

# Adam C. Smith

## Curriculum Vitae

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## **Education**

University of Utah *Ph.D. Philosophy – in progress* 2020-2025

### Dissertation

Defended: *expected Spring 2025*

Title: “Issues in Emergency Management: Justice, Science Policy, & Public Health”

Supervisor: Dr. Cindy Stark

Committee: Dr. Erin Beeghly, Dr. Jim Tabery, Dr. Melinda Fagan, Dr. Leslie Francis, and Dr. Eric Kennedy (York University, Emergency Management)

### Comprehensive Exam Paper

Defended: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Title: “Emergency Management & Justice: The State’s Obligation to Emergency Mitigation and Preparedness”

Supervisor: Dr. Cindy Stark

Reviewers: Dr. Cindy Stark and Dr. Erin Beeghly

Northern Illinois University M.A. Philosophy 2018-2020

Iowa State University B.S. Genetics and Philosophy (double major) 2013-2017

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## **Research & Teaching**

### Areas of Specialization (AOS)

Social & Political Philosophy

Emergency & Disaster Management; Health(care); Feminist Political Philosophy; Public Reason

Philosophy of Science

Values in Science; Feminist Philosophy of Science; Policy

### Areas of Competence (AOC)

Philosophy of Medicine

Concepts of Health & Disease

Epistemology

Feminist Epistemology

Bioethics

Health(care) Justice; Gene-editing technologies

Philosophy of Disability

Philosophy of Biology and Genetics Genetic Causation; Metaphysics of Biology

History & Science of Genetics and Eugenics

### Teaching Competences

Philosophy of Race: Science of Race and Racism, Ethics, Intro to Philosophy, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, and More!

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## **Employment**

University of Utah

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Philosophy Department  
Research Assistant to Leslie Francis for APA Task Force  
on Contingent Faculty

2020-Present  
Summer 2023

Northern Illinois University	
Graduate Assistant, Founder's Memorial Library	2018-2020
Student-Athlete Academic Support Services Tutor	2018-2020
Iowa State University	
Genetics Research Assistant	2014-2017
Philosophy Grading Assistant	Spring 2016
Academic Success Center Tutor	2014-2015

## Publications

1. **Smith, Adam C.** & Downes, Stephen M. (2023). Shallow versus deep genetic causes (commentary). *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 46: e201.
2. Santana, Carlos, **Smith, Adam C.**, Petrozzo, Kathryn, & Halm, Derek. (2023). The Irrationality of Stand Your Ground: Game Theory on Self-Defense. *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, 10(2): 387-404.

### By Topic

Under Review: Emergency & Disaster Management and Justice

Under Review: Concepts of Health and Healthcare Justice

Under Review: Behavioral Genetics, Causation, and Inductive Risk (with Hannah Allen)

## Teaching

### Instructor

University of Utah, Department of Philosophy

Fall 2024	Justice & International Affairs: Emergencies, Disasters, and Justice	PHIL 3730
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Spring 2024	Science & Society: Values, Objectivity, Policy, and Trust	PHIL 3310
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Fall 2023	Bioethics	PHIL 3520
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Spring 2023	Bioethics	PHIL 3520
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### Co-Instructor

University of Utah, Department of Philosophy

Summer 2023*	Science & Society: Values in Science, Aesthetics, and Genetics	PHIL 3310	Co-Instructor: Ryan Michael
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Summer 2022*	Science & Society: Values in Science, Psychiatry, and Genetics	PHIL 3310	Co-Instructor: Bennett Knox
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### Teaching Assistant

University of Utah, Department of Philosophy

Fall 2022	Intro to Philosophy: Ethical Dilemmas	PHIL 1001	Dr. Thi Nguyen
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Spring 2022	Science & Society: Science and Racial and Social Justice	PHIL 3310	Dr. Carlos Santana
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Fall 2021	Philosophy of	PHIL 3440	Dr. Natalia Washington
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## Cognitive Science

Spring 2021\*\* Philosophy of Race PHIL 3870

Dr. Jim Tabery

\* = taught online, asynchronously

\*\* = taught online, synchronously

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### Awards

ESRR Humanities/Arts Endowment Fund at The Chicago Community Foundation 2021-2024  
Fellowship [\$5,000 per year]

University of Utah  
Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Philosophy Department 2020-Present

Northern Illinois University  
Graduate Assistantship, Founder's Memorial Library 2018-2020

Iowa State University  
Fung Summer Internship for Undergraduate Genetics Research [\$3,500] 2014

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### Conferences

#### Presentations

1. "Politically Legitimate Values in Science Policy Advising: A Feminist Public Reason View"  
*Revitalizing Science and Values*  
The Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh April 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2024
2. "Politically Legitimate Values in Science Policy Advising: A Feminist Public Reason View"  
*Boston University Philosophy Graduate Conference*  
Boston University March 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2024
3. "Politically Legitimate Values in Science Policy Advising: A Feminist Public Reason View"  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Duke/UNC Graduate Student Workshop*  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024
4. "Politically Legitimate Values in Science Policy Advising: A Feminist Public Reason View"  
*Science, etc.: Explanation, Technology, and Communication Grad Student Conference*  
University of Washington Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2023
5. "GWAS, Genetic Causation Claims, & Inductive Risk" w/ Hannah Allen  
*ISHPSSB 2023 (International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology)*  
University of Toronto / Online July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2023
6. "Healthcare without 'Health'"  
*Tanner Graduate Works in Progress Series*  
University of Utah Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023
7. "Emergency Management & Justice"  
*Building Back Better: Opportunities and Risks Graduate Conference*  
Carleton University / Online Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2022
8. "GWAS, Genetic Causation Claims, & Inductive Risk" w/ Hannah Allen  
*A Triple Helix: Metaphor, Society, and the Science of Evolution*  
*A Hybrid Workshop in Memory of Richard Lewontin*  
UNAM (National Autonomous University of Mexico) / Online Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

9. "Emergency Management & Justice"  
*Tanner Graduate Works in Progress Series*  
University of Utah Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021
10. "Emergency Management & Justice"  
*Georgia Philosophical Society Conference*  
Online Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021
11. "Biological Individuals in a Process Ontology: An Objection to Process Monism"  
*ISHPSSB 2021 (International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology)*  
Online July 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Posters

1. "Healthcare without 'Health': A Justice-focused Approach to Universal Healthcare"  
*\*Did not attend due to weather\**  
*Central APA 2023*  
Denver, CO February 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2023
2. "A Pluralist Ontology of Biological Practice: Substances, Processes, and Individuals, oh my!"  
*28<sup>th</sup> Biennial Philosophy of Science Association (PSA) Conference*  
University of Pittsburgh Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Commenter

1. On Laura Soter's "The Mislocation of Moral Responsibility for Implicit Bias"  
*Northern Illinois University's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference*  
Northern Illinois University Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### **Public Philosophy**

Northern Illinois University 2018-2020  
Chairperson of Youth Prison Volunteer Program

### **Service**

President, Philosophy Graduate Student Committee 2024-2025  
Department of Philosophy, University of Utah

- The senior graduate representative for the philosophy graduate student committee.  
Attended all faculty meetings, ran all graduate student committee meetings, and advocated for graduate student interests.

ISHPSSB Student Advisory Committee 2023-2025  
ISHPSSB (International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology)

Librarian 2022-Present

Department of Philosophy, University of Utah

- Lead the effort to update the department's library, with primary goals of diversifying book selection and adding visual representations of philosophers from under-represented groups.

MAP Librarian 2022-Present

Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter, University of Utah

- MAP representative for all philosophy department library matters.

Member of Student Advisory Committee August & September 2023

Department of Philosophy, University of Utah

- Was one of three graduate students on the student advisory committee for the promotion of two faculty members.

RA for the APA Contingent Faculty Task Force  
American Philosophical Association (APA)

Summer 2023

- Assisted the group in research into best practices for those with contingent faculty positions.

Co-Organizer for Annual MSU/UofU Engaged Philosophy Graduate Symposium Spring 2022  
Department of Philosophy, University of Utah

- An online conference on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 for graduate students from the University of Utah and Michigan State University philosophy departments to present work on engaged philosophy.

Conference Submission Referee

Northern Illinois University's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Northern Illinois University's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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## **Works in Progress**

Politically Legitimate Values in Science Policy Advising: A Feminist Public Reason View

Standpoint Theory & Science Policy: Indigenous Peoples & Wildfire Management

The Concept of Health & Public Health Emergencies

The Ontology of Biological Practice: A Pluralist Account

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## **Membership**

- American Philosophical Association (APA), 2022-*present*
  - Philosophy of Science Association (PSA), 2022-*present*
  - International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB), 2022-*present*
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## **Reading Groups & Lab Groups**

University of Utah

Philosophy of Science	2021- <i>Present</i>
Philosophy of Biology Lab	2020-2022
Science and Ethics	2020-2021

Northern Illinois University

Phillip Kitcher on Science & Democracy	Summer 2020
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## **Philosophy Coursework**

### **Graduate**

#### *Value Theory*

Contemporary Political Philosophy	PHIL 535	Dr. Tony Smith	Iowa State University
Metaethics	PHIL 631B	Dr. Steve Daskal	Northern Illinois University
Moral Psychology	PHIL 631B	Dr. Alicia Finch	Northern Illinois University
Deontology	PHIL 530	Dr. Jason Hanna	Northern Illinois University

*Audited* Practical Reasoning	PHIL 631B	Dr. Steve Daskal	Northern Illinois University
Social and Political Philosophy	PHIL 651A	Dr. Jason Hanna	Northern Illinois University
Existentialism & Pragmatism	PHIL 530	Dr. Steve Daskal	Northern Illinois University
Discrimination & Equality in the Workplace	PHIL 6191	Dr. Erin Beeghly	University of Utah
*Audited* Adv. Bioethics: Abortion	PHIL 6520	Dr. Leslie Francis	University of Utah

### Metaphysics & Epistemology

Epistemology	PHIL 611A	Dr. Geoff Pynn	Northern Illinois University
Modality	PHIL 612B	Dr. Craig Warmke	Northern Illinois University
Proseminar: M&E, Utah-style	PHIL 7010	Dr. Jim Tabery	University of Utah
Social & Political Epistemology	PHIL 6192	Dr. Thi Nguyen	University of Utah

### Philosophy of Science, Language, and Mind

Grice & Stalnaker	PHIL 604	Dr. Lenny Clapp	Northern Illinois University
Metaphysics of Science	PHIL 561	Dr. Carl Gillett	Northern Illinois University
*Audited* Slurs & Hate Speech	PHIL 604	Dr. Lenny Clapp	Northern Illinois University
Objectivity in Science	PHIL 6350	Dr. Melinda Fagan	University of Utah
Genetic Causation	PHIL 7350	Dr. Steve Downes	University of Utah

### History of Philosophy

Aristotle: On Becoming, Being, and Becoming and Being Good	PHIL 6100	Dr. Anne Peterson	University of Utah
Proseminar: Descartes' Meditations	PHIL 7010	Dr. Lex Newman	University of Utah

### Logic & Formal Methods

Intermediate Logic	PHIL 505	Dr. David Buller	Northern Illinois University
Game Theory	PHIL 6220	Dr. Carlos Santana	University of Utah

## **Undergraduate**

### Value Theory

Moral Theory & Practice	PHIL 230	Dr. Cullen Padgett-Walsh	Iowa State University
Ethics in a Diverse Society	PHIL 235	Dr. Cullen Padgett-Walsh	Iowa State University
Bioethics & Biotechnology	PHIL 336	Dr. Clark Wolf	Iowa State University

### Metaphysics & Epistemology

Philosophy of Religion	PHIL 350	Dr. Heimir Geirsson	Iowa State University
Persons and Causes: Free Will	PHIL 450	Dr. Annemarie Butler	Iowa State University
Epistemology	PHIL 460	Dr. David Alexander	Iowa State University

### Philosophy of Science, Language, and Mind

Philosophy of Science	PHIL 380	Dr. Jonathan Tsou	Iowa State University
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### History of Philosophy

Ancient Greek Philosophy	PHIL 310	Dr. Travis Butler	Iowa State University
18 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy: Berkeley, Hume, & Kant	PHIL 315	Dr. Annemarie Butler	Iowa State University

### Logic & Formal Methods

Introduction to Symbolic Logic	PHIL 207	Dr. Annemarie Butler	Iowa State University
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