

The Fourth Annual  
**ND HPSTV Graduate Conference**  
March 31st – April 1st, 2023

**Invited Speaker: Julia Bursten | University of Kentucky**

**“Investigating Agricultural Scientific Knowledge Through Agricultural Extension Work”**

Associate Professor in Philosophy, Affiliate Faculty in Gender and Women’s Studies



April 1st, 1:30 – 2:15 PM



322 Jordan Hall



American agricultural extension work is a unique form of scientific effort: it is codified in the laws of the United States; it is explicitly designed to improve communication between institutionally-grounded expertise and the U.S. public; and it is largely centered on agricultural interests. It is also inherently a knowledge-making and knowledge-transmitting practice. So, what does scientific knowledge look like in agricultural extension work? And how does it compare with, and challenge, commonly-held views about what scientific knowledge should be? I don’t yet know all the answers to these questions, but I am in the midst of figuring them out. In this talk, I introduce the historical and philosophical background to my current NSF-funded fellowship project on the epistemology of agricultural science, focusing on questions around the role of extension work in shaping agricultural scientific knowledge.

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