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Curriculum Vitae

North Carolina State University
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy (Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought) –
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 2021.

Dissertation: “The Ethics of (Dis)connection: Understanding ‘Care’ Through Phenomena of Despair”

M.A. in Humanities (Philosophy) – Old Dominion University, 2017.

Thesis: “Teaching Excellence: The Use of Heroes in Moral Education.”

B.A. in Philosophy – Old Dominion University, 2015.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization: Normative Ethics, Applied Ethics, Bioethics, Medical Anthropology, Social and Political Philosophy, Moral Psychology, Public Health

Areas of Competence: Feminist Philosophy, Political Economy, Philosophy of Technology, Disability and Dependency Studies, Behavioral Psychology, Critical Theory

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Respass, Shaun, and Victor Counted. *Attachment Disruptions in Ecological Systems: Despair, Depression, and Human Flourishing*. Springer Nature (Under Contract; Anticipated Publication in 2026).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Respass, Shaun. “Resentment as Responsiveness: Psychiatric Care and the Problem of Ethical Loneliness.” *Azimuth: Philosophical Coordinates in Modern and Contemporary Age* (forthcoming 2024).

Respass, Shaun. “Caring Affinity Networks: Integrating Relational Epistemologies into Mental Health Justice.” *Social Philosophy Today* 39 (May 31, 2023): 51-69.

Respass, Shaun. “Suffering in Science: Care and Recovery in Evidence-Based Psychiatric Treatments.” *Ethics, Medicine and Public Health* 15 (October 1, 2020): 100532.

Book Chapters:

Respass, Shaun. “Natural Disorder: Psychiatric Waste and Ecological Matters of Care,” in

Handbook of Environmental Bioethics, ed. Cristina Richie. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Respass, Shaun. "Telehealth Publics: Networked Milieus of Care Production," in *Future Spaces of Power: The Global Politics of Digital and Outer Spaces*, ed. Caroline G. Alphin, E. Leigh McKagen, and Shelby E. Ward. Lanham: Lexington Books, forthcoming 2024.

Respass, Shaun. "Madness in Relation: The Autonomy of a Joke," in *Joker and Philosophy*, ed. Massimiliano L. Cappuccio, George A. Dunn, and Jason T. Eberl. The Blackwell Philosophy and Pop Culture Series, 2024.

Respass, Shaun. "Going Telemental: Contact and Intimacy in Digital Mental Health," in *Applied Ethics in a Digital World*, ed. Ingrid Vasiliu-Feltes and Jane Thomason, 125-139. Hershey: IGI Global Publishing, 2021.

Respass, Shaun. "The Space Between and Beyond: Timeless Depictions of Care," in *Exploring the Orville: Essays on Seth MacFarlane's Space Adventure*, ed. David Kyle Johnson and Michael R. Berry, 196-208. Jefferson: McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, 2021.

Respass, Shaun. "Expert Care in Mental Health Paternalism," in *Epistemic Paternalism Reconsidered: Conceptions, Justifications, and Implications*, ed. Amiel Bernal and Guy Axtell, 107-122. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2020.

Book Reviews:

Respass, Shaun. Review of *Revolutionary Care: Commitment and Ethos*, by Maurice Hamington. *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2024): pp. 1-3.

Respass, Shaun. Review of *Care-Centered Politics: From the Home to the Planet*, by Robert Gottlieb. *New Political Science* 45, no. 4 (2023): pp. 663-665.

Respass, Shaun. "Reinventing Authoritarianism: The Digital and the Donald." Review of *Digital Demagogue: Authoritarian Capitalism in the Age of Trump and Twitter*, by Christian Fuchs. *SPECTRA* 7, no. 1 (2019): pp. 47-49.

Interviews:

Plummer, Sarah, and Shaun Respass. "Getting Into 'Good Trouble': An Interview with *History is Illuminating*." *SPECTRA* 8, no. 2 (2021): pp. 38-44.

TEACHING

Global Economics and World Politics, Virginia Tech: Summer 2024

Political Theory, Virginia Tech: Spring 2024

Morality & Justice, Virginia Tech: Fall 2021; Fall 2023

The Evolution of World Order, Virginia Tech: Spring 2023 – Fall 2023

Research Methods in Political Science, Virginia Tech: Fall 2022 – Fall 2023

Religious Ethics, Virginia Tech: Winter 2022-2023

International Development, Virginia Tech: Fall 2022

Global Ethics, Virginia Tech: Spring 2018 – Spring 2022

AWARDS, HONORS, AND CERTIFICATES

2022 ASPECT Outstanding Dissertation Award at Virginia Tech

2021 Honorable Mention for the Outstanding Doctoral Graduate Student Award of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech
2020 Future Professoriate Certificate from Virginia Tech
2019 Graduate Student Presentation Award at the Virginia Humanities Conference
2016 Susan Rowell Graduate Scholarship in Humanities from Old Dominion University

SELECT CONFERENCES

- “Natural Disorder: Psychiatric Waste and Ecological Matters of Care,” Caring Futures: Contradictions, Transformation, and Revolutionary Possibilities Conference, Paris, France, May 2024.
- “Telehealth Publics: Networked Milieus of Care Production,” International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference 2023, Providence, RI, November 2023.
- “Resentment as Responsiveness: Psychiatric Care and the Problem of Ethical Loneliness,” Care Ethics Otherwise: A Conference, State College, PA, June 2023.
- “Constraints of Professionalism: Feminist Techniques for Mental Health Practice,” Annual Association for Practical and Professional Ethics International Conference, Portland, OR, March 2023.
- “Caring Affinities: Affiliations of Epistemic Justice in Mental Health,” Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference, Virtual, September 2022.
- “Caring Affinities: Interdependent Considerations for the Unjust Medicalization of Mental Health,” The North American Society for Social Philosophy 39th International Conference, Delaware County, PA, July 2022.
- “Going Telemental: Contact and Intimacy in Digital Mental Health,” Northeast Modern Language Association 53rd Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, March 2022.
- “Care-Abilities in Mental Health,” 31st Annual Association for Practical and Professional Ethics International Conference, Cincinnati, OH, February 2022.
- “Plight of the Caregiver: The Commodification of Mental Health Care,” American Philosophical Association’s Eastern Division Conference, Baltimore, MD, January 2022.
- “Abandoning the Psychiatric Gaze: Resentment Towards the Medical Model of Mental Health,” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities 23rd Annual Conference, Virtual, October 2021.
- “Escaping the Paradigm: Resentment Towards the Biomedical Gaze,” Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference, Virtual, September 2021.
- “The Suicidal Body: Expressions of a Grievable Resistance,” Cultural Studies Association 19th Annual Conference, Virtual, June 2021.
- “Going Telemental: Contact and Intimacy in Digital Mental Health,” Virginia Humanities Conference, Blacksburg, VA, March 2021.
- “Caring for Depression: The Limits of Biomedical Treatment,” 30th Annual Association for Practical and Professional Ethics International Conference, Virtual, United States, February 2021.
- “The Problem of Moral Disconnection: Lessons of Depression for Cosmopolitan Care,” American Philosophical Association’s Eastern Division Conference, Virtual, United States, January 2021.
- “Contact & Intimacy in Digital Therapy,” Lockdown: Mental Illness, Wellness, and COVID-19, Virtual, East London, UK, November 2020.

“Intimacy Through/With Technology: An Evaluation of Care for Despondency,” Gender, Bodies, and Technology Conference, Roanoke, VA, April 2019.

SERVICE

Bridge Experience Program Faculty for the *Kellogg Center for PPE*, 2024
Research Fellow in the *Center for European and Transatlantic Studies*, 2024
The American Journal of Bioethics – Neuroscience – Reviewer
International Journal of Health Economics and Policy – Reviewer
Ethics, Medicine, and Public Health – Reviewer
Global Policy - Reviewer
Ethics Bowl at Virginia Tech, 2021 – 2024
SPECTRA Co-Editor, 2020 – 2021 (Issues 8.1 & 8.2)
SPECTRA Co-Editor Elect, 2019 – 2020 (Issue 7.2)
ASPECT Student Association President, 2019
ASPECT Student Association Vice President, 2020 – 2021
ASPECT Conference Planning Committee, 2018 – 2019; 2019-2020
Minorities and Philosophy Program, 2017 – 2021

MEMBERSHIP

American Philosophical Association
Association for Practical and Applied Ethics
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society
International Studies Association
Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
North American Society for Social Philosophy
Philosophers for Sustainability
Virginia Philosophical Association
American Association of Philosophy Teachers
Mid-South Sociological Association
Accessibility Network at VT