

# Paul A. Tubig, Ph.D.

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Academic Appointment

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Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Georgia Southern University

2021 – Current

## 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

## Research

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AOS: Social & Political Philosophy, Ethics (esp. Bioethics, Neuroethics, and Technology Ethics),  
Philosophy of Disability

AOC: Philosophy of Law, Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Race & Ethnicity, Philosophy of Migration,  
Philosophy of Incarceration

## Academic Publications

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1. “The Trauma of Losing Your Own Identity Again?: The Ethics of Explantation of Brain-Computer Interfaces” (with Frederic Gilbert) Forthcoming
2. “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
3. “Long Covid and Disability: A Brave New World.” *BMJ*, 378: e069868 (with Blake Hereth, Ashton Sorrels, Anna Muldoon, Kelly Hills, & Nicholas G. Evans). 2022

4. “Fostering the Trustworthiness of Researchers: SPECS and the Role of Ethical Reflexivity in Novel Neurotechnology Research.” *Research Ethics* (with Darcy McCusker). 2020
5. “Cognitive Enhancement and Metaphor Choice as Moral Choice.” *AJOB Neuroscience*, 10.1: 50-51 (with Sierra Simmerman). 2019
6. “Cognitive Enhancement with Brain Implants: The Burden of Abnormality.” *Journal of Cognitive Enhancement* 2.4: 364-368 (with Frederic Gilbert) 2018
7. “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. “Disability, Autonomy, and the Body as Context of Choice: The Justice of Treating and Preventing Disability”
2. “Is a Deaf Future an Open Future? Reconsidering the Open Future Argument Against Deaf Embryo Selection”

### 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.” *Reimagining the PhD Blog*, Simpson Center for the Humanities. 2019
4. “What Kind of Academics Should We Be?” *Reimagining the PhD Blog*, 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? Exploring the Relationship between Disenhancement and Disability”
- 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 (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 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 (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 (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 2019
- “Contested Spaces, Contested Identities, and the Ethics of Gentrification”
- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, New York (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 2023
  - Bella-Rose Grace Kelly, “Concealing: A Trans Girl's Phenomenology of Disability.” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Denver. 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 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

## Invited Talks

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

## Teaching

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### Georgia Southern University

Upper-division:

- 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 2022, Spring 2022, 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

## 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

## Paul A. Tubig - CV

- Lake Washington High School 2017 – 2019
- Faculty Mentor, Philosophy in High Schools Program 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

## 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

## 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
- Co-Organizer, Philosophy Graduate/Early Career Conference Committee

## Paul A. Tubig - CV

- 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
Grant Reviewer, National Institute of Health	2023 – Current
Peer reviewer, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference	2021 – Current
Journal reviewer, <i>American Journal of Bioethics—Neuroscience</i>	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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