

# Michael Dale

## *Curriculum Vitae*

Department of Philosophy  
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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

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

### ■ Publications

- Dale, M. (forthcoming). "Ownership psychology and group size." *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
- Gawronski, B., Ng, N., Dale, M. (forthcoming). "Moral-Dilemma Judgments." In S. Laham (Ed.), *Handbook of Ethics and Social Psychology*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Nyholm, S., Friedman, C., Dale, M., Puzio, A. ... IJsselsteijn, W. (forthcoming). "Social Robots and Society." In I. van de Poel (Ed.), *Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies: An Introduction*. Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers.
- Dale, M., Gawronski, B. (2023). "Brains, trains, and ethical claims: Reassessing the normative implications of moral dilemma research." *Philosophical Psychology* 36(1), 109-133.
- 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. (2023). “Review of Jennifer Cole Wright et al., *Understanding Virtue: Theory and Measurement*.” *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 20(1-2), 202-205.

## ■ Refereed Presentations

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

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

“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

“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

“Robots, Wrasse, and the Evolution of Reciprocity”

- Human-Technology Interaction Colloquium Series, Eindhoven, The Netherlands, 2022

“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, UT-Austin, Texas, 2019

“What Practical Issues Should an Ethics Center Consider?”

- Panelist alongside Dr. Jess Miner, Dr. Suzanne Shanahan, and Dr. Virginia Brown at the Conference on Designing an Ethics Center at UT-Austin, Texas, 2018

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

- Bertram Gawronski’s Social Cognition Lab, UT-Austin, Texas, 2017

“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, Fall 2023)  
Introduction to Philosophy (Hampden-Sydney, Fall 2023)  
Professional Ethics (Hampden-Sydney, Fall 2023)  
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

Introduction to Political Philosophy (UT-Austin, Spring 2021)  
Medicine, Ethics, and Society (UT-Austin, Spring 2020; Spring 2022)  
Medical Ethics (UT-Austin, Fall 2017; Fall 2019; Fall 2021)  
Contemporary Moral Problems (UT-Austin, Fall 2016; Spring 2017; Spring 2018)  
The Idea of the Market: Economic Philosophies (Brandeis University, Fall 2015)  
Introduction to the Philosophy of the Arts (UT-Austin, Fall 2018)  
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

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 University 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)

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)\*