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*Curriculum Vitae*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
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**Areas of Specialization**

Ethics, Metaethics, Philosophy of Mind

**Areas of Competence**

Applied Ethics (especially Ethics of Technology), Philosophy of Language

**Education**

Ph.D., Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2021 (expected)

Dissertation: Wanting to Do What's Right  
Committee: Kieran Setiya (chair), Alex Byrne, Tamar Schapiro

Graduate work, Philosophy, University of Melbourne, 2008-2011

B.A., Philosophy and Development Studies, University of Melbourne, 2007

**Publications**

“Getting What You Want” (with Milo Phillips-Brown), 2020, *Philosophical Studies*

**Fellowships and Awards**

Presidential Fellowship, 2011-2012, MIT  
Australian Postgraduate Award, 2008, Australian Federal Government  
Hastie Scholarship for Best Honours Thesis, 2007, The University of Melbourne

**Presentations**

Comments on Talbot Brewer, “Habituation and Awakening to the Good.” New Horizons in the  
Philosophy of Action, Feb 2021

“What’s Wrong With Wanting to Do What is Right?” Mount Holyoke Summer Philosophy  
Conference, June 2020 (*Cancelled due to COVID-19*)

“Getting What You Want” (w/Milo Phillips-Brown). Work In Progress, Massachusetts Institute of  
Technology, May 2017

Comments on David Plunkett, “The Role of Metalinguistic Negotiation in Philosophical Disputes and How It Matters for Thinking About the Methodology of Philosophy.” Conceptual Engineering @ MIT, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, February 2015

Comments on Sally Haslanger, “Social Meaning and Social Justice.” MITing of the Minds, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, January 2014

“Bogus? Illusions and Reasons for Belief.” Australian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, Sydney, Australia, July 2010

## **Teaching**

### *Embedded EthiCS Graduate Fellow*

Developed and taught the following ethics modules for computer science courses as a Graduate Fellow for the Embedded EthiCS @ Harvard program:

- “Why Care About Privacy?” Great Ideas in Computer Science, Harvard University, Spring 2021
- “Discrimination in Machine Learning Systems.” Machine Learning, Harvard University, Spring 2021
- “Private Corporations or Public Utilities?” Cloud Networking and Computing, Harvard University, Spring 2021
- “Electronic Privacy.” Great Ideas in Computer Science, Harvard University, Spring 2020
- “Should Cloud Service Providers be Able to Refuse Service on Ethical Grounds?” Cloud Networking and Computing, Harvard University, Spring 2020
- “The Ethics of Lethal Autonomous Weapons.” Autonomous Robot Systems, Harvard University, Spring 2020

I also worked with Millind Tambe and Boaz Barak to integrate ethics content into their Computer Science course “Introduction to Artificial Intelligence” in Fall 2020.

### *Head Teaching Assistant*

- Ignorance, Lies, Humbug, and Hogwash (Christopher Robichaud), Harvard University, Spring 2018

### *Teaching Assistant*

- Problems of Philosophy (Caspar Hare), MIT, Fall 2014
- Justice (Lucas Stanczyk), MIT, Spring 2014
- Minds and Machines (Jack Spencer), MIT, Fall 2013
- Problems of Philosophy (Caspar Hare), MIT, Fall 2012
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (Brian Galligan), University of Melbourne, 2011
- Ethical Theory (Karen Jones), University of Melbourne, 2010

### *Guest Lectures*

- “The Ethics of Optimizing in Public Health,” Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (Millind Tambe and Boaz Barak), Harvard, Fall 2020
- “Disjunctivism about Perceptual Experience,” Minds and Machines (Jack Spencer), MIT, Fall 2013

### *Other*

- Grader for Moral Psychology (Tamar Schapiro), MIT, Spring 2016
- Writing Advisor for Minds and Machines (Sarah Paul), MIT, Fall 2015

### **Graduate Coursework**

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### *Moral and Political Philosophy*

- How to Be Good (Julia Markovits)
- Social Structure (Sally Haslanger)
- \*Topics in Metaethics (Caspar Hare)

### *Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind*

- Mental Representation (Agustin Rayo and Andy Egan)
- Philosophy of Perception (Alex Byrne and Agustin Rayo)
- Philosophy of Explanation (Bradford Skow)
- \*Naturalism (Jack Spencer)

### *History*

- Leibniz (Jeffrey McDonough, Harvard)
- Hume (Judith Jarvis Thomson)

### *Other*

- Topics in Philosophy of Religion (Alex Byrne and Rae Langton)
- Proseminar I (Richard Holton and Agustin Rayo)
- Proseminar II (Robert Stalnaker and Stephen Yablo)

### **Service**

- Graduate Student Representative, Committee on Department Life, Fall 2015–Spring 2016
- Co-Organizer, Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, Fall 2012–Spring 2013, Fall 2014–Spring 2015

- Co-Organizer, Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference, Fall 2013–Spring 2014
- Competition Judge in Philosophy, MIT INSPIRE (high school humanities competition), 2015, 2016

## References

Kieran Setiya (committee chair)

Professor, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT  
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Alex Byrne

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Jeff Behrends (teaching reference)

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Director of Ethics and Technology Initiatives, The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics  
Co-director, Embedded EthiCS @ Harvard  
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