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AOS:	applied ethics (medical ethics, philosophy of sex); virtue ethics; John McDowell
AOC:	metaethics; action theory; moral psychology

Education

- 01/2023. Ph.D. in Philosophy, *University of Trier*. (*summa cum laude*)
Supervisors: Prof. Benedikt Strobel, Prof. Peter Welsen
- 04/2013. M.A. in Philosophy, *University of Trier*.
- 10/2012 – 06/2013. *University of Oxford*, Jesus College. Matriculated Non-Award Programme.
- 10/2005 – 04/2013. *University of Trier*. Studies in Philosophy (major) and History (minor).

Academic Appointments

- 02/2024 – 01/2027. *Research Fellow* (100%) with the Professorship in Practical Philosophy (Prof. Mario Brandhorst). Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg.
- 10/2022 – 01/2024. *Research Fellow and Scientific Coordinator* (100%) at the National Center for Tumor Diseases (NCT) Heidelberg, Section 'Translational Medical Ethics' (Prof. Eva Winkler), on the BMBF-funded project '[NEW LIVES: Genomic Newborn Screening Programs](#)'.
- 09/2016 – 03/2022. *Research Fellow* (100%) with the Professorship in Ancient Philosophy (Prof. Benedikt Strobel). University of Trier.
- 09/2013 – 08/2016. *Doctoral Research Fellow* (100%) at the Center for the Study of Mind in Nature (CSMN), University of Oslo.

Publications

Monographs

1. [Leben und Vernunft: Zum Naturbegriff in der neo-aristotelischen Tugendethik](#) (Reihe Praktische Philosophie, Vol. 100), Baden-Baden: Karl Alber (2026).

First- and single-authored papers

10. "[Towards Genomic Newborn Screening, Part II: Outlining a Normative Framework](#)", in *Ethik in der Medizin* 37/3 (2025) 257-287.
9. "[Towards Genomic Newborn Screening, Part I: Mapping the Ethical Issues](#)", in *Ethik in der Medizin* 37/3 (2025) 223-255.
8. "[Praktischer Hylemorphismus: Ansätze zu einer Theorie praktischen Wissens im Anschluss an McDowell](#)", in P. Richter, J. Kertscher (eds.): *Praktisches Wissen. Konzeptueller Rahmen und logische Geographie eines grundlegenden Begriffs der praktischen Philosophie*. Baden-Baden: Nomos 2024, 71-116.
7. "[What is Sexual Intimacy?](#)", in *Think: Philosophy for Everyone* 23, no. 67 (2024) 53-58.
6. "[Fineness of Grain and the Hylomorphism of Experience](#)", in *Synthese* 201/6 (2023), article no. 223.
5. "[Good Reasons and Natural Ends: Rosalind Hursthouse's Hermeneutical Naturalism](#)", in M. Hähnel (ed.): *Aristotelian Naturalism. A Research Companion*. Cham: Springer 2020, 195-207.
4. "[Prostitution and the Good of Sex](#)", in *Social Theory and Practice* 44/3 (2018), 377-403.

3. [“Parfits Reduktionismus und die Möglichkeit struktureller Einheit: Vorarbeiten zu einer aristotelischen Theorie personaler Identität”](#), in S. Gäb, D. Harion, P. Welsen (eds.): *Person und Identität*. Regensburg 2018, 109-170.
2. [“Gute Gründe und Natürliche Zwecke: Rosalind Hursthouses Beitrag zum ethischen Naturalismus”](#) in M. Hähnel (ed.): *Der Aristotelische Naturalismus. Quellen – Standpunkte – Perspektiven*. Stuttgart: J.B. Metzler (Springer) 2017, 173-183.
1. “Das Relativismusproblem in der Tugendethik”, in D. Harion, P. Welsen (eds.): *Der lange Weg der Interpretation. Perspektiven auf Paul Ricoeurs hermeneutische Phänomenologie*. Regensburg 2015, 37-70.

Other co-authored works

5. E. Schnabel-Besson, N. Dikow, K. Alex, U. Mütze, H. Straub, E.S. Doll, J. Mahal, H. Brennenstuhl, C.J. Mayer, L. Neth, T. Hagedorn, H. Högl, [S. Settegast](#), B. Ditzen, R. Müller-Terpitz, S. Kölker, C.P. Schaaf, E. Winkler: [„A multi-dimensional framework for establishing and managing a genomic newborn screening program”](#), forthcoming in *European Journal of Human Genetics*.
4. [S. Settegast](#), E.C. Winkler: [“Ethische Herausforderungen des genomischen Neugeborenen-Screenings”](#), in *Ethik in der Medizin* 37/3 (2025) 215-222.
3. K. Alex, E.S. Doll, H. Straub, E. Schnabel-Besson, N. Dikow, L. Neth, J. Mahal, U. Mütze, [S. Settegast](#), C.J. Mayer, H. Brennenstuhl, T. Hagedorn, H. Högl, B. Ditzen, R. Müller-Terpitz, S. Kölker, C.P. Schaaf, E.C. Winkler: [Empfehlungen zu ethischen, rechtlichen, sozialen und medizinischen Rahmenbedingungen für ein genomisches Neugeborenen-Screening-Programm in Deutschland. Stellungnahme der Projektgruppe NEW LIVES: Genomic NEWborn screening programs – Legal Implications, Value, Ethics and Society](#) (Forum Marsilius Kolleg 26). Universität Heidelberg: Heidelberg 2025 (133 p.).
2. E. Schnabel-Besson, U. Mütze, N. Dikow, F. Hörster, M. Morath, K. Alex, H. Brennenstuhl, [S. Settegast](#), J. Okun, C.P. Schaaf, E.C. Winkler, S. Kölker: [“Wilson and Jungner Revisited: Are Screening Criteria Fit for the 21st century?”](#), in *International Journal of Neonatal Screening* 10/62 (2024).
1. D. Harion, S. Löw, [S. Settegast](#), D. Zink: [“Love at the Psychiatric Ward”](#), in C.-H. Mayer, E. Vanderheiden (eds.): *International Handbook of Love: Transcultural and Transdisciplinary Perspectives*. Cham: Springer 2021, 457-479.

Edited volumes

1. [Ethische Herausforderungen des genomischen Neugeborenen-Screenings – Ethical Issues in Genomic Newborn Screening](#), special issue of *Ethik in der Medizin* 37/3 (2025), co-edited with Eva C. Winkler.

Book reviews

2. [“Christian Kietzmann: Handeln aus Gründen als praktisches Schließen”](#), in *Zeitschrift für philosophische Forschung* 74/2 (2020), 310-313.
1. [“John Hacker-Wright \(Ed.\): Philippa Foot on Goodness and Virtue”](#), in *ZEMO: Zeitschrift für Ethik und Moralphilosophie* 2 (2019), 391-397.

Teaching Experience

University of Halle-Wittenberg (BA- and MA-level courses)

Winter 2026/2027	Pregnancy and Abortion	The Seven Deadly Sins
Summer 2026	Aristotle: Nicomachean Ethics	Topics in Applied Virtue Ethics
Winter 2025/2026	Philosophy of Disability	Epistemic Injustice
Summer 2025	Hume and Mill on the Foundations of Morality	Intro. to Philosophy of Sex
Winter 2024/2025	Introduction to Medical Ethics (co-taught with Prof. Mario Brandhorst)	
	Analytic Philosophy of Action	Julia Annas: Intelligent Virtue
Summer 2024	Plato’s Republic	The Seven Deadly Sins

LMU Munich (Undergraduate/BA-level courses).

Winter 2021/2022	Introduction to Philosophy of Sex
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University of Trier (Undergraduate/BA-level courses).

Summer 2022	Epistemic Injustice	
Winter 2021/2022	The Ethics of Lying	Topics in Applied Virtue Ethics
Summer 2021	Analytic Philosophy of Action	Julia Annas: Intelligent Virtue

Winter 2020/2021	Introduction to Philosophy of Sex	The Seven Deadly Sins
Summer 2020	Epistemic Injustice	Julia Annas: Intelligent Virtue
Winter 2019/2020	Theories of Human Nature	Augustine: Confessions XI
Summer 2019	The Ethics of Lying	Topics in Applied Virtue Ethics
Winter 2018/2019	The Seven Deadly Sins	Phil. Terminology (Arist. Meta. Delta)
Summer 2018	Analytic Philosophy of Action	Introduction to Philosophy of Sex
Winter 2017/2018	Phil. Terminology (Arist. Meta. Delta)	Epistemic Injustice
Summer 2017	Topics in Applied Virtue Ethics	Julia Annas: Intelligent Virtue
Winter 2016/2017	Augustine: Confessions XI	Philippa Foot: Natural Goodness

Talks and Presentations

35. 09/2026. "Virtue Ethics as Practical Anthropology". 13th Conference in Practical Philosophy. *University of Passau*.
34. 01/2026. "Virtue Ethics as Practical Anthropology". Workshop on "Anthropological Foundations of Applied Ethics". *TU Darmstadt*.
33. 11/2025. "What Might it Mean to Die with Dignity?" *University of Trier*.
32. 09/2025. "Learning Virtue with Julia Annas: Implications for Teaching Ethics in Schools" (with Philipp Richter). 12th Conference in Practical Philosophy. *University of Passau*.
31. 09/2025. "What is a Second Nature and How Do We Acquire It?" 12th Congress of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP.12). *Heinrich Heine University of Düsseldorf*.
30. 05/2025. "Sex as Joint Action: Contrasts and Presuppositions". Workshop on "Sexual Agency". *FU Berlin*.
29. 05/2025. "Movement and Concept: Thoughts on the Morphology of Intentional Action". Lecture Series "Morphology: Interdisciplinary Perspectives". *TU Braunschweig*.
28. 09/2024. "What is a Second Nature and How Do We Acquire It?" XXVI. German Congress of Philosophy. *University of Münster*. [Cancelled due to ill health.]
27. 09/2024. "Medicalization Risks in Genomic Newborn Screening". Annual Meeting of the German Academy of Ethics in Medicine (AEM). *University of Tübingen*.
26. 09/2024. "Medicalization Risks in Genomic Newborn Screening". 11th Conference in Practical Philosophy. *University of Passau*.
25. 03/2024. "Medicalization Risks in Genomic Newborn Screening". Conference 'Towards Genomic Newborn Screening in Germany: Risks, Opportunities, Challenges'. *University of Heidelberg*.
24. 02/2024. "Practical Hylomorphism". Philosophical Colloquium. *University of Trier*.
23. 01/2024. "Medicalization Risks in Genomic Newborn Screening". Section for Translational Medical Ethics, National Center for Tumor Diseases. *University of Heidelberg*.
22. 01/2024. "Pornography as Artifact". Practical Philosophy Colloquium. *University of Heidelberg*.
21. 09/2023. "What is a Second Nature and How Do We Acquire It?" 10th Conference in Practical Philosophy. *University of Salzburg*.
20. 09/2023. "A Conflict of Rights? Genomic Newborn Screening and Family Members' Right Not to Know". Section for Translational Medical Ethics, National Center for Tumor Diseases. *University of Heidelberg*.
19. 06/2023. Poster presentation on ethical issues in genomic newborn screening. 7th ELSA Status Seminar. *Federal Ministry of Education and Research Berlin*.
18. 05/2023. "Genomic Newborn Screening: Overview of Ethical Issues". Section for Translational Medical Ethics, National Center for Tumor Diseases. *University of Heidelberg*.
17. 01/2023. "Informational Self-Determination and Parental Rights in Genomic Newborn Screening". Section for Translational Medical Ethics, National Center for Tumor Diseases. *University of Heidelberg*.
16. 10/2022. "Julia Annas on Learning Virtue". GPED Workshop 'Teaching Virtue'. *LMU Munich*.
15. 09/2022. "Pornography as Artifact". 9th Conference in Practical Philosophy. *University of Salzburg*.

14. 07/2022. "Pornography as Artifact". Online-Workshop 'Current Challenges in the Philosophy of Sex and Love'. *University of Salzburg*.
13. 10/2021. "What is Sexual Intimacy?" 8th Conference in Practical Philosophy. *University of Salzburg*.
12. 12/2018. "Prostitution: Ethical Aspects". *University of Hamburg*.
11. 05/2018. "What is a Second Nature and How Do We Acquire It?" *TU Darmstadt*.
10. 04/2018. "Egoism and Self-Interest in Neo-Aristotelian Virtue Ethics". GANPH Workshop 'Egoism and Altruism in Ancient Philosophy'. *LMU Munich*.
09. 11/2017. "Egoism and Self-Interest in Virtue Ethics". 5th Conference in Practical Philosophy. *University of Salzburg*.
08. 02/2016. "Aristotelian Virtue Ethics and Egoism". The Friday Seminar. *University of St Andrews*.
07. 04/2015. "Derek Parfit on the Continuity of Personal Identity". Lecture Series. *University of Trier*.
06. 01/2015. "Naturalism and Autonomy in McDowell". Theoretical Philosophy Colloquium. *University of Trier*.
05. 12/2014. "Naturalism and Autonomy in McDowell". CSMN Colloquium. *University of Oslo*.
04. 09/2014. "First Nature, Evolution, and Immoralism". CSMN Virtue Ethics Workshop with Rosalind Hursthouse. *University of Oslo*.
03. 10/2013. "Paul Ricoeur as Virtue Ethicist". Lecture Series 'Paul Ricoeur'. *University of Trier*.
02. 09/2013. "Eating Meat: Vicious or Virtuous?" CSMN Virtue Ethics Workshop with Julia Annas. *University of Oslo*.
01. 01/2010. "Personal Identity as Functional Structure". Theoretical Philosophy Colloquium. *University of Trier*.

Grants, Awards, and Scholarships

- 11/2023. Grant for organizing an international conference 'Towards Genomic Newborn Screening in Germany: Risks, Opportunities, Challenges', Heidelberg, 18/19 March 2024 (**17,640 EUR**). *Fritz Thyssen Foundation*.
- 07/2021. Grant for employing a student assistant (812 EUR). *University of Trier Research Fund*.
- 07/2020. Postgraduate Publication Prize (Fachbereich I, 2nd place). *University of Trier*.
- 06/2019. Postgraduate Publication Prize (Fachbereich I, 2nd place). *University of Trier*.
- 12/2014. Faculty of Humanities Travel Grant (**NOK 17,000**). *University of Oslo*.
- 10/2012 – 06/2013. Maintenance Grant (**GBP 11,350**). *Jesus College, University of Oxford*.
- 04/2008 – 02/2013. Grundförderung (monthly stipend). *Friedrich Naumann Foundation*.

Service

Reviewer for *Routledge* (2024).

Reviewer for *Journal of Philosophical Research* (2023); *Journal of Social Philosophy* (2025; 2024); *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2020, 2016, 2014); *Kriterion: Journal of Philosophy* (2021); *Philosophical Studies* (2022); *Social Theory & Practice* (2025, 2020, 2019); *SSM – Qualitative Research in Health* (2026; 2025); *Synthese* (2025); *ZEMO: Zeitschrift für Ethik und Moralphilosophie* (2024); *ZfPP: Zeitschrift für praktische Philosophie* (2025; 2023).

03/2024. **Main organizer** of the conference 'Towards Genomic Newborn Screening in Germany: Risks, Opportunities, Challenges'. 18/19 March 2024 at University of Heidelberg.

12/2017 – 10/2021. **Coordinator of Teaching**. Philosophy Department, University of Trier.

12/2019. Deputy Member of the Election Board. University of Trier council elections 2019.

01/2014. Co-Organizer, CSMN Annual Retreat. University of Oslo.

2011/2012. Student Member, Committee for Junior Professor Evaluation. University of Trier.

Public Outreach

12/2023. "[APA Member Interview: Sascha Settegast](#)". *Blog of the American Philosophical Association*.

06/2023. "Genomic Newborn Screening: Is More Knowledge Always Better?" Talk at *InterdisciPlenary Heidelberg*

11/2019. Blogpost "[Was ist sexuelle Intimität?](#)" at <https://www.praefaktisch.de/>

10/2018 & 10/2019. Teaching a section on virtue and its acquisition for Trier University's Continuing Education Certificate "ZUPO: Zukunftsmanagement und positiver Wandel".

International Experience

10/2015 – 03/2016. Research Stay with Sarah Broadie. *University of St Andrews*, United Kingdom.

01/2015 – 02/2015. Research Stay with Julia Annas. *University of Arizona*, USA.

10/2012 – 06/2013. Exchange Student. *Jesus College, University of Oxford*, United Kingdom.

11/2011 – 12/2011. Visitor with the *Norwegian Institute Athens*, Greece.

Professional Organizations

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie e.V. (DGPhil)

Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie e.V. (GAP)

Gesellschaft für Philosophie- und Ethikdidaktik e.V. (GPED)

Gesellschaft für antike Philosophie e.V. (GANPH)