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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Senior Research Fellow, Universität Bonn	Fall 2022-present
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Spring Hill College	Fall 2021-present
Director of Gender Studies Program, Spring Hill College	Fall 2021-Spring 2023
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Spring Hill College	Fall 2017-Spring 2021
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Tampa	Fall 2016-Spring 2017
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Spring Hill College	Fall 2014-Spring 2016

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

International Affiliate: SETI Post-Detection Hub – UK SETI Research Network (University of St. Andrews)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ethical Theory, Ethics of Space Exploration, AI Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Ethics of Science and Technology, Intergenerational Ethics, Feminist Philosophy, Bioethics, Public Philosophy

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy – Univ. of Colorado, Boulder	May 2014
Graduate Certificate, Women & Gender Studies – Univ. of Colorado, Boulder	May 2009
B.A., Philosophy – Univ. of Illinois, Chicago	May 2005

PUBLICATIONS

Ethics and Extraterrestrial Communication: The Moral Responsibilities of Messengers. Routledge [UNDER CONTRACT]

“Respect for the Non-Living in Early-Stage Space Expansion” in *Crime, Criminal Justice, and Ethics in Outer Space*, edited by Yarin Eski and Jack Lampkin, Routledge [FORTHCOMING].

“Is Life Observable?” (co-authored with Thomas Metcalf) in *Exophilosophy: The Philosophical Implications of Alien Life*, ed. Richard Playford, Routledge [FORTHCOMING].

“Asymmetric Threats and Ethical Movements” in *Diálogos* Special Issue on Environmental Philosophy (2024).

“Intentional Astrobiological Signaling and Questions of Causal Impotence” in *Ethics and Information Technology* Special Issue: “AI, robotics, virtual reality, Oh My! Assessing the philosophy and ethics of the digital technologies of our time” (2024).

“Astrobiological Searches for Life and Shared Knowledge” in *Astrophilosophy, Cosmotheology, and Religiosity in a Process Universe*, edited by Andrew M. Davis and Roland Faber, Lexington Books (2024).

“Understanding the Question of Whether to Message Extraterrestrial Intelligence” in *Routledge Handbook of Social Studies of Outer Space*, edited by Paola Castaño, Alice Gorman, and Juan Francisco Salazar. Routledge: Oxfordshire, UK (2023).

“Embodiment in Space Imagery: Beyond the Dominant Narrative” (co-authored with Daniela De Paulis) in *Reclaiming Space: Progressive and Multicultural Visions of Space Exploration*, edited by James S.J. Schwartz, Linda Billings, and Erika Nesvold. Oxford University Press: Oxford (2023).

“Geopolitical Implications of a Successful SETI Program” (co-authored with Jason T. Wright and Gabriel Swiney) in *Space Policy* (Oct. 2022).

“An Ethical Assessment of SETI, METI, and the Value of Our Planetary Home” (co-authored with Julia DeMarines) in *Astrobiology: Science, Ethics, and Public Policy*, edited by Octavio Chon Torres, Ted Peters, Joseph Seckbach, and Russell Gordon. Wiley Scrivener: New York, 269-289 (2021).

“Feminism Part 3: The Dominance Approach” in *1000-Word Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology* (August 2020).

“The Imperative to Create an Ethically-Informed METI Protocol” (co-authored with Julia DeMarines) in *Theology and Science*, vol. 7, no. 1 (Jan. 2019).

“Disabusing Physicians of the Assumption of Competing Interests” in *The American Journal of Bioethics*, vol. 19, no. 1 (Jan. 2019).

“Applied Ethics” in *1000-Word Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology* (Feb. 2018).

“How to Think About the Individual as a Non-Autonomous Community” in *The American Journal of Bioethics*, vol. 6, no. 2 (Feb. 2016).

“Fictional Objects, Future Objectives: Why Existence Matters Less Than You Think” (co-authored with Eva Dadlez) in *Philosophy and Literature*, vol. 39, no. 2 (Oct. 2015).

“Why We Should Stop Creating Pets with Lives Worth Living” in *Between the Species*, vol. 17, no.1 (July 2015).

“Evolved, not Causa Sui: An Embodiment Critique of Freedom and Responsibility” in *The American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience*, vol. 6, no. 2 (June 2015).

“Free Will and Moral Responsibility” in *1000-Word Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology* (June 2014).

“PGD and Parental Obligations: What Parents Owe to Communities That Do Not Yet Exist” in *The American Journal of Bioethics*, vol. 13, no. 10 (Oct. 2013).

“Our Responsibility to the Non-Existent” in *Southwest Philosophy Review*, vol. 29, no. 1 (Jan. 2013).

INVITED TALKS

“Questions of Earth’s Detectability and Preparations for Post-Detection” Academy of International Affairs Summer Academy on Outer Space Affairs hosted by the University of Bonn	September 2023
“Challenging Assumptions of Moral Equivalence Among Earth’s Detectable Signals” hosted by the Religion and Astrobiology in Culture and Society Network St. Mary’s University, UK	November 2022
“Challenging Assumptions of Moral Equivalence Among Earth’s Detectable Signals” Bioethics Colloquium presentation hosted by Pennsylvania State University	November 2022
Plenary Speaker: “Astrobiological Searches for Shared Knowledge” 10 th Annual Astrobiology, Exo-Philosophy, and Cosmic Religion Conference, hosted by the Center for Process Studies at Willamette University	May 2022
“A Brief History and Moral Analysis of Astrobiological Searching and Astrobiological Signaling” Colloquium presentation hosted by the University of California, Riverside Astrobiology Seminar Series	April 2022
“Is Searching for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Irrational? Is It Immoral?” Colloquium presentation hosted by the PSETI Center and the Rock Ethics Institute at Penn State University	October 2021
Panelist: Interdisciplinary SETI Assembly of the Order of the Octopus	July 2021
“Active Versus Passive Searches: An Ethical Assessment” International Academy of Astronautics SETI Community Meeting	July 2020
“Seeking Shared Values while Searching for Intelligent Life” Making Contact 2019 Workshop, sponsored by the Breakthrough Listen Initiative and hosted by the University of California, Berkeley	August 2019
“The Value of Humanity and the Values of ETI” Colloquium Presentation for Berkeley SETI Research Center hosted by the University of California, Berkeley	March 2019
“Disabusing Physicians of the Assumption of Competing Interests in Policy Revisions Regarding Opioid Abuse” 2 nd Annual Conference on Ethics and Opioids at the University of South Alabama	November 2018
“The Axiology of Reacting” Colloquium Presentation at the University of Wyoming	February 2013
“Parfit’s Dilemma and a Third Option” Colloquium Series Presentation at the University of Colorado, Boulder	October 2012

NEWS ARTICLES

[“How Should We Search for Intelligent Life in the Cosmos?”](#) February 2021
“Philosophers on Space Exploration” installment of the “Philosophers On” series for *Daily Nous*

[“Why We Need Space Ethicists”](#)
Noēma Magazine November 2021

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“Distinguishing Threats and Critiquing Movements to Promote Just Space Environments” June 2024
Environmental Justice in Space Workshop – JustSpace Alliance

“Astroethics for a New Era of Planetary Exploration” May 2024
Co-authored with Emilie Lafleche, Michael Wong, and Julia DeMarines
AbSciCon (Astrobiology Science Conference)

“Desirable AI” March 2024
Twentieth International Conference on Technology, Knowledge, and Society at Polytechnic University of Valencia

“Rejecting the Causal Impotence Defense of Intentional Astrobiological Signaling” July 2023
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology

“AI, Post-Detection, and the Possibility of Consent” June 2023
Pennsylvania State University PSETI Symposium

“Non-identity Problems and Astrobiological Responsibilities” May 2023
Oxygen in Planetary Atmospheres Workshop – Green Bank Observatory

“Is There a Moral Difference Between Messaging and Mere Detection?” February 2023
American Philosophical Association – Central Division

“Challenging Assumptions of Moral Equivalence Among Earth’s Detectable Signals” December 2022
Georgia Philosophical Society Conference on Contemporary Issues

“Is There a Moral Difference Between Messaging and Mere Detection?” June 2022
Pennsylvania State University PSETI Symposium

“The Detectability of Humanity and Why It Matters” May 2022
AbSciCon (Astrobiology Science Conference)

“The Detectability of Humanity and Why It Matters” March 2022
The Society for Social and Conceptual Issues in Astrobiology

“Against A Skeptical Account of Extraterrestrial Values” February 2021
The Association for Practical and Professional Ethics

“Seeking Shared Values While Searching for ETI” December 2020
The Society for Social and Conceptual Issues in Astrobiology

“The Morality of Interstellar Messaging” The International Astronautical Congress	October 2019
“The Imperative to Create an Ethically-Informed METI Protocol” (co-authored with Julia DeMarines) Florida Philosophical Association	November 2018
“The Ethics of Intentionally Transmitting Messages to Extraterrestrial Intelligence” (co-authored with Julia DeMarines) The Society for Social and Conceptual Issues in Astrobiology	April 2018
“The Imperative to Create Ethically-Informed METI Protocols” (co-authored with Julia DeMarines) Public Philosophy Network Conference	February 2018
“Why Hard Incompatibilism is Compatible with Most Moral Practices” Alabama Philosophical Society	October 2016
“Beneficial Oppression and the Harm of Fighting It” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress	August 2016
“Beneficial Oppression and the Harm of Fighting It” Alabama Philosophical Society	October 2015
“Humean Revisionsim” South-Central Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies	February 2015
“Fictional Objects, Future Objectives: Why Existence Matters Less Than You Think” (co-authored with Eva Dadlez) American Society for Aesthetics – Pacific Division	April 2014
“Future Generations, Present Responsibilities: What We Owe to Whomever We Create” International Society for Environmental Ethics	June 2013
“Fictional Objects, Future Objectives: Why Existence Matters Less Than You Think” (co-authored with Eva Dadlez) Canadian Society for Aesthetics	July 2013
“Our Responsibility to the Non-Existent” Southwest Philosophical Society	November 2012
“The Moral Asymmetry of Praise and Blame” American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division	April 2011
“A <i>De-Dicto</i> Solution to the Non-Identity Problem” Northwest Philosophy Conference	October 2009

AWARDS

Ignatian Great Ideas for Teachers Award (\$250)	December 2019
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college-wide competition to demonstrate best practices in teaching and Ignatian pedagogy

Florence Husted Lowe and F. Rex Lowe Fellowship
awarded annually by the School of Arts and Humanities at the University of Colorado at Boulder

2013-2014

President's Prize – Southwest Philosophical Society (\$150)
prize-winning paper: "Our Responsibility to the Non-Existent"

November 2012

SELECT MEDIA & INTERVIEWS

["We Come in Peace\(?\): The Ethics Around Extra-Terrestrial Engagement"](#) in *Medium* (January 2024)

["Are We Alone in the Universe?"](#) for BBC's *The Inquiry* (August 2023)

["A Look Behind the Sign"](#) written for *A Sign in Space* project (August 2023)

["Scientific Imagination x A Sign in Space"](#) for *Future Based* podcast (July 2023)

["The Race Is on to Crack an Artist's 'Test' Signal from Aliens"](#) in *Wired* (June 2023)

["The Ethics of X"](#) *A Sign in Space* Workshop (June 2023)

[Launch Event – "SETI Live: A Sign in Space—Simulating First Contact"](#) (May 2023)

["Understanding the Question of Whether to Message Extraterrestrial Intelligence"](#) *New Work in Philosophy* substack (March 2023)

["The Political Repercussions of Detecting Alien Intelligence May Not Go As You'd Think"](#) *IFL Science* (October 2022)

["On the Ethics of METI"](#) *Wow! Signal* podcast (November 2020)

TEACHING

Spring Hill College

The Ethics of Space Exploration
Philosophy and the Future
Philosophy and Film
Philosophy of Art
Philosophy of Gender
Advanced Environmental Ethics
Business Ethics
Philosophy for Children
Animal Ethics
Honors Ethics
Environmental Ethics
Ethics

University of Tampa

Film Aesthetics
Modern Philosophy
Ethics

Feminist Philosophy
Environmental Ethics
Animal Ethics

SERVICE

Co-editor of <i>1000-Word Philosophy Journal</i>	2017-present
NASA's Communicating Discoveries in the Search for Life in the Universe Event – Tier 1 participant	2024
Instructor – Penn State Microcredential on “Ethics, Intelligence, and the Search for Extraterrestrials”	2023
Program Director for Gender Studies	2021-2023
<i>A Sign in Space</i> Advisory Team member	2021-2023
Rank & Tenure Committee	2021-2023
Education Technology Committee	2020-2023
Chair—Education Technology Committee	2020-2021
Manuscript proposal Referee for Routledge	2022
Referee for the journal <i>Medicine, Healthcare, and Philosophy</i>	2021
Referee for the journal <i>Science and Engineering Ethics</i>	2021
Referee for the journal <i>Southwest Philosophy Review</i>	2020
Manuscript proposal Referee for Oxford University Press	2020
Referee for the journal <i>Environmental Philosophy</i>	2019
Philosophers' Cocoon Mentoring Program Mentor	2017-2021
Alabama Philosophical Society President	2018-2019
Organizer for the Alabama Philosophical Society Conference	2018-2019
Bioethics Bowl Judge, University of South Alabama	2018
Alabama Philosophical Society Vice-president	2017-2018
Alabama Philosophical Society Secretary/Treasurer	2016-2017
Academic Standards Committee	2015-2020
Graduate Student President	2013-2014
Diversity Outreach Program Coordinator	2013-2014
Philosophy Outreach Program Visitor, Niwot High School	2013
Organizer of the 15 th Annual Rocky Mtn. Philosophy Conference	2011-2013
Philosophy Department Climate Committee	2012-2013
Director of Undergraduate Mentor Program	2009-2012
Diversity Committee	2008-2014