

N. G. LASKOWSKI

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EMPLOYMENT

2023 –	Assistant Professor	University of Maryland, College Park
2019 – 23	Assistant Professor	California State University, Long Beach
2017 – 19	Postdoctoral Fellow	Duisburg-Essen Universität

EDUCATION

2010 – 17	Ph.D. Philosophy	University of Southern California
2003 – 08	B.A. Philosophy, History	Rutgers University

AFFILIATIONS

2023 –	Research Affiliate	<i>Normativity, Gender, and Mathematics</i> Project at Tampere University
2023 –	Research Affiliate	Machine Intelligence & Normative Theory Lab at Australian National University
2023 –	Research Associate	Center for Artificial Intelligence Safety

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

CustomGPT.ai Research Grant (Co-PI, E. Taylor), \$3,000
Center for Artificial Intelligence Safety Fellowship, \$71,664
The John Templeton Foundation Fellowship (Co-PI, N. R. Howard), \$40,000
Southwest Philosophy Review Presidential Paper Prize Award, \$150

Internal

UMD Independent Scholarship, Research, and Creativity Award, Summer 25 (\$10k) ::
ARHU Faculty Funds Competition-Conference Support, Summer 25 (\$5k)
CSULB Travel Award, 22-23 (\$1,200) :: Travel Award, 22 Sum/Fall (\$1,800) :: HEERF
Employment, 21-22 (\$4,000) :: Travel Award, 21-22 (\$3,000) :: Faculty Small Grant, 21-22
(\$5,000) :: Travel Award, 20-21 (\$600) :: Grad Supervision Stipend, 20-21 (\$1,500) :: Faculty
Small Grant, 20-21 (\$5,000) :: Travel Award, 19-20 (\$1,200) :: Summer Research Stipend,
2019 (\$1,200)

PUBLICATIONS [* indicates non-anonymous review]

- Forth. 'Honesty and Bad Faith'. w/ N. R. Howard. *Political Philosophy*
- Forth. 'Skepticism About Ought Simpliciter Skepticism'. *Inquiry*
- Forth. *'Robust vs Formal Normativity II: No Gods, No Masters, No Authoritative Normativity'. w/ N. R. Howard. *The Oxford Handbook of Metaethics*
- 2026 'Gender Unrealism'. w/ N. R. Howard. *Ergo* 13 (15) 454-490
- 2025 'Honest AI'. *Oxford Intersections: Ai in Society*
- 2024 'The Stuff that Matters'. *Oxford Studies in Metaethics Vol. 19*
- 2024 'AI Language Models Cannot Replace Human Research Participants'. w/ J. Harding, W. D'Alessandro, and R. Long. *AI & Society* 39, 2603–2605
- 2023 'Categorical Phenomenalism about Sexual Orientation'. w/ T. R. Whitlow. *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research* 106 (3):581-596
- 2022 'Practical Reasons for Belief Without Stakes'. w/ S. Hernandez. *Analytic Philosophy* 63 (1): 16-27
- 2021 'Wronging by Requesting'. w/ K. Silver. *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics V. 11*
- 2021 'The World is Not Enough'. w/ N. R. Howard. *Noûs* 55 (1):86-101
- 2021 'What Makes Normative Concepts Normative'. w/ S. Hernandez *Southwest Philosophy Review* 37(1): 45-51
- 2021 'Phenomenal Concepts as Complex Demonstratives'. w/ N. R. Howard. *Res Philosophica*, 98(3): 499-508
- 2020 'Resisting Reductive Realism'. *Oxford Studies in Metaethics Vol. 15*
- 2020 'Moral Constraints on Gender Concepts'. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 23:39–51
- 2019 'The Sense of Incredibility in Ethics'. *Philosophical Studies* 176 (1): 93-115
- 2019 'Moral Realism, Speech Act Diversity, and Expressivism'. *The Philosophical Quarterly* 69 (274): 166-174
- 2018 'Epistemic Modesty in Ethics'. *Philosophical Studies* 175 (7): 1577-1596
- 2018* 'Conceptual Analysis in Metaethics'. w/ S. Finlay, *Routledge Handbook of Metaethics* 536-551
- 2018* 'Reductivism, Nonreductivism, and Incredulity about Streumer's Error Theory'. *Analysis Reviews* 78(4): 766–776

- 2018* “Double Review” of *On What Matters Volume Three* by D. Parfit and *Does Anything Really Matter? Parfit on Objectivity* ed. P. Singer. *Ethics* 128: 496-505
- 2017* Review of *Speech and Morality* by T. Cuneo. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 14(6):781-784
- 2015 ‘Non-Analytical Naturalism and the Nature of Normative Thought: A Reply to Parfit’. *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 9(1): 1-6
- 2014 ‘How to Pull a Metaphysical Rabbit Out of an End-Relational Semantic Hat’. *Res Philosophica*, 91(4): 589-607

PRESENTATIONS

- 2025/08 ‘On Gender Identity’. ISOS. Dublin, Ireland.
- 2025/05 ‘Moral Principles’. MetaCon Workshop 1. Madrid, Spain.
- 2024/10 ‘On Ought Simpliciter’. Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference.
- 2024/02 ‘Honesty and AI’. Symposium, Central APA, New Orleans.
- 2023/12 ‘Honesty and AI’. Machine Intelligence Seminar, ANU.
- 2023/12 ‘Othering Vice’. w/ N. R. Howard. Moral Philosophy Seminar, Yale University.
- 2023/07 ‘Honesty and Bad Faith’. w/ N. R. Howard. Workshop, Wake Forest University.
- 2023/02 ‘How to Be Honest’. Colloquium, UC Davis.
- 2022/11 ‘Honesty, Conscience, and the Self’. Colloquium, Pepperdine.
- 2022/06 ‘Honesty, Conscience, and the Self’. w/ N. R. Howard. Workshop, Wake Forest.
- 2021/09 ‘How...Naturalism is Close to Nihilism’. MadMeta, U. Wisconsin, Madison.
- 2021/07 ‘No Authoritative Normativity’. w/ N. R. Howard. Workshop, University of Leeds.
- 2021/06 ‘Explaining Sexual Orientation’. w/ T. R. Whitlow. Workshop, U. of Barcelona.
- 2021/01 ‘Normative Concepts and their Nature’. Eastern APA.
- 2020/10 ‘Normative Concepts’. Mountain-Plains Phil. Conference, Weber State, Online.
- 2020/01 ‘Standing, Requesting, and Wronging’. WiNE, Tucson, AZ, USA.
- 2019/07 ‘Moral Constrains on Gender Concepts’. BSET, University of Glasgow.
- 2019/07 ‘Unexemplified Properties’. w/ N. R. Howard. Seminar, University of Barcelona.
- 2019/04 ‘There are No Normative Concepts’. Linguistic Meaning Conference, Oxford.
- 2019/04 ‘There are No Normative Concepts’. Seminar, University of St. Andrews.
- 2018/11 ‘There are No Normative Concepts’. Workshop, Frankfurt School of Finance.
- 2018/09 ‘Resisting Reductive Realism’. MadMeta, University of Wisconsin at Madison.

- 2018/09 'Resisting Reductive Realism'. Theoretical Philosophy Higher Seminar, Uppsala U.
2018/09 'Resisting Reductive Realism'. Metaethics Seminar, University of Groningen.
2018/08 'Moral Constraints on Gender Concepts'. RoME, U. Colorado at Boulder.
2018/06 'The World is Not Enough'. w/ N. R. Howard, Normativity Conf., Kent U.
2018/06 'The World is Not Enough'. Metaethics Conference, Frankfurt School of Finance.
2018/05 'Moral Constraints on Gender Concepts'. Human Kinds Workshop, KU Leuven.
2018/02 'Moral Constraints on Gender Concepts'. Conference, Essen Inst. Advanced Study.
2017/12 'Conceiving Supervenience Violations'. Workshop, Uppsala University.
2017/11 'Conceiving Supervenience Violations'. Workshop, Frankfurt School of Finance.
2017/02 'Epistemic Modesty in Ethics'. Grad. Conf., National Autonomous U. of Mexico.
2015/08 'What Moral Mary Didn't Know'. RoME, U. at Boulder.
2015/04 'What Moral Mary Didn't Know'. Normativity Graduate Conference, York U.
2014/04 'How to Pull a...Rabbit Out of a...Semantic Hat'. Grad Conf., Princeton & RU.
2013/06 'Practical and Evidential Epistemic Reasons'. Grad Conference, U. of Edinburgh.

Comments and Panels

- 2024/03 On Pamela Robinson's 'The Hard Problem of Value Alignment'. Pacific APA.
2023/11 On Coleen Macnamara's 'Returning a Kindness'. NOWAR, New Orleans.
2023/10 On Reza Hadisi's 'Tusian Perfectionism'. Conference, Wharton.
2018/07 On D. Plunkett's 'Conceptual Truths...and Normativity'. Workshop, U. Freiburg
2018/05 On Bart Streumer's *Unbelievable Errors*. Author-meets-critics, U. Groningen.
2016/04 On T. Cuneo's *Speech and Morality*. Author-meets-critics, Pacific APA
2016/01 On A. Eliot's 'Reasons, Dispositions, and Value'. Eastern APA.

TEACHING

Graduate

- UMD PHIL 808N: Naturalism, Non-naturalism, and Normativity, ~10 students, Fall 2024
CSULB PHIL 663: Anarchism & Political Normativity, ~12 students Spr 2021
CSULB PHIL 610: Proseminar on normativity & consciousness, ~15 students, Fall 2020

Courses listed jointly at both graduate and undergraduate level

- CSULB, PHIL 493/593: Special topics – social ontology, ~30 students, Fall 2022

CSULB, PHIL 496/596: Special topics - gender & sexuality, ~30 students, Spring 2020

CSULB, PHIL 496/596: Special topics - ethical naturalism, ~30 students, Fall 2019

DEU, Seminar on metaethics, ~15 students, Winter 2018-2019

DEU, Seminar on gender and sexual orientation, ~30 students, Winter 2018-2019

DEU, Seminar on sexual orientation, ~30 students, Summer 2018

DEU, Seminar on disability and well-being, ~8 students Summer 2018

DEU, Seminar on philosophical anarchism, ~30 students, Winter 2017-2018

DEU, Seminar on gender and race, ~30 students, Winter 2017-2018

DEU, Seminar on metaethics, 4 students, Summer 2017

Undergraduate

UMD PHIL 341/PHPE308O: Ethical Theory, ~30 students, Fall 2025

UMD PHIL 338R: Life's Meaning, ~30 students, Fall 2025

UMD PHIL 338R/PHPE308R: Life's Meaning, ~30 students, Fall 2024

UMD PHIL 409J/PHPE 408Z: *Social Ontology*, ~15 students, Spring 2024

CSULB PHIL 101: *The Meaning of Life*, ~120 students, Fall 2022

CSULB PHIL 351: *Political Philosophy*, ~30 students, Spring 2022

CSULB PHIL 101: *The Meaning of Life*, ~30 students, Spring 2022

CSULB PHIL 101: *The Meaning of Life*, ~30 students, Spring 2022

CSULB PHIL 101: *The Meaning of Life*, ~100 students, Fall 2021

CSULB PHIL 160: *Introduction to Ethics*, ~30 students, Spring 2020

CSULB PHIL 101: *The Meaning of Life*, ~30 students, Spring 2020

CSULB PHIL 101: *The Meaning of Life*, ~100 students, Fall 2019

Directed studies or honor's thesis supervision

UMD PHIL 498G: Feminism w/ Genna Grossblatt, Fall 2025 –

CSULB PHIL 599: Imaginative resistance w/ Pedro Zubillaga, Fall 2022

CSULB PHIL 599: Metaethics w/ Ryan Lam & Shawn Hernandez, Spring 2022

CSULB PHIL 599: Moral metaphysics w/ Keilee Bessho, Fall 2021

CSULB PHIL 599: Moral realism w/ Ryan Lam, Spring 2021

CSULB PHIL 599: Moral error theory w/ Shawn Hernandez, Spring 2021

CSULB PHIL 599: Gender w/ K. Bollin & T. Whitlow, Spring 2021

CSULB PHIL 599: Normative thought w/ Shawn Hernandez, Spring 2020

CSULB PHIL 599: Philosophical anarchism w/ David Ramirez-Ruiz, Spring 2020

CSULB PHIL 498h: Honor's thesis, Kyle Bollin, Gender identity, Fall 2019-Spring 2020

CSULB PHIL 498h: Honor's thesis, T. R. Whitlow, sexuality, Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Advising

UMD

PhD Dissertation Committee Member

Zhaoqi Hu, Spring 2025 – Spring 2025; successful defense; Lecturer at Georgia State

Kodie Jane Lustig, Spring 2025 –

Jeremiah Tillman, Spring 2025 – Spring 2025; successful defense; VAP at Luther

Prospectus committee member

Lixing Miao, Fall 2025 –

Jackson Iszler, Fall 2025 –

Xintong Wang, Fall 2025 – ; successful 3rd year defense

Xiaohui Yu, Spring 2025 – ; successful 3rd year defense

CSULB

MA Thesis Chair

Ryan Lam, Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

- Successful thesis defense, June 2022
- Pursuing a Philosophy PhD at U of Texas, Austin

Shawn Hernandez, Fall 2020 – Spring 2022

- Successful thesis defense, June 2022
- Pursuing a Philosophy PhD at U of Pennsylvania

David Ramirez-Ruz, Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

- Successful thesis defense, July 2021
- Co-chaired with Max Reosenkrantz
- Pursuing a career outside philosophy as he intended from his start of the program

Miguel Hernandez, Spring 2020 – Fall 2020

- Successful thesis defense, December 2020
- Pursuing a Philosophy & Literature PhD at Purdue

MA Thesis Committee Member

- Sanam Hassani, CSULB graduate student, member, Spring 2023
- Ning Shao, CSULB graduate student, member, Spring 2023
- Enoki Nguyen, CSULB graduate student, member, Spring 2022 – Spring 2023
- Kevin Reyes, CSULB graduate student, Fall 2021 – Spring 2023
- Ian Browning, CSULB graduate student, member, Fall 2020 – Spring 2023
- Lissa Dechakul, CSULB graduate student, member, Fall 2020 – Spring 2023
- Keilee Bessho, CSULB graduate student, member, Fall 2021 – Spring 2022
 - Successful thesis defense, June 2022
 - Pursuing a Philosophy PhD at U of California at Riverside

Development

- UMD, Inclusive Hiring Workshop, Spring 2024
- CSULB, Advancing Inclusive Mentoring (“Beach Mentor”)

Guest Lecturing

- 2024/09 U. of Houston, Christy Mag Uidhir’s Graduate Seminar on social metaphysics

SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- UMD Advisor for Undergraduate Philosophical Debate and Seminar Club, Fall 2025 –
- UMD APT Subcommittee for target of opportunity hire, Fall 2025 – Spring 2026
- UMD Committee for Equity, Inclusion, Diversity, Member, Fall 2024 -
- UMD The Normative Philosophy Seminar, Founder, Fall 2024 -
- UMD Work-in-progress (WIP) Seminar Co-Organizer, Fall 2024
- UMD Graduate Placement Director, Fall 2024-
- UMD Job Search Committee Member, 2023-2024
- CSULB Applied Ethics Forum, Director, Fall 2019 – Fall 2022
- CSULB Graduate Committee, Member, Fall 2019 – Fall 2022
- CSULB Philosophy Departmental Events, Organizer, CSULB, Fall 2020 – Fall 2022

COLLEGE SERVICE

- UMD Research and Awards Advisory Committee, Fall 2025 –

CSULB CLA Academic Awards Committee, Member, Spring 2022

CSULB Student Research Competition, Juror, Spring 2021

CSULB CEPC, Alternate Member, Spring 2021

CSULB CLA Academic Awards Committee, Alternate Member, Fall 2020

CSULB General Education Governing Committee, (Fall 2021 – Fall 2022)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conferences organized

Co-founder and co-organizer, 2025, Moral Metaphysics at Maryland Workshop

Co-organizer, 2024, 5th Annual Northeast Normativity Workshop

Organizer, 2018, Essen-Wuhan Metaethics Conference, Duisburg-Essen U.

Co-founder and co-organizer, 2018, Meta-Essen Workshop Series

Co-organizer, 2013, USC-UCLA Graduate Conference.

Book refereeing [.5 books/year on average from the presses below]

Oxford University Press; Routledge.

Journal refereeing [1-3/month articles from the journals below]

Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Acta Analytica; Analysis; Analytic Philosophy;
Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Dialectica; Ergo; Erkenntnis; Ethical Theory & Moral
Practice; Ethics; European Journal of Philosophy; Inquiry; Journal of Ethics; Journal of
Philosophical Research, Journal of Value Inquiry; Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy;
Philosophical Psychology; The Philosophical Quarterly; Noús; Philosophical Studies;
Pacific Philosophical Quarterly; Synthese; Thought.

Grant refereeing

National Science Center, Poland (2023/Apr)

Lingnan University, External Grant Reviewer (2023/09)

European Research Council (2025/07)

Conference refereeing

Context, Content & Cognition; German Analytic Philosophy Congress: Best Paper
Award (2018); UNC Chapel Hill Normativity Conference (2017); USC-UCLA Graduate

Conference (2010-2017); Northeast Normativity Workshop (2023); Canadian Philosophical Association (2023).

Other

PGR evaluator, 2024

PhilPapers “Moral Concepts” Category Editor, 2018 –

Curriculum review, FLAME University, India (2023/July)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association

REFERENCES

Available upon request