# Avram Hiller
# Curriculum Vitae

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## Academic Employment

**Portland State University, Department of Philosophy**
2014-present: Associate Professor (with tenure)
2008-2014: Assistant Professor (tenure-track)

**Wake Forest University, Department of Philosophy**
Spring 2004 & Fall 2005-Spring 2008: Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor

**Claremont Graduate University and Pitzer College, Departments of Philosophy (joint appointment)**
Fall 2003: Visiting Assistant Professor

## Visiting Scholar

**Rutgers University, Department of Philosophy**
Fall 2006

**University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Department of Philosophy**
Fall 2004-Spring 2005

**University of Arizona, Department of Philosophy**
Spring 2001

## Education

**Duke University**
Ph.D., May 2005, Philosophy
Dissertation: *Vagueness and Normativity*
Advisor: David Sanford

**University of Pennsylvania**
B.A. (Philosophy, with minor in Mathematics) *Magna Cum Laude*, May 1993

## Publications

### Book (Co-edited)

Avram Hiller, Ramona Ilea, and Leonard Kahn, eds., *Consequentialism and Environmental Ethics*, Routledge, 2014

### Articles & Book Chapters

#### Environmental Ethics/Consequentialism

Avram Hiller, "Valuing the 'Afterlife'", forthcoming in *Topoi*

Avram Hiller, "Individual Climate Risk at the Bounds of Rationality", in Stearns Broadhead and Adriana Placani eds., *Risk and Responsibility in Context*, Routledge, 2023: 249-271

Avram Hiller, "Consequentialism in Environmental Ethics," *Oxford Handbook of Environmental Ethics*, Stephen Gardiner and Allen Thompson, eds., Oxford University Press, 2016: 199-210

Angela Coventry and Avram Hiller, "Hume on Animals and the Rest of Nature, *Animal Ethics and Philosophy*, Elisa Aaltola and John Hadley, eds., Rowman and Littlefield, 2014, 165-184

Avram Hiller and Leonard Kahn, "Introduction: Consequentialism and Environmental Ethics," in *Consequentialism and Environmental Ethics*, 2014: 1-16

Avram Hiller, "System Consequentialism," in *Consequentialism and Environmental Ethics*, 2014: 54-69

Avram Hiller, "A 'Famine, Affluence, and Morality' for Climate Change?" *Public Affairs Quarterly* 28(1), 2014, 19-40

Avram Hiller, "The Best Incentives in Combating Climate Change," (discussion note) *Ethics, Policy, and Environment*, 15(2), 2012: 230-233

Avram Hiller, "Climate Change and Individual Responsibility," *The Monist* 94(3), 2011: 349-368 (reprinted in *Ethics, Environmental Justice, and Climate Change*, Paul Harris, ed., Edward Elgar, 2016)

Avram Hiller, "Morally Significant Consequences of Ordinary Individual Actions," (discussion note) *Ethics, Policy, and Environment* 14(1), March 2011: 19-21

#### Epistemology

Avram Hiller and R. Wolfe Randall. "Group Dispositional Belief, Information Possession, and 'Epistemic Explosion': A Further Reply to Jesper Kallestrup." *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective* 12 (5): 8-16. 2023

Avram Hiller and R. Wolfe Randall, "Pluralism About Group Knowledge: A Reply to Jesper Kallestrup". *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective* 12 (1), 2023: 39-45

Avram Hiller and R. Wolfe Randall, "Epistemic Structure in Non-Summative

Social Knowledge". *Social Epistemology* 37 (1): 30-46. 2023

Avram Hiller, "Knowledge Essentially Based Upon False Belief," *Logos & Episteme*, 4(1), 2013, 7-19

Avram Hiller and Ram Neta, "Safety and Epistemic Luck," *Synthese*, 158, 2007: 303-313

**Others**

Avram Hiller and Ali Hasan, "How to Save Pascal (and Ourselves) From the Mugger," forthcoming, *Dialogue*

Avram Hiller, "How Does Disability Affect Wellbeing? A Literature Review and Philosophical Analysis," *Journal of Philosophy of Disability*, online first

Avram Hiller, "Comment on Gignac and Zajenkowski, 'The Dunning-Kruger effect is (mostly) a statistical artefact: Valid approaches to testing the hypothesis with individual differences data'", *Intelligence* 97 (March-April 2023): 101732

Avram Hiller, "Object-Dependence," *Essays in Philosophy* 14(1), 2013, 33-55

Avram Hiller, "The Unusual Logic of Hurka's Recursive Account," *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, March 2012: 1-5

**Book Reviews**

Avram Hiller, "Review of Ben Hale's *The Wild and the Wicked: On Nature and Human Nature*," *Environmental Values* 27 (4) 2018: 447-449

Avram Hiller, "Review of Dale Jamieson's *Reason in a Dark Time: Why the Struggle Against Climate Change Failed -- and What It Means for Our Future*," *Environmental Values*, 25 (1) 2016: 109-111

Avram Hiller, "Review of John Broome's *Climate Matters: Ethics in a Warming World*," *Economics and Philosophy*, 31 (1) 2015: 188-194

**Scholarly Works Submitted or in Progress** (brackets indicate name withheld for current or future blind review)

**Papers with *revise and resubmit* status**
[Paper on effective altruism and environmentalism]
[Paper on truthmaking]

**Other papers under review**
[Paper on epistemic injustice and disability]

**Other articles in progress**
[Paper on group responsibility, with R. Wolfe Randall]
[Paper on consequentialism and environmental ethics]
[Paper on environmentalism and longtermism]
[Paper on land acknowledgments]
[Paper on agent-relativity in ethics]

[Paper on statistical artifacts]
[Paper on ethical concerns in epistemology]
[Paper on the structure of knowledge]
[Paper on skepticism]
[Paper on Bayesian explanations of action]
[Paper on the rationality of hope, with Justin Fisher]
[Paper on conversational implicature]

**Select Professional Presentations** (brackets indicate name withheld for current or future blind review)

**Ethics/Environmental Ethics**
[Paper on agent-relativity in ethics], *American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting*, February 2024
[Paper on Consequentialism and Environmental Ethics], MANCEPT Workshop on Consequentialism and Environmental Ethics (invited keynote), September, 2023
[Paper on Environmentalism and Longtermism], *International Society for Environmental Ethics* Group Meeting, *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, April 2023
[Paper on Land Acknowledgments], *International Society for Environmental Ethics* Group Meeting, *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, online, April 2022; University of Tampa, November 2022
[Paper on Effective Altruism and Environmentalism] *International Society for Environmental Ethics* Annual Meeting, online, October 2020
"Modeling Non-Human Value in Climate Policymaking", University of Portland, Department of Philosophy, March 2018, University of Richmond, Program in Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law, November 2016
"Small (Expected) Harms and Small (Expected) Improvements", *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division* April 2017
"Towards an Intrinsic Valuation of the Effects of Climate Change on the Non-Human World", *Duke Climate Ethics Workshop*, March 2016
"Callicott's Earth Ethic", *International Society for Environmental Ethics* Group Meeting, *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, April 2015
"Metaphysics of the Ecological Self", *International Society for Environmental Ethics* Group Meeting, *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, April 2014,
"A 'Famine, Affluence, and Morality' for Climate Change?", *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, August 2011, *International Society for Utilitarian Studies*, June 2011
"Climate Change and Individual Responsibility", *Joint meeting of the International Association for Environmental Philosophy and the International Society for Environmental Ethics*, June 2010
"An Act-Consequentialist Doing/Allowing Distinction", *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, August 2010
"What Is Sustainability?", Harvard University, School of Public Health, Center for Risk Analysis, Boston, MA, August 2009; *Understanding Sustainability* conference, Portland State University, May 2009; Powell's Books, March 2010
"On the Relation Between Intrinsic and Instrumental Value". *Inland Northwest*

*Philosophy Conference 12: The Environment*, May 2009; University of Portland, Department of Philosophy, November 2008

"The Meta-Ethics of Intrinsic Value", *International Society for Environmental Ethics* Group Meeting, *American Philosophical Association* Eastern Division Meeting, December 2008

"Psychological Partialism and Commonsense Morality", *International Society for Utilitarian Studies*, September 2008

"What Is Appropriate Use?", *Joint meeting of the International Association for Environmental Philosophy and the International Society for Environmental Ethics*, June 2008

"Agent-Relative Teleology and the Doing/Allowing Distinction", *American Philosophical Association* Pacific Division Meeting, March 2008

"What Is Instrumental Value?" *International Society for Environmental Ethics* Group Meeting, *American Philosophical Association* Eastern Division Meeting, December 2007

"A Quasi-Realist Environmental Ethic", *Joint meeting of the International Association for Environmental Philosophy and the International Society for Environmental Ethics*, June 2005; Clemson University, Clemson, SC, March 2005

"Norton, Callicott, and Leopoldian Environmental Pragmatism", *International Association for Environmental Philosophy,* Boston, MA, November 2003

**Epistemology**

[Paper on relationship between collective knowledge and collective responsibility], with R. Wolfe Randall, Zicklin Center Workshop on Normative Business Ethics, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Nov 2023

"A New (Non-Infallibilist, Closure-Independent) Argument for Skepticism", Skepticism Lecture Series, March 2021 (see https://skepticismnetwork.weebly.com/skepticism-lecture-series.html)

"Paradoxical Reversals of Hope" (with Justin Fisher, workshop paper), Southern Methodist University, October 2015

"Knowledge as Justified Stable Belief", Lewis and Clark College, Department of Philosophy, October 2015; Reed College, April 2012

"Do Epistemologists Need a Theory of Warrant?"; *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Lewis and Clark College, November, 2011

"Does *Knowledge* Have an Independent Truth Condition?", *American Philosophical Association* Eastern Division Meeting, December, 2010

"Is Justified Safe Belief Knowledge?", *North Carolina Philosophical Society*, February 2005

**Philosophy of Language/Metaphysics**

"Plurivaluationist Degree Theory and Higher-Order Vagueness", *American Philosophical Association*, Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, CA, April 2019 (poster presentation)

"Animal Reference and Reflective Referemce" Southern Methodist University, October 2015, (co-authored work with Jason Krivo Flores, solo presentation)

"Identity Problems for Narrative Selves", *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Willamette

University, Salem, OR, October, 2010

"Truthmakers as Difference-Makers" *American Philosophical Association* Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, BC, April 2009

"Truthmaking and Causing", *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR, October 2013

"Vagueness and the Is/Ought Gap in Semantics", Rutgers University, Department of Philosophy, December 2006, (workshop paper)

"Margins for Error and the Epistemic Conception of Vagueness", Claremont Philosophers Workgroup, November 2003

"Vagueness and Realism", *Society for Realist/Anti-Realist Discussion*, *American Philosophical Association* Pacific Division Meeting, March 2003

"Are Minds Vague?", *Towards a Science of Consciousness*, April 2000 (poster presentation)

## Conference Comments

Comments on Mark Hinchliff, "Examination of the Counterfactual Reasoning of the Supreme Court in Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia" *Northwest Philosophy Conference,* November 2022

Comments on J.M. Fritzman, "Holistic Behaviorism" *Northwest Philosophy Conference,* November 2021

Comments on Christopher Diehm, "Connection for Conservation: Conservation Psychology, Deep Ecology, and the Roots of Pro-Environmental Behavior *International Society for Environmental Ethics* Annual Meeting, October 2020

Comments on Kalle Grill, "Sustainability Beyond Future Needs" *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, August 2020

Comments on Kian Mintz-Woo, "Historical Responsibility for Loss & Damage" *International Society for Environmental Ethics* Annual Meeting, July 2019

Comments on Christopher Preston, "Recognitional Justice, Climate Engineering, and the Care Approach" *International Society for Environmental Ethics*, Annual Meeting, June 2018

Comments on Idil Boran, "Enhancing Welfare Without Welfarism: An Integrated Approach to Climate Justice" *International Society for Environmental Ethics* Group Meeting*, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, April 2016

Comments on Patrick Todd, "Why – if Russell is Right – Open Futurists Needn't Deny Bivalence" *American Philosophical Association* Pacific Division Meeting, April 2014

Comments on David Spewak, "Confusion over Expression-based Semantics" *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, November 2011

Comments on Darren Domsky, "Taking Down the Repugnant Conclusions" *International Society for Environmental Ethics* Group Meeting, *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, April 2011

Comments on Mihnea Capraru, "Russellian Belief Reports, Shared Presentations, and Two-Place Propositional Attitudes" *Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference 13: Reference and Referring*, May 2010

Comments on Tim Christion, "Nature's Agency or Nature's Response? The Question of What It Is for the Natural World to Relate to Us", *International Society for Environmental Ethics* Group Meeting, *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, April 2010

Comments on Jennifer Zamzow, "Advantages of Taking a First Person Perspective When Making Moral Judgments" *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Pacific University, October 2009

Comments on Henry West, "Value Realism and Moral Constructivism", *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, August 2009

Comments on Elka Shortsleeve, "Knowledge and Certainty: A Speech-Act Contextualist Account", *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, April 2006

Comments on Heimir Geirsson, "Substitutivity, Simple Sentences, and Belief Reports", *American Philosophical Association* Pacific Division Meeting, March 2006

**Internet Television**

Avram Hiller and Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, [*Philosophy TV* episode on climate ethics](), December 2011

**Posts in Philosophy Blogs**

Daily Noûs, "A Plea for More Short Journal Articles" July 2018, [http://dailynous.com/2018/07/12/plea-short-journal-publications-guest-post-avram-hiller/](http://dailynous.com/2018/07/12/plea-short-journal-publications-guest-post-avram-hiller/)

Daily Noûs, *Philosophers On Climate Change*, "Measure Climate Change's Intrinsic Impact on Non-Human Nature" December 2015, [http://dailynous.com/2015/12/08/philosophers-on-climate-change/](http://dailynous.com/2015/12/08/philosophers-on-climate-change/)

Imperfect Cognitions, "A Case of Knowledge Based Upon False Belief," December 2014, [http://imperfectcognitions.blogspot.com/2014/12/a-case-of-knowledge-based-upon-false.html](http://imperfectcognitions.blogspot.com/2014/12/a-case-of-knowledge-based-upon-false.html)

**Grants**

*Networking the Global Humanities: Humanities for the Environment*, administered by Sally Kitch and Joni Adamson of Arizona State University, $600,000, May 2013-January 2014; member of the Steering Committee for the Western Cluster of the grant; duties included helping to organize a workshop and creating fora for interdisciplinary research in environmental humanities

*Urban Human Flourishing: A Plan for Integrating the Humanities into PSU's Emerging Nodes of Sustainability Inquiry*, co-PI, January-June 2010, $9,000 (PSU internal grant)

*Humanities Sustainability Research Project*, co-PI, AY 2008-2009, $65,000; AY 2009-2010, $30,000 (PSU Internal Grants). Co-coordinated humanities sustainability research project at PSU

**Photography Exhibition (with photographer's talk)**

Avram Hiller, "Snap Shots", ART DEPARTMENT (now ADX), Portland, OR, March,

2011

**Professional Service**
Program Committee Member, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division
    August 2009-July 2012
Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Environmental Ethics*, 2015-present
Referee for *Analysis; Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Climatic Change*; *Critical Review of Ethics and Social Philosophy*; *Dialogue*; *Dialectica*; *Environmental Ethics*; *Environmental Politics; Ergo; Environmental Values*; *Ethics and the Environment*; *Ethics, Policy, and Environment*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; MIT Press; *Mind*; *Noûs*; *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Science and Engineering Ethics*; *Southern Journal of Philosophy*; *Synthese*

**Memberships in Professional Societies**

American Philosophical Association; International Society for Environmental Ethics;
    British Society for the Theory of Knowledge