

Rachel Fredericks

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Emotion, Environmental Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Feminist Philosophies, Bioethics, Philosophy of Mind

APPOINTMENTS

Governors State University, Division of Arts and Letters: Adjunct Professor (2023 & 2025)
Ball State University, Dept. of Philosophy & Religious Studies: Assistant Professor (2015–2021)
Colby-Sawyer College, Dept. of Humanities: Assistant Professor (2013–2015)
Fort Lewis College, Dept. of Philosophy: Visiting Assistant Professor (2012–2013)

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
PhD, Philosophy, August 2012
MA, Philosophy, March 2009

REED COLLEGE
BA, Philosophy, May 2004

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Caregivers, Kids, and Carnist Structural Injustice," *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (Early View 2026)
Co-authored, equally, with Dr. Jeremy Fischer
"Creating Carnists," *Philosophers' Imprint* 24.18 (2024): 1–20.
Co-authored, equally, with Dr. Jeremy Fischer
"CLIMATE LEGACY: A Newish Concept for the Climate Crisis," *Environmental Ethics* 44.1 (2022): 25–46.
"Moral Responsibility for Concepts, Continued: Concepts as Abstract Objects," *European Journal of Philosophy* 28.4 (2020): 1029–1043.
"The Creeps as a Moral Emotion," *Ergo* 7.6 (2020)
Co-authored, equally, with Dr. Jeremy Fischer
"Moral Responsibility for Concepts," *European Journal of Philosophy* 26.4 (2018): 1381–1397
"When Wanting the Best Is Bad," *Social Theory and Practice* 44.1 (2018): 95–119
"Can Emotions Have Abstract Objects? The Example of Awe," *Philosophia* 46.3 (2018): 733–746
"Courage as an Environmental Virtue," *Environmental Ethics* 36.3 (2014): 339–355
"Sagoff on Ecosystems as Self-Organizing Systems," *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 16.3 (2013): 258–261

INVITED & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"Moral Agency and the Creeps" on *PEASoup.us* (October 31, 2019)
Co-authored, equally, with Dr. Jeremy Fischer
Review of Adrienne Martin's *How We Hope: A Moral Psychology* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014) in *Mind* 125.499 (July 2016)

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- Review of *Love and Its Objects: What Can We Care For?* Edited by Christina Maurer, Tony Milligan, and Kamila Pacovská (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014) for *Hypatia Reviews Online* (June 2016)
- Review of Christine Overall's *Why Have Children? The Ethical Debate* (Cambridge, MA and London: The MIT Press, 2012) for *Hypatia Reviews Online* (January 2013)

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- "Unjust Social Structures and Plant-Based Caregiving for Kids," (collaboration with Jeremy Fischer)
Food, Family, and Justice hybrid conference, Rome, Italy and online (June 22, 2024)
- "CLIMATE LEGACY: A New(ish) Concept for the Climate Crisis"
Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference, Muncie, IN (cancelled due to COVID-19)
International Society for Environmental Ethics, Chicago, IL (February 28, 2020)
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Atlanta, GA (February 21, 2020)
- "Moral Responsibility for Concepts"
American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Baltimore, MD (January 5, 2017)
Poster presentation, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO (August 12, 2016)
- "Emotions about Abstract Objects"
European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions, Athens, Greece (June 15, 2016)
- "Exclusionary Desires"
Indiana Philosophical Association Conference, Earlham College (November 13, 2015)
- "(How) Should We Use the Concept DAUGHTER?"
Hypatia Conference, "Exploring Collaborative Contestations and Diversifying Philosophy,"
Villanova University (May 29, 2015)
- "Jealousy and Self-Respect"
European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions, Lisbon, Portugal (July 20, 2014)
Georgetown University Philosophy Conference (April 12, 2014)
39th Conference on Value Inquiry, "Virtue, Vice, and Character," Western Kentucky University
(April 12, 2013)
- "Courage as an Environmental Virtue"
"Conservation, Restoration, and Sustainability: A Call for Stewardship," Brigham Young
University (November 9, 2012)
- "Jealousy: Foe to Caring Relationships"
Northwest Philosophy Conference (November 5, 2011)

INVITED & OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- "Carnist Social Structures Wrong Kids' Caregivers, Too," (co-authored with Dr. Jeremy Fischer)
Workshop on Gender and Philosophy (WOGAP) online / at MIT (September 12, 2024)
Animals in Philosophy, Politics, Law, and Ethics Research Group (APPLE) online (August 26, 2024)
- "Justice in the Cafeteria" (co-authored, equally, with Dr. Jeremy Fischer)
Queen's University Philosophy Colloquium, Kingston, Ontario (September 14, 2023)
- "More Reasons Against Creating Carnists ... If Veganism Is Obligatory," (co-authored, equally, with Dr. Jeremy Fischer) for Animals in Philosophy, Politics, Law, and Ethics Research Group (APPLE)
online (June 28, 2023)
- "Conceptual Engineering as Taking Responsibility for Concepts"

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- Conceptual Engineering Network Lecture Series, online (May 16, 2023)
- "Creating Carnists," (co-authored, equally, with Dr. Jeremy Fischer) for Animals in Philosophy, Politics, Law, and Ethics Research Group (APPLE) online (January 25, 2023)
- "A Different Kind of Carbon Tax"
American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, online (February 24, 2021)
- "If Concepts Are Abstract Objects, Can We Be Morally Responsible for Our Relations to Them?"
The Philip L. Dulmage Memorial Workshop on Responsibility and Blame, Wayne State University (April 5, 2019)
- Comments on "Self and Identity: Navigating Transformative Decisions with Our Commitments and Personal Projects," by Katherine Cheng, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, Vancouver BC (April 17, 2019)
- "Awe In (and Out of) the Classroom"
David Owsley Museum of Art Alliance, Ball State University (February 14, 2018)
- Comments on "Hypocrisy and the Standing to Blame," by Coleen Macnamara, Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (May 19, 2016)
- "When Wanting the Best Is Bad"
The Mentoring Project Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy, U Mass Amherst (June 15, 2015)
- "Moral Responsibility for Concepts"
Workshop on Gender and Philosophy (WOGAP), MIT (April 9, 2015)
- "Jealousy and Self-Respect"
Colby-Sawyer College (September 25, 2014)
- Comments on "A Utilitarian Argument for the Non-Identity of Compassion and Commiseration," by Steve Bein, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division (December 28, 2013)
- "Courage as an Environmental Virtue"
Colby-Sawyer College (October 9, 2013)
University of Calgary (November 23, 2012)
Fort Lewis College (October 29, 2012)
- "Jealousy: Foe to Caring Relationships"
Bellevue College (October 17, 2011)
- Comments on "How the Doctrine of Double Effect Can Vindicate the Doctrine of Doing and Allowing," by Howard Nye, Northwest Philosophy Conference (November 5, 2011)
- Comments on "Owning and Creation of Individual Selves," by James Jeffries, Northwest Philosophy Conference (October 10, 2010)
- Comments on "Evaluation Without Hyper-Intellectualisation," by Avery Archer, University of Washington Graduate Conference in Philosophy (November 14, 2009)

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- \$1,200 Ball State University College of Sciences and Humanities Immersive Learning Micro Grant for "Simulating Poverty, Advancing Justice" (January 2018)
- Invited, funded participant: Philosophy in an Inclusive Key (PIKSI) workshop for mentors of underrepresented philosophy students (January 2016)
- \$3,000 Ball State University ASPiRE New Faculty Start Up Grant (November 2015)

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Nominated for the Jack Jensen Award for Excellence in Teaching: Colby-Sawyer College (2014)
Dissertation Writing Fellowship: UW Department of Philosophy (Winter 2012)
Graduate Student Teaching Award: UW Department of Philosophy (2010)
Lead Teaching Assistant: UW Department of Philosophy (2010–11, Assistant Lead TA 2009–10)
Joff Hanauer Fellowship for Excellence in Western Civilization: UW Graduate School (2009–10)

TEACHING

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

Ethics in Healthcare (online)
Interdisciplinary Ethics (online)

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

Introduction to Philosophy
(standard & online asynchronous)
Ethics
Bioethics
(standard & online asynchronous)
Environmental Ethics
Emotions, Character, & Moral Responsibility
(standard & online synchronous)
Justice

COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE

Introduction to Gender Studies
Logic and Critical Thinking
Environmental Philosophy
Ethics
Biomedical Ethics
Philosophy of Mind
Philosophy Internship
Philosophy Capstone: Senior Thesis

FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

Introduction to Philosophy
Moral Philosophy
Environmental Ethics
Senior Seminar: Moral Partiality, Special
Relationships, & Special Obligations

OTHER TEACHING AND RELEVANT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Online Synchronous Teaching Community of Practice: Ball State University (Spring 2021), Antiracism & Intersectionality Faculty Learning Community: Ball State University (2020–2021), Volunteer: Second Harvest Food Bank's Forward STEPS poverty alleviation initiative (2015–2020), Volunteer ESL group

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Contemporary Moral Problems
Introduction to Ethics
Philosophy of Mind
Graduate Seminar in Teaching Philosophy
(co-taught with Dr. Ann Baker)

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT AT UW

Introduction to Philosophy
With Ann Baker,
Michael Rosenthal, &
Jon Peeters (separately)
Philosophical Issues in the Law
With Ronald Moore
Philosophies of Feminism
With Alison Wylie
Introduction to Medical Ethics
With Ingra Schellenberg
Environmental Ethics
With Andrew Light
Introduction to Philosophy of Religion
With Kenneth Clatterbaugh
(standard and honors versions)

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conversation facilitator: Literacy Source (Winter 2009–Spring 2010), Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Coach: Regional and National Competitions (2007–08), MCAT Verbal and LSAT instructor: The Princeton Review (Spring 2006–Winter 2009), Tutor in ancient Greek: Reed College (Autumn 2002)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

PROFESSION AT LARGE

Editorial Board: *Journal of Philosophy of Emotion* (2016–present)

Referee: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Environmental Ethics*, *Essays in Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*, *Hypatia*, *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Journal of Philosophy of Emotion*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, National Endowment for the Humanities, Oxford University Press, Palgrave MacMillan, *Philosophia*, *Res Publica*, Routledge

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

Steering Committee Member: Ball State AAUP chapter (Fall 2020–Fall 2021), Library Representative: Philosophy & Religious Studies Department (Fall 2020–Fall 2021), Inclusive Excellence Task Force: College of Sciences and Humanities (Fall 2020–Spring 2021), Dissertation Committee Member: Nasser Alshareef (Spring 2020–Fall 2021), Dean's Faculty Advisory Council: College of Sciences and Humanities (2019–Fall 2021), Chair Election Committee: Philosophy & Religious Studies Dept. (Fall 2019), Advisory Board: Office of Institutional Diversity (2018–2019), Career Discovery Event Series Organizer: Philosophy & Religious Studies Dept. (2017–2020), Philosophy Club Co-Advisor, with Dr. Sarah Vitale (2015–2019), Student Awards & Activities Committee: Philosophy & Religious Studies Dept. (2015–2019), Salary Committee: Philosophy & Religious Studies Dept. (2016–2017)

COLBY-SAWYER COLLEGE

Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Task Force (2014–2015), Undergraduate Research Task Force (2014–2015), Pre-law Advisor (2014–2015), Philosophy Curriculum Conversion with Dr. Craig Greenman (2013–2014)

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Editorial Assistant: *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* (2011–2012), Conference Co-organizer: "Approaching Dementia: Creativity and Ethics in Caring" (April 2010), Research Assistant: Program on Values in Society (2009–2010), Graduate Admissions Committee: Department of Philosophy (2009–2010), Registration Manager: *Hypatia* 25th Anniversary Conference (October 2009), Assistant: Program on Values Conference on Global Justice (April 2009), Curriculum Committee: Department of Philosophy (2008–2009), Graduate Student Conference Planning Committee: Department of Philosophy (2006–2007)