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## Areas of Specialization

Environmental Philosophy, Ethics, Political Philosophy

## Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics, Aesthetics, Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Science

## Academic Positions

Northland College: Ashland, Wisconsin

Assistant Professor of Philosophy (2022–Present)

Frances Werner Altenburg Professor of Environmental Studies (Fall 2023–Winter 2026)

## Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Georgia, 2022

Dissertation: “An Exploration of Environmental Values in Outer Space”

Committee: Piers Stephens (major professor), Melissa Fahmy, Christine Cuomo

M.A. Philosophy, Western Michigan University, 2015

Concentration: Theoretical & Practical Ethics

B.S. Philosophy, SUNY Oneonta, 2013

Thesis: “An Exploration of the Animal Welfare Utopia”

Advisor: Michael Koch

B.A. Psychology, SUNY Oneonta, 2013

## Publications

“Mars and the Value of Wilderness.” Forthcoming. *Ethics & the Environment*.

“Space Debris: Litter or Pollution?”. 2024. *Diálogos*. 114: 195–226.

“Aesthetics, Olfaction, and Environment.” 2022. In *Theoretical Perspectives on Smell*, edited by Andreas Keller and Benjamin D. Young. London, UK: Routledge.

Book Review: Brian Patrick Green. *Space Ethics*, London, UK: Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., 2021. 2023. *Environmental Values*. 32 (1): 113–115.

<https://doi.org/10.3197/096327123X16702350862700>

“Astroethics and the Non-Fungibility Thesis”. 2022. *Environmental Ethics*. 44 (3): 221–246.

<https://doi.org/10.5840/enviroethics202271542>

Book Review: Robin Attfield. *Environmental Thought: A Short History*, Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 2021. 2021. *Environmental Values*. 30 (6): 786-788.

<https://doi.org/10.3197/096327121X16328186623814>

“Aesthetics at the Intersection of the Species Problem and De-Extinction Technology”. 2020.

*Environmental Values*. 29 (5): 605-624.

<https://doi.org/10.3197/096327120X15868540131260>

## **Presentations**

“Futurism, Utopianism, Radical Democracy: On Earth and Beyond,” The Environmental Justice in Space Workshop of the Just Space Alliance, Online, June 2024

“Futurism, Utopianism, & Environmental Politics in Outer Space,” The Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, March 2024

“Smelling the Good Life,” The ESPP Satellite Workshop on Olfactory Perception at the 30<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Prague, CZ, September 2023

“Wilderness Values in Outer Space,” The 4<sup>th</sup> Biannual Meeting of The Society for Social and Conceptual Issues in Astrobiology (SSoCIA), University of Mississippi, March 2022

“Wilderness Values in Outer Space,” Workshop on Philosophies of Nature, Technology and Artificial Intelligence, Invited Speaker, University of Georgia, December 2021

Commentary on “Country Music as Dual Character Concept,” given by Evan Malone at the American Society for Aesthetics Southern Aesthetics Workshop, Auburn University, October 2021

“Astroethics & the Non-Fungibility Thesis,” The International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE) Online Conference 2021, June 30-July 3 2021

“Aesthetics, Olfaction, & Environment,” The Philosophy of Smell Workshop, online, April 26-May 5 2021

“Wilderness Values in Outer Space,” The International Association for Environmental Philosophy Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting, online, October 2020

“Aesthetics, Olfaction, & Environment,” The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, March 2020 (Conference canceled due to COVID-19)

“Against Schwartz and the Moral Permissibility of Terraforming,” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Symposium, New York City, January 2019

“Eco-‘terrorism’ Examined: Moral & Legal Implications,” The Center for Inquiry (CFI) – Long Island, Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library, March 2016 (Invited Speaker)

“Environmental Goods and Health Goods: Ethical Issues of Fair Distribution,” 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Ethics in Biology, Engineering & Medicine, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, April 2015

“Martin Luther King Jr.: Dimensions of Sustainability,” Social Justice and the Emerging New Age: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Look at Martin Luther King’s WMU Speech, Western Michigan University, January 2015

Commentary on “Teaching Practical Ethics?: A Reply to Englehardt and Pritchard,” given by Kenneth Crocker at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Michigan Graduate Philosophy Conference, Western Michigan University, December 2014

“An Examination of the Rights of Nature,” presentation given at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Applied Ethics: ‘Security, Sustainability and Human Flourishing’, Hokkaido University, November 2014

## **Teaching Experience**

Northland College (Fall, Winter, and May terms)

PHL 225: *Ethics*, Fall 2022

PHL 226: *Environmental Ethics*, Winter 2023, Winter 2024

PHL 229: *Introduction to Philosophy*, Fall 2022

PHL 230: *History of Western Philosophy I*, Fall 2023

PHL 250: *Philosophy and Coffee*, May 2024

PHL 262: *Environmental Philosophy*, Fall 2022

PHL 266: *Environmental Aesthetics*, Fall 2023

PHL 270: *Philosophy of Science*, Winter 2023  
PHL 276: *Logic*, Winter 2023, Fall 2023  
PHL 280: *Nature & Technology*, May 2023, Winter 2024  
PHL 360: *Concepts of Nature*, Winter 2024

University of Georgia (Teaching Assistantship Fall 2016-Summer 2022)

Instructor of Record

PHIL 3900S: *Philosophy for Children*, Spring 2021, Spring 2022

- Service-Learning course
- Hired as a Service-Learning Course Developer in Summer 2020 to design the course, submit it for approval, and develop relationships with community partners
- Spring 2021: Worked with a community partner, Grow It Know It, to develop philosophy programming with my course to be enacted alongside their programs on food education at local community centers hosting after school programming for local schoolchildren
- Spring 2022: Partnered with the local Athens-Clarke County Regional Library to host a Philosophy for Teens program every Wednesday called “Let’s Talk About That!” Also mentored and prepared graduate student colleagues to teach the course after my graduation.

PHIL 2010: *Introduction to Philosophy*, Spring 2020

- 99 students enrolled. Supervised a graduate TA

PHIL 2020: *Logic & Critical Thinking*, Fall 2019

- 100 students enrolled. Supervised a graduate TA

PHIL 2020e: *Logic & Critical Thinking* (online course), Summer 2019

PHIL 2020: *Logic & Critical Thinking*, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019

PHIL 2030: *Introduction to Ethics*, Fall 2017, Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Summer 2022

Teaching Assistant

PHIL 2010: *Introduction to Philosophy*, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

Graduate Mentor

UNIV 1201S: *Learning for Success at the University*, Summer 2020 (Freshman College Summer Experience), 2021 (Thrive at Georgia)

- Service-Learning for 2020 – Worked with a community partner, Books for Keeps, that distributes books to children for free. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we recorded readings of children’s books to be hosted on YouTube as a story time for kids
- Service-Learning for 2021 – Worked with the Oconee County School District to help get six of the primary and elementary schools ready to welcome students back

to class in the Fall. We painted, power washed, readied classrooms, changed ceiling tiles, made nature trails, etc.

Western Michigan University (Teaching Assistantship Fall 2013-Spring 2015)

Instructor of Record

PHIL 3140: *Philosophy and Public Affairs: Environmental Ethics*, Fall 2014, Spring 2015

PHIL 2010: *Introduction to Ethics* (Hybrid Course), Summer 2014

Facilitator, *Responsible Conduct of Research – Research Ethics* (Online), Fall 2015-Spring 2017

- Responsible for managing a 1000+ student online research ethics module required for all incoming graduate students at WMU to align with national expectations while maintaining professional communications with various university departments

Grader

PHIL 2200: *Critical Thinking* (Online), Summer 2015, Spring 2016

PHIL 3160: *Ethics in Engineering and Technology*, Spring 2014

Teaching Assistant

PHIL 2010: *Introduction to Ethics*, Fall 2013

SUNY Oneonta

Teaching Assistant

PHIL 101: *Introduction to Philosophy*, Spring 2013

PSYC 260: *Introduction to Social Psychology*, Spring 2012

Non-Academic Teaching Experience

Head Naturalist, The Audubon Society at Greenwich, Connecticut, Summer 2016

Summer Educational Intern, Sweetbriar Nature Center, Smithtown, New York, Summer 2010

## **Grants, Awards, & Honors**

Endeavor Grant for Student Wellness Initiatives (Fencing Equipment), Northland College, Winter 2024 (\$3,000)

Faculty Development Award for Conference Presentation, Fall 2023 (\$2,750)

Frances Werner Altenburg Professorship in Environmental Studies, Fall 2023–Winter 2026

- Provides funding (\$2,000/year, \$6,000 total) related to research and teaching related to environmental studies. Funding will be used to support a book project with a pedagogical focus on Aldo Leopold as well as developing a May-term Aldo Leopold seminar that will include travel throughout Wisconsin.

COVID-19 Summer Assistantship, University of Georgia, Summer 2022  
Excellence in Teaching Award (nominated), University of Georgia, 2021  
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Georgia, 2020  
Departmental Travel Assistance, The Second Annual Seminar in Transnational European Studies, Berlin, Germany, University of Georgia, June 2-9, 2019 (\$969)  
Fellowship, The Second Annual Seminar in Transnational European Studies, Berlin, Germany, University of Georgia, June 2-9, 2019 (\$1,200 travel stipend+)  
Graduate Student Travel Stipend, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (APA) 2019 (\$300)  
Graduate Student Travel Grant, Graduate College at the University of Georgia, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (APA) 2019 (\$1,475)  
Graduate Student Travel Grant, Western Michigan University Graduate College & Graduate Student Association, 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Applied Ethics: ‘Security, Sustainability and Human Flourishing’ 2014 (\$1,300)  
Travel Subsidy, Hokkaido University, 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Applied Ethics: ‘Security, Sustainability and Human Flourishing’ 2014 (\$200)  
Leadership, Education, and Development (LEAD) Platinum Level, May 2013  
500+ Hours Community Service Award, SUNY Oneonta Center for Social Responsibility and Community (CSRC), May 2013  
Student Travel for Excellence Program (STEP) Grant, February 2012, February 2013 (\$50/year)  
Student Sustainability Project Grant, “Every Day is Earth Day” campaign, January 2013 (\$1,000)  
Student Grant for Research and Creative Activity, “An Examination of the Knobe Effect Across Different Demographics,” November 2011 (\$620)  
Ashok Kumar Malhotra SEVA Award for Compassionate Service – Community Service Scholarship, 2012-2013 school year (\$1,300)

## **Professional Development**

University of Georgia Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion (CDI), 2021

- Workshops Included: Countering Unconscious Bias, Diversity at UGA: Beyond the Numbers, It’s Really NOT All in Your Head: Understanding Mental Health Disabilities, Emotional Intelligence and Diversity, UGA’s Non-Discrimination Anti-Harassment Policy and the USG Sexual Misconduct Policy, Global Dawgs (on the international student experience)

Graduate Assistant with the University of Georgia Office of Service-Learning, Fall 2021

- Assisted on a project in addressing food insecurity largely caused by racialized poverty in Athens-Clarke County by coordinating a public database of food distribution projects/centers (community partners) and their details, such as location, time, requirements, availability of certain food goods, etc. Involved training and practice in reaching out to the local community around UGA,

engaging in public outreach, and coordinating with the community as a university representative

Fellowship, Future Faculty Fellows Program, University of Georgia, Fall 2020 Intensive Cohort

## **Research Experience**

Researcher, Ethics Consultant regarding Google Algorithms and Penalties for Search Engine Rescue, 2015

- Contracted by UK Search Engine Optimization (SEO) company Search Engine Rescue to provide an ethical analysis of Google’s punitive algorithms. Co-authored with Dustin VanPelt. Project managed by Fritz Allhoff.

Researcher, Conservation Easements Project, 2015

- Assisted Fritz Allhoff with compiling language from conservation easement contract provisions for dams, mining & extracting, wind & solar power, and radio & cell towers for the purposes of updating the conservation easement template of the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy

Researcher, “An Examination of the Knobe Effect Across Different Demographics,” 2011-2012

- Received a \$620 research grant to perform a replication study of Joshua Knobe’s original study of the side-effect effect with a focus on gathering more demographic data. Managed a team of undergraduate researchers that assisted with data collection. Project advised by Michael J. Brown and Chris Keegan.

## **Journal Refereeing**

*Environmental Values*

*Ethics in Biology Engineering, and Medicine (EBEM)*

*The Hilltop Review*

*Teaching Ethics*

## **Service**

Northland College Faculty Council Vice President, Fall 2023–Present

Northland College Fencing Club Advisor, Fall 2023–Present

Published: “The Philosophy of Video Games” – Northland College Magazine, Spring 2023 issue

First Year Advising Group, Northland College, Winter 2023–Present

Hiring Search Committee for Fisheries position, Northland College, Winter 2023

Hiring Search Committee for Fisheries position, Northland College, Winter 2023

Graduate Student Moderator, Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA) at The University of Georgia, Fall 2021–Spring 2022

“Effective Online Course Design” presentation to the Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA) at The University of Georgia, Fall 2020

*The Seventh Seal*, Movie discussion presenter and moderator for the Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA) at The University of Georgia, Spring 2020

Secretary, Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA) at The University of Georgia, Fall 2019–Present

President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA) at The University of Georgia, Fall 2017–Spring 2019

- As president, we successfully proposed the creation of online versions of Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Ethics, Logic & Critical Thinking, and Symbolic Logic for summer instruction. The offering of these courses would increase enrollment, and thereby future summer funding, and thus the department could employ more graduate students as instructors for the summer

Vice President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA) at The University of Georgia, 2016–2017

“Endangered Species and What You Can Do” Invited Speaker at Commack Middle School for The Earth Protectors and Nature Explorer’s Club, 2016

Graduate College Ambassador for the College of Arts and Science (Humanities) and the College of Fine Arts for the Western Graduate Student Association, Western Michigan University, 2014–2015

Graduate Representative, Faculty Senate Research Policies Council, Western Michigan University, 2014–2015

Graduate Representative, Research and Creative Activities Day ad hoc Committee, Western Michigan University, 2014–2015

Grant Submission Judge, 2014 Leadership & Involvement Conference, Kalamazoo, MI, Summer 2014

Graduate Student Panel, 2014 Leadership & Involvement Conference, Kalamazoo, MI, Summer 2014

Chief Financial Officer, Graduate Student Association of Philosophers, Western Michigan University, 2014–2015

Chief Financial Officer, Graduate Students for Peace, Western Michigan University, 2013-2014

Philosophy Department Steward, Teaching Assistants Union (TAU), Western Michigan University, 2013–2015

Co-Host, “The Philosopher’s Mineral,” Philosophy talk radio show, WONY 90.9FM, SUNY Oneonta, 2012–2013

Co-Chair & Discussant Chair, Conference Committee, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference at SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Oneonta, 2013

Student Representative, President’s Advisory Council on Sustainability, SUNY Oneonta 2011–2013

Student Representative, SUNY Oneonta Sustainability Coordinator Hiring Committee, SUNY Oneonta, Summer 2012



Co-Founder/Chair, Student Sustainability Committee, SUNY Oneonta, 2011–2013  
Ashok Kumar Malhotra SEVA Award for Compassionate Service – Philosophy Community  
Service Scholarship, 2012–2013 school year (\$1,300)

## **Professional Membership**

American Philosophical Association (APA)  
American Society for Aesthetics (ASA)  
International Association for Environmental Philosophy (IAEP)  
International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE)  
Society for Social and Conceptual Issues in Astrobiology (SSoCIA)  
Western Political Science Association (WPSA)

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