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| Areas of Specialization |  |  |  | Normative Ethics, Practical Ethics, Moral Psychology, Bioethics |
| Areas of Competence |  |  |  | Feminist Philosophy, Social Epistemology, Social/Political Philosophy, Kant’s Ethics |
| Academic Appointments |  |  |  | University of VirginiaAssistant Professor, Corcoran Department of PhilosophyAugust 2024-PresentVirginia Tech Assistant Professor, Department of PhilosophyAugust 2019-August 2024New York University, Center for BioethicsAssistant Professor/Faculty Fellow (Postdoctoral Fellowship)August 2017-August 2019 |
| Visiting positions |  |  |  | University of AmsterdamVisiting Researcher, Philosophy and Public Affairs January 2023-May 2023 |
| Education |  |  |  | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2017Dissertation*:* “On Knowing Yourself and Being Worth Knowing”Committee*:* Thomas E. Hill\*, Susan Wolf, Simon Blackburn, Ram Neta, Matthew KotzenUniversity of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, M.A. in Philosophy, 2013Thesis: “Self-Knowledge in Kant’s Practical Philosophy”Committee: Thomas E. Hill\*, Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, Ryan Preston-RoedderQueen’s University, B.A. (Honours) in Philosophy, 2011 |
| Peer-Reviewed Articles |  |  |  | Grief as a Duty of Practical FidelityWith Michael Cholbi, *Free & Equal* (2025)*Just Humor Me*: Humor, Humorlessness, and Mutual Recognition*Philosophical Quarterly* (2025)A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Self-Knowledge*The Monist* (2025)Caregiving and Role Conflict Distress*Clinical Ethics*, Special Issue: Phenomenologies of Care, 19(2): June 2024Survivor GuiltWith Michael Zhao, *Philosophical Studies* 180(9):1-20 (2023) Self-Deception, Self-Distrust, and Oppression*The Moral Psychology of Trust*, ed. Mark Alfano, Rowman and Littlefield (2023) Self-Deception as a Moral Failure*Philosophical Quarterly*, 72(2): 402-421 (2022)We Should Widen Access to Physician-Assisted DeathWith Adam Lerner, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 19(2): 139-169 (2021)Caring by Lying*Bioethics* 35 (9): 877-883 (2021)Does Pediatric Hand Transplantation Undermine a Child’s Right to an Open Future? With Gennaro Selvaggi and Paolo Sasso, *Journal of Plastic Surgery and Hand Surgery* 55(3):185-189 (2020)Knowing Yourself and Being Worth Knowing*Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 4(2): 243-261 (2018)Agent-Regret and the Social Practice of Moral Luck*Res Philosophica*, 1: 95-117 (2017) |
| Book Reviews , commentaries, and Popular Philosophy |  |  |  | Something Old and Something New: Falling in Love with Taylor Swift’s “Lover”Forthcoming in OUP volume on philosophy and Taylor SwiftGiving the Terminally Ill Access to Euthanasia isn’t Discriminatory: A Response to Reed*Journal of Medical Ethics,* 50(2): 123 (2024)Review of Michael Cholbi’s “Grief: A Philosophical Guide”*Ethics,* 133(4) (2023)Review of Kristen Thomason’s “Naked: The Dark Side of Shame”*Ethics,* 130(2): 267-271 (2020)\*Selected by PEA Soup for [Ethics Review Forum Discussion](https://peasoup.deptcpanel.princeton.edu/2020/01/ethics-review-forum-thomasons-naked-the-dark-side-of-shame-and-moral-life-reviewed-by-mackenzie/)Genetic Information, the Principle of Rescue, and Special ObligationsWith S. Matthew Liao, *The Hastings Center Report* 48(3):18-19 (2018) |
| Op-Eds and public philosophy |  |  |  | [Taylor](https://dailynous.com/2023/04/07/philosophers-on-taylor-swift/) Swift’s Lover: Between Novelty and Conservatism*Daily Nous,* April 7, 2023[Moral Consistency Demands revised MAID Law](https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/local-perspectives/jordan-mackenzie-moral-consistency-demands-revised-maid-law-551610/)*Halifax Chronicle Herald*, Feb 13, 2021[The Pawfessor Is In](https://dailynous.com/2020/03/24/pawfessor-guest-post-jordan-mackenzie/)*Daily Nous*, March 24, 2022 |
| Papers In Progress |  | Relational Morality as a System of Hypothetical Imperatives A paper on AI, valuing, and existential angst (R&R)A paper on self-regarding obligations and oppression A paper on humor and political polarizationA paper on relationships and selves (with Ross Cameron) |
| Fellowships And Awards |  |  |  | UVA Institute for Practical Ethics Course Design Grant, 2025$8000 fellowship to design a new course on the ethics of social mediaVirginia Tech PPE Fellowship, 2022$3000 fellowship to fund travel and research assistanceOutstanding Graduate Mentor of the Year, 2022Awarded by College of Liberal Arts and Human SciencesCollege of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Advising Award, 2022Finalist for Greenwall Fellowship, 2022Final 14 in international fellowship competitionDepartmental Diversity Grant, 2022$1500 award to fund inclusive philosophical pedagogy workshopMini Diversity Grant, 2022$300 to fund mentorship program for female philosophy undergraduatesNiles Fellowship (internal Virginia Tech research fellowship), 2021-2022$2000 grant awarded to support research project on caregiving ethicsVirginia Tech Teaching Grant, 2020$1500 grant awarded to fund visiting speaker in bioethics classFuture Faculty Fellowship, 2016$500, Awarded on the basis of pedagogical excellence, UNC Chapel HillDoctoral Fellowship, 2013-2016 $60,000 fellowship funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of CanadaHorace Williams Fellowship, 2011-2012Full tuition remission and stipend, UNC Chapel HillOntario Graduate Scholarship, Spring 2011Received fellowship for graduate study in Ontario; declined awardJaganathan Muraleenathan Book Prize in Philosophy (Queen’s), Spring 2011Awarded to top graduating philosophy majorJohn Stark Gillies Scholarship in Philosophy (Queen’s University), Spring 2009Awarded to top philosophy student in year 2 or 3 of BAPall Ardal Moral Philosophy Prize (Queen’s University), Spring 2009Awarded to top student in mandatory moral philosophy course |
| Academic Presentations (Including Upcoming)  |  |  |  | Relational Morality as a System of Hypothetical ImperativesUCSD, April 2025Queen’s Moral Philosophy Seminar, January 2025Self-Regarding Obligations: A Tale of Two LiteraturesAPA, Eastern Division, January 2025Humorlessness Double BindsPPE Society Conference, New Orleans, November 2024Grief and Practical FidelityUVA Ethics Salon, Spring 2025UVA Philosophy Club, Spring 2025Queen’s University, November 2023Blue Ridge Ethics Women’s Workshop, August 2023Can’t You Take a Joke?: Humorlessness and Moral RecognitionSt. Andrews University, April 2023Stirling University, April 2023University of Reading, March 2023 University of Sheffield, March 2023 University of Groningen, March 2023University of Amsterdam, February 2023Boston University Ethics Speakers Series, October 2022 Self-Distrust and OppressionSeminar on Ethics and Resistance (University of Minnesota), November 2022 MANCEPT Workshop on Self-Regarding Obligations, September 2022Survivor GuiltOxford Workshop on Guilt, Shame and Regret, April 2023 UNC Seminar on Philosophy, Ethics and Mental Health, April 2022 Queen’s University Political Theory Reading Group, June 2021 Survivor’s Guilt and SolidarityCNY Moral Psychology Workshop, November 2020May Surrogates Request Physician-Assisted Death? APA, Pacific Division, January 2021Bioethics Seminar, Carleton College, May 2020Self-Deception as Self-DefeatUniversity of Cambridge Epistemology Reading Group, March 2023British Society for Ethical Theory, July 2021Ashoka University Speakers Series, January 2021 Obligations to Oneself Workshop, July 2020 American Philosophical Association, Central Division, February 2020Uppsala University, March 2019 McGill University, February 2019Virginia Tech, February 2019Fordham University, February 2019New York Moral Psychology Reading Group, October 2018Ethical Issues in Pediatric Hand TransplantationSwedish Society of Plastic Surgeons, March 2019Does the Right to Know Tell Us When It’s Right to Tell?The Hastings Center, April 2018Knowing Yourself and Being Worth KnowingNew York City Early Career Ethics Workshop, January 2018Carleton College, February 2017NYU Center for Bioethics, February 2017Respect, Practical and EpistemicThomas E. Hill Retirement Conference, May 2017Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2016Agent-Regret and the Social Practice of Moral LuckAmerican Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, April 2015Kant and the Duty to Know OneselfUNC Kantian Ethics Workshop, March 2014North American Kant Society, Southern Reading Group, February 2014What Can Rawls Tell Us About Agent-Regret? North Carolina Philosophical Association, February 2014 |
| Academic Commentaries |  |  |  | Comments on Daniel Muñoz’s *What We Owe To Ourselves*, St. Andrews, May 2024Comments on Christopher Bousquet’s “Interests on Stilts,” APA Central Division, February 2024 Comments on Jenna Donohue’s “The Scylla and Charybdis of Paternalism and Moral Complicity,” APA Eastern Division, January 2024Comments on Keshav Singh’s “There is No Pragmatic Encroachment” Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2019Comments on Travis Timmerman’s “The Problem with Person-Rearing Accounts of Morality,” APA Eastern Division, January 2019Comments on Corey Katz’s “Contractualism, Person-Affecting Wrongness, and the Non-Identity Problem,” APA Central Division, February 2018 Comments on Andrew Ross’s “Threats, Choice, and the Moral Relevance of Causal Placement,” Canadian Philosophical Association, June 2013Comments on Kelin Emmett’s “A Problem with the Wide-Scope View of the Hypothetical Imperative,” APA Eastern Division, February 2013 |
| Public Outreach Presentations |  |  |  | Responsibility, Guilt and Survivorship, April 2023Led three hour continuing education seminar for members of the North Carolina Psychological AssociationPPE Research Panel on Policy Measures, Citizens’ Rights and Informal Caregiving, 2023Taking Money from Industry: Some Ethical Considerations, 2018With S. Matthew Liao, presented and led discussion with NYU College of Public Health Faculty on ethical issues associated with industry research fundingEthical Issues in Longitudinal Pediatric Research, 2018NYU Neuroscience and Education LabMicroaggressions and Implicit Bias: Philosophical and Practical Issues, 2018 and 2017NYU College of Global Public Health OrientationTrending Topics in Bioethics, 2018NYU College of Global Public Health Facebook Live InterviewHow Much Should We Care About Animals?” Ethics Bowl Demo, 2017with Jeff Sebo, Alice Crary, Elizabeth Harman, Dale Jamieson & Shelly Kagan, Columbia University |
| Teaching  |  |  |  | Undergraduate CoursesIntroduction to Philosophy, UVA, Fall 2025, Spring 2025Contemporary Ethical Theory, UVA, Fall 2024Sex Gender and Race, VT, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2022Morality and Justice, VT, Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2020Ethics of Belief, VT, Spring 2022Advanced Moral Theory, VT, Spring 2021, Fall 2019Biomedical Ethics, VT, Fall 2020, Spring 2020Ethics of Disability, NYU, Spring 2019Introduction to Medical Ethics, NYU, Fall 2017Introduction to Feminist Philosophy, UNC, Summer 2017, Summer 2015Advanced Contemporary Ethical Theory, UNC, Spring 2017Introduction to Bioethics, UNC, Summer 2016, Summer 2014Introduction to Ethics, UNC, Summer 2013Graduate CoursesPhD Proseminar, UVA, Fall 2025Dissertation Research Seminar, UVA, Spring 2025Individuals and Oppression, VT, Fall 2022Ethics of Belief, VT, Spring 2022Reading Group on Caregiving and End of Life Ethics, VT, Fall 2021Moral Responsibility and Moral Luck, VT, Fall 2020Reproductive Ethics, NYU, Spring 2019Advanced Introduction to Bioethics, NYU, Fall 2018, Fall 2017Current Political Controversies in Bioethics, NYU, Spring 2018Pedagogy TrainingInclusive Pedagogy Workshop Organizer, 2022Won a grant to organize inclusive pedagogy workshop with Dr. Kiran BhardwajMA Pedagogy Training Workshop, 2020-2022Designed and co-ran training workshop for incoming MA studentsFuture Faculty Fellowship Program, 2016Selected on basis of teaching excellence to participate in competitive pedagogy program Teaching Assistant Coordinator, 2014-2015Trained first-time philosophy teaching assistants, and organized teaching workshop seriesCurriculum DesignMA curriculum re-design, 2022Co-created (with Phil Yaure and Daniel Hoek) Graduate Proseminar Course, 2021Co-created (with Phil Yaure) Undergraduate Sex, Gender and Race Course, 2021Teaching OutreachFaculty Sponsor for Mentorship Program for Female Undergraduate Philosophy Majors, 2021-presentFaculty Sponsor for Minorities in Philosophy Reading Group, 2019-presentFaculty Co-Sponsor for Undergraduate Bioethics Club, 2017-2019Teaching Videos[Philosophy in 15 Minutes: The Non-Identity Problem](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVxhMzOwuA0)[Wireless Philosophy Video: The Appeal to the People Fallacy](http://www.wi-phi.com/video/appeal-people) |
| advising |  |  |  | Primary Advisor for MA in Philosophy (Virginia Tech)Jason Wong (co-supervised), 2024-presentLuis Cantu, 2023-2024Maeve Marley, 2022-2024 Jacob Nofal, 2022-2023Zeb Dempsey, 2021-2022Kordell Dixon (co-supervised), 2021-2022Trey Rogers, 2019-2020Jin Tian Acton, 2019-2020Ethan Gordon, 2019-2020Primary Advisor for MA in Bioethics (NYU)Sasha Isaac, 2018-2019Tori Grant, 2018-2019Isabel Avina, 2018-2019Sheina Leboeuf, 2017-2019Rayheann NaDeja Collins, 2017-2018Doyin Akintobi-Adeyeye, 2017-2018James Lim, 2017-2018Kimberly Vargas-Barreto, 2017-2018Melissa Fewer, 2017Edna Bisson, 2017Committee Member for PhD in PhilosophyBlake Harris, UVA, 2025-presentZhengping Zhang, UVA, 2025-presentAnna Kietzerow, UVA, 2025-presentMegan Kitts, UC Boulder, 2022-presentCommittee Member for MA in Philosophy (Virginia Tech)Annelisa O’Neal, 2024-presentLauren Roe, 2024-presentAisling O’Leary, 2023-presentGrant Bailey, 2022-presentSam Curtis, 2021-2022Colleen Malley, 2021-2022Diana Harley, 2021-2022Jonathan Cedeño, 2020-2021Brandon Burkey, 2020-2021Ethan Higginbotham, 2020-2021Committee Member for MA in Bioethics (NYU)Graham Curtiss-Rowlands, 2019Dhara Kadakia, 2018-2019Megan Kitts, 2018-2019Jamie Webb, 2018-2019Atina Knowles, 2018-2019Sirin Yilmaz, 2018John Dail, 2018Jack Harris, 2017-2018Gennaro Selvaggi, 2017-2018Michael Levot, 2017-2018Rebecca Hehl, 2017-2018 |
| Departmental and University service |  |  |  | ***At UVA***Speakers Series Coordinator, Fall 2025Bioethics Search Committee, Fall 2024-Spring 2025Ad Hoc ‘Belonging’ Committee, Fall 2024-Spring 2025Job Market Mock Interview Participant, Fall 2024Health, Ethics and Society Minor, Ad Hoc Committee, Fall 2024***At Virginia Tech***Director of Graduate Studies, Summer 2021-2024Responsible for administration of MA in philosophy program. Duties include: overseeing admissions and recruitment, helping students select courses and compose committees, overseeing diversity training, assigning GTAships, nominating students for awards, overseeing PhD admissions project, etc.  College Grant Review Committee, Fall 2023Department Chair Evaluation Committee, Fall 2023College Committee on Mentoring Mentors, Summer 2022-2023Invited to serve on committee aimed at designing resources for junior faculty new to graduate supervisionMentorship Initiative for Female Undergrads in Philosophy, Fall 2021-presentWith Colleen Malley, MA. Received grant to create mentorship program for female undergraduate majorsMember, IRB, Fall 2020-PresentTenure-Track Search Committee, Fall 2021-Spring 2022Graduate Committee, Summer 2020-presentParticipated in admissions and recruitment; ran professional development seminars, helped compile report for state-level (SCHEV) program reviewMAP Faculty Sponsor, Summer 2020-presentInclusiveVT Department Committee, Spring 2020Prepared report on departmental diversity and diversity initiativesOrganizer, PhD Application Bootcamp, Summer 2021-presentOrganized and ran summer-long writing seminar for MA students interested in applying to PhD programs in philosophy. Program culminates with two-day research conferenceDirector of Pre-Medicine Option in Philosophy, Fall 2019-Summer 2021Virginia Tech Faculty Senate, Fall 2019-Summer 2020Tenure-Track Search Committee, Fall 2019- Spring 2020Department By-Laws Revision Committee, Fall 2019-Spring 2020 |
| Public and Professional Service  |  |  |  | Associate Editor, [*PEA Soup Ethics Blog*](https://peasoup.princeton.edu/), 2020-2022Co-Organizer (with Tom Dougherty), Virginia Normative Ethics Workshop, 2020National High School Ethics Bowl Co-Organizer, 2014Assisted in running NHSEB, which brought together teams from across the United States and Canada to competeEthics Bowl JudgeVT Ethics Bowl, Spring 2022, 2021New York High School Ethics Bowl Spring 2018National High School Ethics Bowl, Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl, Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012RefereeingPPR (Summer 2025), Philosopher’s Imprint (Spring 2025), Canadian Journal of Philosophy (Spring 2025); Dialectica (Fall 2024), International Journal of Philosophical Studies (Fall 2024), Philosophical Papers (Fall 2024), Philosophical Studies (Fall 2023, Spring 2020) Journal of the American Philosophical Association (Fall 2023), Journal of Ethics (Spring 2023); Journal of Moral Philosophy (Spring 2023, Summer 2022, Summer 2018), Social Theory and Practice (Spring 2022, Fall 2017, Spring 2016), Journal of Philosophy (Summer 2021), Inquiry (Summer 2020), Techne (Spring 2020), European Journal of Philosophy (Spring 2020), Journal of Plastic Surgery and Hand Surgery (Spring 2019, Fall 2019), Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference (Spring 2019, Spring 2018), Analysis (Fall 2018), Developing World Bioethics (Fall 2018), The Canadian Journal of Philosophy (Fall 2018), The Canadian Philosophical Association (Spring 2016) |
| Languages |  |  |  | English: native speakerDutch: intermediate (B1) |
| References |  |  |  |

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