

# Jada Wiggleton-Little

## Curriculum Vitae

The Ohio State University  
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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Bioethics, Philosophy of Mind, Social Epistemology

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Race

### APPOINTMENT

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2024- present	<b>Assistant Professor of Philosophy</b> , The Ohio State University
2024- present	<b>Project Fellow</b> , Hastings Center
2023-2024	<b>Neuroethics Postdoctoral Fellow</b> , Center for Bioethics, Cleveland Clinic
2021-2022	<b>Visiting Scholar</b> , Program for Neuroethics & Clinical Consciousness, Medstar Washington Hospital
2021-2022	<b>Sadler Scholar</b> , Hastings Center

### EDUCATION

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June 2023	<b>PhD in Philosophy</b> , University of California-San Diego <i>Dissertation: "Let Me Have Your Attention! Taking Pain Utterances Seriously"</i> <i>Committee: Matthew Fulkerson (Chair), Monique Wonderly, Manuel Vargas, Susanna Siegel, Brianna Toole, Cathy Gere</i>
2022- 2023	<b>Visiting Researcher</b> , Philosophy Department, Georgetown University
May 2017	<b>BA in Philosophy with Honors</b> , Davidson College

### PUBLICATIONS

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Forthcoming	"Cure But Not Cured: Gene-Editing Therapy and the Ethics of Framing Language for Transforming Sickle Cell Disease," co-authored with Shameka Thomas, Kristin Seastrand, and Consuela Albright, <i>Hastings Center Report</i> .
Forthcoming	"Black Women and 'Doing' Pain: An Insurgent Act" <i>American Philosophical Quarterly</i> .
2025	"Pain Dismissal and the Limits of Epistemic Injustice," <i>Hypatia</i> .
2024	"'Just' a Painful Period: A Philosophical Perspective Review of the Dismissal of Menstrual Pain. <i>Women's Health</i> , 20: 1-6.

- 2024 “Sharing Pain: A Hybrid Expressivist Account,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 102(3): 608-622.
- 2023 “Screening Out Neurodiversity,” co-authored with Craig Callender, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, 33(1): 21-54.
- 2022 “MPQ Descriptors as a Pain Pidgin Language,” *Journal of Hospital Ethics*, 8(2): 85-89.
- 2021 “Acknowledging the Burdens of ‘Blackness,’” co-authored with Nneka Sederstrom, *HEC Forum*, 33: 19-33.

#### PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

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- 2025 “Prescribing Ozempic and an Obligation to Lose Weight,” *Bioethics Today Blog*
- 2025 “Whose Pain is Believed?,” *Ohio State University’s Voices of Excellence Podcast*
- 2025 “Flirting with Personhood: Will Smith’s Date with Sophia the Robot,” *Blog of the APA- Teaching and Learning Video Series*
- 2024 “Don’t Worry, It is Common in Black Women (Philosophers),” *Blog of the APA- Women in Philosophy Series*
- 2024 “Moral Psychology, Jada Wiggleton-Little,” *Blog of the APA- Syllabus Showcase*
- 2022 “Pain Talk: Beyond Epistemic Injustice with Jada Wiggleton-Little,” *Bioethics in the Margin*
- 2019 “Pain Testimonies, Testimonial Injustice, and the Burden of Trust,” *Blog of the APA*

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

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- 2025 Ohio State University’s Virginia Hull Award
- 2023 Essay Contest Winner (General Audience Category), International Neuroethics Society
- 2023 UCSD’s Black Resource Center Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year
- 2023 Bouchet Graduate Honor Society
- 2020 Predoctoral Fellowship, Ford Foundation
- 2019 Summer PhD Fellowship, UC San Diego Institute of Practical Ethics
- 2017 Alain Locke Fellow, PIKSI Boston- MIT University

#### PRESENTATIONS

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- 2025  
**Invited Talks** “Too Much Desert: Judgments about Deservingness and Pain,” *Early-Career Workshop on Philosophy of Medicine, Broadly Construed*, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (December 6)

“Pain, Motivation, and the Limits of Epistemic Injustice,” *Epistemic Injustice in Healthcare (EPIC) Seminar Series*, virtual (November 25)

“But Hurt Feelings Really Do Hurt,” *Colloquium*, University of Pennsylvania (November 7)

“Too Much Desert: Perceiving Pain in Overweight or Obese Patients,” *BHH Seminar Series*, The University of Texas Medical Branch (September 25)

“~~M~~ Disinformation and a Need Not to Know,” *OSU STEAMx Events*, The Ohio State University (April 17)

“Normalizing Bodies in Pain,” *Emerging Issues in Bioethics APA Central Panel*, Virtual (February 21)

**Conference Presentations**

“Knowledge Production and the Risk of Semi-Inclusion,” *American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting*, Portland, OR including Donald Carter, Calvin Bradely, Faith Fletcher (panelist; October 23)

“Stigmatized Risk Factors & Communicating Deservingness,” *American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting*, Portland, OR, including Laura Guidry-Grimes, L. Syd M. Johnson (panelist; October 24)

2024

**Invited Talks**

“But Hurt Feelings Really Hurt: A Response to Jennifer Corns’ the Social Pain Posit,” *Early-Career Workshop on Philosophy of Pain*, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (November 19)

“Black Women, Healthcare, and ‘Doing’ Pain,” *First Annual Roundtable on Contemporary Issues in Philosophy and the Black Experience*, Emory University, Atlanta, GA (October 24)

“Taking Pain Dismissal Seriously: Exploring Interpersonal and Structural Barriers to Pain Communication,” *Ethics Grand Rounds*, Trillium Health Partners, virtual (September 10)

“Taking Pain Dismissal Seriously: Exploring Interpersonal and Structural Barriers to Pain Communication,” *Ethics Grand Rounds*, Kaiser Permanente, Virtual (July 11)

“Just a Painful Period: Race, Gynecologic Pain, and Chart Noting,” *Ethics Talk*, Kettering Health, Dayton, OH (June 20)

“Personalized Pain Management: Balancing Objective and Subjective Values of Pain,” *Cleveland Pain Symposium*, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH (April 12)

“Taking Pain Dismissal Seriously: Exploring Interpersonal and Structural Barriers,” *J. Richard Williams Sr, MD 1931 Endowed Lecture*, Tulane University School of Medicine, virtual (March 8)

**Conference Presentations**

“I Know What I Feel:’ Caring for Patients with Sickle Cell Disease in a Post-Cure World,” *American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting*, St. Louis, MO including Shameka Thomas, Consuela Albright, Kristin Walters (panelist & moderator; September 20)

“Normalizing Bodies in Pain.” *Feminist Approaches in Bioethics Session at the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting*, St. Louis, MO including Alison Reiheld and Kara Ayers (panelist; September 20)

“Objective Assessment and Disease Models of Chronic Pain: Ethical Considerations for Stigma,” *American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting*, St. Louis, MO including Daniel Buchman, Daniel Goldberg, Anita Ho (panelist; September 19)

“Stigma of Chronic Pain,” *Symposium at International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting*, Baltimore, MD including Daniel Buchman, David Seminowicz, Emeraldalda Burke, Iris Coates McCall (panelist; April 19)

2023

**Invited Talks**

“Just’ a Painful Period: Why Gynecological-Related Pains are Dismissed,” *Bioethics Grand Rounds*, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (November 8)

“Pain Dismissal and the Limits of Epistemic Injustice,” *Center for Professional & Applied Ethics*, University of North Carolina Charlotte, Charlotte, NC (September 13)

“Sharing Pain: A Command for Concern,” *Philosophy Society Series*, Australian National University, Canberra, AN (May 9)

**Conference Presentations**

“Black Women and Doing ‘Pain’,” *Workshop in African-American Philosophy*, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI (October 6)

2022

**Invited Talks**

“How Should We Think and Talk About Pain?,” *Disability Studies Program Series*, Georgetown University, Washington, DC (September 20)

**Conference Presentations**

“Black Women and Doing ‘Pain’,” *American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting*, Portland, OR (October 27)

“Sharing Pain: A Hybrid Expressivist Account,” *American Philosophical Association –Pacific Division*, Vancouver, Canada (April 15)

“Sharing Pain: A Hybrid Expressivist Account,” *Southern Society of Philosophy & Psychology Annual Meeting*, Mobile, AL (March 31)

2021

**Invited Talks**

“Sharing Pain: A Hybrid Expressivist Account,” *Summer Program for Women in Philosophy*, University of California San Diego, Virtual (July 27)

**Conference Presentations**

“Silencing of Self-Reported Pains,” *Sadler Scholar Workshop*, Hastings Center, Virtual (July 13)

“Silencing of Self-Reported Pains.” *Summer School of Resistance*, Vienna Department of Philosophy, Virtual (September 14)

2020

“Pain as a Trading Zone,” *Annual Meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities*, Virtual (October 16)

“Pain as a Trading Zone,” *Summer Program for Women in Philosophy*, University of California San Diego, virtual (July 23)

“Pain as a Trading Zone,” *Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics, and Science Studies Conference*, CANCELLED

“How we Know Pain is Bad,” *American Philosophical Association –Eastern Division*, Philadelphia, PA including Andrew Y. Lee (commentator; January 9)

2019

“Pain Testimonies: Filling in the Gap,” *American Philosophical Association –Pacific Division*, Vancouver, Canada (poster session; April 19)

2018

“Pain Testimonies: Filling in the Gap,” *Annual Meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities*, Anaheim, CA (October 20)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Assistant Professor**

Fall 2025

PHILOS 8880: Motivation

Spring 2025

PHILOS 2690: Genes and Society

Fall 2024

PHILOS 3440: Theorizing Race

PHILOS 5750: Advance Theory of Knowledge (Topic: Epistemic Injustice)

**Adjunct Lecturer**

Spring 2023

PHIL 055: Intro to Philosophy (Charles Mills)

### **Instructor of Record**

Summer 2022 PHIL 137: Moral Psychology (Topic: Feelings & Expression)

### **Teaching Assistant**

Fall 2021 FMPH 191: Racism as a Public Health Crisis  
Fall 2020 PHIL 28: Ethics and Society II  
Spring 2020 PHIL 28: Ethics and Society II  
Winter 2020 MCWP 40: Privacy & Data Ethics  
Fall 2019 MCWP 40: Privacy & Data Ethics  
Summer 2019 SPWP: Love, Anger, Hope, and Pessimism in American Politics

### **Pedagogical Training**

Winter 2022 Course Design Series, 1-Week course  
Fall 2021 Introduction to College Teaching, 10-Week course

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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2024- Present Editorial Board, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*  
2022- 2024 Co-chair, *ASBH Race & Culture Affinity Group*  
2021-2022 Chair, *UC San Diego Philosophy Department Climate Committee*  
2021-2022 Founder, *UC San Diego Black Graduate Experience Living and Learning Community*  
2021-2022 Graduate Mentor, *UC San Diego's Pathways to STEM Through Enhanced Access and Mentorship (PATHS) Program*  
Summer 2021 Graduate Mentor, *PIKSI Boston*  
January 2021 Session Chair, *American Philosophical Association –Eastern Division*  
February 2020 Session Chair, *American Philosophical Association –Central Division*  
2019-2021 Community Assistant, *UC San Diego Housing*  
2019-2021 Board Member, *UC San Diego Black Graduate & Professional Student Association*  
2018 Interim Program Director, *Davidson College's Multicultural Center*