

# A.G. (Anthony) Holdier

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## Research Interests

### *Areas of Specialization*

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Philosophy of Language, Normative Philosophy of Computing/AI, Philosophy of Religion

### *Areas of Competence*

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Social/Political Epistemology, Public Policy/PPE

## Education

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Ph.D. s.d. *Public Policy* (coursework complete)

Ph.D. ABD *Philosophy*

Dissertation: "How to Do Things with Little Speaking Tubes: On Speech Acts and Normative Philosophy of Computing"

Committee: Amanda McMullen, Jenna L.A. Donohue, Eric Funkhouser, Tom Senior

University of Arkansas

M.A. 2020 *Philosophy*

Thesis: [Perceptual Characterization: On Perceptual Learning & Perspectival Sedimentation](#)

Additional Graduate Certificate (15 credit hrs.): Sustainability

M.A. 2012 *Philosophy of Religion*

Denver Seminary

B.A. 2009 *Anthropology*

Colorado State Univ.

## Selected Publications

### *Refereed Articles*

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8 Listed / 11 Total

2024 "Slurring Silences," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, forthcoming.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/phpr.13114>

"AI Romance and Misogyny: A Speech Act Analysis," with Kelly Weirich, [Oxford Intersections: AI and Society](#), forthcoming (Oxford University Press).

"Two Distinctions About Eating Animals," *Between the Species* 27, no. 1: Art. 3.  
<https://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu/bts/vol27/iss1/3>

2022 "A Grammar in Two Dimensions: The Temporal Mechanics of Arrival and the Semantics/Pragmatics Divide," *Journal of Science Fiction and Philosophy* 5, no. 1.  
<https://jsfphil.org/holdier-a-grammar-in-two-dimensions/>

- 2021 ““Teach Me to Do What’s Right”: Faith, Hope, and Love as Post-Religious Virtues,” *Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory* 20, no. 3. <https://jcr.org/archives/20.3/Holdier.pdf>
- 2020 “Is Heaven a Zoopolis?” *Faith and Philosophy* 37, no. 4: 475–499. <https://doi.org/10.37977/faithphil.2020.37.4.6>
- 2018 “Divine Energies: The Consuming Fire and the Beatific Vision,” *Theologica* 2, no. 2. <https://doi.org/10.14428/thl.v2i2.2233>
- 2016 “The Pig’s Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism,” *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 29, no. 4: 631–642. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10806-016-9624-9>

### Edited Book Chapters

2 Listed / 5 Total

- 2017 “The Agony of the Infinite: Heaven as Phenomenological Hell,” in [Heaven and Philosophy](#), edited by Simon Cushing (Lanham, MD: Lexington Press)
- 2016 “Speciesistic Veganism: An Anthropocentric Argument,” in [Critical Perspectives on Veganism and Meat Consumption](#), edited by Jodey Castricano and Rasmus R. Simonsen (New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan)

### Encyclopedia Entries

3 Listed / 3 Total

- 2019 “Hell and Universalism,” *1000-Word Philosophy*. <https://1000wordphilosophy.com/2019/10/18/hell-and-universalism/>
- 2018 “Chronological Snobbery,” and “Complex Question,” in [Bad Arguments: 100 of the Most Important Fallacies in Western Philosophy](#), edited by Robert Arp, Steven Barbone, and Michael Bruce (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell).

### Book Reviews

3 Listed / 7 Total

- 2024 *Nasty, Brutish, and Short: Adventures in Philosophy with My Kids* by Scott Hershovitz, *Precollege Philosophy and Public Practice* 6 (Spring): 63–66. <https://doi.org/10.5840/p4202462>
- 2021 *Subhuman: The Moral Psychology of Human Attitudes to Animals* by T.J. Kasperbauer, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 18, no. 2: 206–209. <https://doi.org/10.1163/17455243-18020008>
- 2020 *Fellow Creatures: Our Obligations to Other Animals* by Christine M. Korsgaard, *Between the Species* 23, no. 1. <https://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu/bts/vol23/iss1/>

## Selected Conference Activity

### Research Presentations

40 Listed

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| 2025 | Apr. | APA: Pacific Division<br>(Colloquium) | “Baptizing Penguins: The Socio-Pragmatics of Heresy”                                    |
|      | Feb. | APA: Central Division<br>(Colloquium) | “Agency, Authorship, and Algorithmic Adversaries: Two Distinctions in Context Collapse” |

<b>2024</b>	<b>Sep.</b>	MINT–Yale Law School NPC Workshop	“Parrots, Penguins, and Putnam’s Ants: Chatbots and the Illocutionary Backstop 🐦”
	<b>Sep.</b>	USU Ethics and AI Conference	“Parrots, Penguins, and Putnam’s Ants: Chatbots and the Illocutionary Backstop 🐦”
	<b>Jul.</b>	North American Society for Social Philosophy	“Baptizing Penguins: The Socio-pragmatics of Heresy”
	<b>Jun.</b>	Social Ontology	“Baptizing Penguins: The Socio-pragmatics of Heresy”
<b>2023</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	HaPoC-7	“Agentic and Algorithmic Context Collapse”
	<b>Sep.</b>	MANCEPT Workshop, “Governing AI”	“Cruel Optimism and AI Governance: Democratization as a Magic Concept”
	<b>May</b>	Narrative Policy Framework Workshop	“Narrational Arenas of Power: A Dunamistic Policy Typology”
	<b>Apr.</b>	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) w/ Creed Tumlison	“‘You’re Lucky I’m Here’: Examining the Roles of Influence in Organizational Decision-Making and Perceived Value Congruence on Trust in Information Regarding COVID-19”
	<b>Mar.</b>	Philosophy, AI, & Society Oxford PhD Colloquium	“Agentic and Algorithmic Context Collapse”
	<b>Feb.</b>	APA: Central Division ( <i>Symposium</i> )	“Consider the Lobster: Speciesism, Algorithmic Bias, and the Ethics of Care”
<b>2022</b>	<b>Aug.</b>	Social Ontology	“Illocuting Identity: Prayer, Pornography, and Behabitive Speech Acts”
	<b>Jul.</b>	North American Society for Social Philosophy	“Consider the Lobster: Speciesism, Algorithmic Bias, and the Ethics of Care”
	<b>May</b>	Canadian Philosophical Association Congress	“On Useless Wights: An Aristotelian Critique of Fake News”
	<b>May</b>	Machine Wisdom Workshop (II)	“Consider the Lobster: Speciesism, Algorithmic Bias, and the Ethics of Care”
	<b>Apr.</b>	Great Lakes Phil. Conf.	“Illocuting Identity: Prayer, Pornography, and Behabitive Speech Acts”
	<b>Jan.</b>	APA: Eastern Division ( <i>Colloquium</i> )	“On the Epistemic Threats of Counterfeit Memorials”
<b>2021</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	Cogweirdo Workshop	“The Rights and Wrongs of Eating People (and Their Pets)”
	<b>Oct.</b>	Concerned Philosophers for Peace Conference	“Malpractice on Human Souls: The Violence of Fake News” (w/ Jacob Warren) <b>Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Award: 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
	<b>Oct.</b>	Public Philosophy Network Conference	“On Useless Wights: An Aristotelian Critique of Fake News”
	<b>Aug.</b>	Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XIV	“On Deepfakes and Confederate Monuments: The Epistemic Threat of Counterfeit Memorials”
	<b>Jun.</b>	Words Workshop	“Chewing on the QUD: Partisanship and the Cooperative Principle”
	<b>May</b>	Society of Christian Philosophers: Mtn.-Pac.	“Christian Nationalism, QAnon, and COVID-19: On the Epistemology of Heresy”
<b>2020</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	ASA Workshop on the Philosophy of Games	“‘Roll Initiative’: Make-Believe, Striving Games, and Cognitive Perspectivalism”
	<b>Apr.</b>	GPSC Research Colloq. Cancelled: COVID-19	“‘Observation Reconsidered’ Reconsidered: Theory-Ladenness, Epistemic Charge, and Norm-Sensitive Aliefs”

	<b>Feb.</b>	APA: Central Division (Poster)	“‘Observation Reconsidered’ Reconsidered: Theory-Ladenness, Epistemic Charge, and Norm-Sensitive Aliefs”
	<b>Feb.</b>	APA: Central Division (Affiliate Colloquium)	“‘Teach Me to Do What’s Right’: Faith, Hope, and Love as Post-Religious Virtues”
<b>2019</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	Theistic Ethics Workshop	“‘The Sin that Dwells in Me’: Theistic Ethics and Belief-Discordant Aliefs”
	<b>Aug.</b>	Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XII	“Diathetic Injustice: Factory Farms and the Ethics of Alief”
	<b>Apr.</b>	Gettysburg Philosophy and Film Seminar	“‘Why a Storyteller Can’t Change the Past: Contextualism, the Semantics/Pragmatics Divide, and Repetition in the Art of Time Travel Narratives”
	<b>Mar.</b>	Southern Journal of Philosophy Workshop	“Diathetic Injustice: Factory Farms and the Ethics of Alief”
<b>2018</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture	“‘And Also Much Cattle’: Theological Reflections of the Zoopolis”
<b>2017</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	Evangelical Philosophical Society	“‘He Descended into...Heaven?: Obdurationism and the Descent of Christ”
<b>2016</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference	“‘Shantih Shantih Shantih: The Aporia of Solitude in <i>Children of Men</i> ”
<b>2015</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	Northwest Philosophy Conference	“‘The Pig’s Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism”
	<b>Aug.</b>	Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress VIII	“‘The Pig’s Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism”
	<b>May</b>	Conference on Christianity and Literature	“‘Raising a Knight of Faith: Kierkegaardian Reflections on Three Cinematic Fairy Tales”
<b>2014</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	Northwest Philosophy Conference	“‘Embodied Magic: Phenomenology of Fantasy Inside Batman’s Arkham Asylum”
	<b>Apr.</b>	Society of Christian Philosophers: Mtn.-Pac.	“‘All Animals are Equal: Dominion, Deontology, and De Facto Vegetarianism”
<b>2013</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference	“‘Souperheroes: What Would Tolkien Think of Batman?”

### Comments Delivered

12 Listed

<b>2024</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference	“Commitment Normativism—How a Normativist about Belief Can Embrace Output-side Req’s w/o Giving Up the Connection to Truth”	Aliosha Barranco Lopez (Bowdoin College)
	<b>Mar.</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Penn-Georgetown Digital Ethics Workshop	“The Right to Explain”	Chelsea Rosenthal (Simon Fraser)
	<b>Mar.</b>	APA: Pacific Division Symposium: Philosophy of Content Moderation	“Should YouTube Make Recommendations for the Climate?”  “Something AI Should Tell You: The Case for Labeling Synthetic Content”  “The (Normative) Case for Bridging-Based Ranking”	Martin Gibert et al. (Montreal)  Sarah Fisher (UC London)  Luke Thorburn (KCL)

<b>2023</b>	<b>Aug.</b>	Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XVI	“The Implications of Understanding Moral Principles as Generics”	Ravi Thakral (Nevada-Reno)
<b>2022</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	Central States Philosophical Assoc.	“In Defense of Negativity: Why Echo Chambers Should Not Be Neutral”	Cassie Finley (Iowa)
<b>2021</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	Southwestern Philosophical Society	“Is Annihilationism More Severe than Eternal Conscious Torment?”	Eric Reitan (Oklahoma State)
	<b>Feb.</b>	APA: Central Division	“Kant on Whether Plants Represent”	Tyke Nunez (South Carolina)
	<b>Jan.</b>	Cogtweeto Workshop	“ <i>Mono no Aware</i> as Humane Action”	Johnathan Flowers (American)
<b>2020</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	APA: Central Division	“Pains as Objects of Perception”	Jessie Wilson (USC)
<b>2019</b>	<b>Aug.</b>	Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals	“Temperance, Meat-Eating, and Virtue Ethics”	Raja Halwani (Art Inst. of Chicago)

### *Invited Talks*

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<b>2024</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	Of Christ and Creatures: Animals in Christian Theology Workshop (SLU)	“Faith in Non-humanity”
<b>2019</b>	<b>Mar.</b>	Ethics Writing Retreat (Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics)	

## Teaching Experience

### *University of Arkansas*

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<b><u>Instructor of Record</u></b>		<i>(full teaching responsibilities, including course design)</i>
<b>2019–2024</b>	Introduction to Ethics	Nine (9) sections across five (5) semesters
<b>2021–2024</b>	Introduction to Philosophy	Seven (7) sections across four (4) semesters
<b>2020</b>	Critical Reasoning	One (1) section in one (1) semester
<b>2020</b>	Human Nature & the Meaning of Life	One (1) section in one (1) semester

<b><u>Graduate Assistant</u></b>		<i>(responsible for grading assignments &amp; leading weekly discussion sections)</i>
<b>2018–2019</b>	Introduction to Philosophy	A total of two (2) courses with six (6) discussion sections across two (2) semesters

### *Missouri Valley College*

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<b><u>Instructor of Record</u></b>		<i>(full teaching responsibilities, including course design)</i>
<b>2024–</b>	Ethics and Contemporary Moral Issues	Two (2) sections across two (2) semesters

### *Colorado Technical University*

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<b><u>Instructor of Record</u></b>		<i>(full teaching responsibilities)   Courses offered regularly every two months</i>	
<b>2016–2024</b>	Introduction to Ethics	<b>2019–2021</b>	Contemporary Ethics in Action
		<b>2014–2016</b>	Ethics for Professionals

## Professional Experience

### *Operations Director/Project Manager*

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2022–2024 Good Impressions Media Developed and maintained the administrative skeleton of a startup nonprofit; managed hyper-targeted digital advertising projects

### *Policy Analyst*

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2023 Dec. Towards Promoting Ridership Attitudes: Ozark Regional Transit  
A Policy Analysis (NW Arkansas)

2023 May Review: The Community Compost and Recycling & Trash Collection Services  
Food Waste Reduction Program (City of Fayetteville, AR)

### *Research Assistant*

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2020–2021 The Reasoning in the Digital Age Project (U. of Arkansas)

## Leadership and Service

### *Organizer*

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2024 Oct. [CO-CREATED] The Social Philosophy Workshop w/ NASSP  
Mar. Webinar: “Philosophy Education Beyond the Academy,” APA Live w/ PLATO

2023 Apr. Panel: “Contemporary Trans Philosophy,” w/ the Trans Philosophy Project  
Jan. Webinar: “Teaching Philosophy with Art and Literature,” APA Live

2022 Mar. [CO-CREATED] The Inaugural Philosophy in the Ozarks Graduate Conference (Arkansas)

2021 Oct. Panel: “The Inhumanity of Fake News” (Public Philosophy Network Conference),  
w/ Jennifer Foster, Megan Fritts, and Seth Goldwasser

### *Editorial Assistant*

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2022–2024 [Faith and Philosophy](#): Journal of the Society of Christian Philosophers

2023 [Not Giving Up On People: A Feminist Case for Prison Abolition](#), by Emerick and Yap (Indexer)

2022 [Matter and Mathematics: An Essential Account of the Laws of Nature](#), by Younan (Indexer)

### *Peer Reviewer*

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2024 *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*

2023 W. W. Norton & Company, *Essays in Philosophy*

2022 Lexington Press, *Between the Species*, Concerned Philosophers for Peace/Brill

2021 Southwestern Philosophical Society, Third Cogtweeto Workshop, GPSC Research Colloquium

### ***Elected Service***

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- 2022–2024 Graduate Student Council (*American Philosophical Association*)  
Liaison: Committee on Non-Academic Careers, Virtual Programming Committee
- 2018–2022 Graduate-Professional Student Congress (*University of Arkansas*)  
President Pro Tempore: Legislative Assembly (2021–2022); Secretary: Executive Cabinet (2020–2021); Chair: Academic and Teaching Committee (2018–2020)
- 2018–2024 Graduate Student Philosophical Society (*University of Arkansas*)  
President (2019–2020); GPSC Representative (2018–2020)

### **Awards and Recognitions**

#### ***Fellowships***

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- 2023–2025 Machine Intelligence and Normative Theory Lab Fellow *Australian National University*
- 2021–2024 Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project Fellow *University of Southern California*
- 2020–2024 Doctoral Academy Fellowship *University of Arkansas*

#### ***Awards and Scholarships***

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- 2024 J. Hillman Yowell Award for Excellence in Teaching Fulbright College of Arts & Sciences (Arkansas)
- 2023 Vernon Teaching Award Dept. of Philosophy (Arkansas)
- 2022 The GPSC Leadership Award Graduate-Professional Student Congress (Arkansas)
- 2021 SEC Emerging Scholars List The Southeastern Conference
- 2020 The Alex Marino Service Award Graduate-Professional Student Congress (Arkansas)
- 2019 Phillip S. Bashor Graduate Philosophy Scholarship Dept. of Philosophy (Arkansas)

#### ***Grants***

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- 2021 Scientifically Engaged Lecture Grant Society of Christian Philosophers \$2000
- 2018 PhD Application Fee Waiver Grant Institute for Humane Studies \$250

### **Community Publications**

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- 2018–2022 Regular magazine-style articles for *The Prindle Post* as a News Analyst
- 2014–2023 Chapters in eight (8) *Popular Culture and Philosophy* volumes:  
Open Court/Carus Books Six (6) *Supernatural; Mr. Rogers; Superman v. Batman; Doctor Who; The Devil; Jurassic Park*

Rowman & Littlefield

One (1)

*Jane Austen*

Wiley Blackwell

One (1)

*Star Wars*

## References

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