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Areas of Specialization

Research: Ethical Theory; History of Ethics; Ethics and Politics of Artificial Intelligence

Teaching: Philosophy of Race and Gender; Environmental Ethics; Biomedical Ethics

Positions

2025- Assistant Professor, University of Georgia

2021-2025 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, The Australian National University

Education

2014-2020 PhD in Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis
Dissertation: *The Good, the Bad, and the In-Between: A Study of Moral Agency*
Committee: Anne Margaret Baxley (chair), Eric Brown, Julia Driver, Anna Bialek, Karen Stohr

2006-2010 B.A. in Philosophy, The College of St. Benedict & St. John's University

Awards and Honors

2019 *Young Ethicist Prize*, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress
Best submission by an untenured philosopher

2018 *Helen Stenner Memorial Essay Prize*, Washington University in St. Louis
Best submission by a philosophy graduate student

2010 *Phi Beta Kappa*, Theta of Minnesota Chapter

Journal Articles

2025 ["Moral Disagreement and the Limits of AI Value Alignment: A Dual Challenge of Epistemic Justification and Political Legitimacy" \(with Daniel Kilov\). *AI & Society*](#)

2024 ["Attention, Moral Skill, and Algorithmic Recommendation" \(with Seth Lazar\). *Philosophical Studies* 182\(1\), 159-184](#)

2023 ["The Skill Model: A Dilemma for Virtue Ethics." *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 26\(3\), 447-461](#)

2020 ["Complex Harmony: Rethinking the Virtue-Continence Distinction." *The Journal of Ethics* 24\(2\), 225-240](#)

Reports

2024 ["Roadmap for Responsible Robotics"](#) (with Michael Fisher, Marija Slavkovik, & Anna Dobrosovestnova), *Dagstuhl Reports* 13(9)

Academic Presentations

2025	"Moral Disagreement and AI Value Alignment" <i>University of Georgia</i>
2024	"Role-Taking Skill and Online Marginalization" <i>Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association</i>
2024	"Moral Expertise without Moral Experts? A critique of current approaches to value alignment for AI systems" <i>University of Illinois Chicago</i>
2023	"Moral Expertise, Reasonable Pluralism, and Crowdsourcing for Machine Ethics" <i>University of Manchester</i>
2023	"Role-Taking Skill and Online Marginalization" <i>University of Leeds</i>
2023	"Vice, Incontinence, and Amoralty" <i>2023 AAP Conference, Australasian Association of Philosophy</i>
2023	"A Deontological Model of Moral Skill" <i>Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association</i>
2023	"Moral Expertise and Crowdsourcing for Machine Ethics" <i>University of Wisconsin</i>
2023	"Vice, Incontinence, and Amoralty" <i>University of Minnesota</i>
2021	"The Skill Model: A Dilemma for Virtue Ethics" <i>Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association</i>
2020	"When Silence is Golden: Rethinking the Virtue-Continence Distinction" <i>Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association</i>
2020	"The Skill Model: A Dilemma for Virtue Ethics" <i>13th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder</i>
2019	"Complex Harmony: Rethinking the Virtue-Continence Distinction" <i>12th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder</i>
2017	"Virtue, Discord, and Happiness" <i>Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association</i>

Outreach and Engagement

- 2023 Interview: [“Explainer: Unethical AI and what can be done about it”](#) by Petra Stock *Cosmos Magazine*
- 2023 Guest Lecture: “Ethics for Artificial Intelligence” *Research Masterclass Series, University of Southern Queensland*
- 2023 Guest Lecture: [“Ethics and Politics of Machine Learning”](#) *Next Generation Graduates Program, CSIRO: Australia’s National Science Agency*
- 2022 Tutorial: [“Ethical Theory for Machine Learning”](#) *Association of Computing Machinery Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (ACM FAccT)*
- 2018 Op-Ed: [“Patriotism vs Jingoism”](#) *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

Teaching Experience

Graduate Level

Seminar in Ethics: 20th and 21st Century Ethical Theory
Foundations Module: Techno-Moral Agency

Undergraduate Level - Upper

Race, Gender, and Social Justice
Artificial Intelligence and Normative Theory

Undergraduate Level - Intermediate

Philosophy, AI and Society

Undergraduate Level - Intro

Contemporary Ethical Issues
Great Philosophers
Biomedical Ethics

Pedagogical Training

- 2019 The Professional Development in Teaching Program, *Washington University in St. Louis*
Achieved the highest rank, “Innovator,” in this intensive pedagogy development program.
- 2019 Introduction to Online Teaching, *Washington University in St. Louis*

Departmental Service

The Australian National University

- 2023-2024 Assistant lead: Machine Intelligence and Normative Theory (MINT) Lab
- 2023 Science internship supervisor: Manya Bhambri, “AI Ethics Principles in Healthcare”
- 2023 Honors thesis supervisor: Jack Fergus, “Honesty for LLMs”

2022 Honors thesis supervisor: Benjamin Robinson, "The Moral Limits of Automation"
 2022-2024 Honors thesis grader: Luke Minihan, Matthew MacInnes, Derrick Appel
 2022 Seminar series organizer: Humanising Machine Intelligence

Washington University in St. Louis

2019-2020 Graduate Representative to the Faculty
 2016-2018 Graduate Student Senate
 2015-2016 Graduate Council

Professional Activities

2021- Referee
Routledge, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophical Studies, Synthese, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, The Journal of Ethics, AI & Society, Ethics and Information Technology

2024 Organizer
Colloquium on AI and Catastrophic Risk, Australian National University

2024 Commentator for Étienne Brown (San José State University), "Recommended Selves: Authenticity and Algorithmic Filtering"
Political Philosophy & AI Workshop, Australian National University

2023 Organizer
Dagstuhl Seminar: Roadmap for Responsible Robotics, Schloss Dagstuhl – Leibniz Center for Informatics

2022 Schedule Chair
Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT), Association of Computing Machinery

2020 Symposium Chair, "Inner Virtue"
Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association

2018-2019 Editorial Assistant (in charge of social media)
Ethics, University of Chicago Press

2019 Commentator for Marcus Hunt (Tulane), "Why Parent Together?"
Annual Meeting, Central States Philosophical Association

2018 Commentator for Dan Haybron (St. Louis University), "The Limited Abilities of the Capabilities Approach,"
Workshop on Politics, Ethics, and Society, Washington University in St. Louis

References

1. Anne Margaret Baxley (abaxley@wustl.edu)
2. Seth Lazar (seth.lazar@anu.edu.au)
3. Julia Driver (Julia.Driver@austin.utexas.edu)
4. Garrett Cullity (garrett.cullity@anu.edu.au)
5. Eric Brown (eabrown@wustl.edu)