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Curriculum Vitae

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APPOINTMENTS

2021 – present	Associate Professor, University at Albany, SUNY
2015-2021	Assistant Professor, University at Albany, SUNY
2011-2015	Assistant Professor, Florida International University, Miami, FL

EDUCATION

2011	Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT ○ Dissertation: <i>Part-Humans: How Human Are They and Does It Matter?</i> ○ Committee: Stephen Downes (advisor), Leslie Francis, Matthew Haber, James Tabery, and Teneille Brown
2003	B.A. in Philosophy, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Philosophy of Biology, Bioethics, Philosophy of Science

REFEREED ARTICLES

- 2026 “Engineering and Un-Engineering Nature: Gene Drives, Reversal Drives, and the Value of Restoration,” *Environmental Ethics*, 48(3): 327-341.
- 2026 “Mismatch and the Ethics of Growth Attenuation,” *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 26(6): 99-101.
- 2025 “Diversity and inclusion for rodents: how animal ethics committees can help improve translation,” *Journal of Medical Ethics* 51(9): 620-626.
- 2023 “From depressed mice to depressed patients: a less “standardized” approach to improving translation,” *Biology and Philosophy* 38, 46.
- 2022 “Clarifying the Ethics and Oversight of Chimeric Research,” *The Hastings Center Report*, 52 Suppl. 2, S2-S23. (Co-authors: Johnston, J., Hyun, I., Neuhaus, C. P., Maschke, K. J., Marshall, P., Craig, K. P., Matthews, M. M., Drolet, K., Greely, H. T., Hill, L. R., Hinterberger, A., Hurley, E. A., Kesterson, R., Kimmelman, J., King, N. M. P., Lopes, M. J., O'Rourke, P. P., Parent, B., Peckman, S., ... Wilkerson, A.)
- 2021 “Research guidelines for embryoids,” *Journal of Medical Ethics* 47: e67
- 2021 “Rethinking the Oversight Conditions of Human-Animal Chimera Research,” *Bioethics* 35(1): 98-104
- 2021 “Human Brain Surrogates: Models or Distortions?” *The American Journal of Bioethics* 21(1): 66-68
- 2020 “Avoiding the potentiality trap: thinking about the moral status of synthetic embryos,” *Monash Bioethics Review* 38: 166-180
- 2019 “Why is an Egg Donor a Genetic Parent, but not a Mitochondrial Donor?” *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 28(3): 488-498
- 2018 “Meet the New Mammoth, Same as the Old? Resurrecting the *Mammuthus primigenius*,” *Biology and Philosophy* 33(5). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10539-018-9616-4>
- 2018 “Is ‘Assisted Reproduction’ Reproduction?” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 68(270): 138-157
- 2016 “Medicine and the Arts: Commentary on *The Young Family*,” *Academic Medicine* 91(9): 1232-33

- 2014 “Response to Open Peer Commentaries on ‘Transferring Morality to Human-Nonhuman Chimeras,’” *The American Journal of Bioethics* 14(10): W6-W9
- 2014 “Transferring Morality to Human-Nonhuman Chimeras,” *The American Journal of Bioethics* 14(2): 4-12
- 2013 “From Humanized Mice To Human Disease: Guiding Extrapolation From Model To Target,” *Biology and Philosophy* 28(3): 439-455
- 2012 “Who Are My Parents? Why Assigning Moral Categories to Genealogical Relations Leads to More Confusion,” *The American Journal of Bioethics* 12(9): 28-30
- 2009 “The Theoretical Costs of DNA Barcoding,” *Biological Theory* 4(3): 235-239
- 2009 “What Does It Mean To Be 75% Pumpkin? The Units of Comparative Genomics,” *Philosophy of Science* 76: 838-850

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- 2024 “Molecular Biology,” (co-authored with Tudor Baetu and James Tabery), *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward N. Zalta
- 2011 “Genetic Engineering,” *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*, ed. Deen K. Chatterjee. Dordrecht: Springer. Vol 1: 382-383

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2014 “Book Review: Genetics and Philosophy: An Introduction by Paul Griffiths and Karola Stotz,” *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* 28(2): 223-226
- 2007 “Book Review: The Second-Person Standpoint: Morality, Respect, and Accountability by Stephen Darwall,” *Polish Journal of Philosophy* 1(2): 142-146

IN THE MEDIA

“Medical Aid in Dying and the Burden of Choosing to Live.” *STAT First Opinion*, August 26, 2026. <https://www.statnews.com/2026/08/26/medical-aid-in-dying-new-york-choice-burden-philosophy-ethics/>

“Putting pig organs in people is OK in the US, but growing human organs in pigs is not – why is that?” in *The Conversation*, December 8, 2025. <https://theconversation.com/putting-pig-organs-in-people-is-ok-in-the-us-but-growing-human-organs-in-pigs-is-not-why-is-that-270562>

“Diversity and inclusion initiatives for laboratory animals?” in *Journal of Medical Ethics Blog*, July 7, 2023. <https://blogs.bmj.com/medical-ethics/2023/07/07/diversity-and-inclusion-initiatives-for-laboratory-animals/>

“Can We Reproduce the Woolly Mammoth?” in *The American Philosophical Association Blog* (APA Blog), April 25, 2019. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2019/04/25/can-we-reproduce-the-woolly-mammoth/>

“Making babies: 21st century reproduction” in *Oxford University Press Blog*, February 24, 2018. <https://blog.oup.com/2018/02/21st-century-reproduction/>

“Human-animal hybrids” on WHYY (NPR in Philadelphia), Radio Times, August 11, 2016. <https://whyy.org/episodes/human-animal-hybrids-then-trumps-jokes-2/>

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- Sole Bioethicist, NSF Future Manufacturing Grant, “*Manufacturing Multi-dimensional Culture Systems with Integrated Measurement and Manipulation Technologies*,” PI: Susan Sharfstein (\$2,999,999), 2025–2029
- Philosophy in Media Fellowship, Marc Sanders Foundation, Summer 2026
- Nominated for the 2026 Spark Award, which recognizes exceptional faculty/student engagement during a student’s first year at UAlbany
- Nominated for the 2023 Torch Faculty/Student Engagement Award, which recognized a positive impact on a graduating senior’s academic and personal success at UAlbany.
- Paid Sabbatical, Spring 2023
- Invited member of a working group in the Hasting Center-Case Western Reserve University project—Actionable Ethics Oversight for Human-Animal Chimera Research—funded by a grant from National Human Genome Research Institute of the National Institutes of Health, 2017-2020
- Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Diversity and Inclusion Leave, Fall 2019
- National Science Foundation, Science, Technology, and Society (STS) Scholars Award, PI, (Total Costs: \$189,900) (Not Funded), 2018-2019
- Marc Sanders Foundation funding for Minorities and Philosophy Chapter, 2016-2017
- Marriner S. Eccles Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy, 2010-2011 (\$15,000)
- American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship, 2009-2010 (\$20,000)
- Obert C. and Grace A. Tanner Humanities Center Doctoral Fellowship, 2009-2010 (\$15,000)

- University of Utah Graduate Research Fellowship (declined), 2009-2010 & 2010-2011 (\$15,000)
 - University of Utah Collaborative Research and Graduate Training Grant, Philosophy, 2007-2009
 - Obert C. Tanner Fellowship, Philosophy, Fall 2008
 - National Science Foundation Travel Grant, 2008
 - ISHPSSB Graduate Student Travel Award, 2007
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Directional Bias of Enhancement,” 7th Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) of Genetic Research Congress, Chapel Hill, NC, June 2026 (accepted but unable to attend).

“Conservation in the Anthropocene: Reconciling Gene Drives with Environmental Ethics,” The International Association for Environmental Philosophy, Granville, OH, May 2025 (online).

“Reversing Gene Drives: Insights from the Art of Restoration,” (Poster Presentation), Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of Genetic Research Congress (ELSIcon2024), Columbia University, NY, June 2024.

“Reversing Gene Drives: Insights from the Art of Restoration,” 10th Biennial Conference of the Society for the Philosophy of Science in Practice, Columbia, SC, May 2024.

“Reversing Gene Drives: Insights from the Art of Restoration,” Department of Philosophy Work-in-Progress Series, SUNY at Albany, Albany, NY, March 2024 (invited).

“A Depressed Mouse Is a Depressed Mouse Is a Depressed Mouse: A Critique of the Commitment to Standardization in Behavioral Neuroscience,” The British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference, Exeter, UK, July 2022.

“Is My Mouse Depressed? Conceptual and Ethical Issues in the Behavioral Neuroscience of Depression,” The Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals, October 2021 (online) (invited).

“The Moral Significance of Human Cells Used to Make Human-Animal Chimeras,” The Honors College Speaker Series, SUNY at Albany, Albany, NY, September 2020 (invited).

“Significance of The Origin of Human Cells Used in Human-Animal Chimeras,” The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY, September 2019 (invited).

“What is an Embryo? Thinking About Semi-Embryos, Quasi-Embryos and Embryo-Like Entities,” Reproductive Ethics Conference, Albany Medical College, Albany, NY, April 2019.

“Can We *Reproduce* the Woolly Mammoth?” Invited Symposium: Biology, Ethics, and

Difference, American Philosophical Association, New York City, NY, January 2019.

“Can CRISPR-Cas9 Turn Elephants into Woolly Mammoths?” History of Functional Genomics Programs at The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) Workshop, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, August 2018.

“Mother, Mother, I Want Another: Rethinking Reproduction,” American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, MD, January 2017.

“Is ‘Assisted Reproduction’ Reproduction?” (Poster Presentation), Philosophy of Science Association, Atlanta, GA, November 2016.

“Why is an Egg Donor a Genetic Parent, but not a Mitochondrial Donor?” Ethics Grand Rounds, Alden March Bioethics Institute, Albany, NY, November 2016 (invited).

“Death and Reproduction,” Tenth Annual Conference of the Felician Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs, Felician University, Rutherford, NJ, April 2016.

“Mother, Mother, I Want Another: Reexamining Reproduction,” Reproductive Ethics Conference, Albany Medical College, Albany, NY, April 2016.

“Mother, Mother, I Want Another: Rethinking Reproduction,” International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB), Montreal, Canada, July 2015.

“Mother, Mother, I Want Another: Rethinking Reproduction,” The Mentoring Project for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy, 3rd Biennial Workshop, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, June 2015.

“Mother, Mother, I Want Another: Rethinking Reproduction,” Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, SUNY at Albany, Albany, NY, February 2015 (invited).

Comments on Liz Stillwaggon Swan’s “Forensic Science as a Popperian Coding System,” American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2014.

“Defining Reproduction in the Age of Genetic Engineering,” Humanities and Technology Association (HTA) Conference, St. Thomas University, Miami, FL, November 2013

“Defining Reproduction in the Age of Genetic Engineering,” Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice (SPSP), Toronto, Canada, June 2013.

“Inner Space, Global Matter,” Interdisciplinary Panel Exploring Geraldine Ondrizek’s Artwork, Miami Beach Urban Studios Gallery, Miami Beach, FL, November 2012 (invited).

“Transferring Morality to Human-Nonhuman Chimeras,” The American Society for Humanities and Bioethics (ASHB), Mentor-Pairing Workshop, Washington DC, October 2012.

“Improving Extrapolation with Humanized Mice,” International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB), Salt Lake City, UT, July 2011.

“Improving Extrapolation with Humanized Mice,” Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID, March 2011 (invited).

“Causal History and the Moral Status of the Human Neuron Mouse,” Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, Florida International University, Miami, FL, February 2011 (invited).

“Causes That Make a Moral Difference: Examining the Moral Status of the Human Neuron Mouse,” Transforming Humanity: Fantasy? Dream? Nightmare? University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, December 2010.

Comments on Ben Caplan’s, Patrick Reeder’s, and Chris Tillman’s “Parts of Singletons,” American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2010.

“Do Part-Human Organisms Deserve an Upgrade In Moral Status?” Tanner Humanities Center Work in Progress Talk Series, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, March 2010 (invited).

“What Does It Mean to Be 75% Pumpkin: The Units of Comparative Genomics,” Philosophy of Science Association (PSA) Biannual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, November 2008.

“DNA Barcoding,” Edges and Boundaries of Biological Objects Workshop, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, March 2008.

“What Does It Mean to Be 75% Pumpkin: The Units of Comparative Genomics,” International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB), Exeter, UK, July 2007.

Comments on Luke Glowacki’s “A Genetic Account of Innateness Reconsidered,” Intermountain Philosophy Conference, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, November 2006.

“Take Two, Still You? The Effects of Antidepressants on Personal Identity and Autonomy,” University of Utah Undergraduate Philosophy Club, January 2006 (invited).

CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZING

Organized Session, “Rethinking Reproduction” for International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB) conference in Montreal, Canada, July 2015

Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference Organizing Committee (2005-2010)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University at Albany, SUNY

- Moral Dilemmas: Spring 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 (online), 2022, 2024, 2025, 2026 Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020 (online), 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Moral Problems in Medicine: Fall 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020 (online), 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Bioethics (upper-undergraduate and graduate): Spring 2017, 2019, 2022, 2025
- Philosophy of Science (upper-undergraduate and graduate): Spring 2018, 2021 (online)
- Topics in Philosophy of Science (graduate): Spring 2016, 2020, 2024

Albany Lifelong Learning Institute (ALLI), University at Albany, SUNY

- Moral Problems in Medicine: Spring 2026

Florida International University

- Introduction to Ethics: Fall 2011, 2012, 2013; Spring 2012, 2013, 2014
- Philosophical Anthropology: Spring 2014
- Philosophy of Science: Fall 2011, 2012
- Biomedical Ethics: Spring 2012, Fall 2013
- Great Ideas Seminar: The Age of Science (graduate): Spring 2013

University of Utah

- Ethical Dilemmas: Summer 2008
- Survey of Philosophy: Spring 2008, Fall 2007

Kelly's Kingdom (Pusan, South Korea)

- English as a Second Language: Spring 2004

Neusoft Institute of Information (Chengdu, China)

- Cross-Cultural Communication: Fall 2003

DISSERTATION AND THESIS ADVISEMENT

Advisor

- Ph.D. thesis advisor, Bailey Cordell (2021 – present)
- M.A. thesis advisor, Robert Manning, “Brain Implant Technology and Privacy: Brain Data as an Economic Property” (completed April 2026)
- Ph.D. thesis advisor, Henry Curtis, “The Excessive Cost of Health: An analysis of Pharmaceutical Accessibility Issues in the United States” (completed June 2025)
- M.A. thesis advisor, Tiffany Bernot, “Examining the Moral Dimensions of Blaming Genetic Factors for Violent Behavior” (completed December 2024)

- Undergraduate honors thesis advisor, Mackenzie Darling, “The Need for Autonomy-Promoting Sex Education” (completed April 2019)

Committee member

- Ph.D. committee member. Gunnar Babcock, “Change and Continuity in Biology.” (completed December 2020)
 - Ph.D. committee member. Jennifer Tillman, “The extension of social justice: A Rawlsian application of justice for the intellectually disabled.” (completed August 2020)
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DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

University at Albany, SUNY

- Director of Undergraduate Studies (2025 – present)
- Faculty Mentor for the Educational Opportunities Program (2020 – present)
- Advisor for the Bioethics Minor (2020-2025)
- Member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Conference Travel Funding (Spring 2024)
- Member of the Exams Committee (Fall 2022)
- Co-Chair of the Program Review Committee (2021-2022)
- Member of the Undergraduate Studies Committee (2015-2022 (except Fall 2019))
- Co-Chair of the Colloquium Committee (2018-2019)
- Member of the Graduate Studies Committee (2015-2016, 2017-2018)
- Faculty Advisor for the Minorities and Philosophy Club (2016-2017) (2025 – present)
- Member of the Hiring Committee (Fall 2016)
- Member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Retention (Spring 2016)

Florida International University

- Member of the Personnel Committee (2013-2015)
- Webmaster (2012-2015)
- Co-Organizer of the Colloquium Series (2013-2014)
- Member of the Strategic Planning Committee (2011-2012)
- Member of the Student Learning Outcomes Committee (2011-2012)

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University at Albany, SUNY

- Member of the CAS Ad Hoc Academic Grievance Committee (Spring 2025)
- Department Representative, College Council (2024-2025)
- Member of the CAS Tenure and Promotion Committee (2023-2025)
- Department Senator, University Senate (2020-2022)
- Member of the University Senate Council on Research Committee (2018-2022)
- Member of the Governance Council (2016-2017)

Florida International University

- Member of the CAS Library Committee (2012-2015)
- Affiliated Faculty of the Women's Studies Center (2011-2015)
- Secretary for the CAS Faculty Assembly Steering Committee (2013-2014)
- Member of the University Core Curriculum Student Outcomes Committee (2012-2013)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Mentor for the Philosophy of Science Association's Underrepresented Philosophy of Science Scholar Program (2024 – present).
- Member of the Philosophy of Science Association Women's Caucus (2008 – present)
- Clinical Ethics Volunteer, Alden March Bioethics Institute, Albany Medical Center (May–June 2026).
- Consultant for the Nuffield Council on Bioethics (UK) for a rapid review project exploring the ethical and regulatory issues raised by research using human stem cell-based embryo models (July 2024).
- Chair of the “Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence I” session at the 2024 Biennial Conference of the Society for the Philosophy of Science in Practice.
- Proposal Review Panelist for NSF (2022)
- Chair of the “Philosophy of Biology” session at the Philosophy of Science Association 2022 Meeting.
- Chair of the “Symposium: Digital Humanities and the Philosophy of Science” session at the Philosophy of Science Association 2016 Meeting.
- Member of the Review Board for *Filosof*, FIU's Undergraduate Philosophy Journal (2013-2015)
- Assessment Editor for *Humanities and Technology Review* (2014)
- Referee for *Philosophy of Science*, *Journal of Biorepository Science for Applied Medicine*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *American Journal of Bioethics: Neuroscience, Biology and Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *NSF Science, Technology, and Society Program*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Bioethics*, *Trends in Biotechnology*, *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, *Synthese*, *The History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences*.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

- Invited Ethics Lecturer, Tech for Humanity (NSF-funded summer program), Tech Valley High School (Summer 2026).
- Sci-Fi Schenectady Film Festival, Panel Member, discussed the ethics of cloning with audience following a screening of Bong Joon Ho's film *Mickey 17* (June 2025).
- “Bioethics and How It's Relevant” Panel Member at Congregation Beth Emeth in Albany, NY (October 2024).