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EMPLOYMENT

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

EDUCATION

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

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

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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 Fellow, 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

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

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

CLINICAL ETHICS CONSULTATIONS

Consults with Lead or Active Role: 145

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, Chart review, Team follow-up, Outside referrals.

Issues Addressed: Futility, Unilateral treatment limitations, Surrogate decision-making, Capacity, Consent, Involuntary or emergent treatment, Confidentiality, Complex goals of care, Unrepresented patients, Discharge planning, Moral distress, Advance care planning, Brain death, Decision-maker uncertainty, Challenging patients or surrogates, Medical holds, Organ donation.

Teams Advised: Medicine, Intensive Care, Psychiatry, Geriatrics, Pediatrics, Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Neuro Intensive Care, Cardiology, Coronary Care, Cardiothoracic Surgery and Intensive Care, Transplant Surgery, Trauma Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Head and Neck Surgery, Oncology, Emergency Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Anesthesiology, Palliative Care, Social Work, Nursing, Outpatient Teams, Primary Care Providers.

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

“Decision-Making Capacity”

Ethics Didactics (monthly)

Residency Program, UCLA Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics

February 2022 -

“Surrogate Decision Making for Unrepresented Patients”
“Intersectionality in Clinical Medicine”
“The Abusive Patient: Where Do You Draw the Line?”
Journal Club (~bimonthly) January 2022 -
UCLA Health Ethics Center

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 August 2019 – May 2021
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Practicum and Capstone Assessment
BIE Intensive Courses June 2020, May 2021
Clarkson University-ISMMS Bioethics Program

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

POLICY WORK

REPORTS PREPARED

AMA Discharge Policy

Prepared a memorandum analyzing the proposed revisions to the Health System’s “Leaving the Hospital Against Medical Advice (AMA)” Policy, also referred to as the AMA discharge policy.

TOPICS OF POLICIES REVIEWED

Withdrawing or withholding medically inappropriate life-sustaining treatment, End of Life Options Act (EOLOA), Obtaining and documenting informed consent, Identifying surrogate decision-makers, Decision-making for incapable, unrepresented patients, Emergency treatment exception.

TRAINING

Clinical Ethics Practicum June 2019
Clarkson University-ISMMS Bioethics Program

RESEARCH

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”
- “ECMO and Medical Futility”
- “Invincible Indecision and Decisional Capacity”

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 Interactions Workshop April 2016
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 - 34th 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 29th Annual Meeting April 2020
 Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY
 Conference cancelled, due to COVID-19
- Experts in Mental Health – 21st 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 September 2021
 Medical Ethics (EACME) (Zoom)
 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 April 2018
 Conference
 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?”
 25th 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 Morriss, Founder and CEO January 2013 - May 2013
 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

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

“Future Perfect? CRISPR and its Discontents”

“The Dilemma Series – Duty to Report”

A Night of Philosophy and Ideas

February 2019

Brooklyn Public Library and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy

“Editing the Genome – How CRISPR/Cas9 is Changing the Game”

Philosophy in the Library: The Ethics of Emerging Technologies

April 2018

Brooklyn Public Library

“The Dilemma Series – Drawing the Line”

A Night of Philosophy and Ideas

January 2018

Brooklyn Public Library and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

Effective Practices for Hybrid Education Workshop

June 2021

Department of Online Education and Support, John Jay College, CUNY

Microcredential in Promoting Active Learning Online

April 2021

Association of College and University Educators (ACUE)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

EDITORIAL WORK

Managing Editor: *Journal of Critical Care* February 2018 - June 2019
Feedback and Editing Services: *How God Became Good: The Spirituality of the
English and American Deists* (Joseph Waligore) February - March 2018
Journal Referee: *Episteme*

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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

LANGUAGES

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

REFERENCES

James A. Hynds, LL.B., M.Th., Ph.D. (fellowship director)
Interim Associate Director
Senior Clinical Ethicist
UCLA Health Ethics Center
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David Papineau, Ph.D. (dissertation supervisor)
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King's College London
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Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Bioethics
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TEACHING REFERENCE

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