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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., 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

**Seattle Children's Treuman Katz Center for Pediatric Bioethics Conference
Scholarship**, 17th Annual Pediatric Bioethics Conference, Seattle, WA July 2022
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, 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

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| CEU Summer University Full Tuition Scholarship , 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 Art, 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 (~\$29,200) | 2005 - 2009 |
| FUBiS Language Stipend , 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 , Columbia College, Columbia University | 2006 - 2007 |

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

CLINICAL ETHICS CONSULTATIONS

Consults with Lead or Active Role: ~185

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

“Consent and Capacity”

MS 1 Skills Workshop - Scientific Foundations of Medicine
David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA

August 2022

“Introducing the Foundations of Capacity”

MS 1 Capacity Seminar - Scientific Foundations of Medicine
David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA

July 2022

“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

“Professional Ethics”

Ethics Didactics (3x)

October 2022

Nursing Residency Program, UCLA Center for Nursing Excellence

“Decision-Making Capacity”

Ethics Didactics (monthly, biweekly starting July 2022)

February 2022 -

Residency Program, UCLA Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics

“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, Ethics consultation services and Ethics Committee protocols.

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

- “The Abusive Patient”
Translational Endocrinology Conference June 2022
Division of Endocrinology, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
- “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

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| “Informed Consent and Psychiatric Disorder” Medical Practice and Epistemic Injustice Workshop The Graduate Center, CUNY | October 2019 |
| “Problem Statement – Access/Equity/Affordability” Gene Therapies – Bioethics Challenges and Solutions Closed Workshop The New York Academy of Sciences, New York, NY | October 2019 |
| “CRISPR/Cas9 – Novel Ethical Issues in Germline Modification” Philosophy Club Lecture Nassau Community College, Garden City, NY | April 2017 |
| Molecular Coevolution: Lessons from Pathogen-Immune System Interactions Workshop Princeton Center for Theoretical Sciences, Princeton University | April 2016 |
| “Panel V: Editing the Human Germline – The Promise and the Peril” Panelist Advancing Ethical Research (AER) Annual Conference Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) and Boston University School of Medicine | November 2015 |
| “Dimensions of Moral Identity and Social Inequality: An International and Interdisciplinary Perspective” Early Research and Scholarship Conference The Graduate Center, CUNY | September 2015 |
| “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 2008 |

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

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| “Epistemic Injustice and Informed Consent in Psychiatry” Diversity and Bioethics - 34 th Conference of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care (ESPMH) Warsaw, Poland | August 2022 |
| International Association of Bioethics World Congress of Bioethics (WCB) Virtual presentation, due to COVID-19 | June 2020 |
| Oxford-Mount Sinai Consortium on Bioethics 29 th Annual Meeting Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY Conference cancelled, due to COVID-19 | April 2020 |
| Experts in Mental Health – 21 st Annual Conference of the International Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry (INPP) Warsaw, Poland | October 2019 |
| “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) 37 th Annual Conference of the European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics (EACME) (Zoom) Iuliu Hatieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj-Napoca, Romania | September 2021 |
| “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) Deakin University, Australia | May 2021 |

- “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?”
 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

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| Professor William Ruddick Philosophy Department, Center for Bioethics, NYU | Summer 2013; July 2014 - July 2016 |
| Sarah A. Haecker, Chief Scientific Officer Adjuvant Partners, Towson, MD | January 2015 - March 2015 |
| Professor Iakovos Vasiliou, Executive Officer Philosophy Department, The Graduate Center, CUNY | August 2013 - June 2014 |
| Dr. Lee M. Silver, Founder and Chief Science Advisor, and Anne Morriss, Founder and CEO GenePeeks, Inc., New York, NY | January 2013 - May 2013 |
| Professor Arthur L. Caplan, Drs. William F. and Virginia Connolly Mitty Professor of Bioethics, Department of Population Health Division of Medical Ethics, NYU Grossman School of Medicine | August 2012 - December 2012 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

AS LEAD INSTRUCTOR

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

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

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| COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE, NYU Environment and Society (David Kanter) Texts and Ideas (Sharon Street) Central Problems in Philosophy (Ian Grubb) Ethics and the Environment (Dale Jamieson) | Spring 2021 Fall 2019 Spring 2019 Fall 2018 |
| HUNTER COLLEGE, CUNY Introduction to Philosophy (Justin Garson) Introduction to Philosophy (Frank Kirkland) | Fall 2017, 2018, 2020 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) Topics in Ethics: Memory, Commemoration, and Justice (William Ruddick and and Jeffrey Blustein, The Graduate Center, CUNY) Advanced Introduction to Environmental Ethics (David Frank) Neuroethics (S. Matthew Liao) | Fall 2015 Spring 2015 Spring 2015 Fall 2014 |

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

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| “Future Perfect? CRISPR and its Discontents” “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 |
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“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)

ePortfolio Faculty Development Program Fall 2016
 Teaching & Learning Center, John Jay College, CUNY

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 April 2015
 Philosophy Conference (co-organizer)

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)
 Professor of Philosophy of Science
 King’s College London
 Visiting Presidential Professor of Philosophy
 The Graduate Center, CUNY
 david.papineau@kcl.ac.uk

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Distinguished Professor of Philosophy
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TEACHING REFERENCE

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