

Michael Dale

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Philosophy
Hampden-Sydney College
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■ Areas of Interest

AoS: Ethics, Moral Psychology, Ethics of Technology (esp. Artificial Intelligence)
AoC: Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Science, Political Philosophy, Cognitive Science,
Philosophy of Biology, Evolutionary Theory

■ Employment

Elliott Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Hampden-Sydney College	2026-
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Hampden-Sydney College	2023-
Postdoctoral Fellow, Eindhoven University of Technology	2022-2023

■ Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, The University of Texas at Austin	2016-2022
M.Ed. Higher Ed Leadership, The University of Texas at Austin	2019-2022
M.A. Philosophy, Brandeis University	2014-2016
B.A. Philosophy (Honors), Vassar College	2007-2011

■ Edited Volume

Dale, M., Wiegman, I. (forthcoming). *Philosophy and the Evolution of Virtue and Vice*. Oxford, UK: Routledge.

■ Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Dale, M., Saad, B. (forthcoming). "How philosophical reasoning shapes the alignment problem: evolutionary debunking as a case study." *Synthese*.

Dale, M., Wiegman, I. (forthcoming). "Evolution, situationism, and virtue ethics." *Philosophical Studies*.

Dale, M., Gubka, S. (forthcoming). "AI Emotion Recognition and Affective Injustice." *Erkenntnis*.

Wiegman, I., Dale, M. (forthcoming). "Situationism and the Evolution of Spite." In M. Dale & I. Wiegman (Eds.), *Philosophy and the Evolution of Virtue and Vice*. Routledge.

Dale, M., Wiegman, I. (forthcoming). "Introduction: Evolving Characters." In M. Dale & I. Wiegman (Eds.), *Philosophy and the Evolution of Virtue and Vice*. Routledge.

- Dale, M. (2025). "Robots, Wrasse, and the Evolution of Reciprocity." In M. Hähnel & R. Müller (Eds.), *A Companion to Applied Philosophy of AI* (pp. 211-223). Wiley-Blackwell.
- Gawronski, B., Ng, N., Dale, M. (2025). "Moral-Dilemma Judgments." In S. M. Laham (Ed.), *Handbook of Ethics and Social Psychology* (pp. 118-129). Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Wiegman, I., Dale, M. (2024). "The co-evolution of virtue and desert: debunking intuitions about intrinsic value." *Synthese* 204, 135, 1-18.
- Sackris, D., Dale, M. (2024). "Some Socratic Modesty: A Reconsideration of Recent Empirical Work on Moral Judgement." *Journal of Value Inquiry* 60(3), 1-23.
- Dale, M. (2023). "Ownership psychology and group size." *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 46, e331.
- Dale, M., Gawronski, B. (2023). "Brains, trains, and ethical claims: Reassessing the normative implications of moral dilemma research." *Philosophical Psychology* 36(1), 109-133.
- Nyholm, S., Friedman, C., Dale, M., Puzio, A. ... IJsselsteijn, W. (2023). "Social Robots and Society." In I. van de Poel et al. (Eds.), *Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies: An Introduction* (pp. 53-82). Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers.
- Dale, M. (2022). "The evolution of moral belief: support for the debunker's causal premise." *History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences* (Special Issue: Normativity and the Life Sciences: Analytic and Continental Perspectives) 44, 23, 1-18.
- Dale, M. (2020). "Neurons and normativity: A critique of Greene's notion of unfamiliarity." *Philosophical Psychology* 33(8), 1072-1095.
- Legare, C., Dale, M., Kim, S., Deak, G. (2018). "Cultural variation in cognitive flexibility reveals diversity in the development of executive functions." *Nature Scientific Reports* 8, 16326, 1-14.
- Dale, M. (2018). "The sexual selection of hominin bipedalism." *Ideas in Ecology and Evolution* 11(1), 47-60.

■ Book Reviews

- Dale, M. (2025). "Review of Dennis L. Krebs, *Survival of the Virtuous: How We Became a Moral Animal*." *The Philosophical Review* 134(1), 96-100.
- Dale, M. (2023). "Review of Jennifer Cole Wright et al., *Understanding Virtue: Theory and Measurement*." *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 20(1-2), 202-205.

■ Refereed Presentations

“Situationism and the Evolution of Spite”

- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Boston, 2027
- International Society for Moral Psychology Conference, Cornell University, 2026

“Utilitarianism and Sexual Selection”

- American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, 2026

“Evolutionary Debunking and Human Value”

- International Society for the Hist, Phil, and Soc Studies of Biology, Porto, Portugal, 2025

“A Single System Theory of Moral Cognition” (with Josh Mugg)

- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, 2023

“Robots, Wrasse, and the Evolution of Reciprocity”

- International Conference on Computer Ethics: Philosophical Enquiry, Chicago, 2023
- Ethical Theories for AI Workshop, University of Bremen, Germany, 2022

“AI Emotion Recognition and Affective Injustice” (with Steven Gubka)

- Sustainable AI Across Borders Conference, University of Bonn, Germany, 2023

“Evolutionary Debunking and the By-Product Hypothesis”

- American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, 2022
- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Meeting, Mobile, Alabama, 2022
- Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, 2021

“Evolution, Situationism, and Virtue Ethics” (with Isaac Wiegman)

- Aretai Conference: Virtue Ethics and the Ends of Moral Action, Rome, Italy, 2022
- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Meeting, Mobile, Alabama, 2022

“Evolution, Robot Rights, and the Social-Relational Approach to Moral Standing”

- Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, Siena Heights University, Adrian, Michigan, 2021

“Dodging the Debunker’s Question-Begging Objection Through Kant’s Rationality Entailment”

- Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, 2019

“The Evolution of Moral Belief: Support for the Debunker’s Causal Premise”

- International Society for the Hist, Phil, and Soc Studies of Biology, Oslo, Norway, 2019
- Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Vancouver, Canada, 2019

“The Implications of Personality Change on the Situationist Critique of Virtue Ethics”

- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2019

“Integrity as a Metavirtue: An Incorporative Answer to the Situationist Critique”

- Moral Psychology: From Neurons to Norms Conference, Beirut, Lebanon, 2018

“The Sexual Selection of Hominin Bipedalism”

- International Society for the Hist, Phil, and Soc Studies of Biology, São Paulo, Brazil, 2017

“Differential Comparatives: Linguistic or Conceptual Difficulties?”

- Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Austin, Texas, 2017

“On the Normative Significance of Cognitive Science”

- Boston Area Moral Cognition Group Speaker Series, Harvard University, 2015

“On Seneca’s Consequentialist Case Against Anger”

- Conference of the Felician Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs, New Jersey, 2015
- Long Island Philosophical Society Conference, St. John’s University, New York, 2015

“What is the Psychological State of Happiness?”

- South Carolina Society for Philosophy Meeting, Wofford College, South Carolina, 2015

“The Case for Modularity: An Analysis of Four Theoretical Arguments for Domain Specificity”

- Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Miami, Florida, 2013

“Basketball and Justice: On the Power and Truth of Nozick’s Wilt Chamberlain Argument”

- New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association Conference, New Jersey, 2011

■ Invited Talks

“Utilitarianism and Sexual Selection”

- James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 2026
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina, 2025

“Robots, Wrasse, and the Evolution of Reciprocity”

- University of North Carolina at Greensboro, The Great Conversation Speaker Series, 2025
- Human-Technology Interaction Colloquium Series, Eindhoven, The Netherlands, 2022

“Neurons and Normativity: A Critique of the Unfamiliarity Argument”

- North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, 2022
- Bertram Gawronski’s Social Cognition Lab, University of Texas at Austin, Texas, 2017

“Evolutionary Debunking and the By-Product Hypothesis”

- Moral Progress Reading Group, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, 2021

“Situationism, Virtue Ethics, and Personality Change”

- Bertram Gawronski’s Social Cognition Lab, University of Texas at Austin, Texas, 2019

“Language and Object Representation in Toddlers and Preschoolers”

- Laboratory for Developmental Studies, Harvard University, Massachusetts, 2016

“On the Normative Significance of Cognitive Science”

- Spring/Fall Speaker Series, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, 2015

■ Teaching

Primary Instructor

Ethics (Hampden-Sydney, 2023-2025, x3)
Ethics of AI (Hampden-Sydney, Spring 2024)
Political Philosophy (Hampden-Sydney, 2024-2026, x2)
Professional Ethics (Hampden-Sydney, 2023-2026, x4)
Seminar on Character (Hampden-Sydney, Spring 2025)
Philosophy of Art (Hampden-Sydney, Fall 2026)
Intro to Philosophy (Hampden-Sydney, 2023-2026, x8)
Critical Thinking (Hampden-Sydney, 2024-2026, x3)
Contemporary Moral Problems (UT-Austin, Fall 2020)
Science and Philosophy (UT-Austin, Spring 2019)

Co-Instructor

Human-AI Interaction (TU Eindhoven, Spring 2023)
Transhumanism and Human Enhancement (TU Eindhoven, Spring 2023)

Teaching Assistant

Medicine, Ethics, and Society (UT-Austin, 2020-2022, x2)
Medical Ethics (UT-Austin, 2017-2021, x3)
Introduction to Political Philosophy (UT-Austin, Spring 2021)
Contemporary Moral Problems (UT-Austin, 2016-2018, x3)
Introduction to the Philosophy of the Arts (UT-Austin, Fall 2018)
The Idea of the Market: Economic Philosophies (Brandeis University, Fall 2015)
Introduction to Philosophy (Harvard University, Summer 2015)
Aesthetics: Painting, Photography, and Film (Brandeis University, Spring 2015)

Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth

Ethics (Teaching Assistant, Skidmore, Summer 2018)
Human Nature and Technology (Teaching Assistant, Princeton, Summer 2017)

Teaching Development

Experiential Learning Workshop (Hampden-Sydney, Fall 2024)
Supervising Master's Students Certificate (TU Eindhoven, Spring 2023)
Philosophy Department Teaching Seminar (UT-Austin, Fall 2018)
Seminar on Instructional Psychology (UT-Austin, Spring 2019)
Inclusive Classrooms Leadership Certificate (Faculty Innovation Center, UT-Austin)
Pedagogical Workshop on Gender Diversity (UT-Austin, Fall 2018)
Teaching Preparation Certificate (Faculty Innovation Center, UT-Austin)
Seminar on Teaching Assistant Fundamentals (UT-Austin, Fall 2016)
Basics of Working with ELL Students Certificate (Writing Center, UT-Austin)

Volunteer Instructor

Texas Prison Education Initiative: Program offering college courses to incarcerated adults
Corrupt the Youth: Philosophy outreach program for high school students
COMPASS: Two-day workshop for underrepresented undergraduate students

Writing Center Experience

Assistant Graduate Services Coordinator (UT-Austin, 2019-2022)
Anti-Racism Training Co-Facilitator (UT-Austin, Fall 2020)
Interim Graduate Services Coordinator (UT-Austin, Spring 2020)
Graduate Writing Group Facilitator (UT-Austin, 2018-2022)
Graduate Writing Consultant (UT-Austin, 2017-2022)
Undergraduate Writing Consultant (Brandeis and UT-Austin, 2015-2020)

■ Lab Experience

Bertram Gawronski's Social Cognition Lab (UT-Austin, 2017-2022)
Cristine Legare's Evolution, Variation, and Ontogeny of Learning Lab (UT-Austin, 2017-2019)
Susan Carey's Laboratory for Developmental Studies (Harvard University, 2015-2016)

■ Service (* denotes organizational role)

Hampden-Sydney College

Philosophy Club Faculty Advisor (2023-present)
Undergraduate Virginia Philosophical Association* (2023-present)
Wilson Leadership Center Faculty Advisory Committee (2024-present)
IRB Research Ethics Committee (2024-present)
Athletics Committee (2026-present)
Ethics Bowl Coordinator (2024-present)
Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society Faculty Advisor (2025-present)
Freshman Advisor (2024-present)

Hybrid Intelligence-Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies Gravitation Grant Collaboration

Responsible Research in AI Workshop (2023)*
HHAI 2023 Conference Tutorial: Responsible AI by Design (2023)*
Post Mortem AI Presentation Series (2023)*
Member of HI-ESDiT Taskforce (2022-2023)
AI and Deception Reading Group (2022-2023)*

STEM Track, Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies Gravitation Grant

STEM Colloquium Series (2022-2023)*
Workshop on Unusual Collaborations (2022)*
STEM Panel, Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies Conference (2022)*

The University of Texas at Austin

The University of Texas at Austin's Graduate Philosophy Conference (2017-2018)*
Austin Graduate Ethics and Normativity Talks (2017-2018)*

Referee For: Routledge, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Synthese*, *Biology and Philosophy*, *Philosophical Psychology*, The Dutch Research School of Philosophy (OZSW), Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP), Austin Graduate Ethics and Normativity Talks (AGENT), The University of Texas at Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference