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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics and Technology, Applied Ethics, Ethical Theory, Environmental Philosophy, Bioethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaethics, Social and Political Philosophy

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy University of Florida	August 16 th , 2021
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy University of Florida	2017 – 2021
Faculty Fellow, Center for Bioethics and Department of Environmental Studies New York University	2015 – 2017
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy University of Wyoming	2014 – 2015
Lecturer, Department of Philosophy University of Colorado Boulder	2013 – 2014

EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, University of Colorado-Boulder, 2013

BA in Philosophy, BA in French, University of Missouri-Columbia (*magna cum laude*), 2006

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Should algorithms that predict recidivism have access to race?” <i>American Philosophical Quarterly</i> (with J. Davis)	Forthcoming
“Fairness in algorithmic policing” <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i>	2022
“Five ethical challenges facing data-driven policing” <i>AI and Ethics</i> (with J. Davis, S. Sturm, and J. Gilbert)	2022

“Public trust, institutional legitimacy, and the use of algorithms in criminal justice”
Public Affairs Quarterly (with J. Davis) 2022

“Emerging ethical considerations for the use of artificial intelligence in ophthalmology”
Ophthalmology Science (with Evans N.G., Wenner D.M., Cohen I.G., Chiang M.F., Ting D.S. & Lee A.Y.) 2022

“A review of predictive policing from the perspective of fairness”
Artificial Intelligence and Law (with K. Alikhademi, E. Drobina, D. Prioleau, B. Richardson, J. Gilbert) 2021

“Autonomous weapons systems and the moral equality of combatants”
Ethics and Information Technology 22: 197 – 209 (with M. Skerker and R. Jenkins) 2020

“Harming as making worse off”
Philosophical Studies 176(10): 2629–2656 2019

“Wild animal suffering is intractable”
Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics 31(2): 239 – 260 (with N. Delon) 2018

“Meaning in the lives of humans and other animals”
Philosophical Studies 175(2): 317 – 338 (with N. Delon) 2018

“Desire satisfaction, death, and time”
Canadian Journal of Philosophy 47(6): 799 – 819 2017

“A quiet revolution in organ transplant ethics”
Journal of Medical Ethics 43(11): 797 – 800 (with A.r Caplan) 2017
Reprinted in the University of Tokyo Center for Biomedical Ethics and Law Report 1(1) 2018

“A new argument for the irrelevance of equality for intrinsic value”
Philosophia 45(1): 277 – 297 (with S. Kershner) 2017

“When robots should do the wrong thing”
in *Robot Ethics 2.0*, OUP (with R. Jenkins and B. Talbot) 2017

“A dilemma for moral deliberation in AI”
International Journal of Applied Philosophy 30(2): 313 – 335 (with R. Jenkins) 2016

“Robots and respect: a response to Sparrow”
Ethics and International Affairs 30(3): 391 – 400 (with R. Jenkins) 2016

“Accounting for the harm of death”
Pacific Philosophical Quarterly 97(1): 89 – 112 2016

“Non-identity for non-humans”
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice 19(5): 1165 – 1185 (with B. Hale) 2016

- “Right intention and the ends of war”
Journal of Military Ethics 15(1): 18 – 35 (with R. Jenkins) 2016
- “The significance of personal identity for death”
Bioethics 29(9): 681 – 682 2015
- “Autonomous machines, moral judgment, and acting for the right reasons”
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice 18(4): 851 – 872 (with R. Jenkins and B. Strawser) 2015
- “The harms of death”
 Cholbi, Michael (ed.) *Immortality and the Philosophy of Death*. Rowman & Littlefield 2015
- “Torture and incoherence: a reply to Cyr”
The Journal of Ethics 19(2): 213 – 218 2015
- “Genetically modified organisms, future generations, and the limits of precaution”
Social Philosophy Today 31: 99 – 109 2015
- “Human non-human chimeras: enhancement or creation?”
American Journal of Bioethics 14(2): 26 – 27 2014
- “Anthropocentric indirect arguments and anthropocentric moral attitudes”
Ethics, Policy, and Environment 17(3): 267 – 270 2014
- “A counterexample to two accounts of harm”
Southwest Philosophy Review 30(1): 243 – 250 2014
- “Still in hot water: doing, allowing, and Rachels’ bathtub cases”
Southwest Philosophy Review 27(1): 129 – 137 2011

EDITED BOOK

- Ethical Underpinnings of Climate Economics*—Routledge Earthscan (with Sade Hormio and Adrian Walsh) 2016

GRANTS

“Artificial Intelligence and Predictive Policing: An Ethical Analysis” (co-Principal Investigator with Ryan Jenkins, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo). National Science Foundation, award #1917712.

- Total award amount: \$509,946
- Award Period: Sept. 1, 2019 – Sept. 1 2022

“Algorithmic Policing and Public Trust of Law Enforcement.” Consortium on Trust in Media and Technology, University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications

- Total award amount: \$125,000 to hire a postdoctoral fellow
- Award Period: Oct. 1, 2020 – Oct. 1, 2022

PRESENTATIONS

- “Philosophical perspectives on the ethics of military artificial intelligence”
Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership’s Annual McCain Conference
US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD April 2022
- “Should algorithms that predict recidivism have access to race?”
York University, Toronto, CA December 2021
- “Public trust, legitimacy, and the use of AI in criminal justice”
Embedding AI in Society symposium, NC State, Raleigh, NC February, 2021
Center for Values and Social Policy, U. of Colorado, Boulder, CO April, 2021
- “Criminal justice algorithms and public trust”
University of Iowa, Department of Philosophy, Iowa City, IA (Invited) (Postponed)
- “Moral differences between autonomous weapons and autonomous vehicles”
Autonomous Vehicles Symposium, Orlando, Florida (Invited) July 2019
- “Predictive policing: unbiased and unfair?”
Information Ethics Roundtable: Conference on Justice and Fairness in
Machine Learning and Big Data, Northeastern University, Boston, MA April 2019
- University of Massachusetts, Boston, Applied Ethics Center (Invited) September 2019
- University of Iowa, Department of Philosophy, Iowa City, IA (Invited) (Postponed)
- “Unjust Enrichment and the Consumption of Animal Products”
Florida Philosophical Association, Pensacola, FL November, 2018
- Philosophy Colloquium Series, University of South Carolina (Invited) October 2019
- “Predictive policing and the demands of justice”
Cal Poly Philosophy Department and Department of Computer Science and
Software Engineering (Invited) May 2018
- “The ethics and ecology of genetic interventions to prevent wild animal suffering,”
CU Boulder’s Environmental Studies Departmental Colloquium Series (Invited) March, 2018
- Rutgers-Camden’s Philosophy Department Workshop on Enhancements (Invited) April, 2018
- Convergence and Divergence between Animal and Environmental Ethics,
Centre de Recherche en Éthique, Montreal, Quebec May 2017
- Second Annual Bovay Workshop on Engineering and Applied Ethics
Texas A&M March 2017
- “Autonomous weapon systems: research, risk, and responsibility” (Invited)

Dialogues in Research Ethics, University of Miami Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy	November, 2017
“Desire satisfaction, death, and time” The Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU Boulder	August 2017
“Meaning in the lives of humans and other animals” Human and Non-human Animals: Minds and Morals University of Connecticut, Storrs CT	May 2017
“Should we design artificial intelligence to have false moral beliefs?” The Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU Boulder	August 2016
“Harming, failing to benefit, and the causing/allowing distinction” Bled Philosophical Conference, Bled, Slovenia	June 2016
“Life-improving organ transplantation: some ethical questions (Invited) Invited Speaker, Society of Bioethics and Medicine, Brooklyn College	Spring 2016
“Death and timeless values” The International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying, Syracuse, NY	May 2016
“A new problem for moral reasoning in autonomous weapons” The Future of Just War, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA	October 2015
“Must robots be consequentialists?” The Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU Boulder	August 2015
“The harms of death” Young Scholars Workshop for the Immortality Project, UC Riverside	May 2015
“Intergenerational justice and discounting the future” Central American Philosophical Association (colloquium), St. Louis	February 2015
“Criteria for a successful account of the harm of death” International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying, Pomona	October 2014
“The case for discounting the future” Workshop on the Ethical Underpinnings of Climate Economics, Helsinki	November 2014
“Right intention and the ends of war” Meeting of the International Society for Military Ethics, Notre Dame	October 2014
“How to raise the levelling down objection without appealing to the slogan” The Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU Boulder	August 2014
“A counterexample to two accounts of harm”	

Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society	November 2013
“You are what I eat: moral implications of GMOs for future generations” International Social Philosophy Conference, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT	July 2013
“Death and disability: two problems for the event-based account of harm” Pacific American Philosophical Association (colloquium), San Francisco, CA	March 2013
“The non-identity problem and the levelling-down objection” Illinois Philosophical Association, UI Urbana-Champaign, IL	November 2012
“The distinctive feeling of desire theory of pleasure” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN	February 2012
“Still in hot water: doing, allowing, and Rachels’ bathtub cases” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society	November 2010
COMMENTARIES	
Comments on John Basl, Jeff Behrends, and Mark Lee, “Of trolleys and Tesla: Could trolley cases help us understand how to program autonomous vehicles?” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU Boulder, Boulder, CO	August 2018
Comments on Matthew Hanser’s “The moral significance of harm” and Molly Gardner’s “Harming, doing harm, and causation” Symposium on the nature and moral significance of harm at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego, CA	March 2018
Comments on Sharisse Kanet’s “Minding the gap” International Society for Environmental Ethics, Allenspark, CO	June 2014
Comments on Molly Gardner’s “On the strength of the reason against harming” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU Boulder, Boulder, CO	August 2013
Comments on Christopher Pynes’ “The potentiality problem redux” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN	February 2012
SMALLER AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS	
Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund Award, (\$10,668)	Summer 2019
Workshop Fellow—NEH Summer Institute, “Extending the Land Ethic”	Summer 2016
Invited participant—Younger Scholars Workshop, Templeton Immortality Project	Spring 2015
Research Travel Grant International Society for Environmental Ethics	Fall 2014
Research Travel Grant—International Programs at the University of Wyoming	Fall 2014

University of Colorado Graduate School Conference Travel Grant	Fall 2012
Graduate Part-time Instructor Teaching Excellence Award Nominee	Fall 2012
Summer Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship	Summer 2012
University of Colorado Devaney Dissertation Fellowship, Departmental Nominee	Spring 2012
Philosophy Department Summer Graduate Research Fellowship	Summer 2011
Philosophy Department Dissertation Fellowship	Fall 2011
Travel Grant awarded by United Government of Graduate Students	Spring 2010
Graduate Research Fellow under supervision of Brian Talbot	Fall 2010/Spring 2011
Philosophy Department Summer Graduate Research Fellowship	Summer 2007-2010

TEACHING

Philosophy of Death	UF Fall, 2018
Moral Philosophy	UF Spring 2018, Fall 2018
Ethics of Technology	UF Spring 2018
Ethical Theory-Graduate Seminar	UF Fall 2017
Contemporary Moral Issues	UF Fall 2017
Ethics and Animals	NYU, Fall 2016
Advanced Environmental Ethics-Graduate Seminar	NYU, Spring 2016, Spring 2017
Ethics and the Environment	NYU, Fall 2015, Fall 2016
Justice in Health and Healthcare-Graduate Seminar	NYU, Fall 2015
Metaphysics for Ethics-Graduate Seminar	UW, Spring 2015
Philosophy of Language	UW, Spring 2015
Introduction to Philosophy	UW, Fall 2014
Natural Resource Ethics	UW, Spring 2015, Fall 2014

Bioethics	CU, Spring 2014
Environmental Justice	CU, Fall 2013
Environmental Ethics	CU, Summer 2013, Fall 2013
Philosophy and Society	CU, Spring 2013, Spring 2014
Philosophy and Race	CU, Spring 2012, Fall 2012

MA THESIS SUPERVISION

Kristina Sokourenko, “Public schools, hospitals, and prisons: the institutional power to nudge”	NYU Summer 2017
Sean Jensen, “GP-Write and the moral permissibility of human enhancement”—Philosophy PhD candidate, U. of Twente	NYU Summer 2017
Rasmus Mikkelsen, “Sentience and interests”	NYU Summer 2017
Katherine Mintz, “Retractions: the disappointing everyman”	NYU Spring 2017
Michael Corbett, “Easy rescue and the state: on the justifiable use of force to save distant people”	NYU Spring 2017
Emily Slome, “Addressing the ethics of removing the financial disincentive of living kidney donation”—Philosophy PhD candidate, CU Boulder	NYU Spring 2017
Stephanie Peterson, “What we owe: justice for climate refugees”	NYU Spring 2016
Samatha Nemana, “Implementing justice through water access: the PRWSSIP project and gendered access to water resource management”	NYU Fall 2015
Shaked Landor, “Growing up green: a garden-based learning (GBL) proposal to addressing anthropogenic climate change”	NYU Fall 2015

MEDIA

“Killer Robots: New Reasons to Worry About Ethics”, Interview with Forbes	January, 2016
“The Badness of Death”, blog post for 1000-Word Philosophy Blog	May, 2014
“The Non-identity Problem”, blog post for 1000-Word Philosophy Blog	February, 2014
Review of <i>Climate Matters</i> by John Broome, <i>The Philosopher’s Magazine</i>	2013

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC

Member, Police Advisory Council for the City of Gainesville 2021 – Present
Mentor, University of Florida Minority Mentor Program 2018 – Present AY

“Who Should You Trust?: Thinking for Yourself and Trusting Experts,”
Public presentation for UF undergraduates Fall 2017

Program Committee Member
International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

Judge, NYC High School Ethics Bowl Winter 2017

Lead coordinator, NYC Early Career Ethicists Workshop Fall 2016—Fall 2017

Faculty consultant—NYU Philosophy Outreach Program Spring 2016

Graduate admissions committee, NYU Center for Bioethics Fall 2016—Summer 2017

Assistant organizer, Stoic Camp hosted by U. of Wyoming Philosophy Spring 2015

Committee member, Biodiversity Institute Grant Competition, U. of Wyoming Spring 2015

“The Ethics of Drone Warfare,” for the U. of Wyoming Philosophy Club Spring 2015

Graduate coordinator, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, U. of Colorado 2008—2013

Co-organizer, Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, U. of Colorado 2011

Department representative, Graduate Student Government, U. of Colorado 2008—2009

Research affiliate, *The Committee on Environmental Thought*: <http://environmentalthought.com/>.

Contributor, *1000-Word Philosophy Blog*.

Reviewer for *Ethics, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, National Science Foundation, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Public Affairs Quarterly, Environmental Philosophy, Dialectica, Philosophy and Technology, Journal of Social Philosophy, Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, Journal of Medical Ethics, Utilitas, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Journal of Applied Philosophy, Journal of Military Ethics, Journal of Science and Engineering Ethics, Philosophical Papers, Philosophia, Southwest Philosophy Review, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Analysis, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*