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EDUCATION

2013 – Present

The City University of New York, Graduate Center | New York, NY
Ph.D., Philosophy (in progress)
En-route M.Phil., Philosophy (2017)
En-route M.A., Philosophy (2016)

DISSERTATION: “Informed Consent: Foundations and Applications”
Committee: David Papineau (supervisor)

Abstract: In my dissertation, I aim to examine the theoretical underpinnings of informed consent, and identify what values it is taken to protect. I suggest that the fundamental justification for informed consent rests in something I’ll call “bodily self-sovereignty”, which involves a coupling of 2 groups of values: autonomy and non-domination on the one hand, and self-ownership and personal integrity on the other. I then go on to consider two 'case studies' I take to shed light on what is at stake in securing informed consent - consent in psychiatrically ill populations, and consent to research that involves modification of the genetic germline.

2011 – 2013

New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Science | New York, NY
Completed 24 credits toward M.A., Bioethics
Transferred to CUNY Ph.D. program

2005 – 2009

Columbia University, Columbia College | New York, NY
B.A., Philosophy (Major), *with departmental honors*
B.A., Political Science (Concentration)
Magna cum laude

THESIS: “Why I Am *Not* A Destiny: The Implications for Nietzschean Exceptionalism Within the Paradox of Fatalism and Self-Creation”
Supervisor: Taylor Carman

FELLOWSHIPS

* Total fellowship value included, when available and \$1,000+

2019 – Present

Ethics Fellow
Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai (ISMMS)
Total Award Value: \$5,000 per academic year

Spring 2019 –
Summer 2020

CUNY BA Fellow
Baccalaureate for Unique and Individualized Studies, The City University of New York (CUNY BA)
Total Award Value: \$27,128 per academic year

- 2019 – 2020 Bioethics in Biopharma Fellow
GE2P2 Global Foundation – Governance, Evidence, Ethics, Policy, Practice
Total Award Value: \$7,500
- January 2020 Project Biouncertainty Short Visiting Fellowship
Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics (INCET), Jagiellonian University
Kraków, Poland
Total Award Value: \$1,300 (approx.)
- 2017 – 2018 Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Fellowship
Writing Center, Medgar Evers College, CUNY
- 2013 – 2018 Graduate Center Fellowship
Department of Philosophy, Graduate Center, CUNY
Total Award Value: \$25,000 per academic year + tuition
- 2012 Departmental Fellowship
Center for Bioethics, Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University
(NYU)
Total Award Value: \$19,000 (approx.)
- 2012 Critical Writing Fellowship
Recess, New York, NY
- 2007 – 2008 Luce Fellow and Archivist
Rare Books and Manuscripts Library, Columbia University

GRANTS & AWARDS

* Total award value included, when available and \$1,000+

- 2019 – 2020 Doctoral Student Research Grant
Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Graduate Center, CUNY
Total Award Value: \$1,000
- Spring 2016, 2017;
Fall 2018, 2019 Conference Presentation Support for PhD Students
Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Graduate Center, CUNY
- Spring 2018, 2019 CUNY Academy Travel Award Grant for Adjunct Faculty
CUNY Academy and the Central Office of Research
- 2017 – 2018 Doctoral Student Research Grant
Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Graduate Center, CUNY
Total Award Value: \$1,450
- Summer 2015 Provost's Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Award
Provost's Office, Graduate Center, CUNY
Total Award Value: \$4,000
- 2005 – 2009 John Jay Scholar (~2% of students per graduating class)
Columbia Undergraduate Scholars Program, Columbia University
Total Award Value: \$85,500 (approx.)
- 2005 – 2009 IBM Thomas J. Watson Scholarship Recipient
Total Award Value: \$29,200
- 2005 – 2008 Dean's List
Columbia College, Columbia University
- 2006 – 2007 Herbert A. Deane Scholarship Fund Recipient
Columbia College, Columbia University

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

6. Smolenski, Joanna. "Gene Drives and Genome Modification in Non-Human Animals: A Concern for Informed Consent?" *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 2019 Jan; 28(1):93-99. doi: 10.1017/S0963180118000427. (invited contribution)

5. Smolenski, Joanna. "CRISPR/Cas9 and Germline Modification: New Difficulties in Obtaining Informed Consent." *The American Journal of Bioethics* 15:12 (2015): 35-37. DOI: 10.1080/15265161.2015.1103816. (invited contribution)

4. Lanphier, Edward, Fyodor Urnov, Sarah Ehlen Haecker, Michael Werner, and **Joanna Smolenski**. "Don't Edit the Human Germ Line." *Nature* 519 (2015): 410-11. Macmillan Publishers. Web. 12 Mar. 2015.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND RESOURCES

3. Wrote ancillary resources and test bank questions for *An Introduction to Moral Philosophy*, written by Jonathan Wolff (2017).

2. Assisted the editors (John D. Arras, Elizabeth Fenton, and Rebecca Kukla) of the *Routledge Companion to Bioethics* in composing introductions that provide readers with a roadmap of the issues and papers in each major section (2015).

WEB-BASED PUBLICATIONS

1. "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?: Erzsébet Báthory and the curative power of blood in medieval Europe." *Hektoen International: A Journal of Medical Humanities* 5:3 (Summer 2013).

INVITED TALKS

- 3/2020 "The Conceptual Underpinnings of Informed Consent" (talk cancelled, due to COVID-19)
Center for Biomedical Ethics and Law, University of Tokyo
Tokyo, Japan
March 11, 2020
- 1/2020 "Germline Gene Editing and the Limits of Informed Consent"
Ethics Research Seminar
Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics (INCET), Jagiellonian University
Kraków, Poland
January 16, 2020
- 10/2019 "Problem Statement – Access/Equity/Affordability"
Gene Therapies – Bioethics Challenges and Solutions Closed Workshop
The New York Academy of Sciences
New York, NY
October 10, 2019
- 4/2019 "Future Perfect? CRISPR and its Discontents"
Bioethics Club/Philosophy Colloquium Talk
William Paterson University
Wayne, NJ
April 9, 2019

- 4/2017 “CRISPR/CAS9 – Novel ethical issues in germline modification”
Philosophy Club, Nassau Community College
Garden City, NY
April 18, 2017
- 4/2016 Molecular Coevolution: Lessons from Pathogen-Immune System Interactions
Workshop
Princeton Center for Theoretical Sciences (PCTS), Princeton University
Princeton, NJ
April 11-12, 2016
- 11/2015 “Panel V: Editing the Human Germline ~ The Promise and the Peril” Panelist
2015 Advancing Ethical Research (AER) Conference
Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) and Boston
University School of Medicine
Boston, MA
November 14, 2015

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

PAPERS PRESENTED

- 8/2021 “Epistemic Injustice and Informed Consent in Psychiatry”
34th Conference of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine
and Health Care (ESPMH) ‘Diversity and Bioethics’
Warsaw, Poland
August 25-28, 2021
- 6/2020 International Association of Bioethics World Congress of Bioethics (WCB)
Virtual presentation, due to COVID-19
June 19-21, 2020
- 4/2020 Oxford-Mount Sinai Consortium on Bioethics 29th Annual Meeting
(conference cancelled, due to COVID-19)
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
New York, NY
March 30-April 1, 2020
- 10/2019 21st Annual Conference of the International Network for Philosophy and
Psychiatry (INPP) ‘Experts in Mental Health’
Warsaw, Poland
October 22-24, 2019
- 10/2018 “Gene Drives and Genome Modification in Non-Human Animals: A Concern for
Informed Consent?”
Irish Philosophical Society Annual Conference
UCD Centre for Ethics in Public Life, University College Dublin
Dublin, Ireland
November 8-10, 2018
- 6/2018 International Bioethics Retreat
Columbia University Global Centers-Europe
Paris, France
June 27-29, 2018
- 4/2018 Bioethics & Applied Philosophy: York University Graduate Student Philosophy
Conference
York University
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
April 12-13, 2018

- 8/2017 Genome Editing: Biomedical and Ethical Perspectives International Conference
The Center for the Study of Bioethics, The Division of Medical Ethics in NYU
School of Medicine's Department of Population Health and The Hastings Center
Belgrade, Serbia
August 20-21, 2017
- "The Moralizing Effect: Self-Directed Emotions and Responsibility Attributions"
"Are Guilt and Shame Moral or Moralizing Emotions?"
(with Elisabetta Sirgiovanni, Ben Abelson, and Taylor Webb)
- 8/2017 25th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology
(ESPP)
Hertfordshire, UK
August 14-17, 2017
- 3/2017 2017 Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP) Annual Meeting
Savannah, GA
March 22-24, 2017
- 1/2017 2017 Hawaii University International Conferences on Arts, Humanities, Social
Sciences and Education
Honolulu, HI
January 3-6, 2017
- 5/2017 "The Blame Game: Multiple Perspectives on Moral Judgment" Symposium Panelist
(with Elisabetta Sirgiovanni, Ben Abelson, and Taylor Webb)
29th Association for Psychological Science (APS) Annual Convention
Boston, MA
May 25-28, 2017
- 1/2017 "Are Contaminated Intuitions Bad Intuitions?"
2017 Hawaii University International Conferences on Arts, Humanities, Social
Sciences and Education
Honolulu, HI
January 3-6, 2017

POSTERS PRESENTED

- 8/2017 "Are Contaminated Intuitions Bad Intuitions?"
25th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology
(ESPP)
Hertfordshire, UK
August 14-17, 2017

DISCUSSANT

- 4/2015 Commentary on Sara Kolmes, "Ego Depletion and Organ Donation"
2015 Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP) Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA
April 3, 2015

CAMPUS TALKS

- 10/2019 "Informed Consent and Psychiatric Disorder"
Medical Practice and Epistemic Injustice Workshop
Graduate Center, CUNY
October 31, 2019
- 10/2016 "The Non-Identity Problem and Historical Injustice: A Non-Problem for Reparations"
Social and Political Philosophy (SPP) Workshop
Graduate Center, CUNY
October 17, 2016

- 9/2015 “Dimensions of Moral Identity and Social Inequality: An International and Interdisciplinary Perspective”
Early Research and Scholarship Conference
Graduate Center, CUNY
September 25, 2015
- 12/2008 “From Descartes to Derrida: The Changing Ontological Status of the Animal, from Bête-Machine to Animot”
“Human Worlds/Animal Worlds” Graduate Student Conference
Center for Archaeology, Columbia University
December 5, 2008

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY TALKS

- 2/2019 “Future Perfect? CRISPR and its Discontents”
A Night of Philosophy and Ideas
Brooklyn Public Library and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy
Brooklyn, NY
February 2-3, 2019
- 2/2019 “The Dilemma Series – Duty to Report”
A Night of Philosophy and Ideas
Brooklyn Public Library and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy
Brooklyn, NY
February 2-3, 2019
- 4/2018 “Editing the Genome--How CRISPR/CAS9 is Changing the Game”
Philosophy in the Library: The Ethics of Emerging Technologies
Brooklyn Public Library
Brooklyn, NY
April 19, 2018
- 1/2018 “The Dilemma Series – Drawing the Line”
A Night of Philosophy and Ideas
Brooklyn Public Library and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy
Brooklyn, NY
January 27-28, 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR

- Fall 2016 – Spring 2017* Ethics and Information Technology
Department of Philosophy, John Jay College, CUNY
- Fall 2014 – Spring 2016; Spring 2017* Business & Moral Issues
Department of Philosophy, Brooklyn College, CUNY
- Fall 2016* Ethics & Society
Department of Philosophy, Brooklyn College, CUNY

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Fall 2020; Fall 2018; Fall 2017* Introduction to Philosophy (Justin Garson)
Department of Philosophy, Hunter College, CUNY

- Fall 2020; Summer 2020* Introduction to Biomedical Ethics (Katherine Mendis)
Department of Medical Education, Sophie Davis Biomedical School,
School of Medicine, CUNY
- Fall 2019* Texts and Ideas (Sharon Street)
The Core Curriculum of the College of Arts and Science, NYU
- Spring 2019* Central Problems in Philosophy (Ian Grubb)
Department of Philosophy, College of Arts and Sciences, NYU
- Fall 2018* Ethics and the Environment (Dale Jamieson)
Department of Environmental Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, NYU
- Spring 2018* Introduction to Philosophy (Frank Kirkland)
Department of Philosophy, Hunter College, CUNY
- Fall 2015* Moral Indeterminacy (S. Matthew Liao)
Department of Philosophy / Center for Bioethics, Graduate School of Arts
and Sciences, NYU
- Spring 2015* Topics in Ethics: Memory, Commemoration, and Justice (William Ruddick and
Jeffrey Blustein)
Department of Philosophy / Center for Bioethics, Graduate School of Arts
and Sciences, NYU; Department of Philosophy, Graduate Center, CUNY
- Spring 2015* Advanced Introduction to Environmental Ethics (David Frank)
Department of Philosophy / Center for Bioethics, Graduate School of Arts
and Sciences, NYU
- Fall 2014* Neuroethics (S. Matthew Liao)
Department of Philosophy / Center for Bioethics, Graduate School of Arts
and Sciences, NYU

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

EDITORIAL WORK

- 2/2018 – 6/2019* Managing Editor, “The Journal of Critical Care”
The Journal of Critical Care is a peer-reviewed medical journal which covers intensive
care medicine. It is the official journal of the World Federation of Societies of Intensive
and Critical Care Medicine and the Society for Complex Acute Illness.
- 2/2018 – 3/2018* Provide feedback and editing services for *How God Became Good: The Spirituality of the
English and American Deists*, written by Joseph Waligore.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- 4/2015* “Normativity and the Human Sciences” - The 18th Annual CUNY Graduate Student
Philosophy Conference (co-organizer)
Department of Philosophy, Graduate Center, CUNY
April 24-25, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- 2019 - 2021;
2017 – 2018* Student & Alumni Affairs Committee
Department of Philosophy, Graduate Center, CUNY

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 9/2020 – 2/2021* “Be Better, Together” Japanese Studies Curriculum Development and Building Bridges Across CUNY Project
Graduate Assistant
- 7/2014 – 7/2016;
6/2013 – 8/2013* William Ruddick, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Bioethics; Founding Director, Center for Bioethics
Department of Philosophy / Center for Bioethics, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, NYU
Research Assistant
- 1/2015 – 3/2015* Sarah A. Haecker, Chief Scientific Officer
Adjuvant Partners, Towson, MD
Research Consultant
- 8/2013 - 6/2014* Iakovos Vasiliou, Executive Officer
Department of Philosophy, Graduate Center, CUNY
Research Assistant
- 1/2013 - 5/2013* Lee M. Silver, Founder and Chief Science Advisor, and Anne Morriss, Founder and Chief Executive Officer
GenePeeks, Inc., New York, NY
Research Assistant and Bioethics Intern
- 8/2012 – 12/2012* Arthur L. Caplan, Drs. William F and Virginia Connolly Mitty Professor of Bioethics, Department of Population Health; Founding Director, Division of Medical Ethics
NYU Grossman School of Medicine
Research Assistant

SUMMER PROGRAMS

- Summer 2019* 2019 Univie Summer School / Scientific World Conceptions Program on Philosophy and Psychiatry Half Tuition Waiver Selected Participant
Universität Wien
Vienna, Austria
- Summer 2018* 2018 CEU Summer University (SUN) Program on Moral Epistemology Full Tuition Waiver Selected Participant
Central European University
Budapest, Hungary
- Summer 2015* 2015 Graduate Center-Humboldt University Summer Seminar Selected Participant
Humboldt University
Berlin, Germany
- Summer 2015* 2015 Brocher Summer Academy on Ethical, Legal and Social Issues in Assisted Reproductive Technologies Selected Participant
Fondation Brocher
Geneva, Switzerland
- Summer 2008* FUBiS International Summer and Winter University Language Stipend Recipient
Freie Universität
Berlin, Germany

GRADUATE COURSEWORK ** denotes audited course

<i>Fall 2015</i>	Logic	Lisa Warenski (CUNY)
<i>Spring 2015</i>	History of Philosophy (Plato)	Sarah Broadie (NYU)
<i>Spring 2015</i>	Aesthetic Psychology**	Jesse Prinz (CUNY)
<i>Fall 2014</i>	American Pragmatism	Peter Godfrey-Smith (CUNY)
<i>Fall 2014</i>	Justice, Memory, and Forgiveness	Jeffrey Blustein (CUNY)
<i>Spring 2014</i>	Feminist Epistemologies and Metaphysics	Linda Martin Alcoff (CUNY)
<i>Spring 2014</i>	The Philosophy of Karl Marx	Carol Gould (CUNY)
<i>Spring 2014</i>	Moral Psychology	Jesse Prinz (CUNY)
<i>Fall 2013</i>	Metaphysics	Barbara Gail Montero (CUNY)
<i>Fall 2013</i>	Proseminar	Jesse Prinz and Iakovos Vasiliou (CUNY)
<i>Fall 2013</i>	Ethics	Steven Ross (CUNY)
<i>Spring 2013</i>	Life and Death - Memory	William Ruddick (NYU)
<i>Fall 2012</i>	Moral Intuitions	S. Matthew Liao (NYU)
<i>Summer 2012</i>	Justice in Health and Healthcare	Collin O'Neil (NYU)
<i>Spring 2012</i>	Independent Study	Dale Jamieson (NYU)
<i>Spring 2012</i>	Research Ethics	Collin O'Neil (NYU)
<i>Fall 2011</i>	Life and Death	William Ruddick and Dale Jamieson (NYU)
<i>Spring 2009</i>	Wittgenstein	Katalin Makkai (Columbia)
<i>Spring 2009</i>	Modal Logic	Haim Gaifman (Columbia)
<i>Spring 2009</i>	Nietzsche	Harro Müller (Columbia)
<i>Spring 2009</i>	Preemptive Apocalyptic Thought	Michael Taussig (Columbia)
<i>Fall 2008</i>	Evolution, Altruism, and Morality	Philip Kitcher (Columbia)
<i>Fall 2008</i>	Critical Perspectives on Human-Animal Relations	Brian Boyd (Columbia)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Polish (fluent)

German (conversational, 2 years study)

French (conversational, 8 years study)

REFERENCES

1. David Papineau (dissertation supervisor) - david.papineau@kcl.ac.uk
The City University of New York, Graduate Center, Department of Philosophy
2. William Ruddick - wr2@nyu.edu
New York University, Department of Philosophy, Center for Bioethics

3. Jesse Prinz - jesse@subcortex.com
The City University of New York, Graduate Center, Department of Philosophy