

# TIFFANY AMELINE ZHU | CURRICULUM VITAE

---

Philosophy and Religious Studies  
Old Dominion University  
Norfolk, VA 23529

[tzhu@odu.edu](mailto:tzhu@odu.edu)

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

AI ethics, Epistemology

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Cognitive science, Philosophy of language, Chinese philosophy (especially Daoism)

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| 2025    | Assistant Professor, Global Ethics and Technology<br>Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Old Dominion University             |
| 2024-25 | Faculty Fellow<br>California Center for Ethics and Policy and Department of Philosophy<br>California State Polytechnic University Pomona |

## EDUCATION

- |       |  |
|-------|--|
| Ph.D. | Philosophy<br>University of California Irvine, 2025<br>Dissertation Title: “Belief, Commitment, and Hypocrisy in Groups”<br>Committee: Margaret Gilbert (Co-Chair), Duncan Pritchard (Co-Chair), Jeffrey Helmreich |
| M.A.  | Philosophy<br>Georgia State University, 2019<br>Thesis Title: “Experience-Based Intuitions”<br>Committee: Neil Van Leeuwen (Chair), Edward Nahmias   |
| B.A.  | Communication and Art History<br>University of California Los Angeles, 2010  |

## PUBLICATIONS

Ritchie, K., Curiel, A., Zhu, T., Pederneschi, A., & Vasil, N. (2025). The scope of generic generalizations: Developmental changes in judgments about contextually-restricted generics. *Proceedings of the Annual Meetings of the Cognitive Science Society*.

## **Works in progress**

1. How should AI talk about us? LLMs and social generics (in review)
2. Living in a bubble: How children and adults use generics to talk about social kinds in unique sociocultural contexts, co-authored with Ny Vasil, Alejandro Curiel, Anna Pederneschi, and Katherine Ritchie (in review)
3. Social generics in LLMs: A cross-model evaluation
4. AI image generators and the visual representation of identity
5. Drinking the Kool-Aid: Harms of AI reliance in higher education, co-authored with Jonathan S. Takeshita, Joel Bock, and Ambrosio Valencia-Romero

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Peer-reviewed**

- |      |  |
|------|--|
| 2025 | “How should AI talk about us? LLMs and social generics”<br>Interdisciplinary Conference on AI Assertion, University of Graz, Austria   |
| 2025 | “The scope of generic generalizations: Developmental changes in judgments about contextually-restricted generics”<br>Collaborators: Katherine Ritchie, Alejandro Curiel, Anna Pederneschi, and Ny Vasil<br>Cognitive Science Society   |
| 2025 | “Do ducks lay eggs? How interactivity shapes generic generalizations” (poster)<br>Collaborators: Jacqueline Beck, Yanting Li, Rajeev Dutta, Anna Pederneschi, Alejandro Curiel, Camryn Graver-Dowd, Isabel Greyson, Karime Ultreras-Castro, and Katherine Ritchie<br>Cognitive Science Society |
| 2024 | “What do social generics convey?”<br>Collaborators: Rajeev Dutta, Yanting Li, Anna Pederneschi, Katherine Ritchie, and Ny Vasil<br>International Social Ontology Society   |

- 2024      “Diagnosing epistemic pathologies: Collective distrust”  
Collaborator: Anna Pederneschi  
International Social Ontology Society
- 2024      “Contextually-restricted generalizations about social groups: A solution or a problem?”  
Collaborators: Anna Pederneschi, Rajeev Dutta, Yanting Li, Alejandro Curiel, Katherine Ritchie, and Ny Vasil  
Society for Philosophy and Psychology
- 2024      “Group hypocrisy as a problem for non-summative accounts of group belief”  
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division symposium
- 2023      “The joint commitment account of collective religious belief”  
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division poster session
- 2022      “Collective belief in religion”  
Religion and Spirituality in Society
- 2022      “Phenomenal meaninglessness”  
Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology

### **Invited**

- 2024      “Psychological and structural approaches to combating misinformation”  
California Center for Ethics and Policy panel, Cal Poly Pomona

### **Workshop**

- 2024      “Artificial intelligence and social generics”  
Genericity, Stability, and Structure workshop, CSU East Bay

### **University Events**

- 2025      “How should AI talk about us?”  
Researcher Highlight, Old Dominion University
- 2025      “AI and qualitative research across disciplines”  
The AI-Driven Future of Higher Education and Work conference, Cal Poly Pomona

2024            “How should AI talk about us?”  
World Philosophy Day faculty spotlight, Cal Poly Pomona

## **EVENTS ORGANIZED**

2025            “Generics in context” workshop, UC Irvine

2025            “Algorithmic identities? Race, gender, and power in AI and social media” panel,  
California Center for Ethics and Policy, Cal Poly Pomona

2025            “AI and us: Building inclusive and adaptive futures together” conference, Cal Poly  
Pomona

2024            “Genericity, stability, and structural interactions” workshop, CSU East Bay

2024            “Life in groups” conference, UC Irvine

2024            Inaugural graduate student conference, Department of Philosophy and  
Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science, UC Irvine

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Old Dominion University**

Ethics and Metaethics	Fall 2025
-----------------------	-----------

### **California State Polytechnic University Pomona**

Seminar on AI Ethics and Governance	Spring 2025
Ethics of Artificial Intelligence	Spring 2025
Bioethics	Fall 2024
Philosophy and Religion of China	Fall 2024

### **California State University Long Beach**

The Meaning of Life	Spring 2023
Ethics and Society	Fall 2022

### **University of California Irvine**

**Instructor of Record**

Introduction to Ethics

Summer 2022

**Teaching Assistant**

Philosophy of Social Science

Winter 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2022

Modern America: Culture and Power

Fall 2023

Introduction to Ethics

Winter 2025, Winter 2024, Spring 2023,  
Winter 2022, Spring 2021

Technology and Society

Fall 2024, Winter 2023

Contemporary Moral Problems

Spring 2024, Spring 2022

Feminist Epistemology

Winter 2022

Introduction to Philosophy

Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Summer 2021, Fall 2020

Puzzles and Paradoxes

Winter 2021

**Georgia State University**

**Instructor of Record**

Critical Thinking

Fall 2017 to Summer 2019

**Online Course Coordinator**

Critical Thinking

Fall 2018 to Summer 2019

**ADVISED STUDENTS**

Tanner De Jong

B.A. Science, Technology, and Society, Cal Poly Pomona

Thesis: "A future into AI podcasts" (second reader)

Pamla Sianosian

B.A. Philosophy, Cal Poly Pomona

Thesis: "AI love: The future? Or the apocalypse?" (second reader)

**SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**

2025

Dean's Advisory Council member, ODU College of Arts and Letters

2025

Search Committee member, ODU Dept of Philosophy and Religious Studies

2019-2025

Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience representative, UCI

2023-2025

Minorities and Philosophy UC Irvine chapter representative

2023-2024

Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee member, UCI Dept of Philosophy

2023

Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl mock trial judge, Cal Poly Pomona

2023

UC Irvine Mentoring Women and Minorities in Philosophy workshop leader

2022

WONDER first-gen applicant workshop panelist, UC Irvine

2020-2022

Campus Communications Director, UC Irvine Associated Graduate Students

2019

Education outreach teacher, THINK, UC Irvine

2017-2018

Phi Sigma Tau Atlanta Chapter treasurer

2017 Georgia State University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference referee  
2017 National High School Ethics Bowl mock trial judge, Decatur High School

## RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

2024-2025 Digital Humanities Consortium, Cal Poly Pomona  
Co-Directors Alexander Madva and Rachel Van

2023-2025 Graduate Project Fellow  
Genericity, Stability, and Structural Interactions Project, UC Irvine and CSU  
East Bay  
Co-PIs Katherine Ritchie and Ny Vasil

2022-2025 Research Assistant to Margaret Gilbert

2022-2024 Graduate Student Associate  
Social Unity Research Cluster, UC Irvine  
Director Margaret Gilbert, Associate Director Katherine Ritchie

2017 Graduate Laboratory Assistant  
Imaging Genetics and Informatics Laboratory, Georgia State University  
PI Jessica Turner

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

2024 Building Intellectual Community grant, UCI School of Humanities  
Research travel award, UCI Department of Philosophy  
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division conference travel grant  
Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience event grant

2023 Kavka Foundation award, UCI Department of Philosophy  
Outstanding DECADE Student Representative award, UC Irvine  
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division conference travel grant  
Research travel award, UCI Department of Philosophy  
Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience event grant

2022 Research travel award, UCI Department of Philosophy  
Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience event grant

2020 Commitment to a Better Education grant, UC Irvine  
Humanities Out There fellowship, UC Irvine

- 2019 Graduate teaching award, Georgia State University
- 2015 NextGen grant, California Center for Cultural Innovation

## REFERENCES

Margaret Gilbert  
Melden Chair in Moral Philosophy and Distinguished Professor  
Department of Philosophy  
University of California, Irvine  
[mpgilber@uci.edu](mailto:mpgilber@uci.edu)

Jeffrey Helmreich  
Associate Professor  
Department of Philosophy and School of Law  
University of California, Irvine  
[jhelmrei@uci.edu](mailto:jhelmrei@uci.edu)

Alexander Madva  
Professor  
Department of Philosophy  
California State Polytechnic University Pomona  
[ammadv@cpp.edu](mailto:ammadv@cpp.edu)

Duncan Pritchard  
Distinguished Professor  
Department of Philosophy  
University of California, Irvine  
[dhpritch@uci.edu](mailto:dhpritch@uci.edu)

Katherine Ritchie  
Associate Professor  
Department of Philosophy  
University of California, Irvine  
[ritchiek@uci.edu](mailto:ritchiek@uci.edu)