

MATTHEW JERNBERG CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

2025, Fall	Florida State University, Philosophy PhD Dissertation: <i>How Death Harms Us: A Defense of Fear</i> Graduate Certificate in Bioethics	Tallahassee, FL, USA
2015, Fall	Boğaziçi (Bosphorus) University, M.A. Philosophy Thesis: <i>Drawing the Mark of the Normative</i>	Istanbul, Turkey
2014, Fall	Katholieke Universiteit (KU) Leuven, Erasmus Exchange	Leuven, Belgium
2007, Spring	University of Washington, B.S. Math & B.A. Philosophy	Seattle, WA, USA

Areas of Specialization: Bioethics, Ethics, Metaphysics

Areas of Competence: Ethics of AI, Logic & Critical Thinking, Philosophy of Mind

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

How Death Harms Us: A Defense of Fear.

Thesis Advisory Committee: Mark LeBar (advisor), Piers Rawling, Michael Bishop, Michael Nair-Collins (external).

PUBLICATIONS

- “Book Review of John Martin Fischer’s Death, Immortality, and Meaning in Life” *Journal of Value Inquiry*.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- “How Does Death Harm the One Who Dies? A Non-Comparative Theory of Harm” *Nous*. (submitted)
- “Does Death Worsen with Age? Gradualism’s Challenge to Deprivationism” *Philosophical Studies*. (submitted)

AWARDS & FUNDING

- Marc Sanders Foundation Philosophy in Media Fellowship 2025 for podcasting. \$1500.
A national fellowship to bring philosophy to a broader public audience through media projects.
- IHS Mentorship with James Stacey Taylor. \$5000 award. \$1000 conference travel fund.
A selective award pairing young scholars with an established faculty mentor for a year of professional development.
- FSU Course Design Institute, Summer 2025. \$500.
A competitive, week-long seminar for graduate instructors on developing innovative university-level courses.
- Nominee for FSU’s Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award 2020-21.
A university-wide honor recognizing graduate students for excellence in instruction.
- Erasmus Student Exchange Scholarship at KU Leuven. Awarded by: Boğaziçi University, Fall 2014.
A prestigious EU-sponsored scholarship for a semester of study to foster international academic exchange.
- Mary Gates Endowment for Student Research Scholarship (\$3000) for the Summer Institute in the Arts & Humanities, University of Washington, Summer 2006.
A competitive, university-wide scholarship to enhance the educational experience of undergraduate research.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “When is the worst time to die?” FSU, Undergraduate Philosophy Club, Spring 2023.
- “Is Immortality Even Worth Wanting?” FSU, Brain Freeze Public Event, 4/5/22.
- “On Belshaw’s Desire-Based Theory of Mortal Harm,” Invited Lecture, Seminar on Death and Meaning in Life (PHI 4938), FSU, 2/16/22.

- “On Professional & Moral Excellence,” IHS, 2nd Graduate Conference, March 2021.
- “On the Proper Object of Mortal Fear,” IHS, 1st Graduate Conference, July 2020.
- “Is death bad for you after you die?” University of Florida at Gainesville, FPA 2019.
- “When is death bad for you?” University of Alberta at Edmonton, Death, Dying & End Times Conference, April 26th – 28th, 2019.
- “On Normative Supervenience.” UF/FSU Graduate Philosophy Conference. Gainesville, Florida, February 18th, 2018.
- “Drawing the Mark of the Normative.” Eastern APA. Savannah, Georgia, January 4th, 2018.
- “Drawing the Mark of the Normative.” 63rd Annual Meeting of the Florida Philosophical Association. Ocala, Florida, November 3rd – 4th.
- “Ethical Intuitionism & Hume’s Dictum,” UF-FSU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference. Tallahassee, Florida, February 18th, 2017.
- “Reformulating the Coupling-Constitution Fallacy,” Enriching Embodied Cognition, Boğaziçi University, June 9th, 2015.
- “On the Prospects of a Mixed Ontology,” Eighth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, University of Bucharest, August 28th, 2014.
- “On the Prospects of a Mixed Ontology,” The 1st Belgrade University Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Belgrade University, April 26th, 2014.
- “Introducing Public Reason,” International Conference on Pluralism & Distributive Justice beyond Rawls, Fatih University, June 7th, 2013.
- “The Naturalistic Fallacy in an Environmental Ethic,” Undergraduate Research Program Conference, University of Washington, August 2006.

CONFERENCE COMMENTARIES

- Tim Kearl, “The Quality of Thought,” FSU, PGSA Conference, Spring 2022.
- Anthony Nguyen *et al*, “The Measure of Freedom,” FSU, PGSA Conference, February 2020.
- Nolan Cannon, “The Prospects of Constitution Physicalism.” UF/FSU Graduate Philosophy Conference. Tallahassee, Florida, April 13th, 2019.
- Sarah Wright, “Why We Need Intellectual Humility to Help Us Avoid Epistemic Injustice.” 2017 Southeastern Epistemology Conference at FSU. Tallahassee, Florida, October 28th, 2017.
- Andrew Law, “Explanations in Frankfurt Cases.” 6th Annual Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference of the PGSA. Tallahassee, Florida, October 7th, 2017.
- Shaun Gallagher, “Actions, Intentions, and the Sense of Agency,” chapter 1 of his book manuscript, *Action and Interaction*, June 17th, 2014.
- Andrew Jones, “Moral Supervenience, Dispositional Essentialism and Robust Metaethical Realism.” Grounding & Fundamentality in Metaphysics and in Ethics. Istanbul, Turkey, October 12th, 2013.

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY & MEDIA

- Invited Guest on the *Argue with Me Podcast* with Gerry Bourdeau: <<https://youtu.be/ZJbAdmbkCkE?si=mgD7dxVel4cHb52h>>.
- My own podcast: *Mortality Matters: Meaning & Death*. <<https://mortalitymatters.buzzsprout.com>> *A 12-episode limited series exploring questions about meaning and death. This project was the recipient of a 2025 Marc Sanders Foundation Philosophy in Media Fellowship.*
- “An Introduction to the Philosophy of Death,” Public Philosophy Event at William Woods University, hosted by Josh Turkewitz, February 2020.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE as Instructor of Record

2025, Summer	PHI 3320	Philosophy of Mind	FSU
2023, Summer	PHI 3320	Philosophy of Mind	FSU
2022, Summer	PHI 3220	Philosophy of Language	FSU
2022, Spring	PHI 4500	Metaphysics	FSU
2021, Fall	PHI 2100	Introduction to Logic	TCC ¹
2021, Fall	PHI 2600	Introduction to Ethics	TCC
2020, Fall	PHI 2600	Introduction to Ethics	TCC
2020, Summer	PHI 3670	Ethical Theory	FSU
2020, Spring	PHI 2100	Introduction to Logic	TCC
2020, Spring	PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	FSU
2019, Fall	PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	TCC
2019, Summer	PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	UF
2019, Summer	IDS 3358	Symbolic Logic (Making the Argument)	FSU
2019, Spring	IDS 3358	Symbolic Logic (Making the Argument)	FSU

TEACHING EXPERIENCE as Teaching Assistant

2025, Fall	PHM 3331	Modern Political Thought	FSU
2025, Spring	PHI 4500	Metaphysics	FSU
2024, Fall	PHI 3331	Modern Political Thought	FSU
2024, Fall	PHI 3400	History & Philosophy of Science	FSU
2023, Spring	PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	FSU
2022, Fall	PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	FSU
2022, Fall	PHI 3300	Knowledge & Belief	FSU
2021, Fall	PHI 3400	Philosophy of Law	FSU
2021, Spring	PHI 4500	Metaphysics	FSU
2020, Fall	PHI 3331	Modern Political Thought	FSU
2019, Fall	PHI 3670	Ethical Theory	FSU
2018, Fall	IFS 3130	Symbolic Logic	FSU
2018, Summer	PHI 2100	Reasoning & Critical Thinking	FSU
2018, Spring	PHI 3320	Philosophy of Mind	FSU
2017, Fall	PHI 3320	Philosophy of Mind	FSU
2017, Summer	PHH 3400	Modern Philosophy	FSU
2017, Spring	PHI 3320	Reasoning & Critical Thinking	FSU
2016, Fall	PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	FSU

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Reviewer, Research Grant Program “Research Südtirol/Alto Adige 2024,” Autonomous Province of Bozen/Bolzano - South Tyrol (Italy), 2025.
- Co-Organizer, 7th Annual Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference of the PGSA, FSU, 2019.
- Referee, *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice*, August 2024.
- Referee, UF/FSU Graduate Philosophy Conference, FSU, 2019.
- Referee, 6th Annual Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference of the PGSA, FSU, 2017.
- Referee, UF/FSU Graduate Philosophy Conference, FSU, 2017.

READING GROUPS ORGANIZED

- John Martin Fischer’s book, “Death, Immortality & Meaning in Life” (Organizer). FSU, Spring 2020.
- Mark LeBar’s book, “The Value of Living Well” (Organizer). FSU, Spring 2019.
- Julia Annas’ book, “The Morality of Happiness” (Co-organizer). FSU, Fall 2018.

¹ Tallahassee Community College (now Tallahassee State College).

- Mark LeBar's book, "The Value of Living Well" (Organizer). FSU, Summer 2018.
- Philosophical themes in the works of H.P. Lovecraft (Organizer). FSU, Summer 2017.
- Williamson's "Modal Logic as Metaphysics" (Organizer). Boğaziçi, Spring 2014.
- Nietzsche's "Thus Spoke Zarathustra" (Organizer). UW, Summer 2005.

REFERENCES

- Mark LeBar, Professor of Philosophy, Florida State University, mlebar2@fsu.edu
- Piers Rawling, Stilwell Professor of Philosophy, Director of Graduate Studies, Florida State University, prawling@fsu.edu
- Michael Bishop, Professor of Philosophy, Florida State University, mbishop@fsu.edu
- James Stacey Taylor, Professor of Philosophy, The College of New Jersey, jtaylor@tcnj.edu
- Michael Nair-Collins, Associate Professor, Behavioral Sciences and Social Medicine, Florida State University, michael.nair-collins@med.fsu.edu