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## EDUCATION

- 2013 – Present*     **The City University of New York**, Graduate Center | New York, NY  
Ph.D., Philosophy (Expected June 2021)  
M.Phil., Philosophy (2017)  
M.A., Philosophy (2016)  
  
DISSERTATION: “Informed Consent: Foundations and Applications”  
Supervisor: David Papineau  
Committee: Jeffrey Blustein, Miranda Fricker, and Jesse Prinz
- 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

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Bioethics, Ethics

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Psychiatry, Feminist Philosophy

## FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 – Present*     Ethics Fellow  
Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai (ISMMS) (\$5,000 pa)
- 2020 – 2021*     Associate Fellow  
GE2P2 Global Foundation – Governance, Evidence, Ethics, Policy, Practice
- Spring 2019 –  
Summer 2020*     CUNY BA Fellow  
Baccalaureate for Unique and Individualized Studies, The City University of New  
York (CUNY BA) (\$27,128 pa)

- 2019 – 2020 Bioethics in Biopharma Fellow  
GE2P2 Global Foundation (\$7,500)
- January 2020 Project Biouncertainty Short Visiting Fellowship  
Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics (INCET), Jagiellonian University  
Kraków, Poland (\$1,300)
- 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 (\$25,000 pa)
- 2012 Departmental Fellowship  
Center for Bioethics, Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University  
(NYU) (\$19,000)
- 2012 Critical Writing Fellowship  
Recess, New York, NY
- 2007 – 2008 Luce Fellow and Archivist  
Rare Books and Manuscripts Library, Columbia University

## GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2019 – 2020 Doctoral Student Research Grant  
Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Graduate Center, CUNY (\$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 (\$1,450)
- Summer 2015 Provost's Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Award  
Provost's Office, Graduate Center, CUNY (\$4,000)
- 2005 – 2009 John Jay Scholar (~2% of students per graduating class)  
Columbia Undergraduate Scholars Program, Columbia University (\$85,500 approx)
- 2005 – 2009 IBM Thomas J. Watson Scholarship Recipient (\$29,200)
- Fall 2005 – Fall  
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

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)

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)

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

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

Assisted the editors (John D. Arras, Elizabeth Fenton, and Quill 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

"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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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)  
 29<sup>th</sup> 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?”  
 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
 (ESPP)  
 Hertfordshire, UK  
 August 14-17, 2017

### **DISCUSSANT**

- 1/2021 Commentary on Eleonore Neufeld and Junhyo Lee, “Pornography, Discourse, and Desires”  
 2021 American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting  
 Virtual presentation, due to COVID-19  
 January 7, 2021
- 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**

- Spring 2021* Ethics and Law  
Department of Philosophy, John Jay College, CUNY
- 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**

- Spring 2021* Environment and Society (David Kanter)  
Department of Environmental Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, NYU
- 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  
Research Foundation CUNY  
Research 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

## REFERENCES

David Papineau (dissertation supervisor)  
Professor of Philosophy  
King's College London  
[david.papineau@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:david.papineau@kcl.ac.uk)

Miranda Fricker  
Presidential Professor of Philosophy  
The Graduate Center, CUNY  
[mfricker@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:mfricker@gc.cuny.edu)

Jesse Prinz  
Distinguished Professor of Philosophy  
The Graduate Center, CUNY  
[jesse@subcortex.com](mailto:jesse@subcortex.com)

William Ruddick  
Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Bioethics  
Founding Director, Center for Bioethics  
New York University  
[wr2@nyu.edu](mailto:wr2@nyu.edu)

## 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>	New 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>	Ideology and the Masses	Andrea Sun-Mee Jones (Columbia)
<i>Fall 2008</i>	Critical Perspectives on Human-Animal Relations	Brian Boyd (Columbia)
<i>Spring 2008</i>	Archaeology of Contemporary Conflict	Zoe Crossland (Columbia)
<i>Fall 2007</i>	Emotions and Political Science	Ross Poole (Columbia)
<i>Fall 2006</i>	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	Mona El-Ghobashy (Columbia)

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Polish (fluent)

German (conversational, 2 years study)

French (conversational, 8 years study)