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## EDUCATION

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- **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY** | 2018-2024
  - **PhD Candidate in Philosophy**, ABD, 2018-2024 (defense on May 31, 2024)
  - **Juris Doctorate**, MSU College of Law, *magna cum laude*, 2020-2023
    - Attorney (licensed to practice after April 2024 swearing-in ceremony)
  - **Graduate Certificates:**
    - **Community Engagement** (2024)
    - **Indigenous Law Certificate** (2023)
    - **College Teaching** (2022)
    - **Digital Humanities** (2019)
- **HOPE COLLEGE** | 2013-2017
  - **B.A. in Composite: Moral Psychology and Philosophy**, *summa cum laude*
  - **Minor: Spanish**
  - [Digital Liberal Arts Mellon Scholars Program](#), *Hope College*, 2014-2017
- **Institute for the International Education of Students**, Granada, Spain | Spring 2016

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

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- **PhD Specializations:** Engaged Philosophy of Law & Policy, Peace & Justice Studies
- **Areas of Competency:** Social & Political Philosophy, Women of Color Feminist Epistemology, Indigenous and Decolonial Theory, Applied Ethics, Digital Humanities
- **Legal Areas of Specialization:** Federal Indian Law, Gender & Sexuality Law, Legal Epistemology, Legal Writing and Advocacy, Race and Law
- **Legal Areas of Competency:** Civil Rights Law, Constitutional Law, Human Rights Law, Immigration Law

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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- Environmental Justice, Interdisciplinary Studies, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Education, Philosophy of Technology, Science and Technology Studies, Women of Color Feminisms
- Criminal Law, Evidence, Disability Law, International Human Rights Law, Tribal Law

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

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- **Research Institute for Structural Change**, Systems Change and Legal Analyst, 2023-2024
- **Leslie Endowed Chair for Native American Studies, Dr. Gordon Henry**, Researcher and Events Organizer, 2021-2023
- **MeToo International, Dr. Elena Ruíz**, Legal Researcher, Summer 2021
- **Public Philosophy Journal, Dean's Office, MSU College of Arts & Letters**, Editorial Assistant, 2019-2021

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Mills, T.E. (2024). "Intersectionally-Informed Advocacy: A Structural Justice Account of Wrongful Convictions for Sexual Violence." *UCLA Journal of Gender and Law*, 31(1), (forthcoming).
- Mills, T.E. (2023). *Anishinaabeg Law: An Introduction to Tribal Law for Michigan Legal Practitioners*. Michigan Supreme Court, Publisher. (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. (2018). "Next Generation Digital Humanities: A Response to the Need for Empowering Undergraduate Researchers." *ADHO Digital Humanities Conference Proceedings*, 452-454.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- **ABA LGBT Public Interest Scholar**, American Bar Association (ABA), 2023
- **WLAM Foundation Scholar**, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WLAM) 2023
- **Judicial Clerkship Pipeline Program Representative**, ABA, 2023
- **Carolyn Stell Memorial Award**, WLAM, 2022
- **Gender & Sexuality Moot Court Competition Semi-Finalist**, 2022
- **American Jurisprudence Awards:**
  - 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
- **Digital Humanities Funding Award**, *MSU*, 2019
- **Emerging Scholars Award**, *Alliance for Digital Humanities Organizations*, 2018
- **Patricia Clements DHSI Award**, *Digital Humanities Summer Institute*, 2018
- **ILiADS Stakeholders Travel Bursary Award**, *ILiADS*, 2018
- **Charles E. Lake Memorial Prize in Philosophy**, *Hope College*, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- **Award for Outstanding Contributions to Digital Liberal Arts Scholarship**, *Hope College*, 2017
- **Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Society**, 2015-2017
- **Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society**, inducted in 2017
- **Sigma Delta Phi Spanish Honor Society**, inducted in 2017

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

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- **Urban Community Engagement Program Fellow**, 2024
- **Engaged Philosophy Internship Program Fellow**, 2022
- **Transdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship Program**, *Michigan State University*, 2020
- **College of Arts and Letters Summer Support Fellowship**, *MSU*, 2019, 2020
- **Philosophy Scholars Fellowship**, *MSU*, Summer 2019
- **Andrew W. Mellon Scholars Post-Baccalaureate Fellow**, *Hope College*, 2017-2018

## **GRANT PROJECTS**

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- **“Unmasking Design Bias in Legal Databases,”** Research Institute for Structural Change (RISC), in collaboration with Dr. Elena Ruíz (MSU), Dr. Justin Simard (MSU), and Nerli Parades-Ruvalcaba (MSU), 2023
- **“Center for Anishinaabe Literature, Language, and Storytelling (CALLS) Strategic Action Plan,”** The National Archives & Records Administration, in collaboration with Dr. Gordon Henry (MSU), Kate Topham (MSU), William Johnson (Ziibiwing Cultural Center), 2021-2022
- **“Public Philosophy Journal Sustainability Grant,”** Andrew C. Mellon Foundation, in collaboration with Dr. Christopher Long (MSU), Dr. Kurt Milberger (MSU), Dr. Kathleen Fitzpatrick (MSU), Dr. Scott Schopieray (MSU), Dr. Bethany Laursen (MSU), 2019-2020

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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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.
- **“Eninaakegeng: An Introduction to Engaged Philosophy of Law & Policy,”** *Engaged Philosophy Internship Program*, MSU Philosophy Department, Summer 2022
- **“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
- **“Revamping the Undergraduate Network for Research in the Humanities,”** Institute for Liberal Arts and Digital Scholarship (ILiADS) Project, *The College of Wooster*, 2019
- **“Beyond Mere Form: Multiplicity of Meaning in Music,”** paper presentation for Philosophy Proseminar Conference, *Michigan State University*, 2018

## **GUEST LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS**

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- **“A Case for Creativity,”** Guest speaker presentation at Champlain College, *Experiential Learning Series*, April 7, 2023, Burlington, VT.

- **[“Intersectionality’s Origins and Current Impact,”](#)** Guest Lecture for MSU College of Law, Spring 2022
- **“Digital Scholarship and Social Justice: Leveraging Inter & Transdisciplinary Digital Scholarship for Justice in Academia and Future Careers,”** Guest Speaker for Vivero Digital Scholarship Fellows Program, *Grinnell College*, April 2021
- **“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
- **Digital Humanities Summer Research Institute (DHSI) Undergraduate Cohort Workshop Series Co-Facilitator,** *University of Victoria*, 2018
- **The Undergraduate Network for Research in the Humanities (UNRH)**
  - o Co-Founder, Annual Conference Organizer, & Workshops Facilitator 2015-2020

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE**

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- **Michigan State Law Review, Associate Editor,** *Michigan State University College of Law*, 2021-2023
- **Leadership Board for Gender and Sexuality Moot Court Competition,** *Michigan State University College of Law*, 2022-2023
- **Clerkship for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians,** Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado and General Counsel Jim Bransky, *Harbor Springs, MI*, Summer 2022
- **Board of Advocates,** *Michigan State University College of Law*, 2021-2022
- **Judicial Clerk Internship for Michigan Supreme Court,** Chief Justice Elizabeth Clement, *Lansing, MI*, Summer 2021
- **Judicial Clerk Internship for Michigan Court of Appeals,** Judge Brock Swartzle, *Lansing, MI*, Summer 2021

## **TEACHING**

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

- Co-Instructor of Record (with Dr. Marsley Kehoe):
  - **IDS 180: Digital Humanities Honors Course**, *Hope College*, Fall 2017
  - **IDS 181: Digital Humanities Honors Course**, *Hope College*, Spring 2018
- Teaching Assistant:
  - **PHL 344: Ethics in Health Care**, *MSU Philosophy Department*, Spring 2022
  - **IAH 207: Race & Identity in the United States**, *MSU Philosophy Department*, 2018-2019

## ACADEMIC SERVICE & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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- **Michigan Leadership Initiative** ([MLI](#)), *Michigan State College of Law*, 2020-2023
- **Philosophy Department Graduate Spokesperson and Committee of the Whole Representative**, *Michigan State University*, 2022-2024
- **Advisory Board for Institute for Liberal Arts Digital Scholarship** (ILiADS), 2020-2022
- **Philosophy Department Undergraduate Committee**, *Michigan State University*, 2019-2020
- **Philosophy Department Graduate Committee**, *Michigan State University*, 2018-2020
- **Steering Committee for ILiADS**, *Occidental College*, 2018

## LANGUAGES

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- **Spanish**: 7 years of academic and semi-professional experience

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

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- **Community Coordinator**, [Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates](#), 2017-2018
- **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
- **Professional Musician**:
  - **University Chorale**, *Michigan State University*, 2018-2024
  - **Mosaic Chamber Choir**, *Michigan State University*, 2019-2024
  - **Masters and DMA Student Select Ensembles**, *Michigan State University*, 2018-2024