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Education

PhD, Philosophy, Texas A&M University, 2013

MEd, Kinesiology, University of Texas at Austin, 2003

BA, Philosophy, Texas A&M University, 2000

BS, Genetics, Texas A&M University, 2000

Professional Positions

Assistant Professor of Instruction, Department of Philosophy, Texas State University, 2025 – present

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Texas State University, 2015 – 2021; 2024 – 2025

Strategic Research Initiatives Specialist, Division of Research, Texas State University, 2022 –2024

Research Coordinator, College of Applied Arts, Texas State University, 2021 – 2022

Lecturer, Department of History and Philosophy, University of Texas-Pan American, 2013 – 2015

Journal Articles

Chee, Kyong Hee, **Olga Gerhart**, and Seoyoun Kim. 2023. "Lived Experiences of Personal Growth among the Oldest-Old: Narrative Evidence." *Educational Gerontology*. doi: 10.1080/03601277.2023.2217554

Kim, Seoyoun, Kyong Hee Chee, and **Olga Gerhart**. 2020. "Generativity in collective storytelling: Evidence from a memory care community." *Innovation in Aging* 4(2): igaa002. doi: 10.1093/geroni/igaa002

Kim, Seoyoun, Kyong Hee Chee, and **Olga Gerhart**. 2017. “Redefining generativity: Through life course and pragmatist lenses.” *Sociology Compass*. doi: 10.1111/soc4.12533

Conference Proceedings and Abstracts

Kim, Seoyoun, Kyong Hee Chee, and **Olga Gerhart**. 2022. “It Could be Anything You Want!: Vital Involvement of Persons with Dementia in Creative Group Storytelling.” *Innovation in Aging* 6(Sup 1). doi: 10.1093/geroni/igac059.1486

Mohan, Ranjini, Kim, Seoyoun, Kyong Hee Chee, and **Olga Gerhart**. 2020. “Improving Social Communication with TimeSlips Among Persons Living With Dementia: Results from a Pilot Study.” *Innovation in Aging* 4(Sup 1). doi: 10.1093/geroni/igaa057.3060

Chee, Kyong Hee, **Olga Gerhart**, Seoyoun Kim, and Sara Caldwell. 2019. “Creative Stories from a Memory Care Community: Values, Norms, Identities, and Experiences.” *Innovation in Aging* 3(Sup 1). doi: 10.1093/geroni/igz038.3202

Conference Presentations

Mohan, Ranjini, Kyong Hee Chee, Seoyoun Kim, and **Olga Gerhart**, "Improving Social Communication with TimeSlips among People Living with Dementia: Results from a Pilot Study," Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Nov 2020.

Chee, Kyong Hee. **Olga Gerhart**, Seoyoun Kim, and Sara Caldwell. “Creative Stories from a Memory Care Community: Values, Norms, Identities, and Experiences.” Poster at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Nov 2019.

Chee, Kyong Hee, Seoyoun Kim, **Olga Gerhart**, and Sara Caldwell. “Sociability among Persons Living with Dementia in a Creative Group Storytelling Context.” Poster at the annual Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Nov 2019.

Chee, Kyong Hee, **Olga Gerhart** and Seoyoun Kim. "Storytelling, Generativity, and Well-being among Persons Living with Dementia," Poster at College of Liberal Arts Innovation Day, Texas State University, September 2018.

Chee, Kyong Hee, Seoyoun Kim, and **Olga Gerhart** “Searching for Generativity: Expanding its Conceptual Framework throughout the Life Course," Paper

presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Nov 2016.

Kim, Seoyoun, **Olga Gerhart** and Kyong Hee Chee. “Searching for Generativity: Expanding its Conceptual Framework throughout the Life Course” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Seattle, WA, 2016.

Gerhart, Olga (panelist), 6th Annual PACE Ethics Conference: Bioethics and the Future of Medical Education, "Teaching Death and Texas's Unique Issues in Death and Dying," University of Texas-Pan American, November 2014.

Gerhart, Olga (panelist), Bioethics Research Conference: Public Health, Public Dilemmas, "Keeping People Alive Against their Will in Texas: Examining Cases like Marlise Munñoz," University of Texas-Pan American, March 2014.

Invited Lectures

Gerhart, Olga, Responsible Conduct of Research Brown Bag Lunch Series, “Social Dimensions of Research Teams and Civility,” Division of Research, Texas State University, March 20, 2024.

Gerhart, Olga, Responsible Conduct of Research Brown Bag Lunch Series, “Scientists as Responsible Members of Society,” Division of Research, Texas State University, October 21, 2023.

Gerhart, Olga (webinar panelist), ODEL Summer Institute, "Texas State Tough: Creating Resilient Courses," Office of Distance and Extended Learning, Texas State University, June 2021.

Gerhart, Olga (webinar panelist), Philosophy Dialogue Series, “Anti-Racism in the Curriculum,” Texas State University, September 2020.

Moses, Greg and **Olga Gerhart**, Philosophy Dialogue Series, "Love and Evolution," Texas State University, September 2019.

Gerhart, Olga, Research Review, "Storytelling, Generativity, and Well-Being Among Persons Living with Dementia," Sociology Department, Texas State University, March 2019.

Gerhart, Olga, National Distance Learning Week Webinar Series 2018, "Student Misconduct in Online Courses," Office of Distance and Extended Learning, Texas State University, November 2018.

Gerhart, Olga, Bob Fisher's Death and Dying class, "Aging and Generativity," Texas State University, July 2018.

Gerhart, Olga, Philosophy Department Work-in-Progress Series, "Improving the Lives of the Aging: Understanding the Difference Made," Texas State University, November 15, 2016.

Gerhart, Olga, Generation Connections Monthly Meeting, "The Decrepit, the Senile, and the Ill-Tempered: Ageism from a Philosophical Perspective," Texas State University, October 2016.

Gerhart, Olga, Harry Adams' Medical Humanities class, "Aging and Caregiving," University of Texas- Pan American, April 2015.

Gerhart, Olga, Randall Monty's Technical Writing class, "Social and Value Dimensions of Technology," University of Texas- Pan American, March 2015.

Gerhart, Olga, "Killing Time: Aging as a Pathology of Being," Sam Houston State University, February 2015.

Gerhart, Olga. "Service Learning Experience: First Year Faculty Mentoring Program," University of Texas-Pan American, October 2014.

Co-Authored Funded Grants

Chee, Kyong Hee (PI), Seoyoun Kim (Co-PI), and **Olga Gerhart** (Co-PI). 2018-2019. Multidisciplinary Internal Research Grant (MIRG). "Storytelling, Generativity, and Well-Being among Persons Living with Dementia." Texas State University, $17,991.00.

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Courses

American Philosophy (online, in-person)

Philosophy of Aging (online)

Ethics, Technology, and Society (online)

Research and Creative Expression (in-person)

Bioethics (online, in-person)

Medical Ethics (online, in-person)

Engineering Ethics (standard, service learning; online, in-person)

Ethics and Society (standard, STEM focus, Multicultural focus; online, in-person)

Introduction to Philosophy (online, in-person)

Critical Thinking (online, in-person)

University Seminar (standard, STEM focus)

Graduate Courses

Bioethics (online, in-person)

Ethics and Dementia (online)

American Philosophy (online, in-person)

Directed Study: Spiritual Care of People Living with Dementia

Directed Study: Pragmatism and Studies with People Living with Dementia

Student Research Advising

Thesis Committee **Chair**
Dementia and Aging Studies (**M.S.**), Texas State University

- Jennifer Hunt – July 21, 2025
- Tracy King – April 8, 2025
- Linda Williamson – September 23, 2024

Thesis Committee **Member**
Postsecondary Student Success in Learning, Literacy, and Mathematics (**Ph.D.**), Texas State University

- Diane Ramirez – April 11, 2025 – present

Dementia and Aging Studies (M.S.), Texas State University

- Sydney Chacon – November 5, 2024
- Steven Campbell – April 4, 2023
- Stacy Stone – April 13, 2022
- Federico Montalvo – September 20, 2021
- Casey Frank – April 6, 2021
- Jacquelyn Jones – October 21, 2020

- Patricia Tuck – October 7, 2020
- Sara Caldwell – April 15, 2019
- Douglas Laws – February 17, 2019
- Alice Bybee – October 28, 2018
- Wesley McGuire – October 10, 2018
- Alycia Temple – March 29, 2018
- Dana Paladino – September 23, 2016

University Service

Member, Texas State University Pre-Health Committee, February 2026 – May 2026

Member, Alliance of Researchers in Aging at Texas State University (ARIA), 2019 – Present

Judge, Preliminary Rounds of the Texas State 3MT® , Texas State University, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Judge, Student Posters, Texas State University STEM Conference, 2023

Member, Student Life and Development Committee, Philosophy Department, Texas State University, 2017

Member, Environmental Studies Minor Committee, University of Texas-Pan American, 2015

Member, Medical Humanities Conference Committee, University of Texas-Pan American, 2014 – 2015

Judge, Ethics Bowl Mock Competition, University of Texas-Pan American, 2014

Coordinator, Festival of International Books and Arts (FESTIBA) at University of Texas-Pan American, 2014

Review Panel, Undergraduate Research Conference at University of Texas-Pan American, 2013

Professional Service

Member, American Philosophical Association, June 2025 – present

Reviewer / Referee, 68th Annual Meeting of New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society, San Marcos, TX, 2017

President, Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society, Texas A&M University chapter, 2012 - 2013

President, Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society, Texas A&M University chapter, College Station, 1999 – 2000