

JORDAN LOUISE MACKENZIE

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION	Normative Ethics, Moral Psychology, Practical Ethics (Esp. AI Ethics & Bioethics)
AREAS OF COMPETENCE	Feminist Philosophy, Social Epistemology, Social/Political Philosophy, Kant's Ethics
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	University of Virginia Assistant Professor, Corcoran Department of Philosophy August 2024-Present Virginia Tech Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy August 2019-August 2024 New York University, Center for Bioethics Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow (Postdoctoral Fellowship) August 2017-August 2019
VISITING POSITIONS	University of Amsterdam Visiting Researcher, Philosophy and Public Affairs January 2023-May 2023
EDUCATION	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2017 Dissertation: "On Knowing Yourself and Being Worth Knowing" Committee: Thomas E. Hill*, Susan Wolf, Simon Blackburn, Ram Neta, Matthew Kotzen University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, M.A. in Philosophy, 2013 Thesis: "Self-Knowledge in Kant's Practical Philosophy" Committee: Thomas E. Hill*, Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, Ryan Preston-Roedder Queen's University, B.A. (Honours) in Philosophy, 2011
PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES	Fear and Loathing in Silicon Valley: How AI Threatens Human Valuing <i>Philosophers' Imprint</i> (2026) Grief as a Duty of Practical Fidelity With Michael Cholbi, <i>Free & Equal</i> (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 2024

Survivor Guilt
With 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 Death
With 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 Swift

Giving 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](#)

Genetic Information, the Principle of Rescue, and Special Obligations

With S. Matthew Liao, *The Hastings Center Report* 48(3):18-19 (2018)

OP-EDS AND
PUBLIC
PHILOSOPHY

Taylor Swift's Lover: Between Novelty and Conservatism

Daily Nous, April 7, 2023

Moral Consistency Demands revised MAID Law

Halifax Chronicle Herald, Feb 13, 2021

The Pawfessor Is In

Daily Nous, March 24, 2022

PAPERS IN
PROGRESS

A paper on relational obligations and hypothetical imperatives

A paper on self-regarding obligations and oppression

A paper on relationships and selves (with Ross Cameron)

A paper on devotion and practical fidelity (with Michael Cholbi)

A paper on committing to the bit

FELLOWSHIPS
AND AWARDS

Mead Honored Faculty Member, 2026

\$5000 fellowship, awarded by the Mead Endowment

UVA Institute for Practical Ethics Course Design Grant, 2025

\$8000 fellowship to design a new course on the ethics of social media

Virginia Tech PPE Fellowship, 2022

\$3000 fellowship to fund travel and research assistance

Outstanding Graduate Mentor of the Year, 2022

Awarded by College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Advising Award, 2022

Finalist for Greenwall Fellowship, 2022

Final 14 in international fellowship competition

Departmental Diversity Grant, 2022

\$1500 award to fund inclusive philosophical pedagogy workshop

Mini Diversity Grant, 2022
 \$300 to fund mentorship program for female philosophy undergraduates

Niles Fellowship (internal Virginia Tech research fellowship), 2021-2022
 \$2000 grant awarded to support research project on caregiving ethics

Virginia Tech Teaching Grant, 2020
 \$1500 grant awarded to fund visiting speaker in bioethics class

Future Faculty Fellowship, 2016
 \$500, Awarded on the basis of pedagogical excellence, UNC Chapel Hill

Doctoral Fellowship, 2013-2016
 \$60,000 fellowship funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Horace Williams Fellowship, 2011-2012
 Full tuition remission and stipend, UNC Chapel Hill

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Spring 2011
 Received fellowship for graduate study in Ontario; declined award

Jaganathan Muraleenathan Book Prize in Philosophy (Queen's), Spring 2011
 Awarded to top graduating philosophy major

John Stark Gillies Scholarship in Philosophy (Queen's University), Spring 2009
 Awarded to top philosophy student in year 2 or 3 of BA

Pall Ardal Moral Philosophy Prize (Queen's University), Spring 2009
 Awarded to top student in mandatory moral philosophy course

ACADEMIC
 PRESENTATIONS
 (INCLUDING
 UPCOMING)

Devotion and Practical Fidelity
 BU Workshop on Devotion, March 2026

Fear and Loathing in Silicon Valley: How AI Threatens Human Valuing
 Coastal Carolina University, September 2026
 Queen's Moral Philosophy Seminar, January 2026
 UVA Moral Injury Reading Group January 2026

Relational Morality as a System of Hypothetical Imperatives
 Queen's Moral Philosophy Seminar, January 2025

Self-Regarding Obligations: A Tale of Two Literatures
APA, Eastern Division, January 2025

Humorlessness Double Binds
PPE Society Conference, New Orleans, November 2024

Grief and Practical Fidelity
UCSD, Spring 2025
UVA Ethics Salon, Spring 2025
UVA Philosophy Club, Spring 2025
Queen's University, November 2023
Blue Ridge Ethics Women's Workshop, August 2023

Can't You Take a Joke?: Humorlessness and Moral Recognition
Undergraduate Philosophy Seminar, Cornell University, Spring 2026
St. Andrews University, April 2023
Stirling University, April 2023
University of Reading, March 2023
University of Sheffield, March 2023
University of Groningen, March 2023
University of Amsterdam, February 2023
Boston University Ethics Speakers Series, October 2022

Self-Distrust and Oppression
Seminar on Ethics and Resistance (University of Minnesota), November 2022
MANCEPT Workshop on Self-Regarding Obligations, September 2022

Survivor Guilt
Oxford 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 Solidarity
CNY Moral Psychology Workshop, November 2020

May Surrogates Request Physician-Assisted Death?
APA, Pacific Division, January 2021
Bioethics Seminar, Carleton College, May 2020

Self-Deception as Self-Defeat
University of Cambridge Epistemology Reading Group, March 2023
British Society for Ethical Theory, July 2021
Ashoka University Speakers Series, January 2021

Obligations to Oneself Workshop, July 2020
American Philosophical Association, Central Division, February 2020
Uppsala University, March 2019
McGill University, February 2019
Virginia Tech, February 2019
Fordham University, February 2019
New York Moral Psychology Reading Group, October 2018

Ethical Issues in Pediatric Hand Transplantation
Swedish Society of Plastic Surgeons, March 2019

Does the Right to Know Tell Us When It's Right to Tell?
The Hastings Center, April 2018

Knowing Yourself and Being Worth Knowing
New York City Early Career Ethics Workshop, January 2018
Carleton College, February 2017
NYU Center for Bioethics, February 2017

Respect, Practical and Epistemic
Thomas E. Hill Retirement Conference, May 2017
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2016

Agent-Regret and the Social Practice of Moral Luck
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, April 2015

Kant and the Duty to Know Oneself
UNC Kantian Ethics Workshop, March 2014
North American Kant Society, Southern Reading Group, February 2014

What 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 2024

Comments 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 2024

Comments on Keshav Singh's "There is No Pragmatic Encroachment" Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2019

Comments on Travis Timmerman's "The Problem with Person-Rearing Accounts of Morality," APA Eastern Division, January 2019

Comments 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 2013

Comments 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 2023 Led three hour continuing education seminar for members of the North Carolina Psychological Association PPE Research Panel on Policy Measures, Citizens' Rights and Informal Caregiving, 2023 Taking Money from Industry: Some Ethical Considerations, 2018 With S. Matthew Liao, presented and led discussion with NYU College of Public Health Faculty on ethical issues associated with industry research funding Ethical Issues in Longitudinal Pediatric Research, 2018 NYU Neuroscience and Education Lab Microaggressions and Implicit Bias: Philosophical and Practical Issues, 2018 and 2017 NYU College of Global Public Health Orientation Trending Topics in Bioethics, 2018 NYU College of Global Public Health Facebook Live Interview How Much Should We Care About Animals?" Ethics Bowl Demo, 2017 with Jeff Sebo, Alice Crary, Elizabeth Harman, Dale Jamieson & Shelly Kagan, Columbia University
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TEACHING	Undergraduate Courses Ethics of Social Media, Fall 2026 Introduction to Philosophy, UVA, Fall 2026, Fall 2025, Spring 2025 Introduction to Moral and Political Philosophy, Spring 2026 Contemporary Ethical Theory, UVA, Fall 2024, Spring 2026 Sex Gender and Race, VT, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2022 Morality and Justice, VT, Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2020 Ethics of Belief, VT, Spring 2022
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Advanced Moral Theory, VT, Spring 2021, Fall 2019
Biomedical Ethics, VT, Fall 2020, Spring 2020
Ethics of Disability, NYU, Spring 2019
Introduction to Medical Ethics, NYU, Fall 2017
Introduction to Feminist Philosophy, UNC, Summer 2017, Summer 2015
Advanced Contemporary Ethical Theory, UNC, Spring 2017
Introduction to Bioethics, UNC, Summer 2016, Summer 2014
Introduction to Ethics, UNC, Summer 2013

Graduate Courses

PhD Proseminar, UVA, Fall 2025
Dissertation Research Seminar, UVA, Spring 2025
Individuals and Oppression, VT, Fall 2022
Ethics of Belief, VT, Spring 2022
Reading Group on Caregiving and End of Life Ethics, VT, Fall 2021
Moral Responsibility and Moral Luck, VT, Fall 2020
Reproductive Ethics, NYU, Spring 2019
Advanced Introduction to Bioethics, NYU, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
Current Political Controversies in Bioethics, NYU, Spring 2018

Pedagogy Training

Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop Organizer, 2022
Won a grant to organize inclusive pedagogy workshop with Dr. Kiran Bhardwaj

MA Pedagogy Training Workshop, 2020-2022

Designed and co-ran training workshop for incoming MA students

Future Faculty Fellowship Program, 2016

Selected on basis of teaching excellence to participate in competitive pedagogy program

Teaching Assistant Coordinator, 2014-2015

Trained first-time philosophy teaching assistants, and organized teaching workshop series

Curriculum Design

MA curriculum re-design, 2022
Co-created (with Phil Yaure and Daniel Hoek) Graduate Proseminar Course, 2021
Co-created (with Phil Yaure) Undergraduate Sex, Gender and Race Course, 2021

Teaching Outreach

Faculty Sponsor for Mentorship Program for Female Undergraduate Philosophy Majors, 2021-present
Faculty Sponsor for Minorities in Philosophy Reading Group, 2019-present
Faculty Co-Sponsor for Undergraduate Bioethics Club, 2017-2019

Teaching Videos

Philosophy in 15 Minutes: The Non-Identity Problem

Wireless Philosophy Video: The Appeal to the People Fallacy

ADVISING

Primary Advisor for MA in Philosophy (Virginia Tech)

Jason Wong (co-supervised), 2024-present

Luis Cantu, 2023-2024

Maeve Marley, 2022-2024

Jacob Nofal, 2022-2023

Zeb Dempsey, 2021-2022

Kordell Dixon (co-supervised), 2021-2022

Trey Rogers, 2019-2020

Jin Tian Acton, 2019-2020

Ethan Gordon, 2019-2020

Primary Advisor for MA in Bioethics (NYU)

Sasha Isaac, 2018-2019

Tori Grant, 2018-2019

Isabel Avina, 2018-2019

Sheina Leboeuf, 2017-2019

Rayheann NaDeja Collins, 2017-2018

Doyin Akintobi-Adeyeye, 2017-2018

James Lim, 2017-2018

Kimberly Vargas-Barreto, 2017-2018

Melissa Fewer, 2017

Edna Bisson, 2017

Committee Member for PhD in Philosophy

Blake Harris, UVA, 2025-present

Zhengping Zhang, UVA, 2025-present

Anna Kietzerow, UVA, 2025-present

Megan Kitts, UC Boulder, 2022-present

Committee Member for MA in Philosophy (Virginia Tech)

Annelisa O'Neal, 2024-present

Lauren Roe, 2024-present

Aisling O'Leary, 2023-present

Grant Bailey, 2022-present

Sam Curtis, 2021-2022

Colleen Malley, 2021-2022

Diana Harley, 2021-2022

Jonathan Cedeño, 2020-2021

Brandon Burkey, 2020-2021
Ethan Higginbotham, 2020-2021

Committee Member for MA in Bioethics (NYU)

Graham Curtiss-Rowlands, 2019
Dhara Kadakia, 2018-2019
Megan Kitts, 2018-2019
Jamie Webb, 2018-2019
Atina Knowles, 2018-2019
Sirin Yilmaz, 2018
John Dail, 2018
Jack Harris, 2017-2018
Gennaro Selvaggi, 2017-2018
Michael Levot, 2017-2018
Rebecca Hehl, 2017-2018

DEPARTMENTAL *At UVA*

AND UNIVERSITY Director of Graduate Admissions, 2026
SERVICE

Institute for Practical Ethics Advisory Committee, 2026

Committee on Educational Policy and the Curriculum, Elected Member, 2026

AI Departmental Policy Working Group, Spring 2026

Speakers Series Coordinator, Fall 2025

Job Market Mock Interview Participant, Fall 2025, Fall 2024

Bioethics Search Committee, Fall 2024-Spring 2025

Ad Hoc 'Belonging' Committee, Fall 2024-Spring 2025

Health, Ethics and Society Minor, Ad Hoc Committee, Fall 2024

At Virginia Tech

Director of Graduate Studies, Summer 2021-2024

Responsible 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 2023

Department Chair Evaluation Committee, Fall 2023

College Committee on Mentoring Mentors, Summer 2022-2023

Invited to serve on committee aimed at designing resources for junior faculty new to graduate supervision

Mentorship Initiative for Female Undergrads in Philosophy, Fall 2021-present

With Colleen Malley, MA. Received grant to create mentorship program for female undergraduate majors

Member, IRB, Fall 2020-Present

Tenure-Track Search Committee, Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Graduate Committee, Summer 2020-present

Participated in admissions and recruitment; ran professional development seminars, helped compile report for state-level (SCHEV) program review

MAP Faculty Sponsor, Summer 2020-present

InclusiveVT Department Committee, Spring 2020

Prepared report on departmental diversity and diversity initiatives

Organizer, PhD Application Bootcamp, Summer 2021-present

Organized and ran summer-long writing seminar for MA students interested in applying to PhD programs in philosophy. Program culminates with two-day research conference

Director of Pre-Medicine Option in Philosophy, Fall 2019-Summer 2021

Virginia Tech Faculty Senate, Fall 2019-Summer 2020

Tenure-Track Search Committee, Fall 2019- Spring 2020

Department By-Laws Revision Committee, Fall 2019-Spring 2020

PUBLIC AND
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Associate Editor, *PEA Soup Ethics Blog*, 2020-2022

Co-Organizer (with Tom Dougherty), Virginia Normative Ethics Workshop, 2020

National High School Ethics Bowl Co-Organizer, 2014

Assisted in running NHSEB, which brought together teams from across the United States and Canada to compete

Ethics Bowl Judge

VT Ethics Bowl, Spring 2022, 2021

New York High School Ethics Bowl Spring 2018

National High School Ethics Bowl, Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl, Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012

Refereeing

Canadian Journal of Philosophy (Summer 2026, Spring 2025); Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (Spring 2026); Journal of Ethics (Spring 2026; Spring 2023); Philosophy & Psychology (Spring 2026), PPR (Summer 2025), Philosopher's Imprint (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 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 speaker

Dutch: intermediate (B1)

REFERENCES

SUSAN WOLF

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