological Imperative," Revaluing Care in the Global Economy Working Paper Series, Duke University | October 18

2024 "*Moral Understandings* as a Metaethics of Care," Picking Up *Moral Understandings*, Ghent University, Belgium | September 18

2024 "Negotiating Care in Technological Societies," Relational Ethics in Technological Societies, ETH Zürich | May 30-June 1

2024 "Direct-to-Consumer Telehealth and the Ambivalence of Self-Care," Care Ethics Otherwise Workshop, Penn State University | May 16-18

2024 "Moral Luck, Normative Ambivalence, and the Vagaries of Care," Care Forum, Elizabeth D. Rockwell Center on Ethics and Leadership, University of Houston | April 4

2024 "Divided and Invisible: The Transformation of Caring Relationships in AI-Driven Telehealth," North American Society for Social Philosophy at the APA Eastern, New York, NY | January 15-18

2023 "What Makes Feminist Theory Relational?" Society for Phenomenology and Existentialist Philosophy, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto | October 14-16

2023 "What Makes Feminist Theory Relational?" Hypatia 40th Anniversary Conference, Eugene, Oregon | September 7-9

2023 "Self-Determined Care or Pernicious Self-Responsibilization? The Case of Telemedicine," Simposio de Bioética, UNAM, México City | March 22-23

2023 "The Meanings of Dementia: How Cultural Narratives Shape Experience, Expectations, and Social Change," Health Humanities Consortium, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine | March 16-19

2023 "Care's Unsure Footing: Indeterminacy, Ambivalence, and Failure," APA Central Division, Denver, CO |February 22-25

2022 "Feminist Ethics and the False Problem of Normativity," Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy, Texas A&M University | October 13-15
Awarded Prize for Best Graduate Student Submission

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

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

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

Invited Talks

2027 "The Metatheoretical Interventions of Care Ethics," Special Session Honoring Virginia Held, Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Boston, MA | January

2026 "Feminist Bioethics and Technomoral Change," Feminist Approaches to Bioethics Affinity Group, American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities | October 15

2026 "Distortions of Care," Work-in-Progress Series, Kline School of Law, Drexel University | April 9

2026 "The 6-Pack of Care and Possible Distortions," Ethics of Care & AI Conference, Institute for Ethics in AI, University of Oxford | March 25

2026 "Feminist Psychoanalysis and Care Ethics: Reclaiming Lost Roots," Women's History Month Speaker Series, Muhlenberg College | March 4

2026 "Does Distance Distort Care? Considerations on Telemedicine," Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Mississippi | February 23

2026 "Accounting for Bad Care: Ideal and Non-Ideal Theories in Care Ethics," Invited Symposium on Care Ethics, APA Eastern | January 7-10

2025 "Feminist Ethics for Bioethicists," Fellowship Program, Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics | November 14

2025 Commenter, Invited Symposium on Relational Autonomy, APA Pacific | April 16-19

2025 "Technologies of Care? Feminist Ethics in a Technologized Care Sector," Alumni Lecture, Penn State University Department of Philosophy | March 21

2025 "Technologies of Care? Feminist Ethics in a Technologized Care Sector," UVA Corcoran Department of Philosophy | January 31

2024 "Feminist Ethics for Bioethicists," Fellowship Program, Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics | April 12

2024 "Technologies of Care? Feminist Ethics in a Technologized Care Sector," Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Richmond | March 4

2024 "The Limits of Care: Making Feminist Sense of Technology Relations," Center for Science and Technology Studies, Drexel University | February 7

2023 "Research Ethics Scholar Support in the Caribbean Basin," The Hastings Center Board of Directors Meeting | Garrison, NY | June 1

2023 "The Future of Care at The Hastings Center," The Hastings Center Board of Directors Meeting | New York, NY, March 3

2023 "The Limits of Care: Making Feminist Sense of Technology Relations," Department of English & Philosophy, Drexel University | February 15

2023 "The Limits of Care: Making Feminist Sense of Technology Relations," Department of Philosophy, University of Connecticut | February 6

2023 "The Limits of Care: Making Feminist Sense of Technology Relations," Institute for Bioethics and Health Humanities, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston | January 5

2020 "Feminist Narrative Ethics and Relational Responsibilities," Cultural Narratives of Dementia Workshop, The Hastings Center | Garrison, NY, May 20

TEACHING

Biomedical Ethics

University of Mississippi: Fall 2026 (2 sections, including 1 Honors section)

Drexel University: Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Winter 2026, Spring 2026
Penn State University College of Medicine: Spring 2022

Philosophy of Technology
Drexel University: Winter 2024

Philosophy of Love and Sex
Drexel University: Winter 2025, Spring 2026

Writing on the Body: Feminist Theory and Embodiment (WGST, PHIL cross-list)
Drexel University: Winter 2026

Gender, Sex, and Power (WGST, PHIL cross-list)
Drexel University: Spring 2026

Intro to Ethics (writing intensive)
Penn State University: Summer 2020, Fall 2020

Ethical Life (immersive course for incoming first-years)
Penn State University: Summer 2021

Ethical Leadership
Penn State University: Summer 2022, Summer 2019

Basic Problems of Philosophy
Penn State University: Spring 2019

Critical Thinking
Georgia State University: Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2025-Present	Treasurer, International Network of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics
2024-2025	Assistant Treasurer, International Network of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics
2023-Present	Co-editor, Scholarly Blog of *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*
2018-2020	President, Student Restorative Justice Initiative, Penn State University
2018-Present	Advisory Board Member, Restorative Justice Initiative, Penn State University
Summer 2017	Research Assistant to Dr. Sarah Clark Miller, Penn State University
Spring 2016	Research Assistant to Dr. Christie Hartley, Georgie State University

SERVICE

To the Profession

2026-Present	Member, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Committee, SPEP
2019-Present	Peer reviewer, *The Hastings Center Report*, *Developing World Bioethics*, *Ethics and Information Technology*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *IJFAB: International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*, *Puncta: A Journal of Critical Phenomenology*, *Hypatia*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*
2020-Present	Conference abstract reviewer, American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities,
2024-2025	Conference Planning Committee, Society for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory
2024	Grant reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

To Drexel University

2024-Present	Member, School of Biomedical Engineering Advisory Board
2025	Referee, College of Arts & Sciences Research Day

To the Department of English & Philosophy

2026-7	Member, Faculty Events Committee
2025	Member, Departmental By-laws Committee
2025	Referee for *the 33rd* Essay Competition

2024-Present Member, Medical Humanities Certificate Leadership

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*