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## EDUCATION

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- **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY** | 2018-now
  - Dual Degree: JD & PhD in Philosophy
  - Graduate Certificates:
    - American Indian Indigenous Studies Graduate Certificate (2021-2024)
    - Indigenous Law Certificate (2020-2023)
    - Community Engagement (2020-2023)
    - College Teaching (2019-2022)
    - Digital Humanities (2019)
- **HOPE COLLEGE** | 2013-2017
  - B.A. in Composite: Moral Philosophy & Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*
  - Minor in Spanish
  - [Digital Liberal Arts Mellon Scholars Program](#), Hope College, 2014-2017
- **IES ABROAD-Granada, Spain** | Spring Semester, 2016

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

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- **PhD Area of Specialization:** Engaged Philosophy of Law & Policy
- **Areas of Competency:** Social & Political Epistemology, Feminist & Critical Race Theory, Decolonial & Indigenous Philosophy, Digital Humanities
- **Legal Areas of Specialization:** Immigration Law, Indigenous/Tribal Law, Gender & Sexuality Law

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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- Aesthetics, Black Feminist Epistemology, Environmental Justice, Fine Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies, Latina Feminisms, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Pedagogy, Feminist Philosophy of Technology, Social-Political Continental Philosophy
- Indigenous Law, Immigration Law, Social Justice & Human Rights Law

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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### MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT POSITIONS:

- Instructor of Record:
  - **PHL 101: Introduction to Philosophy**, Fall 2022, Spring 2023
  - **PHL 353: Peace & Justice Studies**, Fall 2021
  - **PHL 454: Philosophy of Law**, Summer 2021, Summer 2023

- Research Assistant:
  - **Research Institute for Structural Change**, 2023-2024
  - **Dr. Gordon Henry, English and Indigenous Studies**, 2021-now
  - **Dr. Elena Ruiz & the #MeToo Movement, Philosophy and Global Studies**, Summer 2021
  - ***Public Philosophy Journal* Editorial Assistant, Dean's Office, College of Arts & Letters**, 2019-2021
- Teaching Assistant:
  - **IAH 207: Race & Identity in the United States**, *Philosophy Department*, 2018-2019
  - **PHL 344: Ethics in Health Care**, *Philosophy Department*, Spring 2022

PRE-MSU POSITIONS:

- **Community Coordinator**, [\*Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates\*](#), 2017-2018
- **Andrew W. Mellon Scholars Post-Baccalaureate Fellow**, *Hope College*, 2017-2018
  - **Co-Instructor of Record for IDS 180 and IDS 181**
- Teaching Assistant: *Hope College*
  - **IDS 180-181: Mellon Scholars Digital Humanities Seminar**, 2016-2017
  - **FYS: Philosophy First-Year Seminar**, 2014-2015

**PUBLICATIONS**

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- Mills, T.E. (2023). Anishinaabeg Law: An Introduction to Tribal Law for Michigan Legal Practitioners. *Michigan Supreme Court* (forthcoming).
- Mills, T.E. (2020). Building a Pedagogical Relationship Between Philosophy and Digital Humanities Through a Creative Arts Paradigm. *Teaching Philosophy Journal*, 43(4), 403-429.
- Mills, T.E. Criminalizing Geography: Predictive Policing Technology as the Latest Form of Maintaining Structural Oppression in the Criminal (In)Justice System. Under review at *Public Philosophy Journal*
- Mills, T.E. (2018). Next Generation Digital Humanities: A Response to the Need for Empowering Undergraduate Researchers. *ADHO Digital Humanities Conference Proceedings*, 452-454.

**PRESENTATIONS, PROJECTS, CONFERENCES**

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- **“La Posición No Triangulada de Puerto Rico: Complicating the Settler-Native-Slave Triad in Decolonial Theory and U.S. Jurisprudence,”** Presentation at *Law & Society Association*, June 4, 2023. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

- **“A Case for Creativity,”** Presentation at Champlain College, *Experiential Learning Series*, April 7, 2023, Burlington, VT.
- **“A 1L Introduction to Tribal Law Handbook,”** Presentation at the *Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum*, October 3-4, 2022 in collaboration with Honorable Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado
- **Engaged Philosophy Internship Program**, MSU Philosophy Department, Summer 2022
- **[Guest Lecture: Intersectionality’s Origins and Current Impact](#)**, MSU College of Law, Spring 2022
- **Center for Anishinaabe Literature, Language, and Storytelling (CALLS)**, project lead with Dr. Gordon Henry (MSU), Kate Topham (MSU), William Johnson (Ziibiwing Center), 2021-now
- Guest Speaker for Vivero Digital Scholarship Fellows Program: **“Digital Scholarship and Social Justice: Leveraging Inter & Transdisciplinary Digital Scholarship for Justice in Academia and Future Careers”** *Grinnell College*, April 2021
- **“Perspectives on Community-Engaged Transdisciplinary Research & Implications from the COVID-19 Pandemic”** Presentation at the International Network for the Science of Team Science ([INSciTS](#)), *Duke University-Virtual*, June 1, 2020, Co-Presenters Briana Coleman & Jessica Stokes
- **“Formative Peer Review: Assessing Scholarship with the Public”** Public Philosophy Network Conference, *Michigan State University*, 2019-Co-Workshop Facilitator with Bethany Laursen, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Bill Hart-Davidson, Kurt Milberger, & Christopher Long
- **Institute for Liberal Arts and Digital Scholarship (ILiADS) Project-** “Revamping the Undergraduate Network for Research in the Humanities,” *The College of Wooster*, 2019
- **[“Beyond Mere Form: Multiplicity of Meaning in Music”](#)** paper presentation for Philosophy Proseminar Conference, *Michigan State University*, 2018
- **Institute for Liberal Arts and Digital Scholarship (ILiADS) Steering Committee/Stakeholders Project Member**, *Occidental College*, 2018
- **Digital Humanities Summer Research Institute (DHSI) Undergraduate Cohort Co-Facilitator**, *University of Victoria*, 2018
  - **Enrolled in DHSI Course: XML for Literary & Historical Research**, *University of Victoria*, 2018

- [The Undergraduate Network for Research in the Humanities \(UNRH\)](#)
  - 2020 Community-Engaged Scholarship Conference Consultant, *Allegheny College*
  - 2019 Voices in Digital Humanities Conference Organizer & Workshop Facilitator, *The College of Wooster*
    - Alt-DH: Building Counternarratives Workshop
    - Digital Professional Development Workshop
  - 2018 *InterHumanities* Conference Organizer & Workshop Facilitator, *Hope College*
    - Social Media and Social Justice Workshop
  - 2017 UNRH Conference Organizer, *Washington & Lee University*
  - 2015 UNRH Conference Organizer, *Davidson College*
- **“Peruvian Matriarchies: An Oral Histories Project”** *Oral History and Student Engagement with Displaced Communities: at Oberlin College in Collaboration with the American University of Nigeria*, 2017 (advisor to student project)
- [“Art & Architecture in India: The Philosophies of Rabindranath Tagore”](#) *The Celebration of Undergraduate Research*, Hope College, 2017
- [“The Ethics of Expropriated Art”](#) *Summer Research Showcase at Hope College*, 2016
- [“Philosophy Put to Music”](#) *Mellon Scholars Junior Project, Hope College*, Fall 2015
- Documentary Project: [“Tulips & Tulipanes: The Hispanic Community of Holland, Michigan”](#) *The Celebration of Undergraduate Research at Hope College*, Spring 2015
- Great Lakes Colleges Alliance (GLCA) and Global Liberal Arts Alliance (GLAA) Grant **“Mapping Mexico City”** (Joint project with Professor Maria Claudia Andre) *ILiADS Conference at Hamilton College*, 2015

## ACADEMIC SERVICE & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Michigan Leadership Initiative ([MLI](#)), *Michigan State College of Law*, 2020-2023
- Advisory Board for Institute for Liberal Arts Digital Scholarship (ILiADS), 2020-now
- Philosophy Department Undergraduate Committee, *Michigan State University*, 2019-2020
- Philosophy Department Graduate Committee, *Michigan State University*, 2018-2020
- Repeat Reviewer for *Journal of General Education*, 2019
- Chair of Undergraduate Network for Research in the Humanities (UNRH), 2017-2019
  - Co-Founder of UNRH, 2015
- Steering Committee Member for ILiADS, *Occidental College*, 2018
- Vermont Humanities Council Summer Internship, 2016

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE

- **Michigan State Law Review**, *Michigan State University*, 2021-2023
- **Judicial & Legal Clerkships for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**, Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado and General Counsel Jim Bransky, *Harbor Springs, MI*, Summer 2022
- **William E. McGee Civil Rights Moot Court Competition**, Spring 2022
- **Gender and Sexuality Moot Court Competition**, Spring 2022
- **Judicial Clerkship for Michigan Supreme Court and for Michigan Court of Appeals**, Justice Elizabeth Clement, Judge Brock Swartzle, *Lansing, MI*, Summer 2021
- **Legal Research Assistant for Dr. Elena Ruiz and the #MeTooMovement**, *Michigan State University*, Summer 2021
- **Volunteer Paralegal work for [Project Corazón: Matamoros Remote I-589 Project](#)**, *Lawyers for Good Government*, 2020-2021
- **Volunteer translator for asylum case documents and interviews**, [Refugee Outreach Collective](#), 2020
- **Summer Intern & Community Coordinator**, *Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates*, 2017-2018

## LANGUAGES

- **Spanish**: 7 years of academic experience; speak, read, and write at advanced level

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- **LGBT Public Interest Scholar**, SOCI for American Bar Association, 2023
- **WLAM Foundation Scholar**, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, 2023
- **Judicial Clerkship Pipeline Program Representative**, American Bar Association, 2023
- **Carolyn Stell Memorial Award**, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, 2022
- **Dean's List**, *MSU College of Law*, Fall 2020-Spring 2023
- **American Jurisprudence Award**:
  - Higher Education Law & Policy, Spring 2023
  - Seminar in Race, Spring 2022
  - Government Relations & Lobbying Law, Fall 2021
  - Law & Gender, Fall 2021
  - Asylum Law Seminar, Fall 2021
  - Advocacy, Spring 2021
- **Moot Court Class Competition Top Oralist, 5<sup>th</sup> Place**, *MSU College of Law*, Fall 2021
- **1L Donald Nystrom Best Brief Finalist**, *MSU College of Law*, Spring 2021
- **1L Oral Argument Finalist 3<sup>rd</sup>/198**, *MSU College of Law*, Spring 2021
- **MSU College of Arts and Letters Summer Support Fellowship**, 2020
- **Transdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship Program**, *Michigan State University*, 2020
- **MSU College of Arts and Letters Summer Support Fellowship**, 2019

- **MSU Philosophy Scholars Fellowship**, summer 2019
- **MSU Digital Humanities Summer Conference Funding**, 2019
- **Emerging Scholars Travel Bursary Award**, *Alliance for Digital Humanities Organizations (ADHO)*, 2018
- **Patricia Clements DHSI Travel Bursary Award**, *Digital Humanities Summer Institute (DHSI)*, 2018
- **ILiADS Stakeholders Travel Bursary Award**, 2018
- **Charles E. Lake Memorial Prize in Philosophy**, Hope College, received in 2014, 2015, 2016, & 2017
- **Award for Outstanding Contributions to Digital Liberal Arts Scholarship**, 2017
- **Chapel Choir Exemplary Service Award**, 2017
- **Phelps Scholars Program Member**, 2013-2017
- **Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Society**, 2015-2017
- **Chapel Choir Vice President**, 2016-2017
- **Women's A Cappella**, *Luminescence*, **Student Director**, 2016-2017
- **Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society**, inducted in 2017
- **Sigma Delta Phi Spanish Honor Society**, inducted in 2017
- **Nyenhuis Grant Recipient for research in India**, 2016
- **Andrew W. Mellon Scholars Program Summer Research Grant Recipient**, 2016
- **Global Student Ambassador for IES Abroad**, Fall 2016

#### **EXTRA CURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT**

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- **University Chorale**, *Michigan State University*, 2018-2024
- **Mosaic Chamber Choir**, *Michigan State University*, 2019-2024
- **Masters and DMA Student Select Ensembles**, *Michigan State University*:
  - Spring 2023-Ryan Fellman
  - Fall 2022-Katy Green
  - Spring 2022-Colleen Chester & Jack Bertrand
  - Fall 2021-Dalan Guthrie & Saleel Menon
  - Spring 2021-Cera Babb & Randi Miller
  - Fall 2020-Jennifer Heder & Jack Rifkin
  - Spring 2020-Connor Koppin
  - Fall 2019-Kyle Ng
- **Select Women's Recording Ensemble**, *Michigan State University*, 2019-2020
- **Chapel Choir**, *Hope College*, 2014-2018
- **Concert Band**, *Hope College*, 2013-2017