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## Academic Employment

Assistant Teaching Professor <i>Department of Computer Science</i> Wake Forest University	2023- Present
Postdoctoral Fellow in Embedded EthiCS <i>Department of Philosophy</i> Harvard University	2021-2023
Postdoctoral Fellow in Computer Science <i>Program for Leadership and Character</i> Wake Forest University	2020-2021

## Education

<b>Ph.D., Philosophy</b> , Northwestern University  Dissertation: <i>Aristotle's Notion of Teaching and Its Role in His Theory of Moral Education</i> Committee: Richard Kraut (Chair), Kyla Ebels-Duggan, Stephen White, Patricia Marechal	2013-2020
<b>M.A., Classics</b> , Dalhousie University Thesis: <i>The Doctrine of Due Measure in Plato's Statesman</i>	2009-2011
<b>B.A., Classics</b> , University of King's College <i>Magnis cum honoribus</i> & University Medal in Classics University of Toronto 2005-2006 King's Foundation Year Program 2004-2005	2004-2009

## Areas of Specialization

Ancient Greek Philosophy | Ethics of Emerging Technologies | Moral Education | Computer Ethics

## Publications

- (forthcoming, in a volume on Character Development & Assessment by the Naval Institute Press)  
"Plato and Aristotle on the Teachability of Virtue"
- (2023). "Cultivating Moral Agency in a Technology Ethics Course" with Kate Allman. *Teaching Ethics* 23 (1): 15-34
- (2022). Review of *Aristotle on the Concept of Shared Life* by Sara Brill, Oxford University Press, 2020 in *Polis* 39 (2): 422-424.
- (2019). "Dewey, Aristotle, and Education as Completion." *Philosophy of Education* 74: 669-682.

2. (2011). "The Doctrine of Due Measure in Plato's *Statesman*." *Pseudo-Dionysius XIII*: 57-60.
1. (2010). "The Mysticisms of Al-Ghazali and Rumi." *Pseudo-Dionysius XI*: 38-43.

#### WORKS EDITED

- Editorial Assistant, *Theory and Practice in Aristotle's Natural Science*, edited by David Ebrey (Cambridge University Press, 2015).
- Co-Editor, *Pseudo-Dionysius* (2009-2011).

#### **Research Fellowships, Grants, Scholarships, & Awards**

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship	2013-2017
Classics Cluster Research Grant	2013-2014
Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship	2010-2011
King's University Scholarship	2008-2009
King's President's List	2007-2009

#### **Presentations** (\*=refereed; †=invited)

"Teaching Lab: An Interdisciplinary Collaborative Effort" (with J.L.A. Donohue) <i>Inaugural TeXne Conference</i> Harvard University	May 2023
"Philosophical Perspectives on Character Education" (Panelist) † <i>McCain Conference 2023: Moral Character Development &amp; Assessment</i> US Naval Academy	March 2023
Embedded EthiCS @ Harvard Teaching Demonstration (with Trystan Goetze) <i>Embedded Ethics Conference</i> Stanford University	March 2023
"Educating Character in STEM" (Panelist) † <i>Educating Character Across the University</i> Wake Forest University (in partnership with The Oxford Character Project)	December 2022
"Social Media and Dignity Violations" (Panelist) † <i>Designing AI with Dignity</i> Harvard Kennedy School	November 2022
"Developing Moral Agency in an Ethics of Emerging Technologies Course: Measuring Student Growth" (with Kate Allman)* <i>48th Annual Association for Moral Education Conference: "Moral Development and Moral Education in Global Transition"</i> , Manchester, UK	July 2022
"Creating a Classroom Community with Unfamiliar Students and Limited Time"* <i>2022 American Association of Philosophy Teachers Conference</i> (with Trystan Goetze) Otterbein University	July 2022
"Educating for Moral Agency in An Ethics of Emerging Technologies Course" <i>Harvard/MIT Conference on Ethics of Computing &amp; A.I.</i> Harvard University	June 2022

- “In Search of a Third Myth about A.I.” (Lightning Round Talk)  
*Harvard/MIT Conference on Ethics of Computing & A.I.*  
 Harvard University
- “Teaching Ethical and Humanistic Thinking in Computer Science” (Panelist)\* May 2022  
*Canadian Philosophical Association Congress 2022*
- “The Problem of First Principles: Aristotle’s Teaching Methodology Recast” March 2022  
*Department of Philosophy Research Talk*  
 Florida Atlantic University
- “Teaching Responsible Computing, An Interdisciplinary Approach” (Panelist)\* March 2022  
*MozFest 2022*
- “The Autonomous Trolley Problem: A ‘High Impact’ Thought Experiment”\* July 2020\*  
*2020 American Association of Philosophy Teachers Conference* [\*cancelled due to COVID-19]  
 Otterbein University
- “Aristotle on Enhancing Human Excellence”\* April 2019  
*Great Lakes Philosophy Conference*  
 Sienna Heights University
- “Dewey, Aristotle, and Education as Completion”\* April 2018  
*Philosophy of Education Society Conference, Chicago, IL*
- “Plato’s Pedagogical Prologues: The Case of Plato’s *Statesman*”\* April 2018  
*Ancient Philosophy Society Conference*  
 Emory University
- “Promising Children”\* April 2018  
*Great Lakes Philosophy Conference*  
 Sienna Heights University
- “Aristotle’s Teaching”\* March 2017  
*Philosophy & Education Graduate Conference*  
 Catholic University of America
- “Cooper, Hadot, and Receiving Philosophy as a Way of Life” April 2014  
*University of Michigan-Northwestern Classical Receptions Workshop*  
 Northwestern University
- “Does Plato’s Late Metaphysics Kill Socrates?” \* May 2011  
*Classical Association of Canada Conference*  
 Dalhousie University
- “The Doctrine of Due Measure in Plato’s *Statesman*” \* October 2010  
*Atlantic Classical Association Annual Conference*  
 Saint Mary’s University

#### COMMENTS

- On Bjorn Wastvedt’s “The *Eudemian Ethics* on Becoming Virtuous” April 2021  
*APA Pacific Division Meeting, Portland, OR*
- On Kristina Grob’s “Aspiration vs. Moral Luck: A Murdochian Response” February 2020

APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL

On Paula McAvoy's "Steering the sex education discussion" December 2017  
*Practical Philosophy Workshop*  
Northwestern University

On Max Parish's "Human Nature, the Normativity Objection and the Practical Reason Response: No Cigar" May 2015  
*Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics Conference*

On Tomasz Wysocki's "Intuitions Aren't on the Rocks" October 2014  
*Central States Philosophical Association Conference*  
Northwestern University

#### CAMPUS TALKS

"Value-Sensitive Design: Embedded EthiCS Module Demo" (with Trystan Goetze) October 2022  
*Design Studio Lab, Lily & Edmond Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard*

"Leadership, Character, and Ethics in Computer Science" May 2021  
*Special Joint Meeting of the Computer Science and Engineering Departments, WFU*

"Learning from *AlphaGo*: To Partner With A.I., Cultivate Character First" April 2021  
*Program for Leadership and Character Postdoctoral Research Series, WFU*

"Algorithmic Justice: What Future Lawyers Need to Know about A.I." (Panelist) October 2020\*  
*Wake Forest Law School* [\*Cancelled due to COVID-19]

"Discussion-Based Teaching: Eliciting Conversation and Navigating Controversy" Nov. 2018  
*Searle Center for Teaching and Learning, Northwestern (with Lorien Elleman)*

"Privacy & Technology" February 2017  
*Brady Tea, Brady Scholars Program in Ethics & Civic Life, Northwestern*

"Well-Being, Wilt Chamberlain, and Welfare Reform" May 2016  
*Brady Tea, Brady Scholars Program in Ethics & Civic Life, Northwestern*

#### **Interviews**

"Aristotelian Education and Ethics in Computer Science" Aug. 2022  
*Dialexicon. A platform for youth to engage in philosophy.*  
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/62VmrRk9OANFUJF7rqbgMM>

#### **Teaching Fellowships & Awards**

Embedded EthiCS Fellow, CS50 @ Harvard University Spring 2022 & 2023  
Graduate Fellowship, Brady Scholars Program in Ethics & Civic Life 2019-2020  
WCAS/TGS Teaching Fellowship 2017-2018  
Graduate Fellowship, Brady Scholars Program in Ethics & Civic Life 2015-2018  
Joseph Clyde Murley Prize for Outstanding Performance by a Graduate TA 2015-2016

## Teaching Experience

### AT WAKE FOREST

CSC 391: Ethical Computer Science	Fall 2023
CSC 191: Ethics of Emerging Technologies	Fall 2023
CSC 391/HUM 385: Ethical Leadership in Computer Science	Spring 2021
CSC 191/ HUM 385: Ethics of Emerging Technologies	Fall 2020
Ethics Module for CSC 374: "Machine Learning & Justice"	Spring 2021
Ethics Module for CSC 231: "Programming Languages & Practical Wisdom"	Spring 2021

### AT HARVARD

PHIL 316: Embedded EthiCS Teaching Lab (co-instructor)	2022-2023
PHIL 150-S: Ethics of Emerging Technologies	Summer 2022
PHIL 316: Embedded EthiCS Teaching Lab (co-instructor)	2021-2022
CS50: Introduction to Computer Science (Embedded EthiCS Modules)	Spring 2023
"Cultivating Moral Imagination with Value-Sensitive Design" (Week 10)	
"Balancing Value Trade-offs" (mini-module, Week 5)	
"Trust & Trustworthiness in Computer Science" (mini-module, Week 2)	
CS50: Introduction to Computer Science (Embedded EthiCS modules)	Spring 2022
"Cultivating Moral Imagination with Value-Sensitive Design" (Week 10)	
"Facial Recognition Software and Justice" (mini-module, Week 7)	
"Technical and Ethical Value Trade-offs" (mini-module, Week 5)	
"Trust & Trustworthiness in Computer Science" (mini-module, Week 2)	
"Ethics as the Fourth Axis of Good Code" (mini-module, Week 0)	

### AT NORTHWESTERN

PHIL 373: The Civically Engaged Life (co-instructor)	2019 - 2020
PHIL 210: History of Philosophy - Ancient (Aristotle Unit, for P. Marechal)	Fall 2019
PHIL 109: Future Tense: The Ethics of What Will Be (First Year Seminar)	Spring 2018
PHIL 373: Philosophy and the City (co-instructor)	2017 - 2018

### AT UNIVERISTY OF ILLINOIS - CHICAGO

PHIL/CL 221: Aristotle and His Successors	Spring 2018
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### AT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY (HALIFAX, NS)

CLAS 100: Introduction to Ancient Civilizations	Summer 2012
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## Student Advising

### AT HARVARD

Senior Thesis advisor for Lavanya Singh, "Automating Kantian Ethics" (joint CS/Philosophy)\* 2021-22  
\* *Recipient of Harvard's Hoopes Prize "on the basis of outstanding scholarly work or research"*

### AT NORTHWESTERN

Mentor for 10 <sup>th</sup> Cohort, Brady Scholars Program in Ethics & Civic Life	2019-2020
Mentor for 8 <sup>th</sup> Cohort, Brady Scholars Program in Ethics & Civic Life	2015-2018

## Guest Lecturing

### AT NORTHWESTERN

“Four Principles of Bioethics” (for C. Traina, Religion & Bioethics)	Fall 2019
“Three Classic Moral Theories” (for C. Traina, Religion & Bioethics)	Fall 2019
“On Justice as an Aim of Higher Education” (for S. Goldberg, What is College For?)	Fall 2017
“On Aristotle’s <i>Categories</i> ” (for D. Ebrey, History of Philosophy - Ancient)	Winter 2015

### AT DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

“On Plato’s <i>Euthyphro</i> ” (for E. Diamond, Philosophy on Trial)	Fall 2011
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## Teaching Assistant Experience

### AT NORTHWESTERN

REL 210: Introduction to Buddhism (for K. Buckelew; <i>online, due to COVID-19</i> )	Spring 2020
REL 373: Religion & Bioethics (for C. Traina)	Fall 2019
PHIL 260: Introduction to Moral Philosophy (for T. Zimmer)	Spring 2017
PHIL 262: Ethical Problems and Public Issues (for M. Sheldon)	Winter 2017
CLAS 211: Ancient Athens: Drama, Democracy, Civilization (for R. Wallace)	Winter 2016
PHIL 210: History of Philosophy – Ancient (for J. Wynne)	Fall 2015
CLAS 212: Rome: Culture and Empire (for J. Wynne)	Spring 2015
PHIL 210: History of Philosophy – Ancient (for D. Ebrey)	Winter 2015

### AT DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

HSTC 1202: Technology & Engineering: Industrial to Cybernetic Age (for M. Frappier)	Winter 2012
CLAS 2016: Roman Legions and the Barbarians (for J. Mitchell)	Winter 2012
KINE 1106: Philosophy and Ethics for Kinesiologists (online)	Winter 2012
CLAS/RELS 2027: Magic, Religion, & Philosophy (for M. Fournier)	Winter 2011 & 2012
RELS 2013: Islam (for A. Treiger)	Fall 2011
RELS 1001: Introduction to Eastern Religions (for C. Austin)	Winter 2011
RELS 2012: Buddhism (for C. Austin)	Fall 2010
CLAS 1101: Classical Mythology (for P O’Brien)	2009-2010

## Pedagogical Training

Leadership and Character Course Development Workshop (WFU)	Summer 2023
Leadership and Character Course Development Workshop (WFU)	Summer 2020
Graduate Digital Humanities Pedagogy Workshop (NU)	Fall 2017
Teaching Certificate Program, Searle Center for Teaching and Learning (NU)	2016-2017
AAPT Seminar on Teaching and Learning	Summer 2016

## Academic Service

### AT WAKE FOREST

Affiliate Faculty Member, Program for Leadership & Character	2023-present
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Curriculum Committee Member	2023-2024
Colloquium and Brown Bag Committee Member	2023-2024

AT NORTHWESTERN

T.A. Coordinator, Philosophy Graduate Student Association	2017-2018
Vice President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association	2017-2018
Coordinator, Philosophical Greek Reading Group	2014-2016
Coordinator, Ancient Philosophy Workshop	2014-2016
Department Representative (Philosophy) to Graduate Student Association	2014-2015

AT DALHOUSIE

Assistant Organizer, Classical Association of Canada Conference	Spring 2011
Vice President—Internal, Dalhousie Classics Graduate Student Society	2010-2011
Assistant Office Administrator, Dalhousie Classics Department	2010-2011
Department Librarian, Dalhousie Classics Department	2010-2011

**Languages**

Ancient Greek	reading competency
Latin	reading competency
French	reading & speaking competency
German	beginner-level reading & speaking

**Memberships**

ACM	Association for Computing Machinery
APA	American Philosophical Association
AAPT	American Association of Philosophy Teachers
AME	Association for Moral Education

## References

### **Richard Kraut**

Charles and Emma Morrison Professor in the Humanities  
Department of Philosophy & Department of Classics  
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