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Areas of Interest Bioethics, Ethics, Political Philosophy, & Creativity

Education & Training

BIOETHICS FELLOWSHIP (September 2025 – Present)

Department of Bioethics, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD

Advisors: Robert Steel & David Wasserman

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (May 2025)

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Thesis: “The Programming Theory of Creativity”

Committee: Wendy Parker (chair), Kelly Trogdon, Justin Horn, Mercedes Corredor

B.A. ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (May 2020)

Magna Cum Laude - Concentration in Biology and Philosophy

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC

Thesis: “An Ocean Full of Lion Fish: Ethics, Invasion, and Diaspora”

Awards

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society travel grant (2024)

VIRGINIA TECH

Philosophy Department travel grant (2024)

The Kellogg Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics travel grant (2024)

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

Environmental Program Summer Fellowship (2019)

Sullivan Biology Scholarship (awarded twice; 2018, 2020)

Magnolia Scholarship (2016-2020)

Academic Presentations

PRESENTATIONS

“Kantian Ethics and Infants’ Rights”

-PPE Society Meeting, Children’s Rights: Theoretical Investigations (Nov 2024)

-Virginia Tech Lunch & Learn Talk (Nov 2024)

“The Convergence Model of Creative Intention”

-American Society for Aesthetics session at 2025 Central APA Meeting (Feb 2025)
-MA Thesis Showcase, Virginia Tech (Oct 2024)

COMMENTARIES

Comments on Meredith Sheeks’ **“The Importance of Being Rude”**, Virginia Philosophical Association, Virginia Tech (Oct 2024)

Teaching

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

Virginia Tech

Knowledge and Reality; James Klagge (Spring 2025)
Morality and Justice; Zach Thornton (Fall 2024)
Critical Thinking; Greg Novack (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

Graduate Coursework

WAKE FOREST SCHOOL OF DIVINITY

God and the Problem of Evil; Kevin Jung (Fall 2022, audit)

VIRGINIA TECH

Independent Study: Anarchy, State, & Utopia; Philip Yaure (Spring 2025)
History of Philosophy: Solidarity; Philip Yaure (Spring 2025)
Metaethics; Justin Horn (Fall 2024)
Proseminar; Dan Hoek (Spring 2024)
African American Political Philosophy; Philip Yaure (Spring 2024)
Philosophy and Physical Computing; Benjamin Jantzen (Spring 2024)
Philosophy of Biology; Benjamin Jantzen (Spring 2024, audit)
Topics in Epistemology: Social Epistemology; Wendy Parker (Fall 2023)
Topics in Pol. Phil.: Moral Transformation; Mercedes Corredor (Fall 2023)
Symbolic Logic; Benjamin Jantzen (Fall 2023)

Service

TO VIRGINIA TECH PHILOSOPHICAL COMMUNITY

MA Recruitment (2024)
Assistant Coach, Virginia Tech Ethics Bowl (2024)

TO INTERNATIONAL PHILOSOPHICAL COMMUNITY

Copy Editor, International Encyclopedia of Philosophy (2021-22)
Prose Editor, Oxford Public Philosophy Journal (2021)

Academic Working Groups

Ethical Limits of Academic Inquiry (2023-present)

Member, PPE Society Working Group

Forum for sharing research about the topic of ethical limits of academic inquiry and building a community of scholars dedicated to the topic.

Academic Memberships

American Philosophical Association (2025)

American Society of Aesthetics (2025)

References

Wendy Parker

Professor

Virginia Tech

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Kelly Trogdon

Associate Professor

Virginia Tech

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Christian Miller

A. C. Reid Professor

Wake Forest University

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Greg Novack (teaching reference)

Collegiate Assistant Professor

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