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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Georgia Southern University 2021 – Current

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## RESEARCH AREAS

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AOS: applied ethics (esp. bioethics, neuroethics, & ethics of technology), social and political philosophy, philosophy of disability

AOC: philosophy of law, global justice (esp. migration), philosophy of incarceration, history of ethics & political philosophy

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## 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

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## PUBLICATIONS

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1. “Challenging Anti-Fatness Amid the Climate Crisis.” *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*, special issue on bioethics for the biosphere (with Kayla R. Mehl). Forthcoming
2. “The Early Ethics of Planetary Health.” In *Bioethics with Bigger Impact*, edited by Elizabeth Lanphier and Larry Churchill (with Stephen M. Gardiner). Forthcoming
3. “From an Ethics ‘Side Dish’ to ‘Your Modus Operandi’: Neurotechnology Researcher Perspectives on the Impacts of a Decade of Embedded Ethics” 2024

- Collaboration.” *Journal of Responsible Innovation* (with Tim Brown, Sara Goering, Eran Klein, et al.).
4. “Cognitive Enhancement as Transformative Experience: The Challenge of Wrapping One’s Mind Around Enhanced Cognition via Neurostimulation.” *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* (with Eran Klein). 2024
  5. “Climate Change, Global Health and Planetary Health.” In *Handbook of the Philosophy of Climate Change*, edited by Gianfranco Pellegrino and Marcello Di Paola (with Stephen M. Gardiner). 2023
  6. “Is a Deaf Future an ‘Open’ Future? Reconsidering the Open Future Argument Against Deaf Embryo Selection.” *Monash Bioethics Review* 41.2: 136-155. 2023
  7. “‘The Trauma of Losing Your Own Identity Again’: The Ethics of Explantation of Brain-Computer Interfaces.” In *Policy, Identity, and Neurotechnology: The Neuroethics of Brain-Computer Interfaces*, edited by Veljko Dubljevic and Allen Coin (with Frederic Gilbert). 2023
  8. “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
  9. “Long Covid and Disability: A Brave New World.” *BMJ*, 378: e069868 (with Blake Hereth, Ashton Sorrels, Anna Muldoon, Kelly Hills, & Nicholas G. Evans). 2022
  10. “Fostering the Trustworthiness of Researchers: SPECS and the Role of Ethical Reflexivity in Novel Neurotechnology Research.” *Research Ethics* (with Darcy McCusker). 2020
  11. “Cognitive Enhancement and Metaphor Choice as Moral Choice.” *AJOB Neuroscience*, 10.1: 50-51 (with Sierra Simmerman). 2019
  12. “Cognitive Enhancement with Brain Implants: The Burden of Abnormality.” *Journal of Cognitive Enhancement* 2.4: 364-368 (with Frederic Gilbert) 2018
  13. “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 & In Progress

- “No Longer ‘Super’? Soldier Enhancement, the Harms of Disenhancement, and the Duty of Long-Term Care” (with Frederic Gilbert), under review.
- “Disability as Mere Difference and the Bioethics of Disability Avoidance,” under review.
- “The Justice and Expressive Harms of Medical Practices of Disability Avoidance,” under review.
- “Soldier Disenhancement and Disability” for *Gods of War: The Ethics and Law of Super Soldiers*, ed. B. Hereth & N. Evans (under contract with Oxford University Press), in preparation.
- “Structural Awareness, Disabilities, and the Social Determinants of Health” (with Carina Fourie), in preparation.

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 MEDIA & OTHER WRITINGS
 

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1. “Trading Time for Tissue: The Morality of Organ Donation Programs in Prisons.” *APA Bioethics Blog Series*. 2025
2. “Interview with Paul Tubig.” *Engaged Philosophy* website. 2021
3. “From Prisons to Neuroscience Labs, Graduate Medal Awardee Paul Tubig Finds Philosophy Everywhere.” University of Washington: The Graduate School 2020
4. “Transfer Students and the Problem of Being ‘Outliers’ at Universities.” *Reimagining the PhD Blog*, UW Simpson Center for the Humanities. 2019
5. “What Kind of Academics Should We Be?” *Reimagining the PhD Blog*, UW Simpson Center for the Humanities. 2017

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 PRESENTATIONS
 

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**On Disability, Bioethics, and Healthcare Justice**

- “The Justice and Expressive Harms of Medical Practices of Disability Avoidance”
- Georgia Philosophical Society Conference, Augusta University 2025
- “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, IL 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
- “On Planetary Health: What It Is, What It Could and Should Be.”
- Exploratory Workshop on the Ethics of Planetary Health, University of Washington 2018
- “Implicit Disability Bias: What Ought Philosophers to Do?” (with Anita Silvers)
- American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle, WA 2017
- On Ethics of Technology and Neuroethics**
- “Cognitive Enhancement as Transformative Experience: The Challenge of Wrapping One’s Mind Around Enhanced Cognition via Neurostimulation”
- Neuroscience, Ethics and Technology, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 2024
  - International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting: Expressing Wonder, Making Meaning: Neuroethics Engages the Arts, Baltimore, MD 2024
- “Are Disenhanced “Super-Soldiers” Disabled? The Meaning of Disability and the Ethics of Disenhancement”
- Southern Workshop on the Ethics of Emerging Technologies (SWEET), University of Georgia, Athens, GA. 2024
  - 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, Philadelphia, PA 2023
- “Enhanced Up, Don’t Shoot! Reducing Police Brutality by Means of Moral Neuroenhancement”
- American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL (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, CO 2018
- “The Trauma of Losing Your Own Identity Again”: The Ethics of Explanation 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, IL (poster presentation) 2019

- “Cognitive Enhancement with Brain Implants: The Burden of Abnormality” 2018
- International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting: Cutting Edge Neuroscience, Cutting Edge Neuroethics, San Diego, CA (poster presentation)

### Other Topics

- “Incarceration, Damaged Identities, and Philosophy as Narrative Repair.” 2024
- Invited Panel on Philosophy and Incarceration at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Portland, OR.
- “Sanctuary Cities and Political Philosophy: What They Are, What They Could and Should Be” (with Julio Covarrubias-Cabeza) 2019
- Society for Mexican-American Philosophy, APA Eastern Division Meeting, New York City, NY
- “Contested Spaces, Contested Identities, and the Ethics of Gentrification”
- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, New York City, NY (poster 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

### Commentaries

- Ting-an Lin, “AI, Normality, and Oppressive Things.” Southern Workshop on the Ethics of Emerging Technologies (SWEET), University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. 2025
- Ally Peabody Smith, “Self-Advocates, In-Group Advocacy, and Friends-in-Common: Assessing Potential Advocates for Non-Speaking Intellectual Disability.” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, New York City, NY. 2024
- Book Symposium: Elyse Purcell, *Engineering Perfection: Solidarity, Disability, and Well-being*. American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA. 2023
- Bella-Rose Grace Kelly, “Concealing Gender Non-Conformity: A Trans Phenomenology of Disability.” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Denver, CO. 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 (virtual) 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, Seattle, WA. 2015

**Workshops**

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| • Horizon Scan on the Ethical Use of AI for Performance Enhancement both Inside and Outside the Military. University of Massachusetts, Boston | 2022 |
| • The Dutch School of Philosophy (Onderzoekschool Wijsbegeerte – OZSW) Autumn School on Migration, Borders, and Citizenship, Amsterdam        | 2017 |

**INVITED TALKS**

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| “Do Memories Make the Man? AI, Thanabots, and Digital Immortality.” Moveable Feast Lecture Series, Savannah, GA.  | 2024 |
| “Automated (In)Justice: On the Legal and Ethical Significance of AI.” Georgia Southern AI Task Force’s Public Seminar Series, Georgia Southern University, GA | 2024 |
| “Science Communication and Public Trust.” Georgia Southern Philosophy Club Lecture Series, Georgia Southern University, GA                                    | 2022 |
| “Disability Justice and Inclusive Education.” Movable Feast Lecture Series, Georgia Southern University, Savannah, GA   | 2022 |
| “Is a Deaf Future and Open Future? On the Ethics of Deaf Embryo Selection.” Philosophy Talks Series, Bellevue College, Seattle, WA                            | 2018 |

**RESEARCH GROUPS**

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|---|----------------|
| Affiliate Member, Institute of Health & Logistics (IHLA), Georgia Southern University | 2024 - Current |
| Core Member, AI & the Human Research Network, Georgia Southern University             | 2023 - Current |
| Affiliate Member, Neuroethics Research Group, University of Washington                | 2021 - Current |

**TEACHING****Georgia Southern University***Upper Level:*

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| • Philosophy of Punishment                              | Summer 2025            |
| • Environmental Ethics                                  | Summer 2025            |
| • Philosophy and Disability                             | Spring 2025            |
| • Philosophy of Law                                     | Fall 2022, Fall 2024   |
| • Contemporary Moral Problems                           | Spring 2024            |
| • Bioethics   | Fall 2023, Summer 2025 |
| • Philosophy of Mass Incarceration (w/ Jasmine Wallace) | Spring 2023            |
| • Technology, Society, and Human Values                 | Spring 2022            |

*Lower Level:*

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| • Critical Thinking                      | Fall 2024                |
| • Introduction to Ethics (honors course) | Spring 2023, Spring 2025 |
| • Introduction to Ethics                 | Fall 2021 – Summer 2025  |

**Washington Corrections Center for Women***Upper Level:*

- Philosophy and Incarceration (w/ Anna Bates) Summer 2021

*Lower Level:*

- Introduction to Philosophy (w/ Anna Bates) Fall 2019
- Introduction to Philosophy (w/ Sofia Huerter) Fall 2018
- Introduction to Philosophy Spring 2017
- Introduction to Philosophy (w/ Blake Hereth) Fall 2016

**Bellevue College**

- Introduction to Philosophy Spring 2019, Fall 2019
- Contemporary Moral Problems Winter 2019

**San Francisco State University***Upper Level:*

- Ethics in Medicine Summer 2017, Summer 2018

*Lower Level:*

- Contemporary Moral and Political Issues Spring 2013
- Introduction to Philosophy & Religion Spring 2012
- Introduction to Critical Thinking Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012

**OTHER TEACHING & MENTORING****Honors Thesis Supervision**

- Nolan Wiginton, “Dwelling Obstructed: A Critique of Hostile Architecture” Passed in 2024
- Kichev Moultrie, “Reclaiming My Identity: A Philosophical Deconstruction of Stereotypes Placed on Black Women in Hip-Hop” Passed in 2024
- Allison Ambrose, “A More Modern Prometheus: What Frankenstein Tells Us About Genetic Modification” Passed in 2024
- Christian N. Futch, “Bad Acts, Worst Responses: Reconsidering the Moral Foundations of the US Criminal Justice System” Passed in 2022

**Independent Study**

- Restorative Justice (with Eric Broner) Fall 2024

**Ethics Bowl Organizer/Coach**

- Georgia Southern University 2023 – Current
- Washington Corrections Center for Women 2018 – 2021
- Lake Washington High School 2017 – 2019

**Faculty Organizer/Instructor, Philosophy in Prison at Smith State Prison**

2024 – Current

**Faculty Mentor, Philosophy in High Schools Program at Georgia Southern**

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

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## HONORS & AWARDS

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### **Georgia Southern University**

- Outstanding Presentation Award, International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting 2024. 2024

### **University of Washington**

- GO-MAP Dissertation Fellowship 2021
- Mellon Summer Fellowship for Public Projects in the Humanities 2020, 2021
- UW Graduate School Medal Award 2020
- Melvin Rader Summer Grant for Innovative Projects in Philosophy 2018, 2019
- 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

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## 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 – 2019
- Co-Organizer, Philosophy Graduate/Early Career Conference Committee

- 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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### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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#### **Georgia Southern University**

- Committee Chair, Robert I. Strozier Faculty Lecture Series 2022 – 2023

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### SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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- BRAIN Initiative Grant Reviewer, National Institute of Health 2023 – Current
- Reviewer, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference 2021 – Current
- Chapter Representative, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) 2017 – 2021
- Referee for the following journals: *AI and Ethics*; *BMC Medical Ethics*; *Monash Bioethics Review*; *Radical Philosophical Review*; *American Journal of Bioethics*; *Southwest Philosophy Review*
- Referee for the following conferences and awards: American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference; International Neuroethics Society (INS) Neuroethics Essay Contest

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### REFERENCES

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Sara Goering  
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