

Biography of Professor Auksuole Rubavichute

2025 “On Their Shoulders We Stand” Award Honoree

Every year, the Women's and Gender Studies Program honors one person with the On Their Shoulders We Stand Award, which represents their application of our program scholarship, values, and mission in their contribution to Montgomery College.



Auksuole A. Rubavichute is a Professor and Coordinator of Philosophy at Montgomery College in Rockville, MD. She has been teaching Philosophy and Political Science / Government courses and working with students of diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds and ages for over 20 years. She also served as Interim Executive Dean of the Communications and Social Sciences Division and as Professor of Government and Philosophy at Mountain View College (now known as Mountain View Campus of Dallas College) in Dallas, TX, before relocating to the area and assuming her current position. She has also worked as an academic consultant in curricula development, implementation of college and career readiness initiatives, textbook publishing and editing, as well as an interpreter and political consultant for diplomatic dignitaries and political representatives from Lithuania and other Eastern European countries since 1997. In addition to teaching traditional courses,

such as *PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy*, *PHIL 140: Introduction to the Study of Ethics*, *PHIL 190: Elementary Logic and Semantics*, *PHIL 201: Morality and Contemporary Law*, she has created a number of new online courses for the College, including *PHIL 205: Philosophy in Literature*, *PHIL 212: Women in Philosophy I*, and *PHIL 218: Women in Philosophy II*, all of which are OER and interdisciplinary courses, focusing on the connections among various fields of study and areas of life, and on promoting diversity, equity and inclusion.

Professor Rubavichute has studied at the University of Vilnius (Lithuania); Thomas Aquinas College (California); The Institute of World Politics (Washington, D.C.); and University of Dallas (Texas). Her fields of study center on Liberal Arts, Philosophy, Politics, Comparative Government Analysis, and International Relations.

Professor Rubavichute is also a General Studies Program Advisor in the Humanities, Arts, Communication, and Languages Core Area of Concentration and collaborates with her colleagues from other areas, such as Women's and Gender Studies, STEM, and Social Sciences, Administration and Health, as well as administrators at the College to promote the areas and courses to students and the broader community. She led the Philosophy Team to create a Philosophy Discipline Option for General Studies Associate of Arts Degree and also advises students on career and transfer opportunities to four-year academic institutions in the area and beyond.

Professor Rubavichute serves on the College Area Review Committee, which reviews academic areas (including degree programs, disciplines, and special programs), student affairs, and administrative unit reports; makes substantive comments on recommendation reports; defines program viability processes; recommends programs for academic program viability review based on selected key indicators; participates in the viability review process; and makes recommendations to the senior administrators. She also serves on the Rockville Faculty Senate. This work enables her to better understand the connections among the various areas and disciplines at the College, as well as to teach her own courses to students from other areas in a way that emphasizes such connections and advances student learning and academic achievement.

Professor Rubavichute's research interests include women in philosophy and politics, environmental politics and ethics, human rights and constitutional change, Russia and Post-Soviet states, political theory and methodology, comparative government analysis, and political psychology.

When not teaching, Auksuole enjoys reading, traveling, exploring international cuisines, watching PBS documentaries on history, culture, art, nature and science, and spending time with family and friends.