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Bio

I am an Associate Professor of Philosophy at the Honors College of *Florida Atlantic University* with a BA in astronomy and physics and a PhD in philosophy from the *University of Virginia*. I completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Biomedical Ethics at the *University of South Carolina*. I have held visiting appointments at the *University of Helsinki* and *Columbia University Medical Center*, conducted field research alongside the *International Labor Organization* in Myanmar, and served as a court-appointed volunteer *Guardian ad Litem* in Palm Beach County, Florida. My research focuses on applied issues in medicine, science and global justice and I have extensive teaching experience in logic, ethics, and philosophy of medicine.

Areas of Research Philosophy of Medicine, Philosophy of Science, Global Justice

Education

2012 PhD, Philosophy, *University of Virginia*

1998 BA, Astronomy and Physics, *University of Virginia*

Employment

2019- Associate Professor of Philosophy, Honors College
Florida Atlantic University

2014-2019 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Honors College
Florida Atlantic University

2012-2014 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Bioethics
University of South Carolina

Secondary Positions

2022 Visiting Associate Professor of Philosophy, *American University in Cairo*
(declined due to COVID-19 restrictions)

2020-2022 Guardian ad Litem, *Palm Beach County, Florida*

2016- Affiliate Faculty, Center for Peace, Justice, and Human Rights, *FAU*

2014-2016 Affiliate Faculty, College of Medicine, *FAU*

2013 Visiting Researcher, *Columbia University Medical Center*

2012 Visiting Fellow, *University of Helsinki Department of Philosophy*

Manuscripts

- 2021 Diagnosis: A Guide for Medical Trainees *Oxford.*
- 2023 Science and Public Policy: A Philosophical Introduction *Routledge.*
- (forthcoming 2025) Child Labor in Global Context *Oxford.*

Peer reviewed articles

- 2021 “Diagnostic Justice: testing for COVID-19” (with Bryan Cwik), *European Journal of Analytical Philosophy.*
- 2019 “Understanding the Problem of Child Labor in Myanmar,” *Journal of Global Ethics.*
- 2018 “Mechanistic Reasoning and Informed Consent” (with Sarah Malanowski), *Bioethics.*
- 2016 “Research gaps in the philosophy of evidence based medicine” (with Alexander Mebius and Jeremy Howick), *Philosophy Compass.*
- 2016 “Evaluating Diagnostic Tests,” *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice.*
- 2016 “Explaining with Models: The Role of Idealizations” (with Julie Jebeile) *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science.*
- 2015 “Managing Uncertainty in Diagnostic Practice.” *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice.*
- 2014 “Causal Explanatory Pluralism and Medically Unexplained Physical Symptoms.” (with Michael Cournoyea) *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice..*
- 2013 “Differential Diagnosis and the Suspension of Judgment.” *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy.*
- 2012 “A Non Representationalist View of Model Explanation.” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science.*
- 2011 “Ageing Gametes and Embryonic Death: A Response to Bovens.” *Journal of Medical Ethics.*
- 2000 “Water Maser Emission from Comets.” (with Butler, Kogan, Palmer and Strelnitski) *Astronomical Journal.*

Peer reviewed book chapters

- 2025 “Philosophy of Medicine,” in Routledge Handbook of the History of Philosophy of Science.
- 2025 “Science Shame and Trust: Against Shaming Polivies” (with Sarah Malanowski and Nicholas Baima), in Trust in Science, *Springer.*

2024 “Clinical diagnosis: evidence, ethics, and justice,” in Springer handbook of the Philosophy of Medicine, 2nd edition.

2020 “Imaging, Representation and Diagnostic Uncertainty,” in Philosophy of Advanced Medical Imaging. *Springer Briefs in Ethics*

2016 “New Directions in Philosophy of Medicine,” (with Robyn Bluhm, Saana Jukola, Jacob Stegenga, and Serife Tekin), Bloomsbury Companion to Philosophy of Medicine.

2016 “Medical Decision Making,” Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Medicine.

Opinion articles

2023 “Why trust the experts?” *History, Philosophy and Science Teaching Newsletter*.

2022 “The Effectiveness of Diagnostic Tests,” *JAMA*.

2020 “Causality and the Coronavirus,” (with Kevin Lanning), *Prindle Post*.

2018 “Solving Antibiotic Resistance with the Power of Evolution,” *Prindle Post*.

2017 “FT4 Should Replace TSH in Diagnosing Abnormal Thyroid Function” (with Kristen Yuan), *McGill Journal of Medicine*.

2015 “The Vaccine Debate: Where do we go from here?” *Prindle Post*.

2013 “Do Medical Titles Harm the Physician-Patient Relationship?” *British Medical Journal*.

Bibliographies

2015 “Philosophy of Evidence-Based Medicine.” (with Jeremy Howick and Alexander Mebius) *Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy*, ed. Duncan Pritchard.

2014 “Idealizations in Science.” *Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy*, ed. Duncan Pritchard.

Book reviews

2019 Ackerly, Brooke, Just Responsibility. In *Global Justice: Theory Practice Rhetoric*.

2019 Haller, John. Shadow Medicine: the placebo in contemporary and alternative therapies. *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*.

2013 Pincock, Christopher. Mathematics and Scientific Representation. *International Studies in Philosophy of Science*.

Conference presentations and invited academic talks

2021 “Diagnostic Justice,” *Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics*.

- 2021 “Why we need empathy for good diagnoses” *Oxford Empathy in Healthcare conference.*
- 2021 “Science, Truth and Democracy” *Kings College London.*
- 2021 “Science, Motivation, and Shame” (with Sarah Malanowski and Nicholas Baima)
Palacky University, Czech Republic and HLRS University, Germany.
- 2021 “Why Trust the Experts?” *Swiss Philosophical Society*
- 2021 “Diagnostic Justice: Testing for COVID-19” (with Bryan Cwik)
Georgetown University, and University of Johannesburg.
- 2021 “Imaging, representation, and diagnostic uncertainty,” *University of Bologna .*
- 2019 Author meets critics: Medical Nihilism, *Pacific APA, Vancouver Canada.*
- 2019 “Diagnosis: Logic, Evidence, Ethics” *UC Irvine.*
- 2018 “Philosophy in the Field: Working to Eliminate Child Labor in Myanmar”
World Congress of the International Society for Universal Dialogue, Lima, Peru.
Peace Justice and Human Rights Colloquium Series, Florida Atlantic University.
- 2017 “A role for mechanistic reasoning in clinical decision making”
Mechanisms in Medicine Conference, University of Kent, UK.
- 2016 “Diagnostic Evidence and Medical Value”
Philosophy of Science Association meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2016 “Extra-Clinical Diagnostic Value”
Values in Medicine Conference, University of Texas at Dallas.
- 2016 “Diagnostic Value: Epistemic Worth and Practical Implications”
Making Medical Knowledge Conference, UC Irvine.
- 2016 “The Value of a Diagnosis”
University of South Florida College of Medicine.
- 2015 “The Value of a Diagnosis”
San Diego State University.
- 2015 “Evaluating Diagnostic Tests”
Mentoring Workshop for Early Career Women, UMass.
University of South Florida Philosophy Colloquium.
- 2014 “Don’t call me ‘Dr.’: Titles and Hierarchy in the Clinic”
American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, San Diego, CA.

- 2014 “Idealization in the Process of Model Explanation”
Philosophy of Science Association Meeting Chicago, IL.
- 2014 “A Non Representationalist View of Scientific Modelling”
University of Utah.
- 2013 “Explanatory Models and De-idealization”
Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice Meeting, Toronto, Canada.
- 2013 “Accepting Uncertainty in Medical Diagnosis”
Cognitive Attitudes and Values in Science, University of Notre Dame.
- 2013 “Differential Diagnosis: Ethical and Evidential Considerations”
Bioethics Series, University of South Carolina.
- 2013 “Differential Diagnosis and Uncertainty in Medicine”
International Advanced Seminar in Philosophy of Medicine, Paris, France.
- 2013 “Ethical Diagnosis”
Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology, University of Texas at Dallas.
- 2012 Realism through Idealization: Explanatory Models in Science”
Models and Simulations 5, Helsinki, Finland.
- 2012 “Idealization and Explanation in Astrophysics”
APA Central Division Meeting Chicago, IL.
- 2011 “Idealization and Explanation in Astrophysics”
Logic, Mathematics & Physics Graduate Conference, University of Western Ontario.
- 2011 “Idealization and Inference: How False Models Explain”
14th Congress of Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science, Nancy, France.
Epistemology of Modeling and Simulations Conference, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2011 “How False Models Explain: A Non-Representationalist View”
University of Miami Annual Graduate Epistemology Conference, Miami, Florida.
- 2010 “Models and Scientific Understanding”
Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Meeting, Montréal, Canada.

Public lectures and interviews

- 2021 “Ethics at the end of life” *American Association of University Women.*
- 2021 “Medical Diagnosis” *Phi Sci Series, Cambridge University.*
- 2020 “Child Labor in Myanmar” *Muslim Network Television.*

- 2020 “COVID-19 and medical evidence” *University of Texas-Dallas.*
- 2016 “Bioethics around the Globe” *Florida Atlantic University.*
- 2015 “Humanities for Scientists” *Xiamen University, China.*
- 2015 “Ethics for the Future” *Max Planck Institute of Neuroscience.*
- 2014 “Ethical Reflection in Clinical Reasoning” *University of South Carolina School of Medicine.*

Editorial Advisory Boards

- 2024-2026 *Philosophy of Medicine*
- 2022-2024 *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*

Awards

- 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 Faculty Development Award, *Wilkes Honors College*
- 2014 NSF Travel Grant
- 2012 Visiting Fellowship in Philosophy of Social Sciences, *University of Helsinki, Finland*
- 2012 APA Central Division Graduate Student Travel Stipend
- 2011 Logic Methodology and Philosophy of Science Graduate Student Stipend
- 2011, 2010 History of Science Society Travel Grant
- 2009 J. Robert Huskey Travel Fellowship
- 2009 Language Study Award, *University of Bologna, Italy*
- 2007-2010 Philosophy Graduate Student Fellowship, *University of Virginia*
- 2005-2006 Humanities Graduate Student Fellowship, *Old Dominion University*
- 1997 Air Force Fellowship for research in binary star systems, *University of Virginia*
- 1996 Olympic Trial qualifier

Courses regularly taught

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Logic
- Theory of Knowledge
- Philosophy of Medicine
- Biomedical Ethics

Past Thesis Students

Vani Adepalli

Bridget Alaimo

Zoe Aizenman

Jessica Bartlett

David Casto

Jackson Casto

Giovanny Cherry

Ravenne Corea

Aviv Elimelech

Idia Enogieru

Namrata Gadela

Hibah Hussain

Lauren Lowy

Mary McMillan

Katherine McMillan

Maria Valdez Palomino

Shivani Patel

Praewpailin Rich

Arielle Schiebovitz

Naman Shah

Palak Shah

Kendyl Stewart

Jonathan Summersbee

Sidnie Walker

Reem Warrayat

Eva Yagudaev

Kristen Yaun

Ashley Zito