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EMPLOYMENT

Health Ethics Center, The University of California, Los Angeles August 2021 -
 Senior Clinical Ethics Fellow (2022 - Present)
 Clinical Ethics Fellow (2021 – 2022)

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

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*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

AOS Clinical Ethics, Bioethics, Ethics
AOC Feminist Epistemology (esp. Epistemic Injustice), Philosophy of Psychiatry, Moral Psychology

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Seattle Children's Treuman Katz Center for Pediatric Bioethics Conference July 2022
Scholarship, 17th Annual Pediatric Bioethics Conference, Seattle, WA
Ethics Fellow, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (\$5,000 pa) 2019 - 2021
Associate Fellow, GE2P2 Global Foundation – Governance, Evidence, 2020 - 2021
 Ethics, Policy, Practice
CUNY BA Fellow, Baccalaureate for Unique and Individualized Spring 2019 - Summer 2020
 Studies, CUNY (\$27,128 pa)
Bioethics in Biopharma Fellow, GE2P2 Global Foundation (\$7,500) 2019 - 2020
Doctoral Student Research Grant, Office of Research and Sponsored 2019 - 2020
 Programs, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$1,000)
Visiting Fellow, Project Biouncertainty, Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics, January 2020
 Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland (~\$1,300)
Conference Presentation Support, Office of the Vice President for Spring 2016, 2017
 Student Affairs, The Graduate Center, CUNY Fall 2018, 2019
Univie Summer School Stipend, USS Scientific World Conceptions Program Summer 2019
 on Philosophy and Psychiatry, Vienna Circle Society, Universität Wien
Travel Award Grant for Adjunct Faculty, CUNY Academy and the Central Spring 2018, 2019
 Office of Research
CEU Summer University Full Tuition Scholarship, Program on Moral Summer 2018
 Epistemology, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow, Writing Center, Medgar Evers 2017 - 2018
 College, CUNY

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

UCLA HEALTH AND DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE:

CLINICAL ETHICS CONSULTATIONS

Consults with Lead or Active Role: >300

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, Incapable and unrepresented patient care, Surrogate decision-making, Capacity, Consent, Involuntary treatment, Emergency treatment, Confidentiality and information disclosure, Complex goals of care, Inappropriate surrogate behavior, Discharge planning, Moral distress, Advance care planning, End of life care, Brain death, Decision-maker uncertainty, Challenging patients or surrogates, Medical holds, Organ donation.

Teams Advised: Medicine, Intensive Care, Geriatrics, Psychiatry, Pediatrics, Neuro Critical Care, Coronary Care, Cardiothoracic Surgery and Intensive Care, Transplant Intensivists, Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care, Surgical Intensive Care, Neurosurgery, Neurology, Neuro-Stroke, Liver Transplant, Advance Lung Disease, Trauma Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Head and Neck Surgery, Hematology Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Emergency Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Anesthesiology, Palliative Care, Social Work, Risk Management, Outpatient Teams, Primary Care Providers.

ACADEMIC LECTURES

“Capacity and Decision-Making” Doctorate of Nursing Practice Student Lecture	October 2022
“Consent and Capacity” MS 1 Skills Workshop - Scientific Foundations of Medicine (2x)	August 2022
“Introducing the Foundations of Capacity” MS 1 Capacity Seminar - Scientific Foundations of Medicine	July 2022
“Reproductive Medicine & the Physician's Conscience” MS 2 Block 8 Lecture - Ethical Foundations of Medicine	December 2021

CLINICAL LECTURES

“Capacity in Geriatric Medicine” Ethics Lecture Geriatric Fellowship Program, UCLA Division of Geriatrics	February 2023
“TBD” Ethics Lecture Pediatric Residency Program, UCLA Health	January 2023
“Ethical Issues in Pediatric Neurology” (with Joseph Raho) Pediatric Neurology Noon Conference Pediatric Neurology Fellowship Program, UCLA Health	December 2022
“Professional Ethics” Ethics Didactics (3x) Nursing Residency Program, UCLA Center for Nursing Excellence	October 2022
“Professional Ethics” (with Joseph Raho) Psychology Internship Seminar Psychology Internship Program, UCLA Health	October 2022
“Decision-Making Capacity” Ethics Didactics (monthly, biweekly starting July 2022) 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?”	
“Rethinking Disability: The Social Model of Disability and Chronic Disease”	
“Bodily Integrity and the Care of Persons Experiencing Homelessness”	
“A Clinician’s Approach to Clinical Ethical Reasoning” Ethics Center Journal Club (~bimonthly)	January 2022 -

COMMITTEE SERVICE

Ronald Reagan Medical Center Ethics Committee	August 2021 -
Santa Monica Hospital Ethics Committee	August 2021 -
Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital Ethics Committee	August 2021 -
Cardiothoracic Transplant Program – Pediatric Selection Committee*	February 2022 -

**observational basis*

COMMITTEE EDUCATION

Led the development of a comprehensive ethics training program for existing and incoming Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital Ethics Committee members. This effort included performing an assessment of educational needs, producing pedagogical materials on relevant ethical issues, and the establishment of a Psychiatric Ethics Journal Club.

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, Discontinuing mechanical ventilation when death is expected, Organ donation after circulatory death and tissue donation.

ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI:

GRANT-FUNDED RESEARCH

- “Establishing a Masters Program in Research Ethics at the University of Belgrade School of Medicine” 2020-2021
PI: Rosamond Rhodes, Ivanka Markovic
Fogarty International Center, NIH
- “Establishing a Masters Program in Research Ethics and Methodology in Cluj-Napoca, Romania” 2020-2021
PI: Rosamond Rhodes, Horatiu Alexandru Colosi
Fogarty International Center, NIH

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
Practicum and Capstone Assessment
BIE Intensive Courses June 2020, May 2021

TRAINING

- Clinical Ethics Practicum June 2019

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

“TBD”

- Research Ethics in Medicine Study Group (REMEDY) Working Seminar March 2023
Department of Philosophy and Bioethics, Faculty of Health Sciences, Jagiellonian
University Medical College, Kraków, 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) July 2022
Fogarty Reunion Retreat
University of Belgrade, Serbia
- “The Abusive Patient” June 2022
Translational Endocrinology Conference
Division of Endocrinology, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
- “Future Perfect? CRISPR and its Discontents” November 2021
The Future of Humanity Panel, World Philosophy Day (Zoom)
Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY
- Bioethics Club and Philosophy Colloquium Talk April 2019
William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ
- “The Conceptual Underpinnings of Informed Consent” March 2020
Talk cancelled, due to COVID-19
Center for Biomedical Ethics and Law, University of Tokyo
- “Germline Gene Editing and the Limits of Informed Consent” January 2020
Ethics Research Seminar
Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics, Jagiellonian University
- “Informed Consent and Psychiatric Disorder” October 2019
Medical Practice and Epistemic Injustice Workshop
The Graduate Center, CUNY
- “Problem Statement – Access/Equity/Affordability” October 2019
Gene Therapies – Bioethics Challenges and Solutions Closed Workshop
The New York Academy of Sciences, New York, NY
- “CRISPR/Cas9 – Novel Ethical Issues in Germline Modification” April 2017
Philosophy Club Lecture
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 November 2015
Advancing Ethical Research (AER) Annual Conference
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

CHAired SESSIONS

- “Session 3.2: Sex and Gender” (invited)
 Diversity and Bioethics - 34th Conference of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care (ESPMH) August 2022
 Warsaw, Poland

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 PRESENTATIONS

- “Are Contaminated Intuitions Bad Intuitions?”
 25th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP) August 2017
 Hertfordshire, UK

AS RESEARCHER / 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 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

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

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 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

“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
“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

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: <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
Journal Referee: <i>Episteme</i>	

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Student and Alumni Affairs Committee Member, Philosophy Program, The Graduate Center, CUNY	2017 - 2018; 2019 - 2021
Normativity and the Human Sciences – 18 th 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)
Associate Director
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David Papineau, Ph.D. (dissertation supervisor)
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