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### EMPLOYMENT

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<b>Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, Baylor College of Medicine</b> Assistant Professor	July 2023 –
<b>Houston Methodist Hospital, Texas Medical Center</b> Clinical Ethicist	July 2023 –
<b>School of Engineering Medicine, Texas A&amp;M University</b> Affiliate Clinical Assistant Professor	July 2023 –
<b>Health Ethics Center, University of California, Los Angeles</b> Senior Clinical Ethics Fellow (2022 – 2023) Clinical Ethics Fellow (2021 – 2022)	August 2021 – June 2023

### EDUCATION

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<b>PhD The Graduate Center, City University of New York</b> Philosophy (MPhil, 2017; MA, 2016) Dissertation: <i>Informed Consent: Foundations and Applications</i> Committee: David Papineau (supervisor), Miranda Fricker, Jesse Prinz	September 2021
<b>BA Columbia College, Columbia University</b> Philosophy (major), with departmental honors; Political Science (concentration) John Jay Scholar, Dean's List (Fall 2005 – Fall 2008), <i>magna cum laude</i>	May 2009

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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<b>AOS</b> Clinical Ethics, Bioethics, Ethics
<b>AOC</b> Feminist Epistemology (esp. Epistemic Injustice), Philosophy of Psychiatry, Moral Psychology

### RESEARCH

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#### EDITED JOURNAL ISSUES

“Ethical Issues in Contemporary Psychiatry”  
Co-edited with Dougherty R., Forthcoming issue of *Psychiatric Clinics of North America* (2026).

#### ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

[21] **Smolenski J.** “Epistemic Injustice and Psychiatric Service Users: The Denial of Capacity as a Special Epistemic Harm” Forthcoming in *Psychiatric Clinics of North America* (2026). (invited contribution)

- [20] Blumenthal-Barby, J., Bibler T., Kaplan H., Omelianchuk A., **Smolenski J.** “Can I Get a Witness? The Ethical Dimensions of Family Presence in Patient Suffering” Forthcoming in *Hastings Center Report* (2025).
- [19] Omelianchuk A., **Smolenski J.**, Kaplan H., Shea M., Smith J.N., Bibler T., Horner C., Malek J. “Reflecting on Principlism: Explaining, But Not Guiding, Clinical Ethics Analysis” *The American Journal of Bioethics* (2025). 1-7. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2025.2571408>. (invited contribution)
- [18] Karlin D., **Smolenski J.**, Callies D.E., Raho J.A. “Assessing Capacity and Exploring Goals of Care in Locked-In Syndrome: A Clinician’s Guide” *Neurology: Clinical Practice* (2025). 15:5, e200527(1)-e200527(6). <https://doi.org/10.1212/CPJ.0000000000200527>.
- [17] Kitts M., **Smolenski J.** “The (In)Capacity to Exclude: The Normative Value of Preferences in Surrogate Exclusion” *The Journal of Clinical Ethics* (2025). 36:2, 112-120. <https://doi.org/10.1086/734766>.
- [16] **Smolenski J.** “The Foundations of Informed Consent and Bodily Self-Sovereignty: A Positive Suggestion” *Monash Bioethics Review* (2024). 42:1, 115-136. doi: 10.1007/s40592-024-00203-4.
- [15] Smith J.N., **Smolenski J.**, Lang, B.H., Blumenthal-Barby, J. “From Opioid Overdose to LVAD Refusals: Navigating the Spectrum of Decisional Autonomy” *The American Journal of Bioethics* (2024) 24:5, 8–10. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2024.2329496>.
- [14] Dougherty R., **Smolenski J.**, Smith J.N. “The Lived Realities of Chemical Restraint: Prioritizing Patient Experience” *AJOB Neuroscience* (2024) 15:1, 29-31. doi: 10.1080/21507740.2023.2292506.
- [13] Sirgiovanni E., **Smolenski J.**, Abelson B., Webb T. “The Moralizing Effect: self-directed emotions and their impact on culpability attributions” *Front. Integr. Neurosci.* (2023) 17:1232523. doi: 10.3389/fnint.2023.1232523.
- [12] **Smolenski J.** “Jehovah’s Witnesses and the Normative Function of Indirect Consent” *Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics* (2023) 13(3), 205-213. doi: 10.1353/nib.2023.a924192.
- [11] **Smolenski J.** “Gene Drives and Genome Modification in Non-Human Animals: A Concern for Informed Consent?” *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* (2019) 28(1), 93-99. doi: 10.1017/S0963180118000427. (invited contribution)
- [10] **Smolenski J.** “CRISPR/Cas9 and Germline Modification: New Difficulties in Obtaining Informed Consent” *The American Journal of Bioethics* (2015) 15:12, 35-37. doi: 10.1080/15265161.2015.1103816. (invited contribution)
- [9] Lanphier E., Urnov F., Haecker S.E., Werner M., **Smolenski J.** “Don’t Edit the Human Germ Line” *Nature* (2015) 519, 410-411.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS AND RESOURCES

- [8] Wrote ancillary resources and test bank questions for *An Introduction to Moral Philosophy*, written by Jonathan Wolff (2017).
- [7] Assisted *The Routledge Companion to Bioethics* editors John D. Arras, Elizabeth Fenton, and Quill Kukla (writing as Rebecca Kukla) in composing introductions that provided readers with a roadmap of the issues and papers in each major section (2015).

#### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- [6] **Smolenski J.** “We Are What We Repeatedly Do: An Aristotelian Perspective on Clinical Ethics Consultation” Poster Presentation Abstract published in the *Journal of Hospital Ethics* (2024) 10(2), 170-171.
- [5] **Smolenski J.** “Invincible Indecision:” Problematizing the Relationship Between Choice and Decisional Capacity” Poster Presentation Abstract published in the *Journal of Hospital Ethics* (2024) 10(2), 170.

- [4] Schiff J.C., Greer M.L.J., Felder R., Kolak J., **Smolenski J.**, Ferguson K., Cummins P., Rhodes R. “The Comparative Effectiveness of Synchronous and Asynchronous Online Bioethics Lecture Delivery on Student Learning in Discussion Board Posts” Oral Presentation Abstract published in *Studia Universitatis Babeş-Bolyai Bioethica* (2021) 66(Special Issue), 43–44. <https://doi.org/10.24193/subbbioethica.2021.spiss.21>.

#### WEB-BASED PUBLICATIONS

- [3] **Smolenski J.** “Involuntary Withdrawal: A 'Bridge' Too Far?” Clinical Ethics Case Series, *Hastings Bioethics Forum* (2023). Available at <https://www.thehastingscenter.org/involuntary-withdrawal-a-bridge-too-far/>.
- [2] **Smolenski J.** “Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?: Erzsébet Báthory and the curative power of blood in medieval Europe” *Hektoen International: A Journal of Medical Humanities* 5:3 (Summer 2013).
- [1] **Smolenski J.** “Handicapped Spaces: Disability, Identity Politics, and Embodiment in Collaborative Artwork” *Recess Sessions* (December 2012). Written in Parallel with Artists Yve Laris Cohen and Park McArthur.

#### IN PROGRESS

##### ARTICLES

- “Germline Gene Editing and the Limits of Informed Consent”  
 “Invincible Indecision and Decisional Capacity”  
 “An Aristotelian Model for Clinical Ethics Consultation”  
 “Involuntary Treatment for Anorexia Nervosa”

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “TBD”  
 May Mental Health Mini-Series May 2026  
 Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX
- “Assessing Capacity in Locked-In Syndrome Panel Discussion”  
 (with Daniel Karlin, Daniel Callies, and Joseph A. Raho)  
 Ethics Committee Meeting (Zoom) September 2025  
 UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
- “Informed Consent”  
 Recorded CME Lecture (Zoom) September 2025  
 J F Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Indio, CA
- “Informed Consent”  
 Medical Education Conference (Zoom) May 2025  
 Emanate Health Intercommunity Hospital, Covina, CA
- “AI and Health Equity”  
 Love/Data Week/Health Equity Grand Rounds February 2025  
 Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- “Chemical Restraints and Patient Experience”  
 Ethics Committee Meeting December 2024  
 Ben Taub Hospital, Houston, TX
- “Going It Alone: Unilateral Withdrawal of Life-Sustaining Interventions”  
 (with Subhasis Chatterjee, Mary Moubark, and Savitri Fedson)  
 Bioethics Grand Rounds November 2024  
 Baylor College of Medicine (BCM)
- “Capacity and Decision-Making”  
 Annual General Medical Staff Meeting October 2024  
 Northwest Texas Healthcare System, Amarillo, TX

- “Gene Drives, Non-Human Genome Modification, and the Question of Consent”  
 Division of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine’s Grand Rounds January 2024  
 The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
- “Cryoablation: Ethical Issues Affecting Patient Treatment with Turf Conflicts Between Radiology and Surgery”  
 (with Luz A. Venta) September 2023  
 Cryoablation for Breast Cancer Program  
 Houston Methodist Hospital (HMH)
- “How Should Clinicians Address Parental False Beliefs Generated by Denial or Grief?”  
 Pediatric Speech Rounds May 2023  
 UCLA Speech Clinic
- “Clinical Ethics Consultation in the US: Putting Theory into Practice”  
 Research Ethics in Medicine Study Group (REMEDY) Working Seminar March 2023  
 Department of Philosophy and Bioethics, Faculty of Health Sciences, Jagiellonian  
 University Medical College, Kraków, Poland
- “The Comparative Effectiveness of Synchronous and Asynchronous Online Bioethics Lecture  
 Delivery on Student Learning in Discussion Board Posts”  
 (with Jenny Schiff, Michael Greer, Ryan Felder, Julia Kolak, Kyle Ferguson, Paul Cummins &  
 Rosamond Rhodes) July 2022  
 Fogarty Reunion Retreat  
 University of Belgrade, Serbia
- “The Abusive Patient”  
 Translational Endocrinology Conference June 2022  
 Division of Endocrinology, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
- “Future Perfect? CRISPR and its Discontents”  
 The Future of Humanity Panel, World Philosophy Day (Zoom) November 2021  
 Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY  
 Bioethics Club and Philosophy Colloquium Talk April 2019  
 William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ
- “The Conceptual Underpinnings of Informed Consent”  
 Talk cancelled, due to COVID-19 March 2020  
 Center for Biomedical Ethics and Law, University of Tokyo
- “Germline Gene Editing and the Limits of Informed Consent”  
 Ethics Research Seminar January 2020  
 Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics, Jagiellonian University
- “Informed Consent and Psychiatric Disorder”  
 Medical Practice and Epistemic Injustice Workshop October 2019  
 The Graduate Center, CUNY
- “Problem Statement – Access/Equity/Affordability”  
 Gene Therapies – Bioethics Challenges and Solutions Closed Workshop October 2019  
 The New York Academy of Sciences, New York, NY
- “CRISPR/Cas9 – Novel Ethical Issues in Germline Modification”  
 Philosophy Club Lecture April 2017  
 Nassau Community College, Garden City, NY
- Molecular Coevolution: Lessons from Pathogen-Immune System April 2016  
 Interactions Workshop  
 Princeton Center for Theoretical Sciences, Princeton University
- “Panel V: Editing the Human Germline – The Promise and the Peril” Panelist  
 Advancing Ethical Research (AER) Annual Conference November 2015  
 Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) and Boston  
 University School of Medicine

- “Dimensions of Moral Identity and Social Inequality: An International and Interdisciplinary Perspective”  
 Early Research and Scholarship Conference September 2015  
 The Graduate Center, CUNY
- “From Descartes to Derrida: The Changing Ontological Status of the Animal, from Bête-Machine to Animot”  
 Human Worlds/Animal Worlds Graduate Student Conference December 2008  
 Center for Archaeology, Columbia University

#### REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- “Surrogate Decision-Makers as Quasi-Patients: Resolving the Capacity Question”  
 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Bioethics (WCB) July 2026  
 Johannesburg, South Africa
- Bioethics and philosophy of medicine after COVID - 37<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care (ESPMH) August 2025  
 Manchester, UK
- “Disability as Dangerousness: A Conceptual Analysis of Involuntary Psychiatric Commitment Criteria in the United States”  
 (with Alexandra Townsley)  
 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) May 2026  
 San Francisco, CA
- “Involuntary Treatment for Anorexia Nervosa: Medically Obligatory, or an Exercise in Futility?”  
 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Clinical Ethics and Consultation (ICCEC) – June 2025  
 Plurality, Power, and Patient Care: The Socio-Political Dimensions of Clinical Ethics  
 Lausanne, Switzerland
- Medicine, Healthcare, and the Market - 36<sup>th</sup> ESPMH Conference August 2024  
 Frankfurt/ Offenbach, Germany
- “Treatment-Refractory Anorexia Nervosa, Involuntary Treatment, and Medical ‘Futility’: A Clinical Ethicist’s Guide” Breakout Session (2x)  
 2025 Clinical Ethics Conference February 2025  
 Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics, Indianapolis, IN
- “Invincible Indecision”: Problematizing the Relationship Between Choice and Decisional Capacity”  
 American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting January 2025  
 New York, NY
- “The (In)Capacity to Exclude: The Normative Value of Preferences in Surrogate Exclusion”  
 (with Megan Kitts)  
 2024 American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) Annual Conference September 2024  
 St. Louis, MO
- “Calculating Survival: The Impact of Mortality Predictors on Medical Decision-Making”  
 (with Rita Dexter, Meghan Hurley, and Jennifer Blumenthal-Barby)  
 2024 ASBH Annual Conference September 2024  
 St. Louis, MO
- “We Are What We Repeatedly Do: An Aristotelian Perspective on Clinical Ethics Consultation”  
 17<sup>th</sup> WCB - Religion, Culture and Global Bioethics June 2024  
 Doha, Qatar
- “Epistemic Injustice and Informed Consent in Psychiatry”  
 Diversity and Bioethics - 34<sup>th</sup> ESPMH Conference August 2022  
 Warsaw, Poland
- International Association of Bioethics WCB June 2020  
 Virtual presentation, due to COVID-19

- Oxford-Mount Sinai Consortium on Bioethics 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting April 2020  
 Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY  
 Conference cancelled, due to COVID-19
- Experts in Mental Health – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the International October 2019  
 Network for Philosophy and Psychiatry (INPP)  
 Warsaw, Poland
- “The Comparative Effectiveness of Synchronous and Asynchronous Online Bioethics Lecture Delivery  
 on Student Learning in Discussion Board Posts”  
 (with Jenny Schiff, Michael Greer, Ryan Felder, Julia Kolak, Kyle Ferguson, Paul Cummins &  
 Rosamond Rhodes)  
 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Association of Centres of September 2021  
 Medical Ethics (EACME) (Zoom)  
 Iuliu Hatieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- “Development of an Innovative Rubric to Evaluate Student Learning in Discussion Board  
 Posts within a Study Comparing Synchronous and Asynchronous Online Bioethics Lecture  
 Delivery”  
 (with Jenny Schiff, Michael Greer, Ryan Felder, Julia Kolak, Kyle Ferguson, Paul Cummins &  
 Rosamond Rhodes)  
 Asian Pacific Bioethics Education Network (APBEN) (Zoom) May 2021  
 Deakin University, Australia
- “Gene Drives and Genome Modification in Non-Human Animals: A Concern for Informed Consent?”  
 Irish Philosophical Society Annual Conference November 2018  
 Centre for Ethics in Public Life, University College Dublin
- International Bioethics Retreat June 2018  
 Columbia University Global Centers-Europe, Paris, France
- Bioethics & Applied Philosophy: York University Graduate Student Philosophy April 2018  
 Conference  
 York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Genome Editing: Biomedical and Ethical Perspectives International Conference August 2017  
 The Center for the Study of Bioethics, The Division of Medical Ethics in NYU  
 School of Medicine’s Department of Population Health, The Hastings Center,  
 Belgrade, Serbia
- “The Moralizing Effect: Self-Directed Emotions and Responsibility Attributions”  
 “Are Guilt and Shame Moral or Moralizing Emotions?”  
 (with Elisabetta Sirgiovanni, Ben Abelson, and Taylor Webb)  
 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP) August 2017  
 Hertfordshire, UK
- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP) Annual Meeting March 2017  
 Savannah, GA
- Hawaii University International Conferences on Arts, Humanities, Social January 2017  
 Sciences and Education  
 Honolulu, HI
- “The Blame Game: Multiple Perspectives on Moral Judgment” Symposium Panelist  
 (with Elisabetta Sirgiovanni, Ben Abelson, and Taylor Webb)  
 29<sup>th</sup> Association for Psychological Science (APS) Annual Convention May 2017  
 Boston, MA
- “Are Contaminated Intuitions Bad Intuitions?”  
 Hawaii University International Conferences on Arts, Humanities, Social January 2017  
 Sciences and Education  
 Honolulu, HI

“The Non-Identity Problem and Historical Injustice: A Non-Problem for Reparations”  
Social and Political Philosophy (SPP) Workshop  
The Graduate Center, CUNY  
October 2016

#### **CHAIRED SESSIONS**

On Helen Luo’s “Knowledge Appropriation as Cultural Appropriation” (invited)  
APA Eastern Division Meeting  
New York, NY  
January 2025

“Session 3.2: Sex and Gender” (invited)  
Diversity and Bioethics - 34<sup>th</sup> ESPMH Conference  
Warsaw, Poland  
August 2022

#### **COMMENTARIES**

On Eleonore Neufeld and Junhyo Lee’s “Pornography, Discourse, and Desires”  
APA Eastern Division Meeting  
Virtual presentation, due to COVID-19  
January 2021

On Sara Kolmes’s “Ego Depletion and Organ Donation”  
SSPP Annual Meeting  
New Orleans, LA  
April 2015

#### **POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

“Disability as Dangerousness: A Conceptual Analysis of Involuntary Psychiatric Commitment Criteria in the United States”  
(with Alexandra Townsley)  
2026 Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association  
San Francisco, CA  
May 2026

“Personalized Prognosis: A Blessing or a Burden? Patient Views on Survival Estimates for LVAD Therapy”  
(with Rita Dexter, Kristin Kostick-Quenet, Jared N. Smith, Meghan Hurley, and Jennifer Blumenthal-Barby)  
2025 Cardiovascular Research Institute (CVRI) Symposium  
CVRI, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX  
April 2025

“Patient Trust in Algorithmic and AI-Generated Risk Predictions in Healthcare”  
(with Meghan Hurley, Kristin Kostick-Quenet, Jared Smith, Rita Dexter, and Jennifer Blumenthal-Barby)  
2024 AI in Health Conference (AIHC)  
Rice University, Houston, TX  
September 2024

“Invincible Indecision”: Problematizing the Relationship Between Choice and Decisional Capacity”  
18<sup>th</sup> Annual ICCEC and 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Canadian Bioethics Society (CBS)  
Conference  
Montreal, Canada  
May 2024

“We Are What We Repeatedly Do: An Aristotelian Perspective on Clinical Ethics Consultation”  
18<sup>th</sup> Annual ICCEC and 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual CBS Conference  
Montreal, Canada  
May 2024

“Are Contaminated Intuitions Bad Intuitions?”  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the ESPP  
Hertfordshire, UK  
August 2017

## GRANT-FUNDED RESEARCH

- “A Multi-Site Trial to Test Benefits of Adding a Personalized Risk Calculator to an Online Decision Aid for Left Ventricular Assist Device” 2024-2025  
PI: Jennifer Blumenthal-Barby  
Role: Collaborator  
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)  
Total Funding Amount: \$1,960,847.00
- “Establishing a Masters Program in Research Ethics at the University of Belgrade School of Medicine” 2020-2021  
PI: Rosamond Rhodes, Ivanka Markovic  
Role: Research Fellow  
Fogarty International Center, NIH  
Total Funding Amount: \$242,416.00
- “Establishing a Masters Program in Research Ethics and Methodology in Cluj-Napoca, Romania” 2020-2021  
PI: Rosamond Rhodes, Horatiu Alexandru Colosi  
Role: Research Fellow  
Fogarty International Center, NIH  
Total Funding Amount: \$240,966.00

## AS RESEARCHER / RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Be Better, Together – Japanese Studies Curriculum Development and Building Bridges Across CUNY Project September 2020 - February 2021  
Research Foundation CUNY
- Professor William Ruddick Summer 2013; July 2014 - July 2016  
Philosophy Department, Center for Bioethics, NYU
- Sarah A. Haecker, Chief Scientific Officer January 2015 - March 2015  
Adjuvant Partners, Towson, MD
- Professor Iakovos Vasiliou, Executive Officer August 2013 - June 2014  
Philosophy Department, The Graduate Center, CUNY
- Dr. Lee M. Silver, Founder and Chief Science Advisor, and Anne Morriss, Founder and CEO January 2013 - May 2013  
GenePeeks, Inc., New York, NY
- Professor Arthur L. Caplan, Drs. William F. and Virginia Connolly August 2012 - December 2012  
Mitty Professor of Bioethics, Department of Population Health  
Division of Medical Ethics, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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### CLINICAL ETHICS CONSULTATION

#### AS ATTENDING ETHICIST

Houston Methodist Hospital (current)  
*Total Consults with Lead or Active Role: >210*

#### AS CLINICAL ETHICS FELLOW

UCLA Health (2021 – 2023)  
*Total Consults with Lead or Active Role: >400*

***TOTAL CONSULTS: >610***

## **TASKS**

24/7 Pager coverage, Formal chart notes, Verbal advice, Patient/family meetings, Ethics committee review, Interdisciplinary team meetings, Informal written recommendations, Intakes, Clinical summaries, Chart review, Team follow-up, Outside referrals, Mentoring fellows, Rounding.

## **ISSUES ADDRESSED**

Futility, Unilateral treatment limitations, Incapable and unrepresented patient care, Surrogate decision-making, Capacity, Consent, Involuntary treatment, Emergency treatment, Confidentiality and information disclosure, Complex goals of care, Inappropriate surrogate behavior, Discharge planning, Moral distress, Advance care planning, End of life care, Brain death, Decision-maker uncertainty, Challenging patients or surrogates, Medical holds, Organ donation.

## **TEAMS ADVISED**

Medicine, Intensive Care, Geriatrics, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Neuro Critical Care, Coronary Care, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Transplant Intensivists, Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care, Neurosurgery, Neurology, Neuro-Stroke, Liver Transplant, Advance Lung Disease, Trauma Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Head and Neck Surgery, Hematology Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Emergency Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Anesthesiology, Palliative Care, Social Work, Outpatient Teams, Primary Care Providers.

## **COMMITTEE SERVICE**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Houston Methodist Hospital Biomedical Ethics Committee	August 2023 –
Ronald Reagan Medical Center Ethics Committee	August 2021 – June 2023
Santa Monica Hospital Ethics Committee	August 2021 – June 2023
Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital Ethics Committee	August 2021 – June 2023
Cardiothoracic Transplant Program – Pediatric Selection Committee*	February 2022 – April 2023

*\*observational basis*

### **COMMITTEE EDUCATION**

Led the development of a comprehensive ethics training program for existing and incoming Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital Ethics Committee members. This effort included performing an assessment of educational needs, producing pedagogical materials on relevant ethical issues, and developing institutional relationships with relevant experts and stakeholders throughout UCLA.

### **POLICY WORK**

#### **WORKGROUP MEMBERSHIP**

Advance Directives Policy (Houston Methodist Hospital)

Joined interdisciplinary working group to ensure policy compliance with CMS and DNV standards at both entity and systemwide level.

#### **REPORTS PREPARED**

AMA Discharge Policy (UCLA Health)

Prepared a memorandum analyzing the proposed revisions to the Health System’s “Leaving the Hospital Against Medical Advice (AMA)” Policy, also referred to as the AMA discharge policy.

#### **TOPICS OF POLICIES REVIEWED**

Withdrawing or withholding medically inappropriate life-sustaining treatment, End of Life Options Act (EOLOA), Obtaining and documenting informed consent, Identifying surrogate decision-makers, Decision-making for incapable, unrepresented patients, Emergency treatment exception, Ethics consultation services and Ethics Committee protocols, Discontinuing mechanical ventilation

when death is expected, Organ donation after circulatory death and tissue donation, Transplantation using normothermic regional perfusion and normothermic machine perfusion, Peri-operative and post-operative DNR orders.

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

#### **ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI BIOETHICS PROGRAM**

Ethics Fellow (\$5,000 pa)	2019 – 2021
Clinical Ethics Practicum	June 2019

### MEDICAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND HOUSTON METHODIST HOSPITAL**

##### COURSES TAUGHT

MEETH-418: Introduction to Clinical Medical Ethics MS-4 Clinical Shadowing – Course Co-Director	Spring 2025 – Present
MEETH-417: Seminar Series in Bioethics Medical Ethics Pathway – Faculty (6 sessions)	Fall 2023 – Present
Bioethics Intensive Course Clinical Ethics Team and Faculty	April 2026, 2025, 2024
MEETH-418: Introduction to Clinical Medical Ethics MS-4 Clinical Shadowing – Faculty	Fall 2024, 2023
Ethics Thread MS-1 Sessions – Mid-size Ethics Group Co-Leader	Fall 2024, 2023

##### RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Alexandra Townsley, MS-2 (SOM '27) Project: Temporary confinement and detention **Presenting research at 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association	Spring 2025 – Spring 2027
Jessica Ehondor, MS-4 (SOM '26) Project: Permissibility of overriding advance directives	Spring 2026
Kevin Pazhoor, MS-3 (SOM '26) Project: Medically inappropriate treatment at end-of-life and TADA	Spring 2025
Karena Kett, MS-4 (SOM '25) Project: A comparative analysis of medical interpretation utilization	Spring 2025
David Smith, MS-4 (SOM '24) Project: How MAID should be addressed with members of vulnerable populations	Spring 2024
Anne Turney, MS-4 (SOM '24)** Project: Conversational implicature and the language of “comfort care” **Winner of the 2024 Baruch A. Brody Award in Medical Ethics and Health Policy	Spring 2024

##### MENTORSHIP

Jia Cummings, MDiv Cand. (Clinical Ethics and Project Intern)	Summer 2025
Caroline Snider, BA Student (Clinical Ethics and Project Intern)	Summer 2025
Skylar Bird, PhD Cand. (Clinical Ethics and Project Intern)	Summer 2025
Alice Kelley, PhD (Clinical Ethics Fellow)	2024 – 2025
Megan Kitts, PhD (Clinical Ethics Fellow)	2023 – 2025
Julio Rodriguez, PhD Cand. (Clinical Ethics and Project Intern)	Summer 2024
Rachel Ray, MA Cand. (Clinical Ethics and Project Intern)	Summer 2024
Leon Budrie, MD (Clinical Ethics Fellow)	2023 – 2024

## TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING MEDICINE

### COURSES TAUGHT

EnMED PoM 5		
MS 3 Course – Faculty Facilitator		Fall 2025, 2024
EnMED PoM 3		
MS 2 Course – Selective Leader for “Informed Consent and Decisional Capacity: A Deeper Dive” (4 sessions)		Fall 2025, 2024
EnMED PoM 1		
MS 1 Course – HEAL Small Group Leader		Fall 2025
EnMED Practice of Medicine (PoM) 2		
MS 1 Course – HEAL (Humanities, Ethics, Altruism, and Leadership) Lead and Faculty		Spring 2025, 2024
EnMED PoM 4		
MS 2 Course –Faculty Facilitator		Spring 2025
EnMED PoM 1		
MS 1 Course – HEAL Co-Lead and Faculty		Fall 2024, 2023
EnMED PoM 6		
Interprofessional Social and Ethical Dilemmas in Healthcare Faculty Facilitator		Spring 2024

## HOUSTON METHODIST HOSPITAL SYSTEM

### CLINICAL PRESENTATIONS

“Capacity, Indecision, and Organ Transplantation”		
HMH Ethics System-Wide Case Review		October 2025
“Clinical Ethics at Houston Methodist: Research and Practice”		
2025 Houston Methodist Center for Critical Care Retreat		April 2025
“Unavailable Surrogates and Clinical Decision-Making”		
BCM Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy Center Case Reflection		March 2025
“Capacity and Decision-Making”		
Surgical Liver ICU Lecture Series		May 2024
“Who Gets to Decide, and Why?”		
BCM Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy Clinical Case Conference		May 2024
“Incapably Excluding Surrogates: A Case Presentation”		
HMH Ethics System-Wide Case Review		December 2023

## UCLA DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND UCLA HEALTH

### CLINICAL LECTURES

“Professional Ethics” (4x)		
Nursing Residency Program, Center for Nursing Excellence		June 2023
“Capacity in Geriatric Medicine”		
Geriatric Fellowship Program, Division of Geriatrics		February 2023
“Pediatric Ethics: Challenges in End-of-Life Decision-Making”		
Pediatric Resident Noon Conference		January 2023
“Ethical Issues in Pediatric Neurology” (with Joseph Raho)		
Pediatric Neurology Noon Conference		December 2022
“Professional Ethics” (3x)		
Nursing Residency Program, Center for Nursing Excellence		October 2022
“Professional Ethics” (with Joseph Raho)		
Psychology Internship Seminar		October 2022
“Decision-Making Capacity” (monthly, biweekly starting July 2022)		
Residency Program, Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics		February 2022 – April 2023
“Surrogate Decision Making for Unrepresented Patients”		
“Intersectionality in Clinical Medicine”		

“The Abusive Patient: Where Do You Draw the Line?”  
 “Rethinking Disability: The Social Model of Disability and Chronic Disease”  
 “Bodily Integrity and the Care of Persons Experiencing Homelessness”  
 “A Clinician’s Approach to Clinical Ethical Reasoning”  
 “How Should Clinicians Address Parental False Beliefs Generated by Denial or Grief?”  
 “The Perils of Health Misinformation”  
 Ethics Center Journal Club (~bimonthly) January 2022 – May 2023

**ACADEMIC LECTURES**

“Capacity and Decision-Making”  
 Doctorate of Nursing Practice Student Lecture October 2022  
 “Consent and Capacity”  
 MS 1 Skills Workshop - Scientific Foundations of Medicine (2x) August 2022  
 “Introducing the Foundations of Capacity”  
 MS 1 Capacity Seminar - Scientific Foundations of Medicine July 2022  
 “Reproductive Medicine & the Physician’s Conscience”  
 MS 2 Block 8 Lecture - Ethical Foundations of Medicine December 2021

**ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI**

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Surgery-Anesthesiology  
 Psychiatry  
 Ambulatory Care-Geriatrics  
 Emergency Medicine  
 InFocus 7  
 The Art and Science of Medicine (ASM) Years 1 and 2  
 Clerkship Ethics Didactics August 2019 – May 2021  
 BIE Intensive Courses  
 Practicum and Capstone Assessment June 2020, May 2021

**SOPHIE DAVIS BIOMEDICAL SCHOOL, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, CUNY**

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Introduction to Biomedical Ethics (Katherine Mendis) Summer 2020; Fall 2020

**UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**AS LEAD INSTRUCTOR**

JOHN JAY COLLEGE, CUNY  
 Ethics and Law Spring 2021  
 Ethics and Information Technology Fall 2016 - Spring 2017  
 BROOKLYN COLLEGE, CUNY  
 Business and Moral Issues Fall 2014 - Spring 2016; Spring 2017  
 Ethics and Society Fall 2016

**AS TEACHING ASSISTANT**

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE, NYU  
 Environment and Society (David Kanter) Spring 2021  
 Texts and Ideas (Sharon Street) Fall 2019  
 Central Problems in Philosophy (Ian Grubb) Spring 2019  
 Ethics and the Environment (Dale Jamieson) Fall 2018

HUNTER COLLEGE, CUNY	
Introduction to Philosophy (Justin Garson)	Fall 2017, 2018, 2020
Introduction to Philosophy (Frank Kirkland)	Spring 2018
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCE, NYU	
Moral Indeterminacy (S. Matthew Liao)	Fall 2015
Topics in Ethics: Memory, Commemoration, and Justice (William Ruddick and Jeffrey Blustein, The Graduate Center, CUNY)	Spring 2015
Advanced Introduction to Environmental Ethics (David Frank)	Spring 2015
Neuroethics (S. Matthew Liao)	Fall 2014

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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<b>WCB Scholarship Recipient</b> , 18 <sup>th</sup> World Congress of Bioethics, Johannesburg, South Africa	July 2026
<b>Faculty Development Award</b> , Office of Professional Development, Naresh K. Vashisht College of Medicine, Texas A&M University, Houston, TX (\$1,500)	2025 – 2026
<b>WCB Scholarship Recipient</b> , 17 <sup>th</sup> World Congress of Bioethics, Doha, Qatar	June 2024
<b>STAR Award</b> , Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, BCM	December 2023
<b>Seattle Children's Treuman Katz Center for Pediatric Bioethics Conference Scholarship</b> , 17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Pediatric Bioethics Conference, Seattle, WA	July 2022
<b>Ethics Fellow</b> , Bioethics Program, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (\$5,000 pa)	2019 - 2021
<b>Associate Fellow</b> , GE2P2 Global Foundation – Governance, Evidence, Ethics, Policy, Practice	2020 - 2021
<b>CUNY BA Fellow</b> , Baccalaureate for Unique and Individualized Studies, CUNY (\$27,128 pa)	Spring 2019 - Summer 2020
<b>Bioethics in Biopharma Fellow</b> , GE2P2 Global Foundation (\$7,500)	2019 - 2020
<b>Doctoral Student Research Grant</b> , Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$1,000)	2019 - 2020
<b>Visiting Fellow</b> , Project Biouncertainty, Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland (~\$1,300)	January 2020
<b>Conference Presentation Support</b> , Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, The Graduate Center, CUNY	Spring 2016, 2017 Fall 2018, 2019
<b>Univie Summer School Stipend</b> , USS Scientific World Conceptions Program on Philosophy and Psychiatry, Vienna Circle Society, Universität Wien	Summer 2019
<b>Travel Award Grant for Adjunct Faculty</b> , CUNY Academy and the Central Office of Research	Spring 2018, 2019
<b>CEU Summer University Full Tuition Scholarship</b> , Program on Moral Epistemology, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary	Summer 2018
<b>Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow</b> , Writing Center, Medgar Evers College, CUNY	2017 - 2018
<b>Doctoral Student Research Grant</b> , Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$1,450)	2017 - 2018
<b>Graduate Center Fellow</b> , The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$25,000 pa)	2013 - 2018
<b>Provost's Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Award</b> , Provost's Office, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$4,000)	Summer 2015
<b>Humboldt-GC Summer School Funded Participant</b> , Humboldt University, The Graduate Center, CUNY, Berlin, Germany (~\$2,000)	Summer 2015
<b>Departmental Fellow</b> , Center for Bioethics, NYU (~\$19,000)	2012
<b>Critical Writing Fellow</b> , Recess Art, New York, NY	2012

<b>John Jay Scholar</b> , John Jay National Scholars Program (~2% of students per graduating class), Columbia Undergraduate Scholars Program (~\$85,500)	2005 - 2009
<b>IBM Thomas J. Watson Scholarship</b> (~\$29,200)	2005 - 2009
<b>FUBiS Language Stipend</b> , Freie Universität Berlin internationale Sommerschule, Germanic Society of America and Max Kade Foundation (\$2,500)	Summer 2008
<b>Luce Fellow and Archivist</b> , Rare Books and Manuscripts Library, Columbia University	2007 - 2008
<b>Herbert A. Deane Scholarship</b> , Columbia College, Columbia University	2006 – 2007

## **PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY**

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Faculty Mentor	
2025-2026 Rice Health Policy Hackathon	January 2026
Rice University Social Policy Analysis Department	
“Future Perfect? CRISPR and its Discontents”	
“The Dilemma Series – Duty to Report”	
A Night of Philosophy and Ideas	February 2019
Brooklyn Public Library and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy	
“Editing the Genome – How CRISPR/Cas9 is Changing the Game”	
Philosophy in the Library: The Ethics of Emerging Technologies	April 2018
Brooklyn Public Library	
“The Dilemma Series – Drawing the Line”	
A Night of Philosophy and Ideas	January 2018
Brooklyn Public Library and the Cultural Services of the French Embassy	

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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“Clinicians May Not Be Following Hospital Policies on Withdrawing/Withholding Life-Sustaining Treatments”	October 2025
Interview with <i>Medical Ethics Advisor</i>	
“Mental Health Issues Are Coming Up During Ethics Consults”	September 2024
Interview with <i>Medical Ethics Advisor</i>	
“Patients’ Advance Care Planning Sometimes is Disregarded”	April 2024
Interview with <i>Medical Ethics Advisor</i>	
“Polka jest etyczką w amerykańskim szpitalu. "Pacjent obudził się sparalizowany. Nie poinformowano go o ryzyku”	February 2024
Interview with Medonet.pl, Poland’s largest health-content platform	
“Can AI Replace Your Doctor?”	August 2023
Interview with Skimm Well, theSkimm’s Health and Wellness Newsletter	
“AI and the Future of Mental Health Care”	January 2023
Interview with Skimm Well, theSkimm’s Health and Wellness Newsletter	

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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### **PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING**

Effective Practices for Hybrid Education Workshop	June 2021
Department of Online Education and Support, John Jay College, CUNY	
Microcredential in Promoting Active Learning Online	April 2021
Association of College and University Educators (ACUE)	
ePortfolio Faculty Development Program	Fall 2016
Teaching & Learning Center, John Jay College, CUNY	

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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### EDITORIAL WORK

Managing Editor: *Journal of Critical Care* February 2018 – June 2019  
Feedback and Editing Services: *How God Became Good: The Spirituality of the English and American Deists* (Joseph Waligore) February – March 2018  
Journal Referee: *Episteme*, *American Journal of Bioethics*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*

## DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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Houston/NY Clinical Ethics Fellowship Consortium Planning Committee 2024 – Present  
Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, BCM and Weill Cornell Division of Medical Ethics  
Clinical Ethics Fellowship Hiring Committee 2023 – Present  
Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, BCM  
Bioethics Grand Rounds Steering Committee Member 2023 – Present  
Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, BCM  
DEI Working Group Member 2024 – 2025  
Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, Baylor College of Medicine (BCM)  
Faculty Retreat Planning Committee Summer 2024  
Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, BCM  
Student and Alumni Affairs Committee Member, Philosophy Program, 2017 - 2018; 2019 - 2021  
The Graduate Center, CUNY  
Normativity and the Human Sciences – 18<sup>th</sup> Annual CUNY Graduate Student April 2015  
Philosophy Conference (co-organizer)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Philosophical Association (APA) 2018 –  
American Society of Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) 2023 –  
European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care (ESPMH) 2023 –  
International Association of Bioethics (IAB) 2020 –

## LANGUAGES

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Polish (Native); German (conversational, 2 years study); French (conversational, 8 years study)

## REFERENCES

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