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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 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 |  |  |  | Grief as a Duty of Practical Fidelity  With Michael Cholbi, *Free & Equal*, forthcoming  *Just Humor Me*: Humor, Humorlessness, and Mutual Recognition  *Philosophical Quarterly* (2025)  A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Self-Knowledge  *The Monist*, forthcoming  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](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 Obligations  With 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 polarization  A 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 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) |  |  |  | Relational Morality as a System of Hypothetical Imperatives  UCSD, April 2025  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  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  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 | |
| Teaching |  |  |  | Undergraduate Courses  Introduction to Philosophy, UVA, Fall 2025, Spring 2025  Contemporary Ethical Theory, UVA, Fall 2024  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  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](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-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 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  Committee Member for PhD in Philosophy  Anna Kietzerow, UVA, 2025-present  Megan Kitts, UC Boulder, 2022-present | |
| Departmental and University service |  |  |  | ***At UVA***  Speakers Series Coordinator, Fall 2025  Bioethics Search Committee, Fall 2024-Spring 2025  Ad Hoc ‘Belonging’ Committee, Fall 2024-Spring 2025  Job Market Mock Interview Participant, Fall 2024  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*](https://peasoup.princeton.edu/), 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  PPR (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 speaker  Dutch: intermediate (B1) | |
| References |  |  |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Susan Wolf Edna J. Koury Distinguished Professor UNC Chapel Hill  [susanw@email.unc.edu](mailto:susanw@email.unc.edu) | Michael Cholbi Professor and Personal Chair in Philosophy  University of Edinburgh  [mcholbi@ed.ac.uk](mailto:mcholbi@ed.ac.uk) | | Daniel Wodak Associate Professor of Philosophy and Law  University of Pennsylvania  [dwodak@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:dwodak@sas.upenn.edu) Thomas E. Hill Kenan Distinguished Professor Emeritus  UNC Chapel Hill  [thill@email.unc.edu](mailto:thill@email.unc.edu) | Daniel Muñoz Assistant Professor  UNC Chapel Hill  [daniel.munoz@unc.edu](mailto:daniel.munoz@unc.edu) | | |