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## Areas of Expertise

**Areas of Specialization:** feminist theory, metaethics

**Areas of Competence:** social epistemology, social ontology, normative ethics

## Education

- 2021 **Ph.D. in Philosophy** (Expected)  
Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- 2014 **Bachelor of Science**, Magna Cum Laude  
East Tennessee State University (ETSU), Johnson City, TN  
Double Major: Philosophy and Psychology

## Awards and Honors

(financial award, if applicable)

**SWIP-Analytic Annual Graduate Student Essay Prize** (\$250)  
Paper: "Hermeneutical Injustice and Normative Social Roles"  
SWIP and the CUNY Graduate Center: April 2020

**Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award**  
The Graduate School, Syracuse University: Spring 2020 (standing title)

**Full Tuition Scholarship** (\$25,600/year)  
Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University: Fall 2016-present

**Faculty Choice Outstanding Student Award**  
Department of Philosophy and Humanities, ETSU: Graduating Class 2014

**Student of Distinction Scholarship Award for Academic Achievement** (\$1000/year)  
ETSU: 2012, 2013

**Dean's List**  
ETSU: 2011, 2011, 2013, 2013, 2014

## Research In Progress

Dissertation: On Gender Normativity and Normative Social Roles. I argue that feminist accounts of gender norms, while important, have not appropriately respected the lived normative experiences of trans and gender-nonconforming people. I explain and defend my view, Traits Ascriptivism, as a theoretically elaborate account of the metaethics of gender norms which can respect both feminist concerns and trans and gender-nonconforming lived experience.

Paper: “Inside and Out: Ascriptivism About Gendered Traits.” Under Review.

Paper: “Distorted Identities: Hermeneutical Injustice and Normative Social Roles.” Draft.

## Teaching Experience

**Teaching Mentor**, University-Wide TA Orientation, Syracuse University Graduate School, 2019-present. Competitive position.

**Primary Instructor**, Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University

Summer	2020	Philosophy of Feminism (online)
Spring	2020	Human Nature
Fall	2019	Philosophy of Feminism
Summer	2019	Philosophy of Feminism (online)

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University

Spring	2019	Ethics and the Media Professions	Paul Prescott
Fall	2018	Introduction to Logic	Mark Heller
Spring	2018	Introduction to Logic	Michael Rieppel
Fall	2017	Philosophy of Feminism	Kara Richardson
Spring	2017	Human Nature	Neelam Sethi
Fall	2016	Theories of Knowledge and Reality	Robert van Gulick

## Research Presentations

(\* denotes competitive selection)

\* “It’s Just Science: Thick Concepts and Hermeneutical Injustice.” Accepted for presentation at The Association for Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics, and Science Studies 8. (Conference postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19.)

“Distorted Identities: Hermeneutical Injustice and Normative Social Roles.” Accepted for presentation at:

- \* Pitt-CMU Annual Graduate Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, March 2020. (Postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19.)
- \* Boston University Graduate Conference, Boston, MA, April 2020. (Held virtually.)
- \* UT Austin Graduate Conference, Austin, TX, May 2020. (Cancelled due to COVID-19.)

“Transgressing Normativity: The Metaphysics of Gender-Nonconformity.” Presented at Trans Philosophy Spring Workshop Series, Queens University, Kingston, ON, February 2020.

“Inside and Out: Ascriptivism about Gendered Traits.” Presented at:

- EQS: Early Queer Scholarship Series, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, October 2019.
- \* MAPWorks (Minorities And Philosophy Spring Workshop Series), Columbia University, Manhattan, NY, April 2019.
- \* Liberating the Future: Concordia GSPA Spring 2019 Conference, Concordia University, Montreal, QC, March 2019.
- \* SWIPShop (Society for Women in Philosophy Workshop), Baruch College, Manhattan, NY, February 2019.

“Gender and Traits.” Presented at Social Ontology 2018, Tufts University, Boston, MA, August 2018.

Bell, R.A., Taylor, D.A., White, C.D., Shi, D., Martin, B.A., & Dula, C.S. “Relationship between Grades, Academic Self-Efficacy, Family Conflict and Church Attendance.” Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, April 2010. **First Place Winner**

Taylor, D.A., Bell, R.A., Martin, B.A., & Dula, C.S. “We Wouldn't Call It ‘Fighting’: The differences in how parents and students view conflict and the effects on grades.” Tennessee Psychological Association, Nashville, TN, November 2009. **Third Place Winner**

Taylor, D.A., Martin, B.A., Gibson, B.W., Bell, R.A., & Dula, C.S. “Effects of Home Environment Type on Family Conflict and Extracurricular Activities.” Mid-South Psychology Conference, Memphis, TN, February 2010. **First Place Winner**

### **Commentaries**

Comments on “A Sensibility of Humour,” by Zoe Walker. Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Conference, Syracuse, NY. (Upcoming: postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19)

Comments on “The Wrongful Inclusion Problem and Jenkins’s Analysis of Gender Concepts,” by Evan Woods. Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Conference, Syracuse, NY, Mar 2017.

### **Professional Responsibilities and Organizations**

**Organizer**, Syracuse Philosophy Women & Gender Minorities Group, 2018-2020

**Co-Organizer**, Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Conference, 2017-2018

**Activities Coordinator**, Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Students, 2017-present

**Member**, International Social Ontology Society, 2018-present

**Member**, American Philosophical Association, 2019-present

**Member**, Aristotelian Society for the Systematic Study of Philosophy, 2020-present

## References

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