

LINDSAY M. BRAINARD

Curriculum Vitae (September 2023)

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AREA OF SPECIALIZATION	Philosophy of Science	
AREAS OF COMPETENCE	Epistemology, Aesthetics, Metaphysics, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion	
EMPLOYMENT	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Alabama, Birmingham	2020-present
	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College/University¹	2018-2020
	McDonnell Postdoctoral Fellow; Philosophy, Neuroscience, and Psychology Program; Washington University in St. Louis	2017-2018
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	May 2017
	Thesis: <i>The Scientific Power of Simulation</i> Committee: Marc Lange, Matt Kotzen, and John Roberts	
	M.A. in Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2013
	Thesis: <i>How can Fictional Models be Explanatory?</i> Committee: Marc Lange, Matt Kotzen, and John Roberts	
	M.Phil in Philosophy, Cambridge University	2011
	Thesis: <i>Experimental Moral Psychology and Philosophical Ethics</i> Supervisor: Maïke Albertzart	
	B.A. in Philosophy, <i>summa cum laude</i>, College of Wooster	2010
	Thesis: <i>Contextualism, Factivity, and the Nature of Knowledge</i> Advisor: Henry Kreuzman	
PAPERS	<i>Publications:</i>	
	How to Explain How Possibly	2020
	<i>Philosophers' Imprint</i> 20(13)	
	The Curious Case of Uncurious Creation	forthcoming
	<i>Inquiry</i>	
	<i>Under Review:</i>	
	What is Creativity?	
	Does AI Make Human Creativity Obsolete?	
	A Bayesian Account of Reverse Engineering	
	Modular Unification as an Explanatory Virtue	
	<i>In Preparation:</i>	
	Promises to My Dog	
	Understanding and the Epistemic Value of Creativity	
	Formula and Constraint	
	The Art of Scientific Creativity: An Ada Lovelace Case Study	
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS	Blazer Core Fellow	2022-2024
	UAB	
	Alvin Plantinga Faculty Research Fellowship	2019-2020
	Calvin University	
	Maynard Adams Fellowship in the Public Humanities	2016-2017
	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
	University Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2016-2017
	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
	Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching	2015
	<i>Highest College of Arts and Sciences teaching award; five given annually</i> University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	

¹ In July 2019, Calvin College became Calvin University.

	Bertha Williams Fellowship	2015-2016
	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
	Horace Williams Fellowship	2014-2015
	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
	Graham Kenan Fellowship	2013-2014, 2015-2016
	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
	Mary Williams Fellowship	2013-2014
	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
	Davies-Jackson M.Phil Scholarship (St. John's College, Cambridge)	2010
	Council for Independent Colleges	
TALKS & COMMENTS	“Artificial Intelligence and Creative Agency”	February 2024
	<i>Refereed</i> , American Philosophical Association (Central Division)	
	Kayla Bohannon’s “Harm and Obligation in Parasocial Relationships”	February 2024
	<i>Invited Comments</i> , American Philosophical Association (Central Division)	
	Thomas Hanauer’s “Nietzsche and the Office”	November 2023
	<i>Comments</i> , American Society for Aesthetics, 81 st Annual Meeting	
	“The Curious Case of Uncurious Creation”	October 2023
	<i>Refereed</i> , Int’l Symposium on Leveraging Applications of Formal Methods	
	“Creativity, Formula, and Constraint”.	October 2023
	<i>Refereed</i> , Southern Aesthetics Workshop, Furman University	
	“Does AI Make Human Creativity Obsolete?”	September 2023
	<i>Invited University Lecture</i> , Washington and Lee University	
	“What is Creativity?”	April 2023
	<i>Invited Talk</i> , Chattahoochee Aesthetics Workshop, Auburn University	
	Megan Hyska’s “Social Movements as Units of Explanation”	March 2023
	<i>Invited Comments</i> , 13th Annual Auburn Philosophy Conference	
	“Promises to my Dog”	March 2023
	<i>Refereed</i> , 32nd Annual APPE International Conference	
	“What is Creativity?”	February 2023
	<i>Refereed</i> , Mind the Body Workshop, University of Utah	
	“What is Creativity?”	October 2022
	<i>Refereed</i> , University of Alabama at Birmingham, Haddin Arts and Sciences Forum	
“What is Creativity?”	July 2022	
Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference		
“What is Creativity?”	March 2022	
Virginia Tech, Speaker Series		
Patrick Cronin’s “An a Priori Solution to the Classical Pessimistic Metainduction”	February 2022	
<i>Invited Comments</i> , American Philosophical Association (Central Division)		
“What is Creativity?”	June 2021	
Persistence of Goodness: a Celebration of Katherine Hawley		
“What is Creativity?”	March 2021	
<i>Invited Talk</i> , Phi Sigma Tau Lecture, The College of Wooster (Upcoming)		
“How to Explain How-Possibly”	November 2019	
<i>Invited Talk</i> , Oakland University		
Kathleen Creel and David Colaço’s “What’s the Signal?”	February 2019	
<i>Invited Comments</i> , American Philosophical Association (Central Division)		
Kenny Boyce’s “Explanationism Doesn’t Secure Empirical Grounds”	September 2018	
<i>Invited Comments</i> , Society of Christian Philosophers 40 th Anniversary Conference		
“How to Explain How-Possibly”	April 2018	
WUSTL History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine Series		
“Reverse-engineering Simulations”	April 2018	
WUSTL		
“Modular Unification”	March 2018	
St. Louis Area Philosophy of Science Association Annual Meeting		

	“How-Possibly Simulations as Explanatory Devices”	May 2016
	UNC-KCL Workshop (Kings College London)	
	Jack Powers' “Criteria of Characterizational Adequacy”	January 2016
	<i>Invited Comments</i> , American Philosophical Association (Eastern)	
	“The Evidential Value of Reverse-engineering Simulations”	November 2015
	Workshop in the Philosophy of Science, UNC-Chapel Hill	
	Usha Nathan's “Inconclusiveness in Scientific Thought Experiments”	August 2014
	<i>Invited Comments</i> , Networking and Mentorship Workshop for Graduate Women in Philosophy, Princeton University	
	“How Can Fictional Models be Explanatory?”	May 2014
	UNC & Hebrew University Philosophy of Science Workshop	
	“How Can Fictional Models be Explanatory?”	September 2013
	College of Wooster Philosophy Roundtable	
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference	2017
	Invited Participant, University of British Columbia	
	Philosophy and Physical Computing Workshop	2017
	Invited Participant, Virginia Tech	
	St. Thomas Summer Seminar in the Philosophy of Religion	2015
Invited Participant, University of St. Thomas		
	Future Faculty Fellowship Program	2015
	Invited Participant, UNC-Chapel Hill	
TEACHING	<i>Instructor of Record</i>	
	Philosophy of Creativity	Fa. 2022
	UAB	
	Science, Knowledge, and Reality	Fa. 2021
	UAB	
	Metaphysics	Sp. 2021, Sp. 2023
	UAB	
	Ethics in the Digital Age	Interim 2020
	Calvin	
	Epistemology	Sp. 2019
	Calvin	
	Introduction to Logic	Fa. 2018, Fa. 2019, Fa. 2020, Sp. 2022, Sp. 2023
	Calvin, UAB	
	Problems in Philosophy	Fa. 2017, Fa. 2018, Sp. 2019
	Calvin, WUSTL	
	Experience and Reality	Su. 2017
	UNC	
	Ancient Greek Philosophy	Su. 2014, Su. 2016
	UNC	
	Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion	Su. 2015
	UNC	
	Introduction to Ethics	Sp. 2015, Fa. 2020, Su. 2021, Fa. 2021, Su. 2022, Fa. 2022
UNC, UAB		
Introduction to Philosophy	Su. 2013, Fa. 2013, Sp. 2014, Sp. 2021, Sp. 2022, Sp. 2023	
UNC, UAB		
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>		
Introduction to Philosophy of Science	Fall 2014	
Taught by Marc Lange, UNC		
Introduction to Ethics	Spring 2013	
Taught by Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, UNC		
Introduction to Philosophy	Fall 2012	
Taught by Ram Neta, UNC		
<i>Graduate Research Assistant</i>		
Film and Philosophy (Honors Course)	Spring 2013	
Taught by David Reeve, UNC		

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE	Philosophy Club Advisor	Fall 2023-present
	UAB	
	Philosophy Department Instagram	Spring 2021-present
	UAB	
	Department Search Committee (NTE Assistant Professor)	Spring 2021
	UAB	
	University Assessment Committee	2019-2020
	Calvin	
	Honors Program Curriculum Development	2019
	Calvin	
	Philosophy Department Assessment & Scholarship Committee	2018-2020
	Calvin	
	Graduate Student Member of the Hiring Committee	2015-2016
	UNC	
Leader, Undergraduate Women Philosophy of Science Reading Group	2014 - 2015	
UNC		
Graduate Student Representative to Philosophy Faculty Meetings	2013 - 2014	
UNC		
Graduate Student Member of Philosophy Speakers Committee	2012 - 2014	
UNC		
Visit Coordinator for Prospective Philosophy PhD Students	2012	
UNC		
OUTREACH	Alabama High School Ethics Bowl Judge	2022
	UAB	
	UNC Outreach Program Philosophy Reading/Discussion Group Leader:	
	<i>Durham Academy (1st grade classroom)</i>	2015 – 2017
	<i>Carol Woods Retirement Community</i>	2013 – 2017
	<i>Montessori Children's House of Durham</i>	2014 – 2015
	<i>C.A. Dillon Youth Development Center</i>	2014
	<i>Carolina Central Community College</i>	2013 - 2014
	<i>Morris Grove Elementary School (1st grade classroom)</i>	2013
	<i>Carolina Meadows Retirement Community</i>	2012, 2015
	<i>Cary Academy</i>	2012
	North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl Judge	Fall 2012, Spring 2013
	Parr Center for Ethics, UNC	
	Content Developer for Pre-college Philosophy Portal	Fall 2012 – Spring 2013
LEARN NC, UNC School of Education		
Rising Stars Public Engagement Course	Spring 2011	
Cambridge University		