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ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

Assistant Professor University of Florida, Philosophy Department	2018 – pres.
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, The Network for Sensory Research University of Toronto	2015 – 2018
Lecturer, Philosophy Department, University of Toronto	2013 - 2015
Research Fellow, The Center for Cognitive Studies Tufts University	2010 - 2012

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Dissertation: *Inconceivable Minds: Real Consciousness and The Zombie Hypothesis*
Supervisors: William Lycan, Daniel Dennett
M.A. Tufts University (Philosophy)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of AI & Comparative Cognition, AI Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Self & Self-Consciousness, Animal Minds, Social Epistemology

PUBLICATIONS

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| 2026 | Ross, A., Beyond Words: finding centers of narrative gravity in non-linguistic animals. Monographic Special Issue on the Philosophy of Daniel Dennett, Ed. Felipe De Brigard. <i>Ideas y Valores, the Colombian Journal of Philosophy</i> |
| 2024 | Ross, A., AI and the expert; a blueprint for the ethical use of opaque AI. <i>AI and Society</i> https://doi.org/10.1007/s00146-022-01564-2 (online 2022, in print 2024) |
| 2022 | Ross, A., Mental Fictionalism: the costly combination of magic and the mind. In <i>Mental Fictionalism: Philosophical Explorations</i> . Eds. Tomas Demeter, T. Parent, & Adam Toon. Routledge https://philpapers.org/archive/ROSMFT.pdf |
| 2019 | Ross, A. & Matthen, M., Multisensory Perception in Philosophy: Editors' Introduction. <i>Multisensory Research</i> . 34. https://philpapers.org/archive/ROSMPI-4.pdf (online 2019, in print 2021) |
| 2019 | Co-Editor, Multisensory Perception in Philosophy, Special Issue of <i>Journal of Multisensory Perception</i> , Vol. 34, Issue 3. https://doi.org/10.1163/22134808-034001ED |
| 2018 | Ross, A., Destabilizing the Knowledge Argument and Modal Argument. <i>Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy</i> http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2017.1385530 |
| 2016 | Ross, A., Illusionism and the Epistemological Problems Facing Phenomenal Realism. <i>Journal of Consciousness Studies</i> 23 (11/12): 215-23. https://philarchive.org/archive/ROSIAT-15 |

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

- (1) “What’s Good for the Goose... Why Anti-Physicalist “Conceivability Arguments” Can Never be Stronger than their Counterarguments” for *Beyond the Hard Problem*; book proposal, Co-Edited by Keith Frankish and Stephen Fleming
- (2) Companion Animals, AI Companions, and the “Ladies’ Companion”: triangulating the essential features of companionship in all its forms.
- (3) Why Honeybees are Conscious and LLMs are Not: how Donald Griffin and research in comparative cognition can inform investigations into artificial consciousness
- (4) Deep Fake and Digital Likeness: selling your autograph or forging your signature?
- (5) The fleeting “I”; a moderate form of self for a moderate degree of self-awareness
- (6) All of “Us”; a unified account of the varieties of self (monograph)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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| “Beyond Words: degrees of narrative selfhood in non-linguistic animals”
Presented at the 33 rd Annual International Conference on Comparative Cognition | April, 2026 |
| “Yes, Dolphins Merge: finding the remnants of human linguistic uniqueness”
Presented at the 117 th meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology | Feb, 2026 |
| “Ape Questions: a commentary”
Presented at the 117 th meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology | Feb, 2026 |
| “Companion Animals, AI Companions, and the “Ladies’ Companion”: triangulating the essential features of companionship in all its forms.”
Presented at the International Workshop on Social Affordances in the Age of AI | Nov, 2025 |
| “Conceptualizing the role of Generative AI in Education”
Panel presentation for the session, <i>AI Ethics and Policy Considerations</i> , for the event <i>How UF Build an AI University</i> . | May, 2025 |
| "Putting the illusion back in Illusionism: an argument for the reality of illusory mental content"
Capstone Lecture, annual Southeastern Graduate Student Conference | April, 2025 |
| Comments for Alexander William Tolbert (Emory University), “Is AI Ethics Distinctively about AI or Racial Caste?”
Presented at the Southern Workshop on the Ethics of Emerging Technologies | April, 2025 |
| “Can your Digital likeness be my Private Property? Ethical and Conceptual challenges for an AI-generated “you”.
Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy | Nov, 2024 |
| “Generative AI and the types of transparency worth wanting”
Presented at Ethics and Governance of AI panel, UF International Center | Sept, 2023 |
| “Narrative selfhood in non-human animals”
Presented at inaugural meeting of PAMBA, Philosophy of Animals Minds and Behavior Association, Madrid, Spain | May, 2023 |
| “The Value of Opacity”
Presented to the faculty of the Department of Philosophy & Religion, American Univ., D.C. | Jan, 2023 |
| “Ethical Opaque AI; a blueprint”
Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting , Montreal, Canada | Sept, 2022 |

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (CONT)

- “From Spot to Hal; how the study of self-consciousness in animal minds can inform the philosophy of AI” Jun, 2022
Presented as a plenary talk at [Mind and Matter 2022: Foundations of Information, Intelligence, and Consciousness](#). University of Helsinki, Finland
- “The nature of conscious thought and its relation to AI systems” Guest lecture, UF graduate course in Machine Learning, Department of Engineering (CAP6610) Mar, 2021
- “Is Fictionalism Fit to Account for the Mental?” Budapest- *Mental Fictionalism Workshop Series (III)*- Organized by the MTA BTK Lendület Morals and Science Research Group, Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Oct, 2019

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Faculty Fellow, AI² Center, University of Florida Summer/Fall 2025
- UF Summer Research Humanities Enhancement Grant for monograph, *All of “Us”; a unified account of the varieties of self* Summer, 2020

SELECT SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY & PROFESSION

- Lead Faculty Fellow and Subject Matter Expert (AI Ethics Unit) for UF Faculty Training Course, “AI Adventure” Summer, 2025
- Ethicist, UF *Artificial Intelligence Academic Initiative Center (AI²)* 2022 – ongoing
- Ethicist, S1090: AI in Agroecosystems: Big Data and Smart Technology-Driven Sustainable Production, a HATCH Multistate Project 2022 - 2026
- “Practical AI Ethics- a guide to identifying application-specific ethical issues in AI” Session for the 2022 Annual Meeting of the HATCH S1090 AI Multistate Project Aug, 2022
- AI Ethics panelist for the [Association of American Universities](#) Humanities Task Force Discussion on Ethics and Artificial Intelligence Spring, 2021