

# JORDAN LOUISE MACKENZIE

SPECIALIZATIONS Normative Ethics, Practical Ethics, Bioethics

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AREAS OF  
COMPETENCE Feminist Philosophy, Epistemology, Kant's Ethics

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ACADEMIC  
APPOINTMENTS **Virginia Tech**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy  
August 2019-Present

**University of Amsterdam**  
Visiting Researcher, Philosophy and Public Affairs  
January 2023-May 2023

**New York University, Center for Bioethics**  
Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow (Postdoctoral Fellowship)  
August 2017-August 2019

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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 (supervisor), 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 (supervisor), Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, Ryan Preston-Roedder

**Queen's University, B.A. (Honours) in Philosophy (2011)**  
*Undergraduate Thesis:* "Valuing Particulars"  
*Advisor:* Kerah Gordon-Solmon

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PUBLICATIONS **Self-Deception, Self-Distrust, and Oppression**  
*The Moral Psychology of Trust*, ed. Mark Alfano, Rowman and Littlefield, forthcoming

**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)

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COMMENTARIES  
AND REVIEWS

**Review of Michael Cholbi’s “Grief: A Philosophical Guide”**

*Ethics*, forthcoming

**Review of Kristen Thomason’s “Naked: The Dark Side of Shame”**

*Ethics*, 130(2): 267-271 (2020)

**Genetic Information, the Principle of Rescue, and Special Obligations**

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

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OP-EDS

**Moral Consistency Demands revised MAID Law**

*Halifax Chronicle Herald*, Feb 13, 2021, <https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/local-perspectives/jordan-mackenzie-moral-consistency-demands-revised-maid-law-551610/>

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PAPERS IN  
PROGRESS

*Survivor’s Guilt and Solidarity* (with Mike Zhao, under review)

*Self-Knowledge as Kant’s First Command* (under review)

*Can’t You Take a Joke?: Humorlessness as a Moral Vice* (in progress)

*Caregiving and Role-Related Moral Distress* (in progress)

*Medical Diagnosis as a Transformative Experience* (in progress)

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FELLOWSHIPS  
AND AWARDS

Virginia Tech PPE Fellowship, 2022

Outstanding Graduate Mentor for the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, 2022

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Advising Award, 2022

Departmental Diversity Grant, 2022 (to fund pedagogy workshop)

Mini Diversity Grant, 2022 (to fund Women’s Mentorship Group)

Niles Fellowship (internal Virginia Tech research fellowship), 2021-2022

Nominated for Virginia Tech Teaching Award, 2021

Nominated for Virginia Tech Advising Award, 2021

Virginia Tech Teaching Grant, 2020

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship, 2013-2016  
Horace Williams Fellowship (UNC), 2011-2012  
Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Spring 2011  
Jaganathan Muraleenathan Book Prize in Philosophy (Queen's), Spring 2011  
John Stark Gillies Scholarship in Philosophy (Queen's University), Spring 2009  
Pall Ardal Moral Philosophy Prize (Queen's University), Spring 2009

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ACADEMIC  
PRESENTATIONS

**Can't You Take a Joke?: Humorlessness as Moral Vice**

St. Andrews University Center for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs, April 2023  
University of Reading Speakers Series, March 2023  
University of Sheffield Speakers Series, March 2023  
University of Amsterdam Philosophy and Public Affairs Colloquium, February 2023  
Boston University Ethics Speakers Series, October 2022

**Self-Distrust and Oppression**

University of Groningen, March 2023  
Graduate 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?**

International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying Group Session at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, January 2021

**Self-Deception as Self-Defeat**

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

**Taking Homeostasis Seriously**

UNC Philosophy and Psychiatry Reading Group, June 2013

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TEACHING

**Instructor of Record**

*Virginia Tech*

Individuals and Oppression (Graduate), Fall 2022

Sex, Gender and Race (Undergraduate), Spring 2022

Ethics of Belief (Graduate), Spring 2022

Graduate Reading Group on Caregiving and End of Life Ethics, Fall 2021

Morality and Justice (Undergraduate), Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

Advanced Moral Theory (Undergraduate), Spring 2021, Fall 2019

Biomedical Ethics (Undergraduate), Fall 2020, Spring 2020

Moral Responsibility and Moral Luck (Graduate), Fall 2020

*New York University*

Ethics of Disability (Undergraduate), Spring 2019

Reproductive Ethics (Graduate), Spring 2019

Advanced Introduction to Bioethics (Graduate), Fall 2018, Fall 2017

Current Political Controversies in Bioethics (Graduate), Spring 2018

Introduction to Medical Ethics (Undergraduate), Fall 2017

**Supervision**

**Virginia Tech**

*Primary Advisory*

Maeve Marley, Jacob Nofal, Zeb Dempsey, Kordell Dixon, Trey Rogers, Jin Tian Acton,

Ethan Gordon

**Committee Member**

Grant Bailey, Sam Curtis, Colleen Malley, Diana Harley, Jonathan Cedeño, Brandon Burkey, Ethan Higginbotham

**NYU Center for Bioethics MA Program**

**Primary Advisor**

Doyin Akintobi-Adeyeye, Isabel Avina, Edna Bissoon, Rayheann NaDejda Collins, Melissa Fewer, Tori Grant, Sasha Isaac, Sheina Leboeuf, James Lim, Sara Meeder, Kimberly Vargas-Barreto

**Second Reader**

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

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**Presentations and Discussion Sessions**

PUBLIC  
OUTREACH

*Against the Competency Requirement for Physician Assisted Death*

Invited guest lecturer, bioethics seminar, Carleton College, May 2020

*Taking Money from Industry: Some Ethical Considerations*

With S. Matthew Liao, presented and led discussion with NYU College of Public Health Faculty on ethical issues associated with industry research funding, November 2018

*Ethical Issues in Longitudinal Pediatric Research*

NYU Neuroscience and Education Lab, November 2018

*Microaggressions and Implicit Bias: Philosophical and Practical Issues*

NYU College of Global Public Health Orientation, August 2018, August 2017

*Trending Topics in Bioethics*

NYU College of Global Public Health Facebook Live Interview, April 2018

**Videos**

*Philosophy in 15 Minutes: The Non-Identity Problem*

UNC Chapel Hill, January 2017, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVxhMzOwuA0>

*Wireless Philosophy Video: The Appeal to the People Fallacy*

February 2015, <http://www.wi-phi.com/video/appeal-people>

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**Departmental**

SERVICE

**Virginia Tech**

Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop Organizer, September 2022

Director of Graduate Studies, Summer 2021-present

Diversity Initiative for Female Undergrads in Philosophy Faculty Sponsor, Fall 2021-present

Graduate Committee, Summer 2020-present

MAP Faculty Sponsor, Summer 2020-present  
InclusiveVT Department Committee, Spring 2020  
MA Application Committee, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020  
Co-Organizer, PhD Application Bootcamp, Summer 2021, Summer 2020  
Director of Pre-Health Professions Philosophy Major, Fall 2019-present  
MA Professionalization Workshop Leader (x2), Fall 2019, Fall 2020  
Tenure-Track Search Committee, Fall 2019- Spring 2020  
Department By-Laws Revision Committee, Fall 2019-present

### **University**

Committee on Mentoring Mentors, Summer 2022-present  
Member, IRB, Fall 2021-Present  
Alternative Member, IRB, Spring 2020-Fall 2021  
Virginia Tech Faculty Senate, Fall 2019-Summer 2020

### **Profession**

Associate Editor, [PEA Soup Ethics Blog](#), 2020-2022  
Co-Organizer (with Tom Dougherty, UNC), Virginia Normative Ethics Workshop, 2020

### **Refereeing**

Journal of Ethics (Spring 2023); Journal of Moral Philosophy (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), Philosophical Studies (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)

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LANGUAGES      English: native speaker  
                     Dutch: advanced reading; intermediate speaking

REFERENCES

**THOMAS E. HILL**

Kenan Distinguished Professor Emeritus  
UNC Chapel Hill  
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**S. MATTHEW LIAO**

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Director of the Center for Bioethics at NYU  
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Edna J. Koury Distinguished Professor at  
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**SIMON BLACKBURN**

Distinguished Research Professor at UNC  
Chapel Hill and Fellow of Trinity College,  
Cambridge  
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