

# Joanna Smolenski

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## EMPLOYMENT

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**Clinical Ethics Fellow**, The University of California, Los Angeles  
Health Ethics Center August 2021 -

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. The Graduate Center, City University of New York** September 2021  
Philosophy (M.Phil., 2017; M.A., 2016)  
Dissertation: *Informed Consent: Foundations and Applications*  
Committee: David Papineau (supervisor), Miranda Fricker,  
Jesse Prinz

**Center for Bioethics, New York University** May 2013  
Bioethics (completed 24 credits toward M.A. and transferred to CUNY Ph.D. program)

**B.A. Columbia College, Columbia University** May 2009  
Philosophy (major), with departmental honors; Political Science (concentration)  
John Jay Scholar, Dean's List (Fall 2005 – Fall 2008), *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

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**AOS** Bioethics, Clinical Ethics, Ethics  
**AOC** Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Psychiatry, Feminist Philosophy

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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**Ethics Fellow**, Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai (\$5,000 pa) 2019 - 2021  
**Associate Fellow**, GE2P2 Global Foundation – Governance, Evidence,  
Ethics, Policy, Practice 2020 - 2021  
**CUNY BA Fellow**, Baccalaureate for Unique and Individualized  
Studies, CUNY (\$27,128 pa) Spring 2019 - Summer 2020  
**Bioethics in Biopharma Fellow**, GE2P2 Global Foundation (\$7,500) 2019 - 2020  
**Doctoral Student Research Grant**, Office of Research and Sponsored  
Programs, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$1,000) 2019 – 2020  
**Visiting Fellowship**, Project Biouncertainty, Interdisciplinary Centre for  
Ethics, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland (~\$1,300) January 2020  
**Conference Presentation Support**, Office of the Vice President for Student  
Affairs, The Graduate Center, CUNY Spring 2016, 2017  
Fall 2018, 2019  
**Univie Summer School Stipend Recipient**, USS Scientific World Conceptions  
Program on “Philosophy and Psychiatry”, Vienna Circle Society, Universität Wien Summer 2019  
**Travel Award Grant for Adjunct Faculty**, CUNY Academy and the Central  
Office of Research Spring 2018, 2019  
**CEU Summer University Full Tuition Scholarship Recipient**, Program on  
Moral Epistemology, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary Summer 2018

<b>Writing Across the Curriculum Fellowship</b> , Writing Center, Medgar Evers College, CUNY	2017 - 2018
<b>Doctoral Student Research Grant</b> , Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$1,450)	2017 – 2018
<b>Graduate Center Fellowship</b> , The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$25,000 pa)	2013 – 2018
<b>Provost’s Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Award</b> , Provost’s Office, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$4,000)	Summer 2015
<b>Humboldt-GC Summer School Funded Participant</b> , Humboldt University, The Graduate Center, CUNY, Berlin, Germany (~\$2,000)	Summer 2015
<b>Departmental Fellowship</b> , Center for Bioethics, NYU (~\$19,000)	2012
<b>Critical Writing Fellowship</b> , Recess, New York, NY	2012
<b>John Jay Scholar</b> , John Jay National Scholars Program (~2% of students per graduating class), Columbia Undergraduate Scholars Program (~\$85,500)	2005 - 2009
<b>IBM Thomas J. Watson Scholarship Recipient</b> (~\$29,200)	2005 - 2009
<b>FUBiS Language Stipend Recipient</b> , Freie Universität Berlin internationale Sommerschule, Germanic Society of America and Max Kade Foundation (\$2,500)	Summer 2008
<b>Luce Fellow and Archivist</b> , Rare Books and Manuscripts Library, Columbia University	2007 - 2008
<b>Herbert A. Deane Scholarship Fund Recipient</b> , Columbia College, Columbia University	2006 - 2007

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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### CLINICAL ETHICS CONSULTATIONS

**Consults with Lead or Active Role:** 70

**Tasks:** 24/7 pager coverage, formal chart notes, verbal advice, patient/family meetings, ethics committee review, interdisciplinary team meetings, informal written recommendations, intakes, clinical summaries

**Issues Addressed:** Futility, Surrogate Decision-Making, Capacity, Consent, Involuntary Treatment, Confidentiality, Complex Goals of Care, Unrepresented Patients

**Teams Advised:** Medicine, Intensive Care, Neuro Intensive Care, Transplant Surgery, Trauma Surgery, Neurosurgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Psychiatry, Palliative Care, Pediatrics, Pediatric Intensive Care, Social Work, Nursing, Gynecology, Thoracic Surgery, Oncology

### ACADEMIC LECTURES

“Reproductive Medicine & the Physician’s Conscience”

MS 2 Block 8 Lecture - Ethical Foundations of Medicine  
David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA

December 2021

### CLINICAL LECTURES

“Surrogate Decision Making for Unrepresented Patients”

Journal Club (bimonthly)  
UCLA Health Ethics Center

January 2022 -

### TEACHING ASSISTANCE

Surgery-Anesthesiology

Psychiatry

Ambulatory Care-Geriatrics

Emergency Medicine

InFocus 7

The Art and Science of Medicine (ASM) Years 1 and 2

Clerkship Didactics – Ethics Sessions

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

August 2019 – May 2021

Practicum and Capstone Assessment  
BIE Intensive Courses  
Clarkson University-ISMMS Bioethics Program

June 2020, May 2021

#### COMMITTEE SERVICE

Ronald Reagan Medical Center Ethics Committee August 2021 -  
UCLA Health  
Santa Monica Hospital Ethics Committee August 2021 -  
UCLA Health  
Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital Ethics Committee August 2021 -  
UCLA Health

#### TRAINING

Clinical Ethics Practicum June 2019  
Clarkson University-ISMMS Bioethics Program

#### RESEARCH

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##### ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [7] “Gene Drives and Genome Modification in Non-Human Animals: A Concern for Informed Consent?”  
*Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* (2019) 28(1), 93-99. doi: 10.1017/S0963180118000427 (invited contribution)
- [6] “CRISPR/Cas9 and Germline Modification: New Difficulties in Obtaining Informed Consent”  
*The American Journal of Bioethics* (2015) 15:12, 35-37. doi: 10.1080/15265161.2015.1103816 (invited contribution)
- [5] “Don’t Edit the Human Germ Line”  
*Nature* (2015) 519: 410-411. Co-authors: Edward Lanphier, Fyodor Urnov, Sarah Ehlen Haecker, and Michael Werner.

##### BOOK CHAPTERS AND RESOURCES

- [4] Wrote ancillary resources and test bank questions for *An Introduction to Moral Philosophy*, written by Jonathan Wolff (2017).
- [3] Assisted *The Routledge Companion to Bioethics* editors John D. Arras, Elizabeth Fenton, and Quill Kukla (writing as Rebecca Kukla) in composing introductions that provided readers with a roadmap of the issues and papers in each major section (2015).

##### WEB-BASED PUBLICATIONS

- [2] “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).
- [1] “Handicapped Spaces: Disability, Identity Politics, and Embodiment in Collaborative Artwork”  
*Recess Sessions* (December 2012). Written in Parallel with Artists Yve Laris Cohen and Park McArthur.

##### IN PROGRESS

###### ARTICLES

- “Germline Gene Editing and the Limits of Informed Consent”  
“Indirect Consent and Jehovah’s Witnesses”  
“Informed Consent and Bodily Self-Sovereignty”  
“Psychiatric Care and Epistemic Injustice”

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “Future Perfect? CRISPR and its Discontents”  
The Future of Humanity Panel, World Philosophy Day (Zoom) November 2021  
Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY
- Bioethics Club and Philosophy Colloquium Talk April 2019  
William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ
- “The Conceptual Underpinnings of Informed Consent”  
Talk cancelled, due to COVID-19 March 2020  
Center for Biomedical Ethics and Law, University of Tokyo
- “Germline Gene Editing and the Limits of Informed Consent”  
Ethics Research Seminar January 2020  
Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics, Jagiellonian University
- “Informed Consent and Psychiatric Disorder”  
Medical Practice and Epistemic Injustice Workshop October 2019  
The Graduate Center, CUNY
- “Problem Statement – Access/Equity/Affordability”  
Gene Therapies – Bioethics Challenges and Solutions Closed Workshop October 2019  
The New York Academy of Sciences, New York, NY
- “CRISPR/Cas9 – Novel Ethical Issues in Germline Modification”  
Philosophy Club Lecture April 2017  
Nassau Community College, Garden City, NY
- Molecular Coevolution: Lessons from Pathogen-Immune System April 2016  
Interactions Workshop  
Princeton Center for Theoretical Sciences, Princeton University
- “Panel V: Editing the Human Germline – The Promise and the Peril” Panelist  
Advancing Ethical Research (AER) Annual Conference November 2015  
Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) and Boston  
University School of Medicine
- “Dimensions of Moral Identity and Social Inequality: An International and Interdisciplinary  
Perspective”  
Early Research and Scholarship Conference September 2015  
The Graduate Center, CUNY
- “From Descartes to Derrida: The Changing Ontological Status of the Animal, from Bête-Machine to  
Animot”  
Human Worlds/Animal Worlds Graduate Student Conference December 2008  
Center for Archaeology, Columbia University

## REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- “Epistemic Injustice and Informed Consent in Psychiatry”  
Diversity and Bioethics - 34<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Society for August 2022  
Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care (ESPMH)  
Warsaw, Poland
- International Association of Bioethics World Congress of Bioethics (WCB) June 2020  
Virtual presentation, due to COVID-19
- Oxford-Mount Sinai Consortium on Bioethics 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting April 2020  
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY  
Conference cancelled, due to COVID-19
- Experts in Mental Health – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the International October 2019  
Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry (INPP)  
Warsaw, Poland

- “The Comparative Effectiveness of Synchronous and Asynchronous Online Bioethics Lecture Delivery on Student Learning in Discussion Board Posts”  
 (with Jenny Schiff, Michael Greer, Ryan Felder, Julia Kolak, Kyle Ferguson, Paul Cummins & Rosamond Rhodes)  
 37th Annual Conference of the European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics (EACME) (Zoom) September 2021  
 Iuliu Hatieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- “Development of an Innovative Rubric to Evaluate Student Learning in Discussion Board Posts within a Study Comparing Synchronous and Asynchronous Online Bioethics Lecture Delivery”  
 (with Jenny Schiff, Michael Greer, Ryan Felder, Julia Kolak, Kyle Ferguson, Paul Cummins & Rosamond Rhodes)  
 Asian Pacific Bioethics Education Network (APBEN) (Zoom) May 2021  
 Deakin University, Australia
- “Gene Drives and Genome Modification in Non-Human Animals: A Concern for Informed Consent?”  
 Irish Philosophical Society Annual Conference November 2018  
 Centre for Ethics in Public Life, University College Dublin
- International Bioethics Retreat June 2018  
 Columbia University Global Centers-Europe, Paris, France
- Bioethics & Applied Philosophy: York University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference April 2018  
 York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Genome Editing: Biomedical and Ethical Perspectives International Conference August 2017  
 The Center for the Study of Bioethics, The Division of Medical Ethics in NYU School of Medicine’s Department of Population Health, The Hastings Center, Belgrade, Serbia
- “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)  
 25th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP) August 2017  
 Hertfordshire, UK
- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP) Annual Meeting March 2017  
 Savannah, GA
- Hawaii University International Conferences on Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Education January 2017  
 Honolulu, HI
- “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 May 2017  
 Boston, MA
- “Are Contaminated Intuitions Bad Intuitions?”  
 Hawaii University International Conferences on Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Education January 2017  
 Honolulu, HI
- “The Non-Identity Problem and Historical Injustice: A Non-Problem for Reparations”  
 Social and Political Philosophy (SPP) Workshop October 2016  
 The Graduate Center, CUNY

#### COMMENTARIES

- On Eleonore Neufeld and Junhyo Lee’s “Pornography, Discourse, and Desires” January 2021  
 American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division meeting  
 Virtual presentation, due to COVID-19

On Sara Kolmes's "Ego Depletion and Organ Donation" April 2015  
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP) Annual Meeting  
New Orleans, LA

**POSTER PRESENTATION**

"Are Contaminated Intuitions Bad Intuitions?"  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP) August 2017  
Hertfordshire, UK

**AS RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

Be Better, Together – Japanese Studies Curriculum Development September 2020 - February 2021  
and Building Bridges Across CUNY Project  
Research Foundation CUNY  
Professor William Ruddick Summer 2013; July 2014 – July 2016  
Philosophy Department, Center for Bioethics, NYU  
Sarah A. Haecker, Chief Scientific Officer January 2015 – March 2015  
Adjuvant Partners, Towson, MD  
Professor Iakovos Vasiliou, Executive Officer August 2013 – June 2014  
Philosophy Department, The Graduate Center, CUNY  
Dr. Lee M. Silver, Founder and Chief Science Advisor, and Anne January 2013 - May 2013  
Morriss, Founder and CEO  
GenePeeks, Inc., New York, NY  
Professor Arthur L. Caplan, Drs. William F. and Virginia Connolly August 2012 – December 2012  
Mitty Professor of Bioethics, Department of Population Health  
Division of Medical Ethics, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**AS LEAD INSTRUCTOR**

JOHN JAY COLLEGE, CUNY  
Ethics and Law Spring 2021  
Ethics and Information Technology Fall 2016 - Spring 2017  
  
BROOKLYN COLLEGE, CUNY  
Business and Moral Issues Fall 2014 - Spring 2016; Spring 2017  
Ethics and Society Fall 2016

**AS TEACHING ASSISTANT**

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE, NYU  
Environment and Society (David Kanter) Spring 2021  
Texts and Ideas (Sharon Street) Fall 2019  
Central Problems in Philosophy (Ian Grubb) Spring 2019  
Ethics and the Environment (Dale Jamieson) Fall 2018  
  
HUNTER COLLEGE, CUNY  
Introduction to Philosophy (Justin Garson) Fall 2017, 2018, 2020  
Introduction to Philosophy (Frank Kirkland) Spring 2018  
  
SOPHIE DAVIS BIOMEDICAL SCHOOL, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, CUNY  
Introduction to Biomedical Ethics (Katherine Mendis) Summer 2020; Fall 2020

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCE, NYU	
Moral Indeterminacy (S. Matthew Liao)	Fall 2015
Topics in Ethics: Memory, Commemoration, and Justice (William Ruddick and Jeffrey Blustein, The Graduate Center, CUNY)	Spring 2015
Advanced Introduction to Environmental Ethics (David Frank)	Spring 2015
Neuroethics (S. Matthew Liao)	Fall 2014

## **PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY**

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“Future Perfect? CRISPR and its Discontents” A Night of Philosophy and Ideas Brooklyn Public Library and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy	February 2019
“The Dilemma Series – Duty to Report” A Night of Philosophy and Ideas Brooklyn Public Library and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy	February 2019
“Editing the Genome – How CRISPR/Cas9 is Changing the Game” Philosophy in the Library: The Ethics of Emerging Technologies Brooklyn Public Library	April 2018
“The Dilemma Series – Drawing the Line” A Night of Philosophy and Ideas Brooklyn Public Library and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy	January 2018

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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### **EDITORIAL WORK**

Managing Editor: <i>Journal of Critical Care</i>	February 2018 – June 2019
Feedback and Editing Services: <i>How God Became Good: The Spirituality of the English and American Deists</i> (Joseph Waligore)	February – March 2018

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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Normativity and the Human Sciences – 18 <sup>th</sup> Annual CUNY Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (co-organizer)	April 2015
Student and Alumni Affairs Committee Member, Philosophy Program, The Graduate Center, CUNY	2017 – 2018; 2019 - 2021

## **LANGUAGES**

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Polish (Fluent); German (conversational, 2 years study); French (conversational, 8 years study)

## **REFERENCES**

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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  
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Distinguished Professor of Philosophy  
The Graduate Center, CUNY  
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William Ruddick  
Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Bioethics  
Founding Director, Center for Bioethics  
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#### **TEACHING REFERENCE**

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