

CALVIN M. ANDERSON

Political Philosophy • Feminist Ethics • Trans Studies • Social Epistemology • AI & Technology Ethics
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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

AOS: Political & Social Philosophy; Feminist Ethics; Trans Studies; Social Epistemology

AOC: Bioethics; Philosophy of Technology & AI; Critical Theory; Philosophy of Sex & Gender; Applied Ethics

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, Art, and Social Thought — European Graduate School 2026–present

- Dissertation in progress: Continuity Without Closure: Administrative Response, Institutional Accountability, and the Politics of Unresolved Harm
- Research areas: institutional answerability, political theory, social epistemology, feminist philosophy, trans studies, and emerging technologies

M.A., Philosophy, with Distinction — San Francisco State University 2024

- Thesis: “Sex Bets, Hogging, and the Constitution of Rape”
- Committee: Macy Salzberger, Jeremy Reid, Jamie Lindsay

M.A., Urban Education — Rhodes College 2021

- Thesis: “Good on Paper, Terrible in Practice”: The Unspoken Ideals of High School U.S. Government and Civics Courses

B.A., Philosophy — Rhodes College 2020

- Minor: Women’s / Gender & Sexuality Studies

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

Graduate Research Fellow — Center for the Philosophy of Conflict, University of Southern California 2026–present

Research Affiliate — Center for Positive Sexuality 2024–present

Community-Based Fellow / Research Fellow — Chair in Transgender Studies, University of Victoria 2025

PUBLICATIONS

Anderson, Calvin M. “Expanding the Canon Through Storytelling: A Pedagogically Queer Approach.” Blog of the American Philosophical Association. 2022

Anderson, Calvin M. “Killing, Consent, and Kinky Sex.” Dialogue 62. 2019

MANUSCRIPTS & MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

“The Agential Ghost of the Universal: Rights, Bindingness, and the De Genere/De Individuo Fracture.” Under review

- Develops an account of spectral universalism, distinguishing normative bindingness from operative force and analyzing institutional recognition without leverage.

“Political Death, Absorption, and the Production of Non-Accusing Harm.” In preparation

- Examines how institutions can recognize political harm while processing it in ways that neutralize its capacity to generate binding consequences.

Invisible Men: The Transmasculine Studies Reader — co-editor with T. Virgil Murthy. In preparation

- Edited interdisciplinary volume on transmasculine history, theory, embodiment, politics, and community.

“Transsexism: The New Problem in Feminism That Has No Name.” In preparation

- Theoretical intervention on the structural positioning of trans men within feminist discourse and institutions.

Rememberism / Ethica Memorialis Ongoing project

- Systematic relational moral and political framework centered on standing, provenance, answerability, representation, care, domination, and open becoming.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- “Supported Continuity: Transmasculine Intimacy Against Cis Futurism.” Queer / Trans Research Group (QTRG). 2026
- “Sex Betting and Objectification.” CogSweeto: A Special Edition Workshop on the Philosophy of Love.
- “Live and Let Die.” Defining Justice in an Age of Turmoil Conference, University of Denver.
- “An Ethical Defense of Autassassinophilia.” Student Keynote, Metropolitan State University of Denver Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor of Record — San Francisco State University 2021–2023
- Introduction to Critical Thinking
 - Contemporary Moral and Political Issues
- Graduate Teaching Assistant — San Francisco State University
- Ethics in Medicine
 - Introduction to Philosophy
- Teaching areas:** political philosophy, applied ethics, bioethics, feminist philosophy, social philosophy, philosophy of sex and gender, critical thinking, and ethics of emerging technologies.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Vice Chair — Graduate Student Council, American Philosophical Association
- Liaison to Non-Academic Careers — Graduate Student Council, American Philosophical Association
- Peer Reviewer — Journal of Positive Sexuality 2026
- Session Organizer / Chair — American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- Graduate Research Fellowship — Center for the Philosophy of Conflict, University of Southern California 2026
- Research Fellowship for Community-Based Scholars — Chair in Transgender Studies, University of Victoria 2025
- Teaching Development Stipend — San Francisco State University 2023
- Rhodes Award — Rhodes College 2016–2020
- Paper Contest Winner — Metropolitan State University of Denver Undergraduate Philosophy Conference 2019
- Showcase Presenter — Kentucky Philosophical Association 2019

APPLIED RESEARCH & COMMUNITY WORK

- Founder & Executive Director — Lou’s House 2024–present
- Develops community-based housing, relocation, reproductive-justice, and service infrastructure for transgender people facing displacement and institutional exclusion.
- Strategic Operations / Ethics & Systems Research — Queer LifeSpace & San Francisco Therapy Collective 2024–2025
- Worked on institutional accountability, confidentiality, nonprofit governance, compliance-sensitive systems, program operations, and community-facing care.

RESEARCH COMPETENCIES

Normative and conceptual analysis • Political and institutional analysis • Feminist and queer theory • Trans studies • Social epistemology • Bioethics and reproductive justice • AI and technology ethics • Qualitative/theoretical research design • Public-facing research translation

Professional memberships: American Philosophical Association; Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love; GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality.