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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social & Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Science and Values, Bioethics,  
Environmental Ethics

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Social & Feminist Epistemologies, Philosophy of Disability, Philosophy of Race,  
Indigenous Philosophy

### EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Utah 2020-2026 (expected)

Dissertation Title: *Disaster Management Justice: Emergency Policymaking for a Democratic Society*

Committee: Dr. Cynthia Stark (supervisor), Dr. Erin Beeghly, Dr. Leslie Francis, Dr. James Tabery, Dr. Melinda Fagan, and Dr. Eric B. Kennedy (York University, Disaster & Emergency Management)

Defense Date: February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

M.A. in Philosophy, Northern Illinois University 2018-2020

B.S. in Genetics & Philosophy, Iowa State University 2013-2017

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Peer-Reviewed Publications

Smith, Adam C. (Forthcoming) Science Policy Advising & Political Legitimacy: A Feminist Public Reason View. *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*.

Smith, Adam C. (2026). Emergency & Disaster Management Justice. *The Journal of Ethics*, 30(1): 21-45.

Santana, Carlos, **Smith, Adam C.**, Petrozzo, Kathryn, & Halm, Derek. (2023). The Irrationality of Stand Your Ground: Game Theory on Self-Defense. *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, 10(2): 387-404.

**Smith, Adam C.** & Downes, Stephen M. (2023). Shallow versus deep genetic causes. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 46: e201.

Editor-Reviewed Publications (e.g., Invited Chapters & Articles, Conference Proceedings, etc.)  
Smith, Adam C. (Forthcoming). Developing a Feminist Political Philosophy of Science. In A.C. Love and S. Verhaegh (eds), *Philosophy of Science: Past, Present, and Future*. Minnesota Studies in the Philosophy of Science. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

### In Progress

**Smith, Adam C.**, & Kennedy, Eric B. (Invited/Draft in Progress). Fire Science & Wildland Fire Management. In *Comprehensive Philosophy of Science*. Elsevier.

Allen, Hannah & **Smith, Adam C.** (Revise & Resubmit). Can GWAS Find Causes? Inductive Risk and Behavioral Genetics.

Smith, Adam C. (Draft). A Justice-based Definition of Health.

Smith, Adam C. (Draft). The Marginalization of Indigenous Fire Stewardship.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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“Wildfire Management Policymaking & Tribal Involvement: Going Beyond Co-Management”

- *Idealization and Values in Science Policymaking Workshop*, Colorado State University, April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

“The Marginalization of Indigenous Fire Stewardship”

- *American Philosophical Association (APA) Pacific Division Annual Meeting*, Online, April 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- *University of Utah Philosophy Graduate Conference*, University of Utah, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- *Tanner Graduate Works in Progress Series*, University of Utah, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- *International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE) Annual Summer Meeting*, University of Montana, June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- *8<sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophy, Politics & Economics Conference*, New Orleans, LA, November 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- *10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice*, Ann Johnson Institute for Science Technology & Society, University of South Carolina, May 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

“Politically Legitimate Values in Science Policy Advising: A Feminist Public Reason View”

- *29<sup>th</sup> Biennial Philosophy of Science Association (PSA) Conference*, New Orleans, LA, November 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- *Philosophy of Science: Past, Present, Future*, Minnesota Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Minnesota, October 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- *Revitalizing Science and Values*, The Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, April 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- *Boston University Philosophy Graduate Conference*, Boston University, March 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

- *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Duke/UNC Graduate Student Workshop*, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024
  - *Science, etc.: Explanation, Technology, and Communication Grad Student Conference*, University of Washington, October 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- “GWAS, Genetic Causation Claims, & Inductive Risk” w/ Hannah Allen
- *ISHPSSB 2023 (International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology)*, University of Toronto / Online, July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - *A Triple Helix: Metaphor, Society, and the Science of Evolution, A Hybrid Workshop in Memory of Richard Lewontin*, UNAM (National Autonomous University of Mexico) / Online, October 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- “Healthcare without ‘Health’”
- *Tanner Graduate Works in Progress Series*, University of Utah, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- “Emergency Management & Justice”
- *Building Back Better: Opportunities and Risks Graduate Conference*, Carleton University / Online, November 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - *Tanner Graduate Works in Progress Series*, University of Utah, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.
  - *Georgia Philosophical Society Conference*, Online, December 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.
- “Biological Individuals in a Process Ontology: An Objection to Process Monism”
- *ISHPSSB 2021 (International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology)*, Online, July 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### Commenter

On Kristen Intemann, Mary Farina, Amy Megowan, and Azin Rashed’s “Environmental Justice Challenges in Prescribed Fire Research and Policy”, *International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE) Annual Summer Meeting*, University of Montana, June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

On Laura Soter’s “The Mislocation of Moral Responsibility for Implicit Bias” *Northern Illinois University’s 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference*, Northern Illinois University, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### Poster

“Healthcare without ‘Health’: A Justice-focused Approach to Universal Healthcare” *Central APA 2023 / \*Did not attend due to weather\**, Denver, CO, February 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

“A Pluralist Ontology of Biological Practice: Substances, Processes, and Individuals, oh my!” *28<sup>th</sup> Biennial Philosophy of Science Association (PSA) Conference*, Pittsburgh, PA, November 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## **AWARDS & GRANTS**

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ESRR Humanities/Arts Endowment Fund at The Chicago Community Foundation      2021-2024

[\$5,000 per year]

Fung Summer Internship for Undergraduate Genetics Research, Iowa State University [\$3,500] Summer 2014

In Progress

Eric B. Kennedy (lead) & Adam C. Smith. (Draft in progress). Grant for an interdisciplinary fire workshop. Application to be submitted for a *Connections Grant* from the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

**TEACHING**

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University of Utah

\* = taught online, asynchronously

\*\* = taught online, synchronously

Instructor

Justice & International Affairs	PHIL 3730	Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Fall 2024
Intro to Philosophy: Human Nature	PHIL 1003	Fall 2025
Science & Society: Values, Objectivity, Policy, & Trust	PHIL 3310	Summer 2025*, Spring 2024
Bioethics	PHIL 3520	Summer 2024*, Fall 2023, Spring 2023

Co-Instructor

Science & Society: Values, Aesthetics, & Genetics	PHIL 3310	Summer 2023*
Science & Society: Values, Psychiatry, & Genetics	PHIL 3310	Summer 2022*

Teaching Assistant

Intro to Philosophy: Ethical Dilemmas Instructor: Dr. Thi Nguyen	PHIL 1001	Fall 2022
Science & Society: Science and Racial & Social Justice Instructor: Dr. Carlos Santana	PHIL 3310	Spring 2022
Philosophy of Cognitive Science Instructor: Dr. Natalia Washington	PHIL 3440	Fall 2021
Philosophy of Race: Science of Race & Racism Instructor: Dr. James Tabery	PHIL 3870	Spring 2021**

## SERVICE

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Librarian, Department of Philosophy, University of Utah	2022-Present
MAP Librarian, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), University of Utah	2022-Present.
Conference Submission Referee, University of Utah Graduate Student Conference	Fall 2025
President of Philosophy Graduate Student Committee, University of Utah	2024-2025
Organizer of Philosophy of Science Reading Group, University of Utah	2024-2025
Member of the Student Advisory Committee, University of Utah	Fall 2023
Co-Organizer for Michigan State University & University of Utah Engaged Philosophy Graduate Symposium	Spring 2022
Chairperson of Youth Prison Volunteer Program, Northern Illinois University	2018-2020
Conference Submission Referee, Northern Illinois University's 13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference	Fall 2019
Conference Submission Referee, Northern Illinois University's 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference	Fall 2018

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### University of Utah

Research Assistant to Dr. Leslie Francis for the American Philosophical Association Task Force on Contingent Faculty Summer 2023

### Northern Illinois University

Graduate Assistant, Founder's Memorial Library 2018-2020  
Student-Athlete Academic Support Services Tutor 2018-2020

### Iowa State University

Genetics Research Assistant for Dr. Clark Coffman 2014-2017  
Philosophy Grading Assistant Spring 2016  
Academic Success Center Tutor 2014-2015

## REVIEWER FOR

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Philosophy, Theory, and Practice in Biology; Journal of Social Philosophy

## MEMBERSHIP

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American Philosophical Association	2020-Present
Philosophy of Science Association	2020-Present
Philosophy, Politics, & Economics Society	2025-Present
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology	2020-Present

## READING & LAB GROUPS

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### University of Utah

2021-2026: Philosophy of Science Reading Group

2020-2022: Philosophy of Biology Lab

2020-2021: Science and Ethics Reading Group

### Northern Illinois University

Summer 2020: Philip Kitcher on Science & Democracy

## REFERENCES

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