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**Areas of Specialization**

* **Applied Ethics** (Feminist Philosophy & Religion, Water and Climate Change Ethics, AI Ethics)
* **Artificial Intelligence (Cognitive Science and AI)**
* **Decolonial Studies in the Middle East**

**Areas of Competence**

* Social and Political Philosophy
* Critical Race Theory
* Phenomenology
* Non-Western Philosophies (Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Traditions)

**Languages**

* **Arabic** (Native)
* **English** (Near-Native)

**Education**

**The University of Georgia, Athens, GA, USA**

* **Ph.D. in Philosophy** *Spring, 2025*
* **Dissertation:** *Islamic Feminism and the Politics of Gender: Between Liberation and Non-Western Neocolonial Domination*
  + **Committee:** Prof. Chris Cuomo (Supervisor), Prof. Piers Stephens, Prof. René Jagnow
* **M.S. in Artificial Intelligence** *(Expected 2027)*
  + Institute for Artificial Intelligence
* **Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies** *(Summer 2020)*
  + Institute for Women’s Studies

**Cairo University, Giza, Egypt**

* **M.A. in Philosophy** *(2013)*
  + **Dissertation:** *The Phenomenological Approach to Environmental Philosophy*
  + **Supervisor:** Prof. Said Tawfik
* **B.A. in Philosophy** *(2008, First Class with Honors)*

**Academic Positions**

* **Wofford College (2025-2026)**
* Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

**Georgia College & State University *(2024–2025)***

* Lecturer, Department of Philosophy

**University of Georgia *(2017–2024)***

* Instructor & Graduate Teaching Assistant
  + Department of Philosophy
  + Institute for Women’s Studies
  + Writing Intensive Program

**Michigan State University *(2015–2016)***

* Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy

**Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna, Italy *(2014–2017)***

* International Graduate Researcher, Department of Philosophy, Science, Cognition, and Semiotics
* International Graduate Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies

**Cairo University *(2009–2020)***

* Lecturer, Assistant Lecturer, and Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy

**Publications**

**Journal Articles**

* *The Epistemic Oppression of The Veil*, **Journal of Social Sciences**, 2017, **5(9):** 1-12.
* *The Mechanisms of De-Anthropocentrism in Contemporary Environmental Philosophy*, **Journal of the Department of Philosophy**, Cairo University Press, 2014.
* *Fear Circles: The Female Human*, **Journal of Egyptian Philosophical Association**, 2012.

**Books**

* *The Phenomenological Approach to Environmental Philosophy*, Cairo University Press, 2014.

**Book Chapters & Reviews**

* *The Mechanisms of Linguistic Domination*, in **Twelve Eyes on Domination**, 2009.
* *Eco-Phenomenology: Back to the Earth Itself*, Invited Review, **Journal of the Department of Philosophy**, 2014.

**Works in Progress**

* *Water Ethics and Post-Colonialism* *(Manuscript Under Review)*
* *What is Islamic Feminism?* *(Forthcoming Manuscript)*

**Academic Presentations**

* **"What is Islamic Feminism?"** APA Eastern Division Meeting, New York, 2025.
* **"The Fear of God Does Not Lead to Virtue."** Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) International Conference, Cincinnati, 2024.
* **"Water Ethics: Colonial Implications on the Nile River Conflict."** APA Eastern Division Meeting, 2020.
* **"Islamization of Facebook: Exclusive Freedom."** Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Cincinnati, 2022.
* **"The Veil and the Sexual Politics."** Women’s Studies Symposium, University of Georgia, 2019.
* **"The Epistemic Disturbance of Moral-Religious Disagreement among Epistemic Peers."** *Abrahamic Reflections on Philosophy, Science, and Religion*, Bahçeşehir University’s Civilization Studies Centre, Istanbul, Turkey, March 11–14, 2019.
* **"Taking off the Veil and the Sexual Politics of Nationalism: The Epistemic Oppression of Resistance."** *Sexual Revolutions – Sexual Politics*, INSEP International Network for Sexual Ethics and Politics, Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, Ghent University, Belgium, February 22–23, 2018.
* **"Urban Agriculture in Egyptian Cities: The Epistemological Struggle for Identity."** *Philosophy of the City IV Conference*, University of Porto, Portugal, October 11–13, 2017.
* **"The Problem of the Right to the Land in Developing Countries."** ISUD World Congress, Warsaw, Poland, July 11–15, 2016.
* **"The Female Body in the Urban Street: Sexual Harassment and Game Theory."** *Philosophy of the City II Conference*, Portland State University, Oregon, November 21–22, 2015.
* **"The Mechanisms of De-anthropocentrism in Contemporary Environmental Philosophy."** *Philosophy and the Future*, Department of Philosophy, Cairo University, November 18–20, 2013.
* **"Fear Circles: The Female Human."** Egyptian Philosophical Association Annual Conference, Swedish Institute, Alexandria, Egypt, October 9–11, 2011.
* **"The Mechanisms of Linguistic Domination."** Egyptian Philosophical Association Meeting, Cairo, Egypt, April 25, 2008.

**Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

* **2025** XPD Internship in the Department of International Student Life, UGA.
* **2025** *Thank-A-Teacher Certificate*, Georgia College & State University.
* **2024** *Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award*, University of Georgia.
* **2024** *Summer Doctoral Research Assistantship*, University of Georgia.
* **2022** *Gittler Fellowship*, University of Georgia.
* **2022** *Graduate Research Award*, Willson Center for Humanities & Arts.
* **2017** *Foreign Travel Assistance Award*, Graduate School, University of Georgia.
* **2015** *Brains-Fellowship*, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Bologna.
* **2014** *Cairo University Award for Best MA Thesis*.
* **2009** *André Lalande Prize for Excellence in Philosophy*, Cairo University.

**Teaching Experience**

**Georgia College & State University**

* **Survey of Philosophy** *(Fall 2024)*
* **Global Perspectives in Justice and Equality (AI ethics)** *(Spring 2025)*

**University of Georgia**

* **Social and Political Philosophy (Writing Intensive)**
* **Multicultural Perspectives on Women in the U.S.**
* **Introduction to Ethics**
* **Introduction to Philosophy**

**Cairo University**

* **Philosophy of Religion**
* **Phenomenology and Existentialism**

**Leadership & Service**

* **A member of the International Student Advisory Board (ISAB),** Programming Sub-committee, University of Georgia (2025-present)
* **Referee at Hypatia Journal** *(2024–Present)*
* **Editor, Journal of Agricultural & Environmental Ethics (JAGE)** *(2017–Present)*
* **World Leader, International Student Life at UGA** *(2020–2021)*
* **Social Media Advocacy**
  + **Admin of feminist social media movements** advocating for gender equality and decolonization in the Middle East.

**Professional Memberships**

* **American Philosophical Association (APA)**
* **Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE)**
* **International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE)**
* **Middle East Studies Association (MESA)**
* **National Council for Women, Egypt**

**References**

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**Prof. Piers Stephens** – University of Georgia | 📧 [piers@uga.edu](mailto:piers@uga.edu)  
**Prof. René Jagnow** – University of Georgia | 📧 [rjagnow@uga.edu](mailto:rjagnow@uga.edu)  
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