

# Tyler K. Fagan | Curriculum Vitae

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Lecturer, Elmhurst University, 2017–present

Visiting Assistant Professor, Elmhurst University, 2012–2016

## EXPERTISE

**Areas of Specialization:** moral responsibility, philosophy of mind, neuroethics

**Areas of Competence:** applied ethics, early modern philosophy, ancient philosophy

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2012.

M.A., Philosophy, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2007.

B.A., Philosophy & Religion, English, Truman State University (*summa cum laude*), 2004.

## RESEARCH

### Works in Progress

“Animal Minds, Human Responsibilities.” Article in preparation.

“Blame It on the Youth.” Article in preparation.

### Publications

(forthcoming) “Neuroscience and the Concept of Culpability,” in S. Della Sala et al. (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Behavioral Neuroscience*. New York: Elsevier.

(2021) “Child Soldiers, Executive Functions, and Culpability” with Katrina Sifferd and William Hirstein (first author), C. Fournet and A. Matwijkiw (eds.), *Biowar and International Criminal Law*. Boston/Leiden: Brill/Martinus Nijhoff Publishers.

[https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004364424\\_013](https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004364424_013)

- (2020) “Juvenile Responsibility: In Search of a Scalar Standard,” with Katrina Sifferd and William Hirstein (first author), in A. Mele (ed.), *Surrounding Self-Control: The Philosophy and Science of Self-Control*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- (2018) *Responsible Brains: Neuroscience, Law, and Human Culpability*, with Katrina Sifferd and William Hirstein. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- (2018) “Pretrial Detention and Moral Agency,” with Katrina Sifferd (second author), in D. Boonin (ed.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Philosophy and Public Policy*. (pp. 11–23). New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- (2017) “Legal Insanity and Executive Function,” with Katrina Sifferd and William Hirstein (third author), in M. White (ed.), *The Insanity Defense: Multidisciplinary Views on Its History, Trends, and Controversies* (pp. 215–242). Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.
- (2016) “Animal Mindreading and the Principle of Conservatism.” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 54 (2), 189–208. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/sjp.12167>
- (2016) “Child Soldiers, Executive Functions, and Culpability,” with Katrina Sifferd and William Hirstein (first author). *International Criminal Law Review*, 16 (2), 258–286. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/15718123-01602002>
- (2013) “All in the Game,” in J. Crosby, D. Bzdak, and S. Vannatta (eds.), *The Wire and Philosophy* (pp. 13–29). Chicago: Open Court Books.

### Invited Talks and Presentations

- “Environmental Action and the Problem of Inconsequentialism”  
Natural Resources Defense Council / Environmental Defense Fund “Green Team” Public Lecture Series, 2020
- “Responsible Brains: Neuroscience, Law, and Human Culpability.”  
Rutgers University Institute for Law and Philosophy, 2020 (canceled)
- “Climate Change: Realism and Optimism”  
Elmhurst University “Inventing Hope” Teach-In, 2020
- “Dare to Disagree”  
Elmhurst University Teach-In, Student Government Association, 2017
- “Mental Illness, Legal Insanity, and Executive Function.”  
University of Michigan–Flint, Department of Philosophy Lecture Series, 2016
- “The Guilty Brain: Executive Function and Responsibility.”  
Florida State University, Philosophy of Science and Self-Control Conference, 2015
- “Reading Animal Minds: Anthropomorphism and Anthropodenial.”  
Ball State University, Department of Philosophy, 2013
- “Reading Animal Minds: Anthropomorphism and Anthropodenial.”  
Illinois Institute of Technology, Lewis Department of Humanities Colloquium, 2012
- “Animal Mindreading and the Principle of Conservatism.”  
Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Main Program), 2012
- Commentator on “Ontological Objections to Cohen’s Relationalism” by Iris Spoor.  
Indiana Philosophical Association Conference, 2012

“Animal Mindreading and the Principle of Conservatism.”

Illinois Philosophical Association Conference, 2011

“Self-ignorance and Self-improvement: Sketching a Reevaluation.”

Northwest Philosophy Conference, 2010

Commentator on “2 is Better than 1” by Bryan Miller.

University of Illinois Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2010

Commentator on “Deweying Dennett” by Tibor Solymosi.

University of Illinois Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2007

“Consciousness, Computability, and Mathematics: Escaping from Gödel and Penrose.”

Toward a Science of Consciousness Conference, 2004

## **AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS**

**2018–19** Nominee, President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, Elmhurst University.

**2015–16.** Templeton Foundation grant awarded: The Philosophy and Science of Self-Control (dir. Alfred Mele), \$55,000 subgrant. Project title: *The Guilty Brain: Self-Control as Executive Function*. With William Hirstein and Katrina Sifferd.

**2008–11.** Selected to List of Instructors Ranked ‘Excellent’ by their students, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011).

**2009–10.** Distinguished Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Illinois.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Elmhurst University**

FYS 100: Truth, Lies, & Everything In Between

HON 107: Problems of Philosophy (Honors)

HON 304: Ethics (Honors)

PHL 106: Critical Reasoning

PHL 210: Introduction to Philosophy

PHL 210: Introduction to Philosophy (Online)

PHL 220: Formal Logic

PHL 303: Ancient Philosophy

PHL 304: Modern Philosophy

PHL 306: Ethics

PHL 312: Environmental Ethics

PHL 316: Ethical Aspects of Health Care

PHL 320: Social & Political Philosophy

PHL 349: Philosophy of Religion

PHL 405: Contemporary Philosophy

PHL 492: Independent Study: Philosophy Lab

PHL 495: Honors Independent Research

### **University of Illinois**

PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL 202: Symbolic Logic

### **Illinois State University**

PHI 101: Basic Issues in Philosophy

### **Concordia University Chicago**

PHL 2210: Introduction to Logic

North Central College

PHL 110: Ethics

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE**

2018–19. Instructor, “Finding My Path” First-Year Program, Elmhurst University.  
2014, 2018, 2019. Co-Instructor, Honors Program Directed Readings, Elmhurst University  
2012. Mentor for New Teaching Assistants, University of Illinois  
2011. Research Assistant for Prof. Denise Cummins  
2009–10. Graduate Philosophy Organization Pedagogy Chair, University of Illinois  
2008–10. Research Assistant for Prof. Robert Cummins  
2008–9. Graduate Philosophy Organization President at University of Illinois  
2005. Research Assistant, Dynamic Cognition Laboratory, Washington University-St. Louis

## **LANGUAGE COMPETENCE**

Reading knowledge of Ancient Greek and French

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Phi Beta Kappa, inducted 2003  
Phi Kappa Phi, inducted 2003

Eta Sigma Phi, inducted 2004  
American Philosophical Association

## **REFERENCES**

Robert Cummins, Professor of Philosophy (Retired), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
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