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## Academic Appointment

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Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Georgia Southern University

2021 – Current

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## Education

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- Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Washington 2021  
Dissertation: “Disability, Identity, and the Body as a Context of Choice: Making Space for the Mere Difference View in Healthcare Justice”  
Committee: Sara Goering (chair), Michael Blake, Carina Fourie, and Anita Silvers (in memorium)
- M.A. in Philosophy, University of Washington 2016  
Thesis: Is a Deaf Future an “Open” Future? Reconsidering the Open Future Argument Against Deaf Embryo Selection  
Advisor: Sara Goering
- M.A. in Philosophy, San Francisco State University 2014  
Thesis: The Place of Health in the Liberal Theory of Justice  
Committee: Anita Silvers (advisor), Shelley Wilcox
- B.A. in Philosophy and Cognitive Science, University of California, San Diego 2007

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## Research

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- AOS: Social & Political Philosophy, Ethics (esp. Bioethics, Neuroethics, & Ethics of Technology), Philosophy of Disability
- AOC: Philosophy of Law, Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Race & Ethnicity, Philosophy of Migration, Philosophy of Incarceration

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## Academic Publications

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1. “Climate Change, Global Health and Planetary Health.” In *Handbook of the Philosophy of Climate Change*, edited by Gianfranco Pellegrino and Marcello Di Paola (with Stephen Gardiner). Forthcoming
2. “Is a Deaf Future an Open Future? Reconsidering the Open Future Argument Against Deaf Embryo Selection.” *Monash Bioethics Review*. Forthcoming
3. “‘The Trauma of Losing Your Own Identity Again’: The Ethics of Explantation of Brain-Computer Interfaces.” In *Policy, Identity, and Neurotechnology: The Neuroethics* 2023

- of Brain-Computer Interfaces*, edited by Veljko Dubljevic and Allen Coin (with Frederic Gilbert).
4. “Not-So-Straightforward Decisions to Keep or Explant a Device: When Does Neural Device Removal Become Patient Coercion?” *AJOB Neuroscience* 13.4: 230-232 (with Frederic Gilbert & Alexander R. Harris). 2022
  5. “Long Covid and Disability: A Brave New World.” *BMJ*, 378: e069868 (with Blake Hereth, Ashton Sorrels, Anna Muldoon, Kelly Hills, & Nicholas G. Evans). 2022
  6. “Fostering the Trustworthiness of Researchers: SPECS and the Role of Ethical Reflexivity in Novel Neurotechnology Research.” *Research Ethics* (with Darcy McCusker). 2020
  7. “Cognitive Enhancement and Metaphor Choice as Moral Choice.” *AJOB Neuroscience*, 10.1: 50-51 (with Sierra Simmerman). 2019
  8. “Workshops of the Seventh International Brain-Computer Interface Meeting: Not Getting Lost in Translation.” *Brain Computer Interfaces* 6.3 (with Jane E. Huggins, Christoph Guger, Erik Aarnoutse, Brendan Allison et al.). 2019
  9. “Cognitive Enhancement with Brain Implants: The Burden of Abnormality.” *Journal of Cognitive Enhancement* 2.4: 364-368 (with Frederic Gilbert) 2018
  10. “Keeping Disability in Mind: A Case Study in Implantable Brain-Computer Interface Research.” *Science and Engineering Ethics*, 24.2: 479-504 (with Laura Specker-Sullivan, Eran Klein, Tim Brown, Matthew Sample, Michelle Pham, Raney Folland, and Sara Goering). 2017

### Under Review

1. “Healthcare Justice, Disability as Mere Difference, and the Transition Costs of Becoming Disabled”
2. “Healthcare and its Expressive Harms: The Expressivity and Justice of Medical Interventions to Treat and Prevent Disability”

### In Progress

1. “Are Disenhanced Super Soldiers Disabled? Exploring the Relationship between Disenhancement and Disability”
2. “Cognitive Enhancement as Transformative Experience: The Challenge of Wrapping One’s Mind Around Cognitive Improvement via Neurostimulation” (with Eran Klein)
3. “On Depathologizing Disability in Medical Education: Navigating its Promises and Predicaments” (with Carina Fourie)
4. “Challenging Anti-Fatness Amid the Climate Crisis” (with Kayla R. Mehl)

### Other Writings/Interviews

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1. “Interview with Paul Tubig.” *Engaged Philosophy* website. 2021
2. “From Prisons to Neuroscience Labs, Graduate Medal Awardee Paul Tubig Finds Philosophy Everywhere.” University of Washington: The Graduate School 2020

3. “Transfer Students and the Problem of Being ‘Outliers’ at Universities.” 2019  
*Reimagining the PhD Blog*, UW Simpson Center for the Humanities.
4. “What Kind of Academics Should We Be?” *Reimagining the PhD Blog*, UW Simpson Center for the Humanities. 2017

## Talks

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### On Disability, Bioethics and Healthcare Justice

“Disability, Identity, and the Body as a Context of Choice: The Justice of Medical Interventions to Treat and Prevent Disability”

- MANCEPT Workshop on “Embodiment in Ethics, Political Philosophy, and the Law.” 2022
- American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver (Symposium) 2022

“Is a Deaf Future an Open Future? On Deaf Embryo Selection and the Child’s Right to an Open Future”

- Sixth Annual Reproductive Ethics Conference, Institute for Bioethics and Health Humanities (virtual presentation) 2022
- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Savannah (poster presentation) 2018
- The Seventh Annual Medical Humanities Conference, Western Michigan University 2017

“Autonomy and the Medical Brain Drain”

- American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Denver (poster presentation) 2019
- Justice Across Borders: The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual PGSA@UT Philosophy Conference, University of Tennessee 2018
- Reading Ethics and Political Philosophy (REAPP) Graduate/Early Careers Conference, University of Reading 2017

“The Sickness unto Disability: Structural Stigma as a Social Determinant of Health.”

- Panel on “Structural Injustice, Health and Disabilities” at the World Congress of Bioethics (virtual presentation) 2020

“The Meaning of Health in the Liberal Theory of Justice”

- American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago 2018

“Distancing Disability from Disease – Its Promises and Pitfalls” (with Carina Fourie)

- Symposium on Disability and Diversity, Philosophy of Education Society of North America (PESNA) Conference, University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL 2018

“Implicit Disability Bias: What Ought Philosophers to Do?” (with Anita Silvers)

- American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle 2017

## On Neuroethics

“Are Disenhanced “Super-Soldiers” Disabled? Disenhancement, Disability, and Justice”

- Interdisciplinary Conference on the Ethical and Legal Significance of Super Soldiers, Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (CERL) at the University of Pennsylvania 2023

“Enhanced Up, Don’t Shoot! Reducing Police Brutality by Means of Moral Neuroenhancement”

- American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL (with Natalia Montes) 2022
- The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR (with Natalia Montes) 2019
- The 11<sup>th</sup> Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 2018

“The Trauma of Losing Your Own Identity Again”: The Ethics of Explantation of Brain-Computer Interfaces”

- Invited Panel on “The Rights of, and Rights In, Prostheses and Assistive Technology.” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (virtual presentation) 2022

“Should We Call it “Mind-Reading”? Brain-Reading Technologies and Filling in the Hermeneutical Gaps to Promote Social Justice”

- International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting: Social Justice at the Center: Shaping the Future of Neuroethics, virtual meeting (poster presentation) 2021

“Cultivating the Trustworthiness of Researchers: The Role of Ethical Reflexivity in Neurotechnology Research”

- International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting: Mapping Neuroethics: An Expanded Vision, Chicago, IL (poster presentation) 2019

“Cognitive Enhancement with Brain Implants: The Burden of Abnormality”

- International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting: Cutting Edge Neuroscience, Cutting Edge Neuroethics, San Diego, CA (poster presentation) 2018

## Other Topics

“Sanctuary Cities and Political Philosophy: What They Are, What They Could and Should Be” (with Julio Covarrubias-Cabeza)

- Society for Mexican-American Philosophy, APA Eastern Division Meeting, New York City, NY 2019

“Contested Spaces, Contested Identities, and the Ethics of Gentrification”

- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, New York City, NY (post presentation) 2019
- Philosophy of the City Conference, University of San Francisco 2016
- Philosophy of the City Conference, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico City (with Claire Becerra) 2015

“On Planetary Health: What It Is, What It Could and Should Be.”

- Exploratory Workshop on the Ethics of Planetary Health, University of Washington 2018

**Comments**

- Author Meets Critics: Elyse Purcell, *Engineering Perfection: Solidarity, Disability, and Well-being*. American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA. 2023
- Bella-Rose Grace Kelly, “Concealing Gender Non-Conformity: A Trans Phenomenology of Disability.” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Denver, CO. 2023
- Patricia Marino, “Discrimination and ‘Social Values’ in Cost-Effectiveness Analysis: The Case of the QALY.” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Montreal. 2023
- Étienne Brown, “Free Speech, Autonomy, and the Legal Prohibition of Fake News.” Symposium: Liberty and Propaganda, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting (virtual) 2021
- Jason Chen, “Objective Quality of Life and Objective List Theory of Well-Being.” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver. 2019
- Benjamin Hole, “Human Enhancement and Radical Virtue.” The 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Bellevue College, Seattle, WA 2018
- Megan Blomfeld, “Climate Change and the Moral Significance of Historical Injustice in Natural Resource Governance.” The Ben Rabinowitz Symposium in Environmental Ethics–Intergenerational Justice: Stewardship, History, Limits, University of Washington 2015

**Workshops**

- Horizon Scan on the Ethical Use of AI for Performance Enhancement both Inside and Outside the Military. University of Massachusetts, Lowell 2022
- The Dutch School of Philosophy (Onderzoekschool Wijsbegeerte – OZSW) Autumn School on Migration, Borders, and Citizenship, Amsterdam 2017

**Invited Talks**

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- “Science Communication and Public Trust.” Georgia Southern Philosophy Club Lecture Series, Georgia Southern University, GA 2022
  - “Disability Justice and Inclusive Education.” Movable Feast Lecture Series, Georgia Southern University, Savannah, GA 2022
  - “Is a Deaf Future and Open Future? On the Ethics of Deaf Embryo Selection.” Philosophy Talks Series, Bellevue College, Seattle, WA 2018

**Teaching****Georgia Southern University**

Upper-division:

- Bioethics Fall 2023
- Philosophy of Mass Incarceration Spring 2023
- Philosophy of Law Fall 2022
- Technology, Society, and Human Values Spring 2022

## Lower-division:

- Introduction to Ethics (honors course) Spring 2023
- Introduction to Ethics Fall 2023 – Fall 2021

**Bellevue College**

- Introduction to Philosophy Fall 2019, Spring 2019
- Contemporary Moral Problems Winter 2019

**Washington Corrections Center for Women**

- Philosophy and Incarceration (with Anna Bates) Summer 2021
- Introduction to Philosophy (with Anna Bates) Fall 2019
- Introduction to Philosophy (with Sofia Huerter) Fall 2018
- Introduction to Philosophy Spring 2017
- Introduction to Philosophy (with Blake Hereth) Fall 2016

**San Francisco State University**

## Upper-division:

- Ethics in Medicine Summer 2018, Summer 2017

## Lower-division:

- Contemporary Moral and Political Issues Spring 2013
- Introduction to Philosophy & Religion Spring 2012
- Introduction to Critical Thinking Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Fall 2011

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### Other Teaching/Mentoring

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## Senior Thesis Supervision

- Christian N. Futch, “Bad Acts, Worst Responses: Reconsidering the Moral Foundations of the US Criminal Justice System” 2022

## Ethics Bowl Organizer/Coach

- Georgia Southern University 2023 – Current
- Washington Corrections Center for Women 2018 – 2021
- Lake Washington High School 2017 – 2019

Faculty Mentor, Philosophy in High Schools Program at Georgia Southern 2022 – 2023

## Mentor, Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Summer Program, Center for Neurotechnology

- Kowe Kadoma, “Reconsidering Lack of Social Support as Exclusion Criterion for Neurotechnology Participation.” 2019
- Cohavit Gil, “Rethinking the Scope of Research Participation in Neural Engineering: Insights from Citizen Science and End-User Experience” 2018
- Sierra Simmerman, “A Technology Unlike Any Other: BCIs and the Analogies Used to Understand their Ethical Implications” 2017

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### Honors & Awards

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**University of Washington**

- GO-MAP Dissertation Fellowship 2021
- Mellon Summer Fellowship for Public Projects in the Humanities 2021, 2020

- UW Graduate School Medal Award 2020
- Melvin Rader Summer Grant for Innovative Projects in Philosophy 2019, 2018
- Mellon Fellowship in Reaching New Publics in the Humanities 2018
- RoME's Analytically-Informed Applied Ethics of Technology Prize 2018
- UW Department of Philosophy's Graduate Teaching Award 2017
- Dean's Commendation for Exceptional Student Evaluations 2016
- University of Washington Graduate School Top Scholars Fellowship 2015

### San Francisco State University

- Graduate Award for Distinguished Achievement 2014
- Segal Americorps Education Award for National Service 2010

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## Departmental Service

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### Georgia Southern University

- Social Media Coordinator, Philosophy and Religious Studies Department 2021 – Current
- Committee Member, Diversity Excellence, and Inclusion Committee 2021 – 2022

### University of Washington

- Committee Member, UW Philosophy Department Climate Committee 2017 – 2021
- Research Assistant for Stephen M. Gardiner 2016 – 2021
- Graduate Representative, UW Philosophy Department Hiring Committee 2019 – 2020
- Committee Member, UW Philosophy Department Colloquium Committee 2014 – 2021
- Supervisor, Philosophy Writing Center 2018 – 2019
- Co-Organizer, Philosophy Graduate/Early Career Conference Committee
  - Conceiving the (Un)Quiet Mind: Representations of Mental Health in Literature, Media, and Art (keynote: Richard Block) 2020 – 2021
  - Eye of the Storm: Climate Ethics in the Age of Inaction (keynote: Nancy Tuana) 2016 – 2018
  - Values in Science (keynote: Kevin Elliot) 2014 – 2016

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## Service to the Profession

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- Committee Chair, Robert I. Strozier Faculty Lecture Series 2022 – Current
- BRAIN Initiative Grant Reviewer, National Institute of Health 2023 – Current
- Peer reviewer, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference 2021 – Current
- Journal reviewer, *American Journal of Bioethics—Neuroscience* 2019 – Current
- Chapter Representative, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) 2017 – 2021

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## Community Service

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Member, Freedom Education Project Puget Sound (FEPPS) Education Advisory Board

2018 – 2021

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## References

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