

Luke Golemon

Curriculum Vitae

Employment

2025—Present | Fellow | UCLA Health Ethics Center

- Assist the Ethics Service for Ronald Reagan, Mattel Children's, Santa Monica, and Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospitals.
- *Ex officio* member of the Westwood, Santa Monica, and NPH Ethics Committees, providing both case reports and education in addition to participating in case and policy review processes.
- Provide education for the David Geffen School of Medicine (medical students, residents, and fellows), the UCLA School of Nursing, and other groups around the hospital system.

Education

2019 – 2025 Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Arizona

Dissertation *Rescuing Moral Empiricism*

Committee Mark Timmons (chair), Steven Wall, Jonathan Weinberg

2017 – 2019 M.A. Philosophy, Western Michigan University

2014 – 2017 B.A. Philosophy, Western Illinois University

Areas of Specialization

Moral and political philosophy, applied ethics (clinical, medical, AI, business), philosophy of science

Areas of Competence

Neuroethics, philosophy of mathematics, feminist philosophy, philosophy of religion

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Luke Golemon. 2026. "An Inductive No-Miracles Argument," *Synthese*. Forthcoming.

Luke Golemon. 2026. "The Grounds of Knowledge and Care," *American Journal of Bioethics*. Forthcoming.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2026.2645582>.

Luke Golemon. 2026. "First-Line Ethics for Human-Brain Organoids," *American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience*. Forthcoming.

Luke Golemon. 2025. "A Commentary on 'Does Black Box AI in Medicine Compromise Informed Consent?'" *Philosophy & Technology*. 38, 155. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13347-025-00997-z>

Luke Golemon and Abraham Graber. 2023. "A Deductive Variation on the No Miracles Argument," *Synthese* 201: 81. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-023-04078-6>.

Luke Golemon and Abraham Graber. 2022. "On the Difficulty of the Evolutionary Debunking of Scientific Realism: Graber and Golemon Buttressed," *Sophia* 61: 557-563. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11841-021-00856-2>.

Luke Golemon, Fritz Allhoff, and T.J. Broy. 2022. "Supply Chains, Work Alternatives, and Autonomous Vehicles," in R. Jenkins (ed.), *Ethics of Autonomous Vehicles: Beyond the Trolley Problem*. Oxford University Press: 316-336. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780197639191.001.0001>.

Fritz Allhoff and Luke Golemon. 2020. "Rural Bioethics: The Alaska Context," *HEC Forum* 32 (4): 313-331. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10730-019-09385-5>.

Abraham Graber and Luke Golemon. 2020. "Plantinga Redux: Is the Scientific Realist Committed to the Rejection of Naturalism?" *Sophia* 59 (3): 395-412. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11841-018-0695-0>.

Luke Golemon. 2019. "Medical Overtesting and Racial Distrust," *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*. 29 (3): 273-303. <https://doi.org/10.1353/ken.2019.0025>.

- Reprinted (2019) in F. Allhoff and S. Borden (eds.), in *Medical Error and Ethics*. Routledge: 121-147. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429266119>.
- Reprinted (forthcoming) in F. Allhoff (ed.), in *Bioethics: New Directions*. Oxford University Press.

Invited Publications

Luke Golemon. Forthcoming. "Disability." in F. Allhoff (ed.) *Bioethics: New Directions*. Oxford University Press.

Luke Golemon. Forthcoming. "Sex, Gender, and Sexual Orientation." in F. Allhoff (ed.) *Bioethics: New Directions*. Oxford University Press.

Luke Golemon and T.J. Broy. 2020. "Introduction to Client-Based Professions," in Allhoff, Milgrim, and Vaidya (eds.), *Professions in Ethical Focus*. 2nd ed. Broadview Press: 417-418. With T.J. Broy.

T.J. Broy and Luke Golemon. 2020. "Introduction to Institution-Based Professions," in F. Allhoff, J. Milgrim, and A. Vaidya (eds.), *Professions in Ethical Focus*. 2nd ed. Broadview Press: 467-468. With T.J. Broy.

Luke Golemon. 2020. "Professional Misconduct While Off-Duty," in F. Allhoff and A. Sager (eds.) in *Business in Ethical Focus: Case Studies*. Broadview Press: 135-140.

- Reprinted (2021) in F. Allhoff, J. Milgrim, and A. Vaidya (eds.) *Professions in Ethical Focus*. 2nd ed. Broadview Press. 463-465.

Other Professional Activities

Member *ex officio* of Westwood, Santa Monica, and Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital Ethics Committees, (2025–present).

Developmental editor for *Bioethics: New Directions*. F. Allhoff, ed. (forthcoming). Oxford University Press.

- Created candidate subject and chapter lists, with special emphasis on contemporary topics.
- Reviewed, collected, selected, and edited readings for each chapter for the approval of editor.
- General consultant for direction and development of the textbook.
- Taught early versions of the manuscript before hundreds of students for feedback.

Chapter editor (chp. 9 "Disability" and chp. 10 "Sex, Gender, and Sexual Orientation")

Supplemental and ancillary content (breakout discussions, boxes with fun facts, and so on; totaling ~15k words)

Selected Presentations

Clinical Interventions for Social Wellbeing

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans, LA, November 13th–15th, 2025.

Deferral Diagnoses: Are Clinical Ethics Consults Fundamentally Problematic?

American Society for Biomedical Humanities, Portland, Oregon, October 22nd–25th, 2025.

Gradable Moral Worth

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder. August 7th–10th, 2025.

Rossian Method of Ethics

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder. August 8th–11th, 2024.

Moral Testimony and Nongrounding Justification

Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder. April 20th, 2024.

Wide Reflective Equilibrium and Moral Experiments

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder. August 10th–13th, 2023.

Redesigning the Scientific Analogy for Ethics

Annual Graduate Student Philosophy Conference. Kalamazoo, MI. January 27th–28th, 2022.

Indigenous Rights, Territory Claims, and Embedded Memories

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society. Eighth Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, November 14–16, 2024.

Association of Practical and Professional Ethics. Cincinnati, OH. February 24th–27th, 2022.

Stanford Graduate Conference in Political Theory. Zoom. June 4th–5th, 2021.

South Eastern Graduate Philosophy Conference. Zoom. April 16th–17th, 2021.

Against the Perverted Faculty Argument

University of Missouri, St. Louis Graduate Conference. St. Louis, MO. November 16th–17th, 2019.

Supply Chains, Work Alternatives, and Autonomous Vehicles

Computer Ethics—Philosophical Enquiry. Norfolk, Virginia. May 28th–30th, 2019.

University of Missouri, St. Louis Graduate Conference. St. Louis, MO. April 13th–14th, 2019.

Annual Conference of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics. Baltimore, MD. February 28th–March 2nd, 2019. With T.J. Broy.

Symmetry in Normativity

Central States Philosophical Association. University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY. October 26th–27th, 2018.

Medical Overtesting and Racial Distrust

Annual Conference of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics. Baltimore, MD. February 28th–March 2nd, 2019.

Medical Humanities Conference. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. September 13th–14th, 2018.

The Peculiarity of Religion and Its Legal Consequences

Ohio Philosophical Association. University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH. April 7th, 2018.

Why Tolerate Religious Claims of Conscience?

Kentucky Philosophical Association. Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, KY. April 14th, 2018.

Illinois Philosophical Association. Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. October 21st–22nd, 2017.

Is the Proponent of Neo-Darwinian Theory Committed to the Existence of a Designer?

Illinois Philosophical Association. Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL. November 13th–14th, 2015. With Abraham Graber.

Referee (*indicates multiple)

*Sophia, Erkenntnis, Synthese**, *Philosophy & Technology*

Popular Media Interviews

“[Redesigning the Scientific Analogy for Ethics](#),” *Life Is Better with Ethics* (WMU Center for the Study of Ethics in Society Podcast), April 5th, 2023.

“[APA Member Interview: Luke Golemon](#),” *Blog of the American Philosophical Association*, November 11th, 2022.

Teaching Experience

Clinical Teaching

UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine: Informed Consent and Decision-Making Capacity

Instructor of Record (Semesters taught in parenthetical)

University of Arizona

PHIL 202 – Introduction to Symbolic Logic

PHIL 210 – Moral Thinking (2)

PHIL 305 – Introduction to Philosophy of Science

PHIL 314 – Philosophy of Law

PHIL 321 – Medical Ethics (5)

PHIL 323 – Environmental Ethics (2)

PHIL 347 – Neuroethics

PHIL 410 – History of Moral and Political Philosophy (2)

Western Michigan University

PHIL 100 – Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL 314 – Animal Ethics

PHIL 334 – Biomedical Ethics (4)

PHIL 314 – Issues in Constitutional and Criminal Law

Graduate Assistant

University of Arizona

ECON 205 – Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation

PHIL 160D1 – Justice & Virtue

PHIL 160D2 – Mind, Matter, and God

PHIL 262 – History of Modern Philosophy

PPEL 150 – Capitalism and Socialism

Western Michigan University

PHIL 334 – Biomedical Ethics (6)

PHIL 316 – Engineering Ethics

Awards

Julia Annas GTA Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, awarded by the University of Arizona Philosophy Department (2024).

Dr. Maria Teresa Velez Diversity Leadership Award, University of Arizona Graduate College (2023).

University of Arizona Philosophy Graduate Fellowship, for outstanding service to the department (the Feminist Philosophy Conference), awarded by the University of Arizona Philosophy Department (2023).

University of Arizona Philosophy Graduate Fellowship, for outstanding service to the department (the Feminist Philosophy Conference), awarded by the University of Arizona Philosophy Department (2022).

Emil R. Riesen and Austin H. Riesen Graduate Prize for Best Essay by a Graduate Student, awarded by the University of Arizona Philosophy for “On Hume’s Promises” (2020).

Graduate Fellowship Grant, awarded by the University of Arizona Philosophy Department, (2019).

Graduate College Fellowship, awarded by the University of Arizona Philosophy Department, (2019).

Service

UCLA Health Ethics Journal Club Facilitator (2026-2027).

Head Co-Organizer for University of Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference (2022–2024).

Created and organized the weekly ‘Brown Bags’ for University of Arizona graduate students and faculty (2024-2025)

Organizing member for University of Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference (2020–2021).

Arizona Climate Committee Member (2019–2024)

Graduate Student Representative, elected (2021–2022)

Organizer, Graduate Student Orientation (2022)

Organizer, Self-evidence reading group (Spring 2024)

UA Pedagogy Reading Group 2022-present

Assistant Coach for University of Arizona Ethics Bowl Team (2019)

Vice-President of Western Michigan University Graduate Conference. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. (October 19th–20th, 2018)

Head organizer of the Medical Error Mini-Conference. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. (September 13th–14th, 2018)

Judge for Michigan Collegiate Annual Ethics Symposium (2018)

Judge for Michigan High School 3rd Annual Ethics Symposium (2018)

Assistant Coach for Western Michigan University Ethics Bowl Team (2017–2018)

Peer-review committee member for Western Michigan University Graduate Conference. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. (December 7th–9th, 2017)

References (information available upon request)

James Hynds

Director of Health Ethics Center
UCLA Health Ethics Center

Mark Timmons

Professor of Philosophy
University of Arizona

Steve Wall

Professor of Philosophy
University of Arizona

Teaching Reference

Bill Oberdick

Assistant Professor of Philosophy
University of Arizona

Joseph Raho

Assistant Clinical Professor and Clinical Ethicist
UCLA Health Ethics Center

Abraham Graber

Associate Professor of Bioethics
The Ohio State University

Fritz Allhoff

Professor of Philosophy
Western Michigan University