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Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

2025-Present Clinical Bioethicist, Community Health Network, Indianapolis, Indiana
2023-2025 Clinical Ethics Fellowship, The University of Texas, MD Anderson, Cancer Center, Houston, Texas

Education

2023 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Maryland, College Park
Dissertation: *Subjectivity and Cognitive Science: A Defense of The Representational Theory of Consciousness*
Committee Members: Peter Carruthers (chair), Georges Rey (secondary advisor), Elizabeth Schechter, Harjit Bhogal, Yi Ting Huang
2020 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Maryland, College Park
2015 M.A. in Philosophy, San Francisco State University
2011 B.A. in Psychology & Philosophy (double major), University of Massachusetts, Boston

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of the Psychological, Cognitive & Brain Sciences, Biomedical Ethics

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics, Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Science, Logic

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Motivational Barriers to Care and the Ethics of Encouragement", *American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience*, 2025

"The Bounds of Experience: Representationalism and the Laws of Appearance", *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 2025

“Stop and smell the what? Two kinds of olfactory representation”,
Synthese, 2022

“Additional Resources for Sparse Theories of Phenomenal
Consciousness”, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 2021

Invited and Editor-Reviewed Publications

“Evolving Landscape of Ethics in Oncology: A Journey Through the Past,
Present, and Future” (with Nico Nortje, Amitabha Palmer, Gavin Enck,
Joyce Neumann, and Colleen Gallagher, equal authorship), *American
Society of Clinical Oncology Educational Book*, 2024.

“Treatment-Resistant Psychiatric Conditions and the Ethics of Psychiatric
Physician-Aid-in-Dying” (with Joey Jebari and Em Walsh, equal
authorship), *American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience*, 2024.
(commentary)

“Subpersonal Introspection” (with Peter Carruthers, second author).
Journal of Consciousness Studies, 2023. (commentary)

“Perceptual awareness or phenomenal consciousness? A dilemma” (with
Peter Carruthers, equal authorship), *Biology & Philosophy*, 2021.
(commentary)

“What explains the “hard” problem of consciousness?” (with Peter
Carruthers, equal authorship), *Cognitive Neuropsychology*, 2020.
(commentary)

Book Chapters

“Telehealth as a Window into the Future: Ethical Lessons for AI in
Healthcare” (with Amitabha Palmer, second author), 2025

Presentations

Conference Presentations

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| 2024 | <p>“<i>Motivational Barriers to Care and the Ethics of Encouragement</i>”,
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, Neuroethics Affinity
Group, Conference</p> <p>“<i>Motivational Barriers to Adherence: Encouraging Commitments</i>”, The
University of Texas Medical Branch, Unconference</p> |
| 2022 | <p>“<i>Color Chords: Intuition and Cognitive Science Explanation</i>”, Southern
Society for Philosophy and Psychology</p> <p>“<i>Contingent Perceptual Experience</i>”, American Philosophical
Association, Central Division</p> |
| 2018 | <p>“<i>Chunking and the Subjective Impression of Richness</i>”, Central States
Philosophical Association</p> |

Invited Talks and Lectures

- 2025 "The Ethics of Triage", Community Health Network
- 2025 "Psychiatric Ethics, Capacity, and Decision-Making", Community Health Network
- 2025 "The Ethics of Transformative Medical Experiences", The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Grand Rounds
- 2024 "*What Should You Do When Competent Patients Make Bad Choices?*", The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Grand Rounds
- "*Respect for Autonomy: Motivating One's Goals in Light of One's (possibly) Countervailing Preferences*", The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Grand Rounds
- "*What Should You Do When Competent Patients Make Bad Choices?*", The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Grand Rounds
- "*Respect for Autonomy: Motivating One's Goals in Light of One's (possibly) Countervailing Preferences*", The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Grand Rounds
- "*Motivational Barriers to Care and the Ethics of Encouragement*", The University of Texas Medical Branch, Samuel G. Dunn Lectureship Series
- 2022 "*When Principles Pull in Different Directions: A Possible Role for Moral Intuition?*", Capital Region Medical Center, Grand Rounds
- 2018 "*Consciousness and Feature Binding*", The Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind

Grants, honors, & awards

- 2022 ARHU Summer Fellowship
 2021 Moreland Perkins Fellowship in Philosophy
 2018 Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant
 2018 ARHU Graduate Student Travel Award
 2018 Departmental Dean's Fellowship

Teaching

University of Maryland, College Park

Instructor with full responsibilities

- Spring 2023 Bioethics: Regulating Right and Wrong
 Winter 2023 Introduction to Philosophy
 Fall 2022 Ancient Philosophy
 Spring 2022 Bioethics: Regulating Right and Wrong
 Fall 2021 Understanding Perception
 Sum 2021 Bioethics: Regulating Right and Wrong
 Sum 2020 Introduction to Philosophy
 Sum 2019 Introduction to Logic

Teaching assistant

Fall 2022 Ancient Philosophy
 Fall 2020 Bioethics: Regulating Right and Wrong
 Spring 2020 The Rights and Wrongs of Killing
 Fall 2019 Know Thyself: Wisdom Through Cognitive Science
 Spring 2019 The Rights and Wrongs of Killing
 Spring 2019 Introduction to Philosophy of Mind
 Fall 2018 Ancient Philosophy
 Fall 2017 Introduction to Logic

at San Francisco State UniversityInstructor with full responsibilities

Fall 2015 Introduction to Philosophy
 Spring 2015 Introduction to Critical Thinking

Teaching assistant

Spring 2014 General Writing and Reading

Additional Teaching Experience**Community Health Network**

2025-Present Ethics of Psychiatry Residency Program

The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center

2024-2025 Ethics at the End of Life

2024-2025 Ethics and Critical Care Medicine

Pre-University Teaching Experience**San Francisco Public Schools**

2016-2017 *Substitute Teacher, K-12*

Baltimore Public Schools

2012-2013 *After School Instructor, K-8*

Belmont Public Schools

2012 *Substitute Teacher, K-12*

Department and Professional Service

Referee: *Philosophia; American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience; Review of Philosophy and Psychology; Erkenntnis; Cognitive Neuropsychology; Journal of Medical Ethics; Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics; Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*

- 2025- *DEI Committee*. Community Health Network
- 2025- *Institutional Review Board*. Community Health Network
- 2025- *Data Governance and Monetization Workgroup*. Community Health Network
- 2025 *Advanced Support Unit policy development committee*. MD Anderson Cancer Center
- 2025 *Ethics Consult Process Policy development committee*. MD Anderson Cancer Center
- 2025 *Patient Values Policy development committee*. MD Anderson Cancer Center
- 2025 *Clinical Ethics Documentation development committee*. MD Anderson Cancer Center
- 2024-2025 *Fellowship mentor*. MD Anderson Cancer Center
- 2024 *Search committee*. MD Anderson Cancer Center
- 2024 *Fellowship admissions committee*. MD Anderson Cancer Center
- 2024 Referee, *American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, Philosophy Affinity Group conference*
- 2024 Referee, *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference*
- 2024 Referee, *American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, Philosophy Affinity Group conference*
- 2023 Referee, *American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, Philosophy Affinity Group conference*
- 2020 Proofreader, Georges Rey, *Representation of Language: Philosophical Issues in a Chomskyan Linguistics* (Oxford University Press)

Clinical experience

Community Health Network

- 2025-Present Ethics Consultation
Policy Development and Review
Ethics Committee

The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center

- 2023-2025 Ethics Consultation
Ethics Committee
Pediatric Donor Consent Interviews
Family Meetings
Clinical Rounding

Policy Development and Review

Capital Region Medical Center

2021-2023 Biomedical Ethics Internship

Certifications & certificates

2025 Unit-Based Ethics Conversations Training. University of Indiana

2025 Human Research. CITI Program

2024 Healthcare Ethics Consultation Certification (HEC-C)

Conflict Resolution and Clinical Ethics Mediation Training for Healthcare.
Center for Conflict Resolution in Healthcare

Serious Illness Conversation Training. The University of Texas, MD
Anderson Cancer Center

Graduate courses***at University of Maryland, College Park***

Fall 2022	Cognition and Human Motives, Peter Carruthers (audit)
Spring 2022	The Metaphysics of Laws and Chance, Harjit Bhogal (audit)
Fall 2021	Human Motives, Peter Carruthers (audit)
Spring 2021	Stoic Ethics and Moral Psychology, Rachel Singpurwalla (audit)
Fall 2020	Capitalism and Its Critics, Dan Moller (audit)
Spring 2020	Natural Properties, Harjit Bhogal
Fall 2019	Representation and Meta-representation, Peter Carruthers
Fall 2019	Introduction to Cognitive Science, co-taught by Yi Ting Huang and Robert Slevc in the Department of Psychology, Program in Neuroscience and Cognitive Science
Spring 2019	Plato's Political Philosophy, Rachel Singpurwalla
Fall 2018	Mechanisms and Causation, Lindley Darden
Fall 2018	Social Cognition and Moral Development, Melanie Killen in the Department of Human Development and Quantitative Methodology
Spring 2019	Attention and Probabilistic Cognition, Peter Carruthers
Spring 2018	Representation and Related Issues in a Chomskyan Linguistics, Georges Rey
Spring 2018	Varieties of Explanation, Harjit Bhogal
Spring 2018	Value Theory, Dan Moller
Fall 2017	Consciousness and Animals, Peter Carruthers
Fall 2017	Metaphysics, Mind, and Language, Georges Rey

at San Francisco State University

Spring 2015	Virtue Epistemology, Carlos Montemayor
Fall 2014	Advanced Logic Workshop, Bastiaan Van Fraassen
Fall 2014	Philosophy of Science: Evidence, Isabelle Peschard
Spring 2014	Embodied Cognition, Isabelle Peschard
Spring 2014	Essential Indexical Information, Carlos Montemayor
Fall 2013	Philosophy of Perception, Isabelle Peschard
Fall 2013	Cognitive Perspectives on Space and Time, Carlos Montemayor
Fall 2013	Philosophical Writing, David Landy

at Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Spring 2012	Normative Ethics, Caspar Hare (audit)
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Peter Carruthers (dissertation chair)
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Georges Rey (secondary dissertation advisor)
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