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**Areas of Specialization:** Ethics; Action Theory

**Areas of Competence:** Feminist Ethics; Philosophy of Technology; Metaphysics

## Education

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**Ph.D. in Philosophy**, University of California, Santa Barbara (2020)

**M.A. in Philosophy**, University of California, Santa Barbara (2017)

**B.A. in Philosophy**, University of Kentucky (2013)

**A.A.**, Bluegrass Community and Technical College (2011)

## Employment

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**Assistant Professor**, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo 2023-present

**Lecturer**, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo 2020-2023

**Teaching Assistant/Associate**, University of California, Santa Barbara 2015-2020

**Courses Taught:** Philosophical Writing and Research (Topic: Philosophy of Death); Animal Ethics\*; Ethics, Technology, and Society; Feminist Ethics; Metaphysics; Philosophy of Mind; Theory of Knowledge; Intro to Ethics; Critical Thinking; Intro to Philosophy

\*=Independent study

## Research

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### Academic Publications

1. "Theater of the Departed: A Conceptual Framework for Chatbots of the Dead" (with Amy Kurzweil). *Ergo*, forthcoming.
2. "Cryonics: Traps and Transformations." *Bioethics*, 2024, 38 (4): 351-355.
3. "Deepfake Pornography and the Ethics of Non-Veridical Representations" (with Ryan Jenkins). *Philosophy & Technology*, 2023, 36 (56).
4. "The Badness of Death for Sociable Cattle." *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 2023.
5. "Life and Death Without the Present." *Journal of Ethics*, 2022, 26 (2): 193-207.
6. "Moral Luck in Team-Based Healthcare" (with Catelynn Kenner). *Nursing Philosophy*, 2021, 21 (1).
7. "Joint action without robust theory of mind." *Synthese*, 2021, 198 (6): 5009-5026.
8. "Interpersonal Moral Luck and Normative Entanglement." *Ergo*, 2019, 6 (21): 601-616.
9. *Essays Concerning the Social Dimensions of Human Agency*. Dissertation, 2020, University of California, Santa Barbara.

### Reviews and Replies

1. "Save the Children? AI Companions and Fantasies of Intimacy." *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, 2025, 14 (9): 55-60.

2. “Review of *The AI Mirror*.” *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, forthcoming.
3. “Review of *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility, Volume 6*.” *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 2021, 18 (6): 678-681.

### Public Philosophy Publications

1. “Robot Kitchens, AI Cooks, and the Meaning of Food.” *Prindle Post*, 2025.
2. “Chatbots of the dead” (with Amy Kurzweil). *Aeon*, 2025.
3. “Lighting Lanterns in the Morning.” *Reed Magazine*, 2023.
4. “The Garden of Simulated Delights.” *Prindle Post*, 2023.
5. “Driving with the Machine: Self-Driving Cars, Responsibility, and Moral Luck.” *Prindle Post*, 2022.
6. “Creepy-Crawlies and the Long Dreamless Sleep.” *Prindle Post*, 2022.
7. “Trophy Hunting Is Immoral Only If Hunting for Meat Is Immoral.” *Prindle Post*, 2022.
8. “Were Parts of Your Mind Made in a Factory?” *Prindle Post*, 2022.
9. “Interrogating the Sunk Cost Fallacy.” *Prindle Post*, 2022.
10. “The Curious Case of LaMDA, the AI that Claimed to Be Sentient.” *Prindle Post*, 2022.
11. “Corporate Activism and Non-Ideal Democracy.” *Prindle Post*, 2022.
12. “Cryonics: The Trap Objection.” *Prindle Post*, 2022.
13. “No Fun and Games.” *Prindle Post*, 2022.
14. “Reflections on Communal Annihilation or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb.” *Prindle Post*, 2022.
15. “The Ethics of Deepfake Pornography.” *Public Ethics Blog*, 2022.
16. “A proposal for dealing with COVID-related negative externalities.” *PEA Soup Blog*, 2020.
17. “Lucky Till Now.” *Santa Barbara Independent*, 2020.

### Select Presentations, Commentaries, and Events

1. “Touch Grass: AI and Hyperreality.” (with Allison Myers) *The Society for Philosophy and Technology, SIG: Hyperrealistic Large Language Models and Robots*, 2025.
2. “Comments on ‘Responsible Artificial Intelligence in Precision Psychiatry’ by Tuomas Vesterinen.” *Pacific APA*, 2025.
3. “Theater of the Departed: A Conceptual Framework for Chatbots of the Dead.” (with Amy Kurzweil) *Philosophy of Avatars Workshop*, 2024; *Cal Poly Philosophy Student Symposium Keynote*, 2024 [invited]; *University of California, Santa Cruz Philosophy Colloquium*, 2024 [invited].
4. “AI Kitchens & Robot Cooks: Ethical and Social Impacts.” (with Patrick Lin) *Food AI Summit @ UC Berkeley*, 2024 [invited].
5. “Artificial Intelligence and Its Social Implications.” (Panel Discussion) *AI TENNessee Initiative*, 2024 [invited].
6. “Generative AI: A Changing Communicative Ecosystem.” (with Foaad Khosmood) *San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce Legislative Action Committee Meeting*, 2024 [invited].
7. “AI and the Future of Food.” (Panel Discussion) *Food AI Co-Lab*, 2024 [invited].
8. “Unpacking moral implications of the 2023 NIH data management and sharing policy.” (with Catelynn Kenner) *APHA Annual Meeting & Expo*, 2023.
9. “Digital Marionettes: the ethics of nonconsensual deepfakes.” *Cal State Long Beach Applied Ethics Forum*, 2023 [invited].
10. “Robot Kitchens: Individual Impacts.” *AI Kitchens & Robot Cooks: Ethical and Social Impacts*, Cal Poly 2023; Prague 2024.
11. “Deepfakes and Deadfakes: The Ethics of Technologically Augmented Fantasy.” (with Ryan Jenkins) *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, 2022.

12. “Comments on Travis Timmerman’s ‘Finite Badness Doesn’t Detract from the Quality of Infinitely Good Lives.’” *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, 2022.
13. “Shared responsibility for individual actions that are jointly produced.” *University of Gothenburg Practical Philosophy Research Seminar*, 2022 [invited].
14. “A theoretical health economics intervention for balancing individual freedoms with public health in regard to the COVID-19 vaccine.” (with Catelynn Kenner) *APHA Annual Meeting & Expo*, 2021.
15. “Joint Action, Development, and the Boundaries of Agency.” *Cal Poly Research Workshop*, 2019.
16. “Interpersonal Moral Luck and Normative Entanglement.” *The Biennial European Network on Social Ontology Conference*, 2019.
17. “Moral Features of Team-based Medical Care.” (with Catelynn Kenner) *The Philosophy in the Nurse’s World Conference & International Philosophy of Nursing Conference*, 2019.
18. “Joint Action without Theory of Mind.” *The Biennial Collective Intentionality Conference*, 2018.
19. “Comments on Ben Schwan’s ‘The Ability Ought Implies’.” *Pacific APA*, 2018.
20. “The Limits of Evolutionary Debunking Arguments of Moral Knowledge.” *Society for Exact Philosophy*, 2016.
21. “The Evolution of Morality and Doxastic Confidence” *Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference*, 2016; *Georgia State Student Philosophy Symposium*, 2016; *Nature and Norms: Values in a Material World*, 2015.

## **Professional Service and Awards**

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Referee: *American Philosophical Quarterly*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Between the Species*; *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society*; *Ergo*; *International Conference on Learning Representations*; *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*; *Journal of Value Inquiry*; *Philosophia*; *Philosophical Inquiries*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Philosophy*; *Problemos*; *Ratio*; *Religious Studies*; *Techné*; *Theoria*.

Co-organizer, AI Kitchens & Robot Cooks: Ethical and Social Impacts Expert Workshop, Prague, Czech Republic, 2024; Vatican City, 2025.

Outstanding Referee Award, *Philosophia*, 2024

Editorial Assistant, *Between the Species*, 2023.

Ethics Bowl IRA Committee and Regional Competition Co-Organizer, Cal Poly, SLO, 2023.

Transfer Center Advisory Board Member, Cal Poly, SLO, 2023-present.

Philosophy Department Speaker’s Committee, Cal Poly, SLO, 2023-present.

Philosophy Club Advisor, Cal Poly, SLO, 2023-present.

Philosophy Part-Time Pool Search Committee, Cal Poly, SLO, 2023-present.

Philosophy Department Essay Contest & Student Colloquium Committee Member, Cal Poly, SLO, 2023-present.

AS Technology Ethics Advisory Committee (ad hoc), Cal Poly, SLO, 2023-present.

Technology Ethics Service Courses Committee Member, Cal Poly, SLO, 2021-present.

Lecturer Representative, Department of Philosophy, Cal Poly, SLO, 2021-2022.

Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty, *Department of Philosophy*, UCSB, 2016-2018.

## **Professional Affiliations**

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Ethical and Social Impacts of Robot Kitchens Project, (NSF # 2220888), Co-PI, 2024-present.

Ethics + Emerging Sciences Group, Fellow, 2021-present.

Minorities and Philosophy, UCSB Chapter, 2014-2020.  
American Philosophical Association, member, 2014-present.

## References

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