Robert M. Kelly ♦ *Curriculum Vitae* ♦ May 2022

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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Medicine, Bioethics, Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Action Theory, Applied Ontology, Ethical Theory, Critical Thinking, Experimental Philosophy

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy | University at Buffalo | June 2021

Thesis: "Understanding Addiction"
Committee: David Hershenov (Chair), Barry Smith, Neil Williams

M.A., Philosophy | University at Buffalo | September 2016

Thesis: "The Foundationalism in Environmental Pragmatism"

B.A., Philosophy (*cum laude*) | California State University, Northridge | June 2014

Honors Thesis: "Are the Folk (In)Compatibilists? Free Will and Experimental Philosophy"

Academic Work Experience

Adjunct Instructor, Philosophy | Bakersfield College | August 2021 - Present

Primary instructor for various philosophy courses

Applied Ontology Consultant | University College London | September 2021 - January 2022

Worked with lead ontologist Janna Hastings and principal investigator Robert West of the Human Behaviour Change Project out of University College London to develop extensions of the Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (https://www.humanbehaviourchange.org)

Applied Ontology Consultant | MIT Lincoln Laboratory | August 2020 - August 2021

Part of a small team of UB philosophers working with MIT researchers on a DoD-funded initiative to develop realist ontologies to facilitate human-machine collaborative behavior

Adjunct Instructor | Daemen College | Fall 2018

Primary instructor for Biomedical Ethics

Graduate TA/RA | University at Buffalo | September 2014 - May 2019

TA, RA, and teaching duties as part of a five-year fellowship in the Ph.D. program in Philosophy

Courses Taught (Bakersfield College, Daemen College, & University at Buffalo – *online)

Applied Ontology: Co-taught lecture series, DoD-sponsored ontology contract, MIT (Fall 2020 - Spring 2021)

Biomedical Ethics: Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Winter 2018*, Summer 2018*

Critical Thinking and Advanced Composition: Fall 2021*, Spring 2022, Summer 2022

Ethics of Living and Dying: Fall 2021* (x2), Spring 2022, Summer 2022

Introduction to Ethics: Fall 2015, Winter 2016*, Spring 2016, Winter 2017*, Sumer 2017*, Spring 2022*, Summer 2022

Introduction to Philosophy: Summer 2022

Research

[1] **Robert Kelly** (Forthcoming). Towards a dispositionalist (and unifying) account of addiction. *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*.

[2] **Robert Kelly**, Janna Hastings, and Robert West (Forthcoming). How an addiction ontology can unify competing conceptualizations of addiction. In N. Heather, M. Field, A. Moss, and S. Satel (Eds.), *Evaluating the brain disease model of addiction* (Ch. 42). Routledge.

[3] David Kasmier, Eric Merrell, **Robert Kelly**, Barry Smith, Curtis Heisey, Donald Maki, Marc Brittain, Ronald Ankner & Kevin Bush (Forthcoming). Ontology of Plays for Autonomous Teaming and Collaboration. *Proceedings of the 14th Seminar on Ontology Research in Brazil* (OntoBras). ([Access at OntoBras](#))

[4] Eric Merrell, **Robert Kelly**, David Kasmier, Barry Smith, Marc Brittain, Ronald Ankner, Evan Maki, Curtis W. Heisey & Kevin Bush (Forthcoming). Benefits of realist ontologies to systems engineering. *Proceedings of the 8th International Workshop on Ontologies and Conceptual Modelling* (OntoCom). ([Access on PhilPapers](#))

[5] Stephen Kershnar and **Robert Kelly** (Forthcoming). Responsibility-foundation: Still needed and still missing. *Science, Religion and Culture*. ([Access on PhilPapers](#))

[6] Stephen Kershnar and **Robert Kelly** (2020). The right-based criticism of the doctrine of double effect. *International Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *34*(2), 215-233. ([Access on PhilPapers](#))

[7] **Robert Kelly**, David Limbaugh, and Barry Smith (July 2020). Review of: Ontologies relevant to behavior change interventions. *Wellcome Open Research*, *5*(126), 1-12. ([Access from WOR](#))

[8] Stephen Kershnar and **Robert Kelly** (August 2019). Rights and consent in mixed martial arts. *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*, *47*(1), 105-120. ([Access on PhilPapers](#))

[9] **Robert Kelly** and Barry Smith (September 2018). Commentary on Bozzi's Untimely Meditations on the Relation Between Self and Non-self. In I. Bianchi & R. Davies (Eds.), *Paolo Bozzi's experimental phenomenology* (pp. 125-129). Routledge. ([Access on PhilPapers](#))

[10] David Limbaugh and **Robert Kelly** (March 2018). Libet and freedom in a mind-haunted world. *American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience*, *9*(1), 42-44. ([Access on PhilPapers](#))

[11] Claire White, **Robert Kelly**, and Shaun Nichols (January 2016). Remembering past lives. In H. De Cruz & R. Nichols (Eds.), *Advances in religion, cognitive science, and experimental philosophy* (pp. 169-195). Bloomsbury.

Applied and Interdisciplinary Experience

Research Collaborator | AddictO Addiction Ontology | December 2020 - Present
Collaborating with Janna Hastings and Robert West to develop and extend the AddictO ontology initiative aimed at facilitating the management and synthesis of addiction-relevant research and data stemming from various disciplines/fields ([AddictO Homepage](#))

Researcher | National Center for Ontological Research Lab | January 2020 - Present
Member of *Addiction Working Group* contributing to the development of an Addiction Ontology through the use and extension of existing biomedical ontologies ([NCOR Lab Homepage](#))

Fellow | Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine | 2014 - Present
Member of Autonomy, Addiction, and Accountability working group and regular participant in annual conference as well as monthly blog discussions, lectures, and workshops ([Romanell Homepage](#))

Volunteer Researcher | UB Research Institute on Addictions | October 2016 - January 2018

Part of research team studying various aspects of addiction and its treatment – reviewed active RIA clinical studies, conducted literature reviews, attended workshops on addiction and clinical ethics

Graduate Participant | Free Will and Consciousness Summer School, Riga, Latvia | July 2016
Selected from international applicant pool (grads, post-docs, Jr. profs) for two-week summer school organized by the Moscow Center for Consciousness Studies, taught by Derk Pereboom, Leigh Vicens, and Patrick Todd, culminating in a research presentation (Conference Homepage)

Research Coordinator | Cognitive Science of Religion Lab, CSUN | Fall 2013 - Spring 2014
Led a research group on social psychology projects, conducted literature reviews, constructed and delivered experimental surveys, collected and analyzed data, and published a co-authored study (Lab Homepage)

Selected Presentations

[1] "Defining 'addiction': Conceptual issues and practical implications," *Ostapenko Center for Ethics in Medicine and Healthcare Fall Lecture Series*, Niagara University (November 2021)

[2] "Gradated addiction: Why reasons-responsiveness fails the test," *2021 Romanell Conference on Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine*, University at Buffalo (November 2021)

[3] "A Bratman-based account of collaborative behavior," *Lecture for Collaborative Behavior Ontology Project*, MIT Lincoln Laboratory (virtual, January 2021)

[4] "Outcomes-based research and the need for an ontology of metacognition" (with Kristin Muller), *Complexity and Cognition: A satellite symposium of the Conference on Complex Systems 2020*, Complex Systems Society (virtual, December 2020)

[5] "The elephant in the room: Towards a dispositionalist account of addiction," *Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine Fall 2020 Lecture Series*, University at Buffalo (virtual, November 2020)

[6] "Lecture 2: The Common Core & common ontology mistakes," *Lecture Series on Building Ontologies with BFO*, MIT Lincoln Laboratory (virtual, October 2020)

[7] "Information, intentions, and plans," *Lecture for Collaborative Behavior Ontology Project*, MIT Lincoln Laboratory (virtual, September 2020)

[8] "Addiction is not a brain disease," *Eastern APA* (Poster Session), New York, NY (January 2019)

[9] "Control and addictive agency," *Graduate Student Philosophy Conference on Philosophy of Agency*, University of California, Riverside (January 2018)

[10] "Implicit racial bias and the intrinsicality claim," *Ethics and Political, Social and Legal Annual Conference*, Center for Cognition and Neuroethics, University of Michigan-Flint (November 2016)

[11] "The dispositional account of implicit bias," *Tenth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress* (Poster Session), University of Colorado, Boulder (August 2017)

[12] "Wakefield on Lewis on addiction: Who is the real winner?" *2018 Romanell Conference on Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine*, University at Buffalo (July 2018)

[13] "Addiction is compatible with determinism, and why this matters," *Blameless Buffalo? Conference on Free Will and Moral Responsibility*, University at Buffalo (June 2018)

[14] "Practical philosophy: Getting your hands dirty and cleaning things up," *IX CSUN Student Philosophy Conference* (Alumnus Keynote), California State University, Northridge (April 2018)

[15] "Addiction is not a brain disease," *Romanell Workshop on Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine*, University at Buffalo (February 2018)

[16] "Understanding addictive agency: What it is, not how it works," *Blameless Buffalo? Conference on Free Will and Moral Responsibility*, University at Buffalo (May 2017)

[17] Comments on "Punishing intentions and neurointerventions" by David Birks and Alena Buyx, *Ninth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, University of Colorado, Boulder (August 2016)

[18] "The foundationalism within environmental pragmatism," *Ninth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (Poster Session)*, University of Colorado, Boulder (August 2016)

[19] "Manipulation and compatibilism: Why health is not the cure," *Blameless Buffalo? Conference on Free Will and Moral Responsibility*, University at Buffalo (June 2016)

[20] "Remembering past lives: Intuitions about memory and personal identity in U.S. spiritual seekers" (with Claire White & Shaun Nichols), *40th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (Poster Session)*, University of British Columbia (June 2014)

Service and Leadership Roles

Journal Referee, *Addiction* (May 2021)
Journal Referee, *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology* (November 2018)
Co-Founder/-Organizer, *Buffalo Undergraduate Philosophy Club*, University at Buffalo (2015-2018)
Co-Organizer, *Blameless Buffalo?* (free will reading group), University at Buffalo (2015-2018)
President, *Graduate Philosophy Association* (GPA), University at Buffalo (2017-2018)
Member, *Undergraduate Recruitment Committee* (part of GPA), University at Buffalo (2015-2018)
Co-Organizer, *Buffalo Annual Experimental Philosophy Conference*, University at Buffalo (2015-2018)
Chair, *Technology and Social Media Committee* (part of GPA), University at Buffalo (2016-2017)
Temporary Administrative Assistant, *Department of Philosophy*, University at Buffalo (Spring 2016)
Research Coordinator, *Personal Identity Project*, Cognitive Science of Religion Lab, CSU Northridge (2013-2015)

Grants and Awards

Perry Award for Best Dissertation, Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo (2020-2021)
NIH Summer Training Grant in Bioinformatics, University at Buffalo (May 2021 - June 2021)
Best Non-Ethics Graduate Paper, Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo (2020-2021)
Full Tuition Waiver and Living Stipend, University at Buffalo (August 2014 - May 2018)
Dean's Scholarship (Additional $5,000 Yearly Grant), University at Buffalo (August 2014 - May 2018)
Best Graduate Paper in Ethics, Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo (2016-2017)
Department Citizenship Award, Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo (2016-2017)
Outstanding Graduate TA/RA, University at Buffalo (2016-2017)
Philosophy Department Award for Outstanding Student, CSU Northridge (2012-2013)
Best Student Paper, Philosophy Department Colloquium, Bakersfield College (2011)
Philosophy Department Award for Outstanding Student, Bakersfield College (2010-2011)