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APPOINTMENTS

2024-pres	Bioethics Consultant, Montefiore Medical Center
2020-pres	Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Fordham University
2019-20	Director of Ethics, Medical University of South Carolina
2018-20	Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, College of Charleston
2017-18	Research Fellow, Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School
2017-18	Mellon Sawyer Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Boston University
2015-17	Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Neurotechnology, University of Washington & National Core for Neuroethics, University of British Columbia
	Affiliate Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Washington
2016	Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Seattle University
2013-15	Visiting International Researcher, Kokoro Research Center, Kyoto University

EDUCATION

2015	PhD in Philosophy, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Graduate Certificate in Japanese Studies
2011	MA in Philosophy, University of Hawai'i at Manoa
2008	BA with Honors in Philosophy, Williams College, Cum Laude

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023	National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend ("Climates of Distrust")
2020	Mark S. Ehrenreich Prize in Healthcare Ethics Research for North America ("More than Consent for Ethical Open Label Placebo Research.")
2017	Runner-up for the Robert Papazian Prize (with Fay Niker, "Trusting Relationships and the Ethics of Interpersonal Action.")

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Accepted	"Friendships Need to Go Wrong to Go Right." With Fay Niker. <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i> .
	"Relational Autonomy in Non-Ideal Medical Decision-Making." <i>Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal</i> .
2024	"Comparative Philosophy and Practical Applied Ethics." <i>Journal of Chinese Philosophy</i> 51: 44-53 (Special Issue edited by Tamara Albertini) *invited
	"Who does neuroethics scholarship address, and what does it recommend? A content analysis of selected abstracts from the International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting." With Anna Wexler, Rebekah Choi, and Nina Wei. <i>Neuroethics</i> 17(26).
2023	"Climates of Distrust in Medicine." <i>Hastings Center Report</i> (Special Report on Trust in Healthcare and Science) 53(S2): S33-S38. *invited

- “Translational Neuroethics.” With Anna Wexler. *American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience* 14(4): 388-390. (published online December 2021).
- “Situated Personhood: Insights from Caregivers of Minimally Communicative Individuals.” With Johnny Brennan, Molly Kelleher, and Stefanie Blain-Moraes. *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics* 16(2): 64-94.
- “Deep Brain Stimulation for Substance Use Disorders? An Exploratory Qualitative Study of Perspectives of People Currently in Treatment,” with Erika Versalovic, Eran Klein, Sara Goering, Quyen Ngo, Kate Gliske, Marion Boulicault, Mark J Thomas, and Alik S. Widge. *Journal of Addiction Medicine* 17(4): e246-e254.
- 2022 “Mistaken Compassion: Tibetan Buddhist Perspectives on Neuroethics.” *American Journal of Bioethics – Neuroscience*. 13(4): 245-256.
- “Motivated Reasoning and Research Ethics Guidelines.” *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 39(3): 519-535.
- “Neurofeedback as Placebo: A Case of Unintentional Deception?” With Louiza Kalokairinou and Anna Wexler. *Journal of Medical Ethics* 48: 1037-1042.
- 2021 “Empowering Skepticism: Neuroethics Engagement with Tibetan Buddhist Monastics.” *Frontiers in Communication*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fcomm.2021.777803> *invited
- “Responsibility for Structural Racism in Medicine: Reflections from One Institution.” With Dante Pelzer, Alexandra Rice, Yuri K. Peterson, Robert M. Sade, Danyelle M. Townsend, Leigh M. Vaughn, and Nancy Zisk. *Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics* 11(2): 221-229.
- “Shared Decision-Making in Palliative Care: A Maternalistic Approach” (with Leigh Vaughn, Mary Adler, Joshua Arenth, and Shelly Ozark). *Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics* 11(2): 211-220.
- “Recommendations for Responsible Development and Application of Neurotechnologies.” With Sara Goering, Eran Klein, Anna Wexler, Blaise Agüera Y. Arcas, Guoqiang Bi, Jose M. Carmena, Joseph J. Fins, Phoebe Friesen, Jack Gallant, Jane E. Huggins, Philipp Kellmeyer, Adam Marblestone, Christine Mitchell, Erik Parens, Michelle Pham, Alan Rubel, Norihiro Sadato, Mina Teicher, David Wasserman, Meredith Whittaker, Jonathan Wolpaw, and Rafael Yuste. *Neuroethics* 14(3): 365-386.
- “More Than Consent for Ethical Open Label Placebo Research.” *Journal of Medical Ethics* 47: e7. **Recipient of the 2020 Mark S. Ehrenreich Prize in Healthcare Ethics Research for the North American region.**
- 2020 “The Hang Up” (*in practice* column). *The Hastings Center Report*: 50(3): 15-16.
- “Trust, Risk, and Race in American Medicine.” *The Hastings Center Report* 50(1): 18-26.
- “Current Barriers and Ethical Considerations for Clinical Implementation of Epidural Stimulation for Functional Improvement after Spinal Cord Injury” (with Ryan Solinsky and Anna Wexler). *The Journal of Spinal Cord Injury* 43(5): 653-656.

- “Ethics in the Digital Era: Nothing New?” With Peter Reiner. *IEEE IT Professional* 22(1): 39-42. *invited
- 2019 “Insight and the No-Self in Deep Brain Stimulation.” *Bioethics* 33(4): 487-494.
- “Digital Wellness and Persuasive Technologies” (with Peter Reiner). *Philosophy and Technology* 34: 413-424 (Online First 2019, In Print 2021).
- 2018 “Relational Autonomy, Paternalism, and Maternalism” (with Fay Niker). *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 21(3): 649-667.
- “Neuroethics Questions to Guide Ethical Research in the International Brain Initiatives” (with all delegates of the Global Neuroethics Summit). *Neuron* 100(1): 19-36.
- “Ethical Issues Surrounding a New Generation of Neuroprostheses for Patients with Spinal Cord Injuries” (with Ryan Solinsky). *Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation* 10(9): S244-S248.
- “Pure Experience and Disorders of Consciousness.” *American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience*: 9(2): 107-114.
- “What Does a Definition of Death Do?” *Diametros* 55: 63-67. *invited
- “Trusting Relationships and the Ethics of Interpersonal Action” (with Fay Niker) *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 26(2): 173-186.
- Runner-up for the 2017 Robert Papazian Prize.**
Included in *From Trust to Trustworthiness*, Ed. Maria Baghramian. Routledge 2019.
- “Have Your Momos and Eat Them, Too.” *Science* 359(6373): 284. *invited
- “Ethics in Published Brain Computer Interface Research” (with Judy Illes). *Journal of Neural Engineering* 15(1): 013001.
- 2017 “Four Ethical Priorities for Neurotechnologies and AI” (Yuste R. Goering S., ... Specker Sullivan L, et al.). *Nature* 551: 159-163.
- “Changing the Conversation: A Capabilities Approach to Disordered Consciousness” (Open Peer Commentary with Christos Lazaridis, Sunil Kothari, and Peter Koch). *AJOB Neuroscience* 8(3): 149-151.
- “Keeping Disability in Mind: A Case Study in Implantable Brain-Computer Interface Research” (with Klein E, Brown T, Sample M, Pham M, Tubig P, Folland R, and Goering S.). *Science and Engineering Ethics* 24(2): 479-504.
- “Relational Autonomy, Maternalism, and the Nocebo Effect” (Open Peer Commentary with Fay Niker). *American Journal of Bioethics* 17(6): 52-54.
- “Dynamic Axes of Informed Consent in Japan.” *Social Science and Medicine* 174: 159-168.
- 2016 “Beyond ‘Communication and Control’: Towards Ethically Complete Rationales for Brain Computer Interface Research” (with Judy Illes). *Brain-Computer Interfaces* (3)3: 156-163.

“Medical Maternalism: Beyond Paternalism and Antipaternalism.” *Journal of Medical Ethics* 42(7): 439-444.

“Uncovering Metaethical Assumptions in Bioethics Across Cultures.” *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* 26(1): 47-78.

2015 “Do Implanted Brain Devices Threaten Autonomy or the ‘Sense’ of Autonomy?” (Open Peer Commentary), *American Journal of Bioethics – Neuroscience* 6(4): 24-26.

2014 “The Self-Contradictory Identity of the Personal Self: Nishida’s Argument Against Kantian Pure Practical Reason.” *Journal of Japanese Philosophy* 2(1): 33-56.

2013 “Dogen and Wittgenstein: Transcending Language Through Ethical Practice.” *Asian Philosophy* 23(3): 221-235.

2007 “Recognition without Face Identification.” Anne M. Cleary and Laura E Specker. *Memory and Cognition* 35(7): 1610-1619.

Guest Editor

2021 *Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics* 49(2), guest editor with Robert Sade of symposium: “Race and Ethnicity in 21st Century Health Care.”

2020 *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics* 13(1), guest editor with Sara Goering of special section: “Feminist Perspectives on Neural Technologies.”

Book Chapters and Conference Proceedings

2023 “Do Not Lose the Rice: Dōgen Through the Eyes of Contemporary Western Zen Women.” *Dōgen’s Texts: Manifesting Religion and/as Philosophy?* Edited by Ralf Muller and George Wrisley. Springer.

“Cross-Cultural Neuroethics: Concepts and Feasibility.” With Karen Rommelfanger. *Neuroethics and Cultural Diversity*. Edited by Michele Farisco. ISTE and Wiley Press.

2022 “Health and Digital Technology Partnerships: Too Close for Comfort?” *Oxford Handbook of Digital Ethics*. Edited by Carissa Veliz. Oxford University Press.

2019 “Nishida Kitarō’s *Kōiteki Chokkan*: Active Intuition and Contemporary Metaethics.” *Comparative Metaethics: Neglected Perspectives on the Foundation of Morality*, edited by Colin Marshall. Routledge Press.

2017 Fukushi, T., Isobe, T., Nakazawa, E., Takimoto, Y., Akabayashi, A., Specker Sullivan L and Sakura, O. “Neuroethics in Japan,” in *The Handbook of Neuroethics*, edited by Karen Rommelfanger and L. Syd Johnson. Routledge Press.

“Models of Engagement in Neuroethics Programs: Past, Present, and Future” (with Judy Illes), in *The Debate About Neuroethics: Perspectives on the Field’s Development, Focus, and Future*, edited by Eric Racine and John Aspler. Springer, Advances in Neuroethics Series.

“Neuroethics” (with Sara Goering). In: eLS. John Wiley & Sons, Ltd: Chichester. DOI: 10.1002/9780470015902.a0027184

- 2014 “Acting Well in the Present Moment: Considerations from Nishida Kitaro’s Concept of Koiteki Chokkan and Dogen’s Sansuikyo,” in *Papers from the UT-UH Summer Residential Institute in Comparative Philosophy*, University of Tokyo Center for Philosophy.
- “The Challenge of Bioethics in the Age of Globalization,” in *Contemporary Philosophy in the Age of Globalization*, University of Tokyo Center for Philosophy.
- 2013 “Rule Following and Moral Practice,” in *Cross Currents: Comparative Responses to Global Interdependence*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
- 2011 “Moral Realism and Moral Disagreement: An Alternative Account,” in *Applied Ethics: Old Wine in New Bottles?* Hokkaido University Center for Applied Ethics and Philosophy.

In Japanese

- 2015 “nihon no infomudo konsento to kanjya, kazoku no tame no shien (Japanese Informed Consent and Support for Patients and Families).” *Kokoro Center Research Report 14*, Yoshikawa Sakiko, Ed.

Edited Volumes

- 2014 *Locating and Losing the Self in the World: Cross-Cultural Reflections on Self-Awareness and Self-Transcendence* (edited with Masato Ishida). Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Book Reviews

- 2014 “Valuing Diversity: Buddhist Reflection on Realizing a More Equitable Global Future.” *Philosophy East and West* 64(4).
- “The Aesthetics of Japanese Fascism.” *Japan Studies Review* 18.
- 2013 “Ethics Embodied: Rethinking Selfhood through Continental, Japanese, and Feminist Philosophies.” *Philosophy East and West* 63(1).

Public Philosophy

- 2021 “The ethical implications of who judges what’s ‘necessary’ when it comes to emergency care.” *STAT News*, First Opinion.
- 2020 “The Social Impact of Brain Machine Interfaces: Bias and (Big) Neural Data.” *The Neuroethics Blog*.
- “Mutual Self-Restraint: Social Distancing and COVID-19 in Japan.” *Bioethics.net*
- “Neuroethics with Tibetan Buddhist Monastics.” *The Neuroethics Blog*.
- 2019 “*The Farewell: What You Don’t Know Can’t Hurt You?*” *Justice Everywhere: A Blog About Philosophy in Public Affairs*.
- “Instagram Now Helps You Avoid Making a Fool of Yourself (Unless You Want To)” (with Peter Reiner). *Medium OneZero*

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Collaborative Research

- 2024-27 *From Principles to Practice: Ethical Guidance for Neurotechnology Researchers*, National

- Science Foundation Ethical and Responsible Research Program (\$400k USD), Co-PI with Anna Wexler (Penn)
- 2022-25 *Cura Psychologia: Cultivating a More Virtuous Psychological Science*, John Templeton Foundation, Fordham Philosophy Faculty Ambassador (\$15k USD)
- 2022 *The Moral Significance of Consciousness in Japan: Religious and Cultural Contexts*, Fordham University Faculty Research Abroad Program (\$3k USD) – **PI** with Edward Drott, Sophia University (Japan)
- 2021-22 *Situating Moments of Relational Personhood in Families of Patients with Disorders of Consciousness*, Fordham University Summer 2022 Grant for Disability Research (\$4000 USD) & AY 2021-22 Faculty Research Grant (\$5k USD) – **PI** with Stefanie Blain-Moraes (McGill University), John Brennan (Fordham), and Molly Kelleher (Fordham)

Independent Research

- 2023 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend (“Climates of Distrust,” \$6k USD)
- 2016-19 Science for Monks Visiting Scholar (~\$10k USD)
- 2013-15 Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship (two years to Kyoto University, Japan, ~\$90k USD)
- 2013-14 Monbukagakusho Scholarship to Japan (declined); Fulbright Grant Finalist (withdrew)
- 2007 Williams College Gaudino Winter Study Fellowship (topic: Brain Death in Japan)
- 2007 Williams College Class of 1945 World Fellowship (topic: Buddhist Hospice in New Zealand)

Graduate Education

- 2011-12 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Japanese), 2012-13 declined due to teaching assistantship
- 2009-11 East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellow (full tuition, housing, and stipend for MA degree)

LANGUAGES

Advanced Japanese: Japanese Language Proficiency Test Level N2, 2014 (functionally fluent)

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Graduate

- Autonomy and Paternalism (12 students, Fordham Spring 2024)
- Philosophical Bioethics (students, Fordham, Spring 2022)
- Neuroethics (~20 students, Harvard, Spring 2018; co-taught with Joe Giacino and Jared Silberman)
- Ethical Issues in Neural Engineering (~20 students, Washington, Spring 2016, 2017)

Honors

- Healthcare Justice (10 students, Fordham, Spring 2025)
- Biomedical Ethics Across Cultures (Honors Colloquium, ~20 students, Charleston, Fall 2019)

Undergraduate

- Issues of Life and Death (19 students, Fordham, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025)
- Japanese Philosophy (~20 students, Fordham, Spring 2023, Fall 2024)
- Philosophical Ethics -EP3 (19 students, Fordham, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023)
- Healthcare Justice (35 students, Fordham, Fall 2021, Spring 2025)
- Neuroethics (30-35 students, Fordham, Spring 2021, Fall 2023)
- Philosophical Ethics (~35 students, Fordham, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)
- Moral Relativism (~15 students, Charleston, Fall 2019)
- Paternalism and Autonomy (Philosophy Senior Seminar, ~10 students, Charleston, Spring 2019)

Biomedical Ethics (~40 students, Charleston, Spring 2019, Spring 2020)
The Beautiful and the Good: Art, Ethics, and Culture in Japan (First Year Seminar, ~20 students, Charleston, Fall 2018)
Ethics (~38 students, Charleston, Fall 2018)
Ethical Reasoning (~30 students, Seattle, Spring 2016)
Philosophy of Law (~100 students, 2 graduate teaching assistants, Washington, Winter 2016)
Introduction to Deductive Logic (~25 students, Hawaii, 2013)

Teaching Assistant

Foundations of Bioethics I & II (~35 students, Harvard, 2017-18)
Introduction to Deductive Logic (~100 students, Hawaii, 2012)
Metaphysics and Epistemology (~30 students, Williams College, 2007-08)
Moral and Political Philosophy (~30 students, Williams College, 2007-08)
Philosophy of Mind, (~20 students, Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, 2007)

Other

Neuroethics, National Center for Adaptive Neurotechnologies Summer Course (2017, 2019)
Ethics Preceptor, Medical University of South Carolina (2018-20)
Cognitive and Moral Enhancement, Harvard Center for Bioethics Fellowship (2019, 2020)
Neuroethics & Principlism, Harvard Clinical Ethics Intensive (~100 students, June 2018)
Neuroethics at Science for Monks (Bir, India, October 2016)
Neuroethics Journal Club (~15 students, UW, Autumn 2015 – no credit)
Grader for Ethics in Health Care (~75 students, UHM, 2010-12)
Assistant Language Teacher for Middle School English (JET Programme, Niigata, Japan, 2008-09)

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences (Refereed)

- 2024 “Climates of Trust.” Main Program Colloquium Paper, APA Eastern.

 “Relational Autonomy as a Tool for Solidarity.” North American Society for Social Philosophy.

 “Flow States? Endurance Sports and the Zen Mind.” East West Philosophers Conference.
- 2023 “The Ethics of Everyday Actions.” International Association for Japanese Philosophy.

 “Relational Autonomy and Medical Decision-Making” (with Jennifer James and Gina Campelia). American Society for Bioethics and Humanities.
- 2022 “Climates of Trust.” Peritia Ethics of Trust and Expertise Conference.

 “Is Relational Autonomy Oppressive?” Main Program Colloquium Paper, APA Pacific.

 “Grey Matters: Building Trust When Navigating Disorders of Consciousness” (with Lauren Treat and Leslie Avant). Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.
- 2021 “Translational Neuroethics: A Vision for a More Integrated, Inclusive, and Impactful Field,” with Anna Wexler. American Society for Bioethics and Humanities.

- “Where are we going, and who is taking us there? Leaning into uncomfortable conversations within Bioethics,” workshop with Jennifer James, John Stone, and Sabrina Derrington. American Society for Bioethics and Humanities.
- “Is Relational Autonomy Oppressive?” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress.
- “Varieties of Distrust: A Normative Framework for Medicine,” Society for Applied Philosophy and North American Society for Social Philosophy.
- 2020 “Leveraging Neuroethics in the Pursuit of Justice and Equity” and “Linking Social Justice and Brain Injuries Through Theology,” Moderator. International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting.
- “The Dynamics of Trust and Permission Within Relationships,” (with Fay Niker), The Normativity and Epistemology of Friendship Conference, Trinity College Dublin (virtual).
- “Maternalism in Medicine,” International Network on Feminist Approaches to Bioethics (virtual).
- “More than Consent for Ethical Open Label Placebo Research,” World Congress of Bioethics (virtual).
- “Mistrust, Risk, and Race in American Medicine,” World Congress of Bioethics (virtual).
- 2019 “Reestablishing Trust after a Breach: From Resilient Patients to Responsive Providers,” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, Pittsburgh PA.
- “Moral Rationalization,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder.
- “Nishida Kitarō and Contemporary Metaethics: From Moral Knowledge to Moral Practice,” Why the Kyoto School Today?, Center for Advanced Research in European Philosophy, King’s University College, London Ontario (presentation by Skype).
- “Trustworthiness and Risk,” South Carolina Society for Philosophy; Mentoring Project for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy, Boston University
- 2018 “Moral Reasoning and Rationalization in Research Ethics,” Philosophical Issues in Research Ethics Workshop, Center for Ethics and Policy, Carnegie Mellon University.
- “Nishida Kitaro’s Ethical Standpoint: Indications from the Concept of Koiteki Chokkan.” Lost Voices in Metaethics Conference, University of Washington.
- “The Ethics of the Face: AI and Facial Recognition.” Boston University Mellon Sawyer Seminar.
- “Examining Ethical Assumptions About Neural Engineering and BCI Development.” Panel presentation with Paul Tubig, Jonathan Wolpaw, and Jane Huggins. Brain-Computer Interface Society Annual Meeting.
- 2017 “Tibetan Buddhist Perspectives on Neuroethics.” International Society for Neuroethics.

- “Japanese Resources for Theorizing Informed Consent.” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, APA Pacific Division.
- 2016 “Persuasive Devices: From Paternalistic to Maternalistic Choice Architectures” (poster with Peter Reiner). International Society for Neuroethics Annual Meeting.
- “At the Ethics Interface of Brain Computer Interfaces” (poster with Judy Illes). International Society for Neuroethics Annual Meeting.
- “Can Neuroethicists Create a Transdisciplinary Standpoint?” (panel with Sara Goering and Paul Ford). American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) 18th Annual Meeting.
- “Rationale and Informed Consent for Brain Computer Interface Research with Human Subjects” (with Judy Illes), IEEE International Symposium on Ethics in Engineering, Science, and Technology.
- 2015 “Integrating Ethics with Neural Engineering: Creating and Responding to Interdisciplinary Disruptions” (with Sara Goering, Eran Klein, Tim Brown, Matthew Sample, Michelle Pham, and Paul Tubig), Neuroethics Affinity Group, ASBH 17th Annual Meeting.
- “Informed Consent Across Cultures: Results of a Qualitative Study in Japan,” ASBH 17th Annual Meeting.
- “Medical Paternalism and Medical Maternalism,” ASBH 17th Annual Meeting.
- “Particular Patients, Diverse Vulnerabilities: Reconsidering Informed Consent Through Japan’s Subjective Standard,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting.
- “Hope as a Present-Oriented Attitude in Nishida Kitaro: Implications for Medical Ethics,” APA Committee Session on Asian and Asian-American Philosophies and Philosophers, APA Pacific Division Meeting.
- 2014 “Three Metaethical Arguments about Informed Consent in Japan,” 2014 International Conference of the Japanese Association for Philosophical and Ethical Research in Medicine.
- “Ethical Issues in Diagnosis Disclosure: A Comparison of the U.S. and Japan,” Student Affinity Group, ASBH 16th Annual Meeting.
- “Japanese Patients’ Expectations at American Hospitals: Historical and Social Influences,” ASBH 16th Annual Meeting.
- “Nishida Kitaro’s Ethical Standpoint: Indications from the Concept of Kōiteki Chokkan,” Nishida Philosophy Association 12th Annual Meeting.
- “Comparative Foundations of Informed Consent in the United States and Japan,” Next-Generation Global Workshop, Kyoto University Asian Studies.
- 2013 “Nishida and the Moral Will,” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, APA Eastern Division Meeting.
- “Photography and Moral Interest: Bridging the Gap between Nature and Art,” Society for the Philosophic Study of the Contemporary Visual Arts, APA Pacific Division Meeting.

- 2011 “The Practice of Informed Consent in Japan and the United States,” 12th Asian Bioethics Conference, Taipei, Taiwan.
- “Rule-Following and Moral Practice,” Uehiro Cross Currents Graduate Philosophy Conference, UHM.
- 2010 “Moral Realism and Moral Disagreement: An Alternative Account,” Fifth International Conference on Applied Ethics, Hokkaido University.
- 2008 “Western and Japanese Understandings of Personhood: Throwing Off the Mind-Body Distinction,” Dartmouth Undergraduate Philosophy Conference.
- 2007 “Brain Death and Organ Transplantation in Japan,” National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference, Michigan State University.

Invited Lectures and Comments

- 2025 “Paternalism and Maternalism in Medicine.” Memorial Sloan Kettering Supportive Care Service Grand Rounds.
- “Relational Autonomy and Disability.” 31st Annual Pitts Lectureship, Medical University of South Carolina.
- “Autonomy Interference and Autonomy Promotion.” Invited Symposium, APA Pacific Meeting.
- 2024 “Who decides? Balancing respect and care for the individual in Western and East Asian medical decision-making.” Baruch College, Ethics Week.
- “Relational Autonomy, Paternalism, and Supportive Decision-Making.” Workshop on Respectful Persuasion.
- “Comparative Philosophy and Practical Applied Ethics.” Columbia Society for Comparative Philosophy.
- 2023 “Climates of Trust.” Vanderbilt University, Department of Philosophy Colloquium.
- “Informed Consent and Self-Determination in Asian Bioethics.” University of Pennsylvania, Asian-American Studies Fellows Program Symposium, Invited Speaker.
- “Climates of Distrust.” Pennsylvania State University, Department of Philosophy, “After Trust” Conference, Invited Speaker.
- 2022 NYU Philosophical Bioethics Conference, Commentator.
- “Climates of Trust.” The Hastings Center, Work-In-Progress session invited speaker.
- “Trust in the Ruins.” Oregon Health and Science University, Invited Speaker.
- 2021 “Three Types of Distrust: Ignorance, Misunderstanding, and Injustice.” Children’s Mercy: Pediatric Bioethics in the Shadow of COVID Symposium.
- “Cancel Culture.” Fordham University Center on Religion and Culture.

- “Digital Wellness.” UT Southwestern Grand Rounds.
- “Trust and Race in American Medicine.” University of Pittsburgh Neuroethics Group, Northwestern Shirley Ryan Ability Lab.
- 2020 “Who Takes on the Risk? Trust and Race in American Medicine.” University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Visiting Professor in Bioethics Lecture.
- “Ethical Implications of Stigma and Mistrust in Healthcare.” Fordham University Center for Ethics Education Panel with Nicole Overstreet and Alana Gunn.
- “The Dynamics of Trust and Permission Within Relationships,” (with Fay Niker). Glasgow Senior Seminar.
- “Trustworthiness and Risk in Medicine,” Wofford College (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Commentator for Alida Liberman, "Obligation and the Ethics of Non-Hindrance," APA Eastern Division meeting.
- 2019 “Disorders of Consciousness: Concepts, Culture, and Prognosis” (Panel with Joseph Fins, L. Syd Johnson, and Yi Yang), International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting.
- “Ethics of Emerging Neurotechnologies” (Panel with Hank Greely, Justin Sanchez, and Winston Chiong), IEEE EMBS Conference on Neural Engineering.
- “Is a Smarter World a Better World? Key Questions at the Intersection of Technology, Intelligence, and Ethics” (keynote), IEEE Computer Society Annual Conference.
- 2018 “Ethics, Neuroscience, and the Brain,” IEEE Technology Time Machine.
- Roundtable participant, Accountability and A.I. Boston University Mellon Sawyer Seminar.
- 2017 Commentator for “Core Intellectual Virtues and Epistemic Villains in the Xunzi.” APA Pacific Division meeting.
- “Ethics Engagement in a Neural Engineering Lab: Brain-Computer and Scientist-Ethicist Interfaces.” Harvard Medical School, Center for Bioethics.
- 2016 Commentator for Judy Illes, Neuroscience and Ethics Engagement (workshop at the CSNE). University of Washington.
- Commentator for Dr. Karen Rommelfanger, Stimulating the Self (Philosophy Symposium), University of Washington.
- 2015 “Normality Through the Lens of Neural Engineering,” Japan Association for Philosophical and Ethical Research in Medicine conference.
- 2014 “Informed Consent and Patient Support,” Uehiro Research Division for iPS Cell Ethics, Kyoto University.
- “Informed Consent and Cancer Disclosure: Policy and Practice,” invited seminar, Kyoto University Asian Studies Unit/Center for Applied Philosophy and Ethics.

“Comparative Foundations of Informed Consent in the United States and Japan,” invited lecture, Nagoya University Law School.

2013 “The Challenge of Bioethics in the Age of Globalization,” Contemporary Philosophy in the Age of Globalization workshop, UHM.

2011 “Cross-Cultural Bioethics: Considerations from Japan,” UHM Center for Japanese Studies Pecha-Kucha Night.

2008 “Revising Our Ethical Beliefs: The Consideration of Animals,” The Hastings Center.

2006 “Neuroscientific Approaches to Determinations of Brain Death,” the Center for Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University.

Public Engagement, Workshops, and Guest Lectures

2023 Workshop on Measures of Trust, Academy Health and ABIM Foundation, invited participant.

Trust Research-in-Progress virtual seminar, Academy Health and ABIM Foundation.

2021 Global Neuroethics Integration Round Table.

“BCIs in Translation: A Neuroethics Debate.” BCI Society’s virtual meeting 2021.

2020 New Technologies, Ethics and Policy Engagement for Sustainable Development: Health and Human Well-Being. IEEE/UN panelist: Engagement Opportunities and Policy Debate Roundtable.

Barriers to Covid-19 Vaccination Take-Up, The British Academy & Social Science Research Council.

Biases and Big Neural Data. Workshop on the Social Impact of Brain-Machine Interfaces. Ethics in Health Careers, College of Charleston National Pre-Health Honors Society.

2018 Neurotechnology Guidelines Workshop, IEEE and Georgetown University.

Ethics Workshop, Understanding the Brain: Neurophotonics (NSF research traineeship program), Boston University.

2017 Global Neuroethics Summit, Daegu South Korea.

“Ethics in Neuroscience and Neural Engineering,” University of Washington Neural Computation and Engineering Connection, Seattle WA.

2016 “Am I My Brain? Exploring Neuroethics,” University of Washington Upward Bound.

2015 Neuroethics workshops, San Diego State University, Southwestern College, and Morse High School (San Diego).

Moderator, “Do Tech Gadgets Make You Smarter?” Café Neuroethique panel discussion for UBC Centennial, The Railway Club, Vancouver, Canada.

“What’s New in Neuroscience: Neuroethics,” Panel discussion at Bainbridge Public Library.

VISITING RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2016-19	Visiting Faculty/Scientist, Science for Monks Topic: Tibetan Buddhism and Neuroethics
2013-15	Visiting Researcher, Kyoto University, Kokoro Research Center Topic: Informed Consent and Diagnosis Disclosure
2008	Visiting Scholar, The Hastings Center Topic: Animal Ethics and Neuroscience
2007	Gaudino Winter Study Fellow (Williams College) to Waseda University (Japan) Topic: Brain Death and Organ Transplantation
2006	Visiting Scholar, Center for Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University Topic: Brain Death and Neuroethics

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2022	National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on Care & Political Philosophy
2013-14	Kyoto University Japanese Language Program
2013	University of Tokyo-University of Hawaii Summer Institute in Comparative Philosophy
2012	Hokkaido International Foundation Japanese Language and Culture Program

SERVICE

Leadership

2021-pres	International Neuroethics Society Board of Directors
2021-pres	Associate Editor, <i>Neuroethics</i>
2021-pres	Category Leader for Philosophy, American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
2021-pres	International Neuroethics Society Nominating Committee
2020-21	International Neuroethics Society Diversity and Inclusion Task Force
2020-21	International Neuroethics Society Program Committee
2018-2019	IEEE TechEthics Ad Hoc Committee member
2017-2020	American Philosophical Association Committee on Philosophy and Medicine, member
2017-2018	International Association for Japanese Philosophy, regional conference coordinator
2016-18	Neuroethics Affinity Group Chair, American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities

Publications & Grant Review

Publications	<i>Monograph Referee</i> : Oxford UP, Michigan State UP, Bloomsbury, MIT Press <i>Article Referee</i> : Journal of Medical Ethics, American Journal of Bioethics – Neuroscience, American Journal of Bioethics – Empirical Bioethics, Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics, Brain Computer Interfaces, Science and Engineering Ethics, Frontiers in Genetics, Neuroethics, Feminist Philosophy Quarterly, Ratio, Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics, Philosophy and Technology, Bioethics
Grants	NIH/ National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke: Translational Neural, Brain, and Pain Relief Devices special emphasis panel, March 2020, 2021 (virtual)

Mentorship

2023-pres	Primary mentor for Daniel Delgado Poveda and Luyuan August Yu, Fordham University Doctoral Program (both passed reading list exams in 2024)
2024-pres	Member of Christian Halstead’s Dissertation Committee, “Nothingness and Its Erasure: The Void in Philosophy East and West”

- 2023-pres Member of Gage Krause’s Dissertation Committee, “Pathology and Pathologization: A critical phenomenology of psychiatric disability”
- 2023 Summer Undergraduate Research Program mentor for Lily Poorman, “Adaptive Preferences and College-Age Women’s Views of Aging”
- 2023 Reader on Ela Tokay’s Dissertation Committee, “Nature that Matters: The Potential of New Materialism for Environmental Ethics.”
- 2022 Examiner on Alyssa Lake’s Dissertation Committee, “The Politics of Suffering.”
- 2021 Examiner on Johnny Brennan’s Dissertation Committee, “Trust: A Paradigm-Based Explanation,” Fordham University
- 2017-18 Capstone Project Mentor to Zaev Suskin, MBE candidate, Harvard Center for Bioethics
- 2017-18 Program adviser to Genevieve Simpson, MBE candidate, Harvard Center for Bioethics
- 2017 Mentor, The Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy
- 2016 RET (research experience for teachers) mentor to Hannah Earhart, CSNE

Ethics Committees and Patient Support

- 2022-pres Ethics Review Committee member, Montefiore Medical Center
- 2020-pres Bioethics Committee guest, Montefiore Medical Center
- 2019-20 Ethics Committee chair, Medical University of South Carolina
- 2018-19 Ethics Committee member, Medical University of South Carolina
- 2017-18 Ethics Committee member & Ethics Service intern, Brigham and Women’s Hospital
- 2015-16 Ethics Committee guest, University of Washington Medical Center
- 2010-13 Ethics Committee guest, The Queen’s Medical Center (Honolulu, HI)
- 2009-11 Volunteer, Leahi Hospital (Honolulu, HI),
- 2007-08 Volunteer, Southwestern Vermont VNA and Hospice

Conference Coordination and Assistance

- 2023 International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting Co-Chair
- 2023 “The Ethics of Consciousness in Japan.” Sophia University, organized with Edward Drott
- 2019-20 MUSC Pitts Lectureship in Medical Ethics, Race and Ethnicity in 21st Century Health Care, co-coordinator (cancelled due to Covid-19)
- 2017-18 Human-Machine Interfaces Sawyer Seminar coordinator, Boston University Philosophy
- 2016-17 Rapporteur, Kavli Futures Symposium: Ethical Foundations of Novel Neurotechnologies
- 2016-present Abstract Reviewer, American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities, International Neuroethics Society
- 2011-12 Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference Coordinator (2012), Assistant (2011)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Philosophical Association
- American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
- Columbia Society for Comparative Philosophy
- International Association for Japanese Philosophy
- International Neuroethics Society
- North American Society for Social Philosophy
- Society for Applied Philosophy