



Hello! My name is Amber Herendeen and I am a Philosophy major, minoring in Psychology at Appalachian State University. I am a snowboarding instructor at Beech Mountain and I love art, music, and being outside. I moved here from Upstate New York when I was 17 to study at App State, and despite the many miles between me and the place I was raised, I feel right at home. The atmosphere of the department is incredibly warm and welcoming- I always leave the building with a smile on my face. The professors and staff who keep the department running are outstanding role models, and they make I.G. Greer a place where anyone and everyone can grow intellectually as well as personally. I am a student worker in the Philosophy and Religion office so I am incredibly lucky to interact with all of the amazing individuals who work in the building every day.

My first philosophy course here, Philosophy Society and Ethics, jumpstarted my passion for the discipline and I have been developing my own philosophy ever since. In the two years I have been studying philosophy, I have learned so much about myself and the world around me. I have been given the tools to think about things critically and creatively and I am quick to problem solve. Most importantly, the department fosters compassionate and intentional individuals. I am overwhelmingly grateful to be a part of such a wonderful community and I hope to help others see the beauty in joining the department as well.