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Areas of Specialization

Environmental Philosophy, Ethical Theory, Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics, Aesthetics, Philosophy of Smell, Philosophy of Science (esp. biology and ecology)

Academic Positions

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University: Daytona Beach, Florida
Assistant Professor of Humanities (Fall 2025–Present)

Northland College: Ashland, Wisconsin
Assistant Professor of Philosophy (Fall 2022–May 2025)
Frances Werner Altenburg Professor of Environmental Studies (Fall 2023–Winter 2025)

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Georgia, 2022
Dissertation: “An Exploration of Environmental Values in Outer Space”
Committee: Piers Stephens (major professor), Melissa Fahmy, and 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
Double Major: B.A. Psychology

Publications

“Environmental Character and Astroethics.” Forthcoming. In *Geoethics and Environmental Protection in Space*, edited by Tony Milligan, Oskari Sivula, and Mikko Puumala. Switzerland: Springer.

Book Review: Erika Nesvold. *Off-Earth: Ethical Questions and Quandaries for Living in Outer Space*, Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press. 2023. 2025. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*. 22 (05-06): 717-720. <https://doi.org/10.1163/17455243-22050605>

“Mars and the Value of Wilderness.” 2024. *Ethics & the Environment*. 29 (1): 1–27.
<https://doi.org/10.2979/een.00002>

“Space Debris: Litter or Pollution?”. 2024. *Diálogos*. 55 (114): 195–226.
<https://revistas.upr.edu/index.php/dialogos/article/view/21263>

“Aesthetics, Olfaction, and Environment.” 2023. 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

“Planetary Parks and Leave No Trace (LNT),” (In)hospitable Space Conference, Carnegie-Mellon University, May 2026.

“Chess as Sport: A Reevaluation of Diachronic Problems of Identity, Aspiration, and Ought,” AFK in Florida: The 4th Annual Philosophy of Video Games Conference, Florida Atlantic University, February 2026

“Disentangling Atmosphere and Sky: Ontology, Space Debris, and Moral Mattering,” ERAU Sustainability Conference – Green Universe: Science and Sustainability for a Resilient Future, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, November 2025

“Disentangling Atmosphere and Sky: Ontology, Space Debris, and Moral Mattering,” Ethics Week, University of North Florida, October 2025 (Invited Speaker)

“Futurism, Utopianism, Radical Democracy: On Earth and Beyond,” Social and Ethical Frontiers in Space 2024, jointly hosted by the European Astrobiology Institute (EAI) and the Society for Social and Conceptual Issues in Outer Space (SSoCIA), Kiruna, Sweden, September 2024

“Futurism, Utopianism, Radical Democracy: On Earth and Beyond,” The Environmental Justice in Space Workshop of the JustSpace 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 30th Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Prague, CZ, September 2023

“Wilderness Values in Outer Space,” The 4th 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, University of Georgia, December 2021 (Invited Speaker)

Commentary on “Country Music as Dual Character Concept,” given by Emmie 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 44th 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,” 8th 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 21st 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 8th Annual Western Michigan Graduate Philosophy Conference, Western Michigan University, December 2014

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

Teaching Experience

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

COMM 122: *English Composition*

HUMN 145: *Themes in the Humanities* (Topics: Space Ethics)

HUMN 341: *World Philosophy*

HUMN 431: *Ethics & Artificial Intelligence*

Northland College

PHL 225: *Ethics*

PHL 226: *Environmental Ethics*

PHL 229: *Introduction to Philosophy*

PHL 230: *History of Western Philosophy I*

PHL 240: *Political Philosophy*

PHL 250: *Philosophy and Coffee*

PHL 262: *Environmental Philosophy*

PHL 266: *Environmental Aesthetics*

PHL 270: *Philosophy of Science*

PHL 276: *Logic & Critical Thinking*

PHL 280: *Nature & Technology*

PHL 290: *Anarchism* (Independent Study)

PHL 360: *Concepts of Nature*

PHL 490: *Ecofeminism & Outdoor/Environmental Education* (Independent Study)
PHL 494: *Teaching Assistant* (mentored a TA for PHL 226: *Environmental Ethics*)
IDS 480: *Senior Seminar*
REL 490: *Philosophy of Religion* (Independent Study)
PED 492: *PED Internship*

University of Georgia (Teaching Assistantship, Fall 2016–Summer 2022)

Instructor of Record

PHIL 3900S: *Philosophy for Children*

- 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*

PHIL 2020: *Logic & Critical Thinking*

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

PHIL 2030: *Introduction to Ethics*

Teaching Assistant

PHIL 2010: *Introduction to Philosophy*

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*

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

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 for Summer 2015 and Spring 2016)

PHIL 3160: *Ethics in Engineering and Technology*

Teaching Assistant

PHIL 2010: *Introduction to Ethics*

SUNY Oneonta

Teaching Assistant

PHIL 101: *Introduction to Philosophy*

PSYC 260: *Introduction to Social Psychology*

Non-Academic Teaching Experience

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

Assistant Badminton Coach, Commack High School, Spring 2016

Assistant Fencing Coach, Commack High School, Winter 2015

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

Grants, Awards, & Honors

Artificial Intelligence and the Ethics of Ontology Engineering, RIA Funding, Spring 2026 (\$1,883)

Faculty Development Award for Conference Presentation (Kiruna, Sweden), Fall 2024 (\$2,200)

Conference Travel Support for the Social and Ethical Frontiers in Space 2024 conference in Kiruna, Sweden from the Society for Social and Conceptual Issues in Astrobiology (\$500)

Endeavor Grant for Student Wellness Initiatives (Fencing Club Support), Northland College, Fall 2025 (\$3,000)

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

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

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

- Provides funding (Research funding of \$2,000/year for three years – \$6,000 total)

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)

Researcher, Ethics Consultant regarding Google Algorithms and Penalties for Search Engine Rescue, 2015 (with Dustin VanPelt and Fritz Allhoff)

Researcher, Conservation Easements Project, 2015 (Assistant to Fritz Allhoff)

Graduate Student Travel Grant, Western Michigan University Graduate College & Graduate Student Association, 9th International Conference on Applied Ethics: ‘Security, Sustainability and Human Flourishing’ 2014 (\$1,300)

Travel Subsidy, Hokkaido University, 9th 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)

- Managed a team of undergraduate researchers that assisted with data collection. Project advised by Michael J. Brown and Chris Keegan at SUNY Oneonta.

Ashok Kumar Malhotra SEVA Award for Compassionate Service – Community Service Scholarship, 2012-2013 school year (\$1,300)

Professional Development

Whisk(e)y Sommelier, Level 1, Whiskey Marketing School at the Wizard Academy, 2026

Wilderness First Aid certification (exp. 3/3/27), Wilderness Medical Associates International

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

Service

ERAU Ethics Bowl Coach, Fall 2026–Present

Committee Member, Full-Time Faculty Evaluation Criteria Review Committee, Fall 2026–Spring 2027

Organizing Committee Member, ERAU Sustainability Conference – Sustainable Horizons: Lessons Across the Decades, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, November 2026

Committee Member, Faculty Committee on Use of GenAI for Student Writing Assessment and Feedback, Summer 2026

Organizing Committee Member, ERAU Sustainability Conference – Green Universe: Science and Sustainability for a Resilient Future, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, November 2025

ERAU Green Committee Member, Fall 2025–present

Northland College IRB Member, Fall 2024–Winter 2025

Northland College Student Publications Advisor, Fall 2024–Winter 2025

Northland College Parsonage Fund Committee (student research grants), Fall 2024–Winter 2025

First Year Advising Group, Northland College, Winter 2023–Winter 2025

Northland College Fencing Club Advisor, Fall 2023–Winter 2025

“Northland College Biology Connections” podcast guest for Northland College marketing – Episode #2 (discussion on ticks and ethics), Winter 2025

Northland College Faculty Council Vice President, Fall 2023–Summer 2024

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

Hiring Search Committee for Natural Resource Sciences (Ecological Restoration) position, Northland College, Winter 2023

Hiring Search Committee for Natural Resource Sciences (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

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, 18th 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

Journal refereeing: *Environmental Values*, *Ethics in Biology, Engineering and Medicine* (EBEM), *The Hilltop Review*, *Teaching Ethics*, *Environmental Science & Technology*

Professional Membership

American Philosophical Association (APA)

International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE)

Society for Social and Conceptual Issues in Astrobiology (SSoCIA)

Society for Utopian Studies (SUS)