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Academic Positions

2026-2029	David and Marian Adams Bryn-Jones Distinguished Teaching Professor of the Humanities, Director of the Humanities Center
2023-2026	Professor, Carleton College
2015-2022	Associate Professor, Carleton College
2010-Present	Affiliate Faculty, Center for Bioethics, University of Minnesota
2009-2015	Assistant Professor, Carleton College
2017-2018	Visiting Researcher, Philosophy Department, University of Edinburgh
Fall 2012	Visiting Researcher, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University

Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Bioethics, Family Ethics

Areas of Competence

Aesthetics, Political Philosophy

Education

2009	Ph.D in Philosophy, University of Chicago Dissertation Title: “It’s My Life and I’ll Do What I Want”: The Value of Autonomy Committee: Martha Nussbaum (chair), Jason Bridges, Dan Brudney, Richard Kraut
2002	B.A. in Philosophy (Honours), McGill University
2002	B.Mus. in Jazz Performance (Drums), McGill University

Publications

Books

Under Contract *Parenting and Procreation: An Introduction*, Routledge (with Jason Marsh, St Olaf).

2021 *Conceiving People: Genetic Knowledge and the Ethics of Sperm and Egg Donation*, Oxford University Press
(Reviews in: [Bioethics](#), [The Review of Metaphysics](#), [Hastings Center Report](#), [Bioethical Inquiry](#).
Symposium on the book in the [International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics](#))

Articles

- 2023 [“Waking a Tightrope: Responding to Brandt, Roth, Russell and Skow”](#), *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*
- 2022 [“Gamete Donation: anti-anonymity does not equate to anti-donation”](#) *Human Reproduction Open*, open access
- 2021 [“Well-being, gamete donation, and genetic knowledge: the significant interest view”](#), *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy: A Forum for Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine*, Volume 46, Issue 6.
- 2021 [“Naturalizing Parenthood”](#), *Journal of Social Philosophy*, Volume 53, Issue 3
- 2019 [“Paternalism, Disagreement, and The Moral Difference”](#), *American Philosophical Quarterly* 56, Sarah Stroud, Christine Tappolet and Michele Palmira guest eds.
- 2018 “Paternalism and Rights” in *Routledge Handbook on Paternalism*, Kalle Grill and Jason Hanna eds.
- 2016 “Medicine and Well-Being” in *Routledge Handbook on Well-Being*, Guy Fletcher, ed., Routledge
- 2015 [“Is there a role for ‘human nature’ in debates about enhancement?”](#) (with Micah Lott), *Philosophy*, Volume 90, Issue 04, October 2015, pp 623 - 651
- 2014 [“Four models of family interests”](#), *Pediatrics*, Vol. 134 No. Supplement 2 October 1, 2014, pp. S81-S86 (doi: 10.1542/peds.2014-1394C)
- [“Medical Paternalism Part 2”](#), *Philosophy Compass*
- [“Medical Paternalism Part 1”](#), *Philosophy Compass*
- [“Moral Testimony: One of these things is just like the others”](#) (with Jason Decker), *Analytic Philosophy*, 54 (4).
- 2013 “On the (in)significance of moral disagreement for moral knowledge” (with Jason Decker), *Russ Shafer-Landau* (ed.) *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, Vol. 8.
- 2012 [“Paternalism, Respect, and The Will”](#) *Ethics*, Vol. 122, No. 4, pp. 692-720.
- 2011 [“What Health Care Providers Know: A Taxonomy of Clinical Disagreements”](#) *Hastings Center Report* 41, no. 5: 27-36.
- [“What you don’t know can help you: the ethics of placebo treatments”](#) *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 28: 188-202.

Work in Progress

“Paternalism and Oppression”, with Jonathan Parry (LSE), under review

“Self-Respect Paternalism”, with Ryan Cechini under review

“Prior Authorization and Organ Procurement: What Did the Patient Consent To?” with Joel Wu (UMN), Meera Sury under review

“Paternalism”, substantially updated and rewritten entry for the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Other Writing and Scholarly Activities

2024	“The Open Donor View and Procreative Beneficence” , Hastings Center Report, 54 (3): 60-6.
2023	“Reply to: Anti-anonymity should not be taken more seriously than other positions on gamete donation.” <i>Human Reproduction Open</i> , Volume 2023, Issue 1.
2022	Review of <i>Duty to Self: Moral, Political and Legal Self-Relation</i> by Paul Schofield. <i>Criminal Law and Philosophy</i> .
2022	Ethical Theory Review Podcast on <i>Conceiving People</i> New Books in Philosophy Podcast on <i>Conceiving People</i>
2020	“Balancing a Child’s Interests with the Interests of Other Family Members”, Pediatric Ethics Podcast
2019	“The Promise and Challenge of Training College Students as Facilitators”, <i>Philosophy in Classrooms and Beyond: New Approaches to Picture-Book Philosophy</i> , Thomas Warternberg, ed. Roman & Littlefield.
2016	“Withholding Information to Protect a Loved One” , (with Todd J. Kilbaugh, Daniel Groll, Wynne Morrison, Nabina Liebow, John D. Lantos) <i>Pediatrics</i> 137.6 (2016): e20160665
2013	“Autonomy”, <i>The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism</i> , James E. Crimmins, ed. London & New York: Bloomsbury Academic.
2012	“Authority Figures” <i>Hastings Center Report</i> 42: 4-9.
2010	Review of Peter Schaler ed., <i>Peter Singer Under Fire: The Moral Iconoclast Faces His Critics</i> , <i>Teaching Philosophy</i> , Vol 33, 4, December.
2009	Review of James D. Wallace, Norms and Practices, <i>Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews</i> , September.

Teaching

Regularly	Topics in Medical Ethics This Course is About Discourse: An Introduction to Philosophy Through Dialogues Ethics Family Values Philosophy Lab: Running as Pre-Collegiate Philosophy Program Senior Thesis Seminar
Occasionally	Self-Knowledge Surviving Death Autonomy and Individuality Social Construction

Recent Talks and Presentations

- 2026 “Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained: Risk-taking and Meaning”, University of Victoria philosophy colloquium
- 2025 “Risk, Respect and Paternalism”, New Work on Paternalism Workshop, London School of Economics
- 2025 “Paternalism in the shadow of injustice”, University Kansas
 “Paternalism in the shadow of injustice”, Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics
- 2024 “The standing to paternalize” (with Jonathan Parry), York University
 “Parental Authority and Children’s Autonomy: The Case of Circumcision”, LaBrecque Family Lecture, Boston College
- 2023 “Paternalism and Oppression”, workshop on paternalism and discrimination in Aarhus, Denmark, November
 “The Myth of Family Resemblance?”, U Mass Lowell, March
 Author-Meets-Critic Session on *Conceiving People*, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, February
- 2022 “Paternalism and Oppression”, *Paternalism and Groups Workshop*, Oxford University, June
 Author-Meets-Critic Session on *Conceiving People*, Canadian Philosophical Association, May
 Comment on Luke Semrau’s “What’s Wrong with Kidney Donation?”, Central Division APA, February
- 2021 [Webinar: Who am I? A conversation about identity, donor conception and family](#) (with Anya Steinberg, Libby Copeland and Samantha Brennan)
- 2020 Day-long Zoom workshop on my book manuscript with Samantha Brennan, Alice MacLachlan, Carolyn McLeod, Anne-Andree Cormier, Emily Tilton, and Olivia Schuman
- 2018 Day-long workshop on draft chapters of my manuscript with Halvard Lillehammer, Tim Brake, Liam Shields, Jonathan Parry, Jessica Begon, Anna Smajdor Nuffield College, University of Oxford
- 2018 “The Value of Genetic Knowledge”, Philosophy Department, Umeå University, Sweden
 “Gamete Donation and the Significant Interest View”, Warwick University
- 2017 “Well-being, genetic knowledge, and gamete donation”, Political Theory Research Group, University of Edinburgh
 “What is a parent?”, Ethics Workshop, University of Edinburgh
- 2016 “The disagreements and drive paternalism”, Faces of Disagreement, Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire sur la normativité (GRIN) Montreal
- 2014 “Moral failure and moral communication”, comment on Mavis Biss’ “A Kantian Response to the Problem of Reception”, Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, 8th Annual Conference
- 2013 “Whose Interests Count?”, Kansas City Pediatric Bioethics Workshop, Kansas City
 “Conscience, values, & integrity”, Censorship, Blasphemy, & Free Speech Symposium, Carleton College
 “Making (non)sense of interspecies comparisons of value”, Philosophical Reunion III, University of Chicago
 “Conscience, valuing, and conscientious objection”, St. Olaf Philosophy Department
 “Moral Testimony”, Northwestern University Practical Philosophy Workshop
- 2011 “On Physicians’ Obligations to Treat Premature Infants”, American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting.
 “Moral Testimony”, University of Minnesota Duluth

	“Moral Testimony”, Eudaimonia and Virtue: Reconsidering the Good Life, University of Miami
2010	“Morality, Happiness & the Good Life”, Happiness Symposium, St. John’s University, MN “A taxonomy of clinical disagreements”, Mayo Clinic, Rochester MN
	“A taxonomy of clinical disagreements”, Center for Bioethics, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
	“A taxonomy of clinical disagreements”, St. Olaf Philosophy Department
	Comments on Douglas Paletta’s “Against Darwall’s Foundation for Contractualism”, Central APA, Chicago

Grants and Awards

2024	Curricular Innovation Grant, Carleton College
	Project Pericles Faculty Leadership Curriculum Development Award
2021-22	Humanities Research Seminar Lead (with Liz Raleigh) on Family Values
2021	Hewlett Mellon and Dean’s Fellowship (two terms of leave)
2018	“Broadening the Bridge” Mellon for developing a bioethics course module on medicine and race (with Jason Marsh)
2016	“Broadening the Bridge” Mellon Grant for further developing a bioethics course modules and joint class sessions with Jason Marsh
2015	“Broadening the Bridge” Mellon Grant for developing bioethics course modules and joint class sessions with Jason Marsh
2014	Puzak Grant for curricular innovation, Carleton College
	“Broadening the Bridge” Mellon Grant for further developing the Carleton – St. Olaf colloquium series (with Michael Fuerstein), Carleton College
2013	Hewlett Mellon Fellowship for one term of sabbatical, Carleton College
2012	ACM-University of Chicago Faculty Development Grant
	NEH Summer Stipend
2010	Writing Across the Curriculum Grant, Carleton College
2009	Greenwall Fellowship, Georgetown University and Johns Hopkins University (declined)
2008	Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship
	Whiting Dissertation Year Fellowship, (declined)
2007	Tave/Whiting Teaching Fellowship, University of Chicago
	University of Chicago Arts Council Summer Fellowship Award
2005	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada) Doctoral Fellowship
2002	Century Fellowship, University of Chicago
	Commonwealth Scholarship, (declined)
	London Goodenough Association of Canada Scholarship, (declined)

Recent Service

Carleton College

2026-2029	Humanities Center Director
2026	Convened “AI Free Classes” working group with 7 faculty over two terms.
2025-2026	Member of the Carleton Responsible Investment Committee (I’m highlighting this because I agreed

to stay on CRIC for an additional year to help AI ease into the role of chair. So I've been doing double committee duty this year.

2023-2026	Member of the Faculty Affairs Committee
2022-2026	Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Mentor. Current mentor of Justin Rodriguez
2015 - Present	Director of Ethical Inquiry at Carleton (EthIC)
2018 - Present	Chair of Carleton Responsible Investment Committee
2023	Coordinator (with Clara Hardy) of Humanities Summer Research Groups
2022-2023	Member of President's Working Group on the Community Concern Form
2018-19	Co-coordinator of Humanistic and Social Dimensions of AI research group
2015-17	Chair of Carleton IRB

Non-Carleton College

Referee for *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Oxford University Press*; *American Philosophical Quarterly*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*; *Southwest Journal of Philosophy*; *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*; *Bioethics*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*; *Res Philosophica*; *Mind*; *Philosophical Studies*; *American Journal of Bioethics*; *Nous*; *American Journal of Bioethics*; *Res Publica*; *Feminist Philosophical Quarterly*; *Neuroethics*; *Utilitas*; *Mind and Language*; *Journal of Applied Philosophy*; *Theoria*; *Neuroethics*; *Philosophical Psychology*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Political Research Quarterly*; *Ethics*; *Journal of Philosophy*; *Analysis*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Human Reproduction*

2026	External Examiner for PhD thesis, The University of Sydney
2026	Committee Member for Lisska Prize Committee, American Philosophical Association
2023	Minnesota Liaison for PLATO (Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization)
2019 – 2020	Member of the Northfield Advance Care Planning Action Committee
2015	Member of the APA Central Division program committee
2014-17	Member of the District One Hospital Ethics Committee, Faribault MN
2013	Co-organizer (with John Lantos and Dan Brudney), “Whose Interests Count? A workshop in pediatric bioethics”