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*Curriculum Vitae*

Department of Philosophy  
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**Areas of Specialization:** Social and Political Philosophy, War and Peace, Feminism

**Areas of Competence:** Philosophy of Race, Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Law

**Employment:** Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, 2023-  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, 2018-2023  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Siena Heights University, 2015-2018

**Education**

Ph.D., M.A. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (2015)  
Dissertation: *The State Right of Self-Defense: A Claim in Need of Justification*, dir. Bernard Boxill

M.A. University of Colorado-Boulder (2009, *honors*)

B.A. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (2006, *highest honors*)

**Publications**

(Accepted) *Proof-of-Concept: Visions of Peace and Nonviolence in Pop Culture*, edited by Jennifer Kling. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill Rodopi.

(Accepted) “Nonviolent Activism in *Lord of the Rings*,” *Proof-of-Concept: Visions of Peace and Nonviolence in Pop Culture*, edited by Jennifer Kling. Brill Rodopi.

(Accepted) “Refugees and the Environment,” *Fragile Lands, Power Politics: Effects of Violence and Injustice on People, Politics, and the Environment*, edited by Kate. C.S. Schmidt. Netherlands: Brill, expected 2026.

(Accepted) “‘Sheer Sentimentality’: George Orwell on Area Bombing, War, and Evil,” *The Monist*, special issue edited by Peter Brian Berry and Mark Satta.

(2025) “Bodies that are “Ready-to-Politics”: A Feminist Approach to Jus Ex Bello,” *Ending Wars Justly: Theory and Applications*, edited by David K. Chan, chapter 4. New York: Routledge.

(2025) “The Nature, Ethics, and Politics of Uncivil Obedience,” *Journal of Pacifism and Nonviolence* 3: 1-31. <https://doi.org/10.1163/27727882-bja00035>.  
Blog Version published on the Pacificism and Nonviolence Research Network (PNRN): <https://pacifismandnonviolence.wordpress.com/2025/02/17/the-nature-ethics-and-politics-of-uncivil-obedience/>

(2024) “Burn it to the F\*#king Ground: A Proposal,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, special

issue edited by S. West Gurley. 30 (1/2): 68-84.

(2024) *Contemporary Politics and Classical Chinese Thought: Toward Globalizing Political Philosophy*, co-authored with Colin Lewis. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

(2023) “The Government Is My Family,” *The Godfather and Philosophy: An Argument You Can't Refute*, edited by Joshua Heter and Richard Greene, 113-120. New York: Carus Books.

(2023) “Proud Vermin: Modern Militias and the State,” co-authored with Colin Lewis, *Journal of Military Ethics*. 22. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15027570.2023.2230690>.

(2023) “Resettling Refugees: State Obligations, Egalitarian Concerns,” *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence*. Online First. DOI: 10.5840/acorn20235923.

(2023) “Local Communities, the Social, and Obligations to Refugees,” *APA Studies on Feminism and Philosophy*. 22 (2): 6-13.

(2023) “Uncivil Obedience: A Method for (Potentially) Decreasing Political Polarization,” *Politics, Polarity, and Peace*, edited by William H. Barnes, chapter 1. Leiden: Brill Rodopi.

(2023) *Can War Be Justified?: A Debate*. Interlocutor Andrew Fiala. Little Debates About Big Questions Book Series, edited by Tyron Goldschmidt and Dustin Crummett. New York: Routledge.

(2022) *Racist, Not Racist, Antiracist: Language and the Dynamic Disaster of American Racism*, co-authored with Leland Harper. New York: Lexington Books.

(2022) “Social and Political “Statutes of Limitations”: Mo' Approaches, Mo' Problems,” co-authored with Colin Lewis, *Forgiveness Confronts Race, Relationships, and the Social*, edited by Court D. Lewis, 91-111. Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press.

(2022) “Wealth, Violence, and (In)Justice: Refugees, Robin Hood, and Resistance,” *Peaceful Approaches for a More Peaceful World*, Philosophy of Peace/Value Inquiry Book Series, edited by Sanjay Lal, 270-288. Leiden: Brill Rodopi.

(2022) ‘Justified Revolution in Contemporary American Democracy: A Confucian-Inspired Account,’ co-authored with Colin Lewis, *The Crisis of American Democracy: Essays on a Failing Institution*, edited by Leland Harper, 167-192. New York: Vernon Press.

(2021) *The Philosophy of Protest: Fighting for Justice Without Going to War*, co-authored with Megan Mitchell. London: Rowman & Littlefield International.

(2021) “Not Even Close to a (Fair) Fight: Technology and the Future of War,” *Philosophical Journal of Conflict and Violence* 5 (1): 1-17.

(2021) “G.I. JANE: For Feminists, Language is Half the Battle,” Blog of the APA, Women in Philosophy Series. January 27, 2021. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2021/01/27/g-i-jane-for-feminists-language-is-half-the-battle/>.

(2020) ‘‘Rage Against the Machine: The Virtues of Anger in Response to Oppression,’’ *The Ethics of Anger*, edited by Court D. Lewis and Gregory L. Bock, 199-213. New York: Lexington Books.

(2020) ‘‘The Semantic Foundations of White Fragility and the Consequences for Justice,’’ co-authored with Leland Harper, *Res Philosophica* 97 (2): 325-344. Reprinted in *The Crisis of American Democracy*, edited by Leland Harper, New York: Vernon Press, 2022. Reprinted in *Into the Fire: The Intersection of Race and Communication*, edited by Leland Harper. New York: Vernon Press, 2024.

(2019) ‘‘Bottles and Bricks: Rethinking the Prohibition against Violent Political Protest,’’ co-authored with Megan Mitchell, *Radical Philosophy Review* 22 (2): 209-237.

(2019) ‘‘The U.S. Military Needs to Budget: Decreasing Military Spending in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,’’ *Ethics, Left and Right: The Moral Issues That Divide Us*, edited by Bob Fischer, chapter 20. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

(2019) ‘‘Engaging in a Cover-Up: The ‘Deep Morality’ of War,’’ *Pacifism, Politics, and Feminism: Intersections and Innovations*, Philosophy of Peace/Value Inquiry Book Series, edited by Jennifer Kling, Leiden: Brill Rodopi.

(2019) *Pacifism, Politics, and Feminism: Intersections and Innovations*, Philosophy of Peace/Value Inquiry Book Series, edited by Jennifer Kling, Leiden: Brill Rodopi.

(2019) *War Refugees: Risk, Justice, and Moral Responsibility*. New York: Lexington Books.

(2018) ‘‘Humanitarian Intervention and the Problem of Genocide and Atrocity,’’ *Routledge Handbook of Pacifism and Nonviolence*, edited by Andrew Fiala, 154-167. New York: Routledge.

(2016) ‘‘Who Owes What to War Refugees,’’ *Journal of Global Ethics* 12 (3): 327-346. Reprinted in *Refugee Crisis: The Borders of Human Mobility*, edited by Melina Duarte, Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen, Serena Parekh, and Annamari Vitikainen. London: Routledge, 2018.

### Writing in Progress

(Under Review) ‘‘The *Star Wars* Problem: Military Intervention, Pacifism, and New Technologies,’’ *Emerging Technologies, Disarmament, and Peace*, edited by David K. Chan. Brill Rodopi, expected 2026.

(Under Review) Kling, J., Morris, P.A., & Shulman, M.\* ‘‘To the Battlefield and Back: Assessing the Impacts of Community Dialogues of War,’’ *Journal of Armed Forces and Society*. \*shared first authorship represented here in alpha order

(Under Review) ‘‘Make Camp, Not War,’’ *Camping and Philosophy: Big Ideas in the Great Outdoors*, edited by Joshua Heter and David O’Hara. Milestone Press, expected 2026.

(Under Contract) *Race, Justice, and Meaningful Structural Change: A Radical Reimagining*, co-authored with Leland Harper. New York: Lexington Books Bloomsbury, expected 2026.

(Under contract) *Political Violence: A Philosophical Introduction*. Indianapolis, IN: Hackett, expected 2027.

(Invited to Submit) *The Social Epistemology of War*. Elements in Philosophy, War, and Peace, edited by Lee-Ann Chae and Graham Parsons. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Expected 2028.

## Published Discussions of My Work

(2024) Hertel, Gordon. Book Review. "Andrew Fiala / Jennifer Kling: Can War Be Justified? A Debate." *Intergenerational Justice Review* 10:1, 22-4. <https://doi.org/10.24357/igjr.10.1.1973>.

(2024) Book Symposium, including authors' introduction, critical commentaries, and responses, on *The Philosophy of Protest: Fighting for Justice Without Going to War* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2021). *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 29:2 (Fall/Winter 2023).

- Jennifer Kling and Megan Mitchell. "Authors' Introduction," 74-87. <https://doi.org/10.5840/pcw202329210>.
- Sahar Heydari Fard. "Heydari Fard Comments," 88-95. <https://doi.org/10.5840/pcw202329211>.
- Tristan Sosa. "Sosa Comments," 96-107. <https://doi.org/10.5840/pcw202329212>.
- Jennifer Kling and Megan Mitchell. "Authors' Response to Critics," 108-119. <https://doi.org/10.5840/pcw202329213>.

## Public Philosophy

Co-Host of *Hotel Bar Sessions*, a weekly philosophy podcast that takes a conversational, no-holds-barred approach to debating topics across the spectrum of ideas. [www.hotelbarpodcast.com](http://www.hotelbarpodcast.com) (October 2025-present)

## Presentations

"The Star Wars Problem: Military Intervention, Pacifism, and New Technologies"

Invited Speaker, NASSP Social Philosophy Workshop, October 23, 2025

"Find and Fill All the Lanes: A Decolonial Approach to Protest"

Presidential Address, Concerned Philosophers for Peace (CPP) 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, October 18, 2025

"Burn it to the Ground: A Radical Reimagining of Politics"

Invited Speaker, Sam Houston State University Theory and Praxis Reading Group, August 12, 2025

"F##k Yeah: Let's ReConceptualize/ReImagine/ReEnvision the Hell Out of This"

Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World (SPCW) 2025 Annual Conference, July 25, 2025

"From Foxholes to Computer Consoles"

International Society for Military Ethics (ISME) 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, June 19, 2025  
14th Annual Conference, EuroISME: International Society for Military Ethics in Europe, May 22, 2025

Presidential Address, Concerned Philosophers for Peace (CPP) 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference,

October 19, 2024

APA Live Webinar: "The Ethics and Politics of Protest on Campus"

Invited Speaker and Panelist, APA (American Philosophical Association) Live Webinar,  
May 5, 2025

"Anything But a Paper!"

Pacific APA Teaching Hub, April 17, 2025

"Campus Protest, Creativity, and Civil Discourse"

Pacific APA, Invited Symposium (The Ethics and Politics of Protest on Campus), April  
16, 2025

Book Symposium: *Contemporary Politics and Classical Chinese Thought: Toward Globalizing Political Philosophy*

Co-presented with Colin J. Lewis, Pacific APA, Society for Philosophy in the  
Contemporary World Group Session, April 16, 2025

"Bodies that are "Ready to Politics": A Feminist Approach to Jus Ex Bello"

Great Lakes Philosophy Conference 2025, April 12, 2025

Central APA, Invited Symposium (Ending Wars Justly: Theory and Applications),  
February 21, 2024

"Spilling the Tea: Gossip and Civil Discourse"

Invited Speaker, Polarization and Civil Discourse Working Group, Philosophy, Politics,  
and Economics (PPE) Society, March 11, 2025

"Corporations, Rivers, and Now Robots: Legal Standing in a World of Advancing Technology"

Co-presented with Colin J. Lewis, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Society, 8<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Conference, November 16, 2024

"Black Widow: A Red Ledger and a Nonviolentist Approach"

Concerned Philosophers for Peace (CPP) 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, October 19, 2024

"Equity & Inclusion in the Classroom: Multi-Modal Activities"

2024 CU System Social Justice Summit, October 8, 2024

"Talking Through Gaza/Israel/Palestine at Camp"

Invited Speaker, Western Association of Independent Camps (WAIC) Group Session,  
April 24, 2024

"Sheer Sentimentality": George Orwell on Area Bombing, War, and Evil"

Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World (SPCW) 2024 Annual Conference,  
July 18, 2024

International Society for Military Ethics (ISME) 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, June 14, 2024

2024 Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, April 13, 2024

"Is *The Dispossessed* Feminist?"

Invited Speaker, Pacific APA, Science Fiction and Philosophy Society Group Session,  
March 23, 2024

"The Nature, Ethics, and Politics of Uncivil Obedience"

Pacifism and Nonviolence Workshop 2024 (PNW24), April 17, 2024

Invited Talk, Philosophy & Religion Forum, University of Southern Mississippi, March 6,  
2024

Invited Talk, Center for Ethical Leadership, Washington & Jefferson College, October  
25, 2023

"We've Got to GTFO: Guns, Gaia, and Fear"

Central APA, Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World Group Session,  
February 22, 2024

"The Arc of the Moral Universe is Ineffable (and in *Good Omens*, also Short)"

Central APA, Concerned Philosophers for Peace Group Session, February 22, 2024  
“War, Refugees, and Ecological Systems”  
Invited Talk, Philosophers for Sustainability: February 2024 Forum on Climate Change and War, February 16, 2024

“Expanding our Vocabulary Around Racism to Create a More Just World”  
Invited Talk, co-presented with Leland Harper. University of Michigan Ross School of Business, February 5, 2024

“Visions of Peace and Nonviolence in Popular Culture”  
Panel Organizer and Chair, Concerned Philosophers for Peace (CPP) 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, October 28, 2023

“Assassination as War Prevention”  
Co-presented with Keith Abney, Concerned Philosophers for Peace (CPP) 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, October 27, 2023

Co-presented with Keith Abney, International Society for Military Ethics (ISME), 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, July 9, 2023

“The Ethics and Politics of Uncivil Obedience”  
Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World (SPCW) 2023 Annual Conference, July 25, 2023

The Mentoring Workshop for Women in Philosophy, Marc Sanders Foundation, June 11-13, 2023

2023 Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, April 15, 2023

Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Annual Conference, March 4, 2023

“Authors Meet Critics: *Can War Be Justified? A Debate*”  
Co-presented with Andrew Fiala, Pacific APA, Concerned Philosophers for Peace Group Session, April 5, 2023

“Racist, Not Racist, Anti-Racist?”  
Invited Talk, co-presented with Leland Harper. Bowdoin College, February 28, 2024.

Invited Talk, co-presented with Leland Harper. Ethics Center Lecture Series, Fresno State University, March 22, 2023.

“Nonviolent Activism in *Lord of the Rings*”  
Central APA, Concerned Philosophers for Peace Group Session, February 24, 2023

“Burn it to the Fucking Ground: A Proposal”  
Central APA, Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World Group Session, February 23, 2023

“The Language of American Racism”  
Invited Talk, co-presented with Leland Harper. Speaker Series: Leading Against Hate, Gonzaga University. February 16, 2023.

“Lifting the Veil: Co-teaching Current Controversies Through Illusion and Transparency”  
Co-presented with Colin Lewis, Central APA Teaching Hub, February 23, 2023

Co-presented with Colin Lewis, UCCS Teaching & Learning Conference, January 10, 2023

“Book Presentation: *The Philosophy of Protest: Fighting for Justice without Going to War*”  
Co-presented with Megan Mitchell, Radical Philosophy Association 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, November 18, 2022

Invited Speaker, The Chinook Center, Colorado Springs, CO, November 13, 2022

“I’m Here to Talk to You About the JEDI Initiative”  
Invited Keynote, American Camp Association Rocky Mountain Fall Conference, November 9-11, 2022

“Authors Meet Critics: *Racist, Not Racist, Antiracist: Language and the Dynamic Disaster of American Racism*”

Co-presented with Leland Harper, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Society, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, November 3, 2022

“Authors Meet Critics: *The Philosophy of Protest: Fighting for Justice without Going to War*”

Co-presented with Megan Mitchell, Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, October 21, 2022

“Book Launch: *Racist, Not Racist, Antiracist: Language and the Dynamic Disaster of American Racism*”

Invited Speaker, UCCS Heller Center for the Arts & Humanities, October 18, 2022

“Uncivil Obedience: A Method for (Potentially) Decreasing Political Polarization”

North American Society for Social Philosophy (NASSP) 39<sup>th</sup> International Social Philosophy Conference, July 29, 2022

Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, April 11, 2021

Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

“Gatekeeping, Gambling, and Grandstanding: Philosophy as Essentially Politicking”

Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World (SPCW) 2022 Annual Conference, July 12, 2022

“The *Star Wars* Problem: Military Intervention, Pacifism, and New Technologies”

International Society for Military Ethics (ISME), 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, July 10, 2022

Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Annual Conference, February 25, 2022

Eastern APA, Concerned Philosophers for Peace Group Session, January 9, 2021

Invited Speaker, Stonehill College, March 16, 2020 [Cancelled due to COVID-19]

“Racist, Not Racist, Antiracist: Language and the Dynamic Disaster of American Racism”

Co-presented with Leland Harper, Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, October 21, 2022

Co-presented with Leland Harper, Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, April 10, 2022

“Doing the Work: Bringing DEI to Life at Camp”

Invited Speaker, ACA, Rocky Mountain EPIC Seminar 2022, March 10, 2022

“Resettling Refugees: State Obligations, Egalitarian Concerns”

Central APA, Concerned Philosophers for Peace Group Session, February 24, 2022

FEAST 2021 Conference on Violence and Politics: In honor of Bat-Ami Bar On, October 9, 2021

“Determining Who—And What—to Target in Response to Structural Injustices (or, How to Aim a Protest)”

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, February 5, 2022

Radical Philosophy Association, 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, November 13, 2021

“Refugees and the Environment”

Concerned Philosophers for Peace (CPP), 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, October 29, 2021

“Using Movement to Teach Bias and Stereotypes”

The Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum (SEAC) Annual Conference, October 8, 2021

“Not Even Close to a (Fair) Fight: Technology and the Future of War”

International Society for Military Ethics (ISME), 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, July 22, 2021

“Social and Political “Statutes of Limitations”: Mo’ Approaches, Mo’ Problems”

Co-presented with Colin Lewis, North American Society for Social Philosophy (NASSP) Annual Conference, July 16, 2021

“Justified Revolution in Contemporary American Democracy: A Confucian-Inspired Account”

Co-presented with Colin Lewis, North American Society for Social Philosophy (NASSP)

Annual Conference, July 15, 2021

“Proud Vermin: Modern Militias and the State”

Co-presented with Colin Lewis, Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought, April 30, 2021  
“Fighting Organized Crime: Military Conflict or Domestic Dispute?”

Contemporary Challenges for Just War Theory, Temple University, March 13, 2021  
Eastern APA, Concerned Philosophers for Peace Group Session, January 2019  
Invited Talk, Center for Values and Social Policy, CU-Boulder, October 2018

“Of Course I’m Angry: Constructive Rage, Protest, and Political Communication”

Central APA, Concerned Philosophers for Peace Group Session, February 25, 2021  
“Creating engaging video lectures as part of a remote synchronous course”

Invited Speaker, UCCS Faculty Resource Center GIFT (Great Ideas for Teaching) Exchange, October 14, 2020

“Who’s Responsible for Refugee Justice?”

Invited Speaker, California Center for Ethics and Policy Speaker Series, Cal Poly Pomona, October 9, 2020

“Not Even Close to a Fair Fight: Technology and the Future of War”

International Society for Military Ethics, 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, July 29, 2020 [Cancelled due to COVID-19]

“Researcher’s Guide to Surviving Remote Work during the Coronavirus: A Virtual Panel”

Invited Panelist, UCCS Office of Research, May 18, 2020

“Harming Others, Wronging God: Natural Law and Human Rights”

AAR-SBL Rocky Mountains—Great Plains Region, Regional Meeting, March 28, 2020  
[Cancelled due to COVID-19]

“The Semantic Foundations of White Fragility and the Consequences for Justice”

Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, April 4, 2020 [Cancelled due to COVID-19]

Global Structural Injustice and Minority Rights Conference, March 14, 2020 [Cancelled due to COVID-19]

“Teaching Rawls: Using Group Knowledge and Games”

Central APA, Teaching Hub Pedagogy Presentation, February 27, 2020

“Understanding the Refugee Crisis: Global & Local Perspectives”

Invited Panelist, Just Talk Series, UCCS Kraemer Family Library, February 24, 2020

“Author-Meets-Critics: *War Refugees: Risk, Justice, and Moral Responsibility*”

Central APA, Concerned Philosophers for Peace Group Session, February 28, 2020

Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, February 22, 2020

“A Brief (Philosophical) History of Protest”

Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, February 22, 2020

“Rage Against the Machine: The Virtues of Anger in Response to Oppression”

Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, October 19, 2019

“Sending Them to Their Deaths: National Borders, Asylum, and International Law”

Invited Talk, Faculty Roundtable Presentation, Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative at UCCS, October 1, 2019

“War Refugees: Risk, Justice, and Moral Responsibility”

Just Talk Library Series, UCCS Kraemer Family Library, September 18, 2019

“The Philosophy of Protest: Fighting for Justice Without Going to War”

Invited Talk, Heller Center Salon Series, UCCS Heller Center for Arts & Humanities, September 2019

“Political Protests, Philosophers, and Perfectionism”  
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), August 2019

“Protest and Revolution: Drawing Difficult Lines”  
International Society for Military Ethics (ISME) Annual Conference, June 2019

“The Line of Neutrality in Refugee Studies”  
NORA Conference: Border Regimes, Territorial Discourses & Feminist Politics,  
University of Iceland, Reykjavík, May 2019

“Trolley Problems are a Red Herring: Stay Focused on the Politics!”  
Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, April 2019

“Going Beyond the Usual Suspects: Spreading PPE to Small Liberal Arts Colleges”  
Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE) Society Annual Meeting, March 2019

“Flight and Asylum: The Risks Refugees Take, and the Risks of Taking Them In”  
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, March 2019

“Wealth, Violence, and (In)Justice: Robin Hood, and Resistance”  
Invited Talk, Colorado College, April 2019  
Invited Talk, St. Mary's College of Maryland, November 2018  
Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, October 2018

“Sending Them to Their Deaths: National Borders and the Principle of Non-Refoulement”  
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), August 2018  
Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, March 2017

“The U.S. Military Needs to Budget: Decreasing Military Spending in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”  
Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, April 2018

“Bottles and Bricks: Rethinking the Absolute Prohibition against Violent Civil Disobedience”  
Invited Talk, Philosophy Department, St. Mary's College of Maryland, November 2018  
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, March 2018

“The Moral Responsibilities of Refugees”  
Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, November 2017

“The Oppression of War Refugees: Delineating a New Axis of Oppression”  
Who's Got the Power? Philosophical Critique of Social and Political Structures,  
University of Iceland, Reykjavík, October 2017

“Who's Responsible for Refugee Justice?”  
Invited Talk, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, February 2018  
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), August 2017  
Invited Talk, Bowling Green State University Philosophy Department, November 2016  
Invited Talk, Adrian College Institute for Ethics, Adrian College, October 2016

“Advising as Mentoring: Empowering Students to Succeed”  
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, February 2017

“Life and War are Risky Businesses: The Problem of Moral Liability and Risky Behavior”  
Eastern APA, Concerned Philosophers for Peace Group Session, January 2017  
Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum, 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference, October 2016

“Cultural Cross-Talk: Getting Untangled and Untying our Tongues”  
Invited Talk, Western Association of Independent Camps Conference, November 2016

“Engaging in a Cover-Up: The 'Deep Morality' of War”  
Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, October 2016

“Disagreements About Justice: or, Why You \*Can't Even\* Talk Politics Anymore”  
Young Philosophers Lecture Series, DePauw University, September 2016

“Who Owes What to War Refugees”  
Young Philosophers Lecture Series, DePauw University, September 2016

Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, February 2016  
 Invited Talk, Adrian College Institute for Ethics, Adrian College, February 2016  
 Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, October 2015  
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), August 2015  
 “Justifying the State Right of Self-Defense”  
 The Future of Just War: Theoretical and Practical Challenges, October 2015  
 North American Society for Social Philosophy, 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, July 2015  
 Invited Talk, UNC-Asheville, Department of Philosophy, March 2015  
 Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, February 2015  
 Invited Talk, Utah Valley University, Department of Philosophy, February 2015  
 “Imagination as a Political Virtue”  
 King's College London/UNC-Chapel Hill Philosophy Conference, May 2015  
 “How To Repair Human Nature: Anselm’s Understanding of the Relation Between Belief, Understanding, Will, and Grace”  
 Conference of the Society of Christian Philosophers, March 2014  
 “Supreme Emergencies? They Don’t Exist. And Even If They Did...”  
 Seventh Annual Southeast Philosophy Congress, February 2014  
 Invited Talk, Parr Center Lecture Series, UNC-Chapel Hill, January 2014

## Book Reviews

(2025) Review Essay on Sanjay Lal’s *Violence, Nonviolence, and Moral Worth*, in *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence* (In Press)  
 (2023) Review Essay on Beatrice Heuser’s *War: A Genealogy of Western Ideas and Practices*, in *Ethics & International Affairs* 37 (1): 99-102.  
 (2022) “A Critical Utopia for Our Time: Discussing *Star Trek*’s Philosophy of Peace and Justice,” Review of Jose-Antonio Orosco’s *Star Trek’s Philosophy of Peace and Justice: A Global, Anti-Racist Approach*, in *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence* 22 (1): 33-56.  
 (2021) Review Essay on *Building Peace: Feminist Perspectives*, ed. Laura J. Shepherd, in *Hypatia*, 1-4. FirstView. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/hyp.2021.3>.  
 (2019) Review Essay on Court D. Lewis’ *Repentance and the Right to Forgiveness*, in *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence* 19 (1): 19-41.  
 (2016) Review Essay on Harry G. Frankfurt’s *On Inequality*, in *Teaching Philosophy* 39 (3): 377-380.

## Honors, Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Nominated, Dr. Martin R. Lebowitz and Eve Lewellis Lebowitz Prize, Phi Beta Kappa Society and American Philosophical Association, with Andrew Fiala (2026)  
 Submitted, NSF GRANTED Program, Project REACH (December 19, 2025)  
 Department Chair Success Program Scholarship, NCFDD (Fall 2025, \$8,500)  
 UCCS Heller Scholar/Artist Fellowship Grant for teaching and service collaboration with Anna Taft (October 20-25, 2025)  
 Faculty Assembly Women’s Committee (FAWC) Mini-Grant, UCCS (Spring 2025, \$750)  
 LAS Supplemental Travel Award, UCCS (Spring 2025, \$1,000)  
 Nominated, Joseph B. Gittler Award, American Philosophical Association, for “The Nature, Ethics, and Politics of Uncivil Obedience” (Spring 2025)  
 Faculty Equity and Inclusion Committee (FEIC) Diversity Grant, UCCS (Spring 2025, \$250)  
 Office of Research Travel Award, UCCS (Spring 2025, \$500)  
 Nominated, UCCS Senior Faculty, Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program (November 8, 2024)  
 Faculty Assembly Women’s Committee (FAWC) Mini-Grant, UCCS (Spring 2024, \$750)

Nominated, Joseph B. Gittler Award, American Philosophical Association, for *Racist, Not Racist, Anti-Racist* (Spring 2024)

2024 Philosophy in Media Fellowship, Marc Sanders Foundation (Summer 2024, \$3,000)

Submitted, NEH Collaborative Research Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities (November 27, 2023)

Nominated, APA's 2023 Prize for Excellence in Philosophy Teaching (August 2, 2023)

Nominated, LAS Outstanding Research Award (April 3, 2023, UCCS)

Faculty Equity and Inclusion Committee (FEIC) Diversity Grant, UCCS (Spring 2023, \$500)

D.C. TRIP Grant, UCCS (March 19-22, 2023, \$2,000)

Nominated, Sixty35 Media Rising Stars 2023 Award, Colorado Springs, CO (January 12, 2023)

Nominated, Lebowitz Prize, American Philosophical Association, with Andrew Fiala (2023)

UCCS Faculty Revitalization Fellowship (June 2023, \$9,749)

Faculty Research Travel Supplemental Support Award, UCCS (Fall 2022, \$500)

LAS Outstanding Teaching Award, Tenure Track Category, UCCS (April 28, 2022)

NEH Dialogues on the Experience of War Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities (May 2021-April 2024, \$100,000)

Faculty Minority Affairs Committee (FMAC) Diversity Grant, UCCS (Spring 2022, \$500)

Office of Research Travel Award, UCCS (Fall 2021, \$500)

UCCS Heller Scholar/Artist Fellowship Grant for writing and teaching collaboration with Dr. Leland Harper (September 12-19, 2021)

Finalist, Mayor's Young Leaders Awards, Colorado Springs, CO (October 22, 2020)

Faculty Minority Affairs Committee (FMAC) Diversity Grant, UCCS (Spring 2020, \$500)

Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Faculty Fellowship, UCCS (2019-2020, \$5,000)

Faculty Assembly Women's Committee (FAWC) Travel Grant, UCCS (Spring 2019, \$750)

Faculty Minority Affairs Committee (FMAC) Diversity Grant, UCCS (Spring 2019, \$500)

Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Professional Development Grant, UCCS (Spring 2019, \$3,000)

NEH Humanities Connections Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities (2018-2019, \$32,000, Siena Heights University)

Employee of the Month, July 2017 (Siena Heights University)

Nominated for the Hunt Outstanding Advisor Award (2016-2017, Siena Heights University)

Best Paper by a Graduate Student (2015, Association for Practical & Professional Ethics)

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (2014-2015)

Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2014-2015, UNC-Chapel Hill, declined)

Graduate Student Transportation Grant (Spring 2015, UNC-Chapel Hill)

Bertha Colton Williams Fellowship (Spring 2014, UNC-Chapel Hill)

UNC Philosophy Travel Grant (Spring 2014, UNC-Chapel Hill)

Graduate and Professional Student Federation Travel Award (Fall 2009, UNC-Chapel Hill)

Horace Williams Fellowship (2009-2010, UNC-Chapel Hill)

Jentzsch Philosophy Paper Prize (2009, CU-Boulder)

Katherine Jacob Lamont Scholarship (2008-2009, CU-Boulder)

Morehead-Cain Scholarship (2002-2006, UNC-Chapel Hill)

## **Teaching Experience**

### *Instructor of Record*

Gender, Race, and Sexuality (Fall 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2020)

Senior Thesis (Fall 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2020)

Ethics in Action [Ethics Bowl] (Fall 2024, Fall 2022)

What is Justice? (Summer 2025—Precollegiate, Fall 2024, Spring 2022)

Early Modern Philosophy (Fall 2024, Spring 2018)  
Political Violence: Peace, War, and Terrorism (Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Fall 2019)  
Philosophy of Law (Spring 2024, Fall 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2018)  
Politics and the Law (Spring 2024, Spring 2023, AY 21-22, AY 20-21, AY 19-20, AY 18-19)  
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2023, Spring 2019, Fall 2017, Fall 2015)  
Philosophy, Pop Culture, and New Media (Spring 2023, Spring 2022)  
Saints and Heretics – Medieval Philosophy (Fall 2020)  
Philosophy of Race and Gender (Spring 2018, Spring 2016)  
Justice and Peace (Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016)  
Inquiry and Truth (Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2015)  
Engineering Ethics (Fall 2017)  
War: What's It Good For? (Spring 2017)  
Social and Political Philosophy (Spring 2017)  
Ethics of Emerging Technology (Fall 2016)  
Medieval Philosophy (Fall 2016)  
Diversity in Community (Spring 2016)  
Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2015)  
The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense (Fall 2013, UNC-Chapel Hill)  
Moral and Philosophical Issues of Gender in Society (Spring 2013, UNC-Chapel Hill)  
Philosophy for Children (Fall 2007, CU-Boulder)

#### *Teaching Assistant*

The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense (Fall 2012, Fall 2010, with Bernard Boxill)  
Bioethics (Spring 2011, with Ryan Preston-Roedder)  
Philosophy and Society (Spring 2009, Fall 2008, CU-Boulder, with Diane Mayer)

#### *Other Teaching Activities*

“The Philosophy of Violent Protest,” Podcast Episode, The Ethical Frontier, by Dr. Jason Chen, May 25, 2025. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMF1wTAlkGw>.

Developed and Approved new course: **Cults, Conspiracies, and Communities: Social Ethics**, Spring 2025.

“Protest, Violence, Values, and Philosophy: Making Sense of Hard Political Questions,” Podcast Episode, UCCS LAS Research Highlights Podcast, by Dr. Eugenia Olesnick, November 6, 2024. <https://las.uccs.edu/research-highlights-podcast>.

“The Unsettling Reality of Settling Refugees,” Podcast Episode, Nonviolence Radio, by the Metta Center for Nonviolence. February 14, 2024.  
<https://wagingnonviolence.org/metta/podcast/resettling-refugees-philosophy-professor-jen-kling/>.

“Interview with Dr. Kling,” WNJR News Hour, College Radio by Washington & Jefferson College. October 19, 2023. <https://www.wnjr.org/>.

QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Program, UCCS, April 13, 2023.

Developed and Approved new course: **Ethics in Action [Ethics Bowl]**, Spring 2022.

“Star Trek's Philosophy of Peace and Justice Book Launch,” Podcast Episode, The Anarres Project Podcast. April 4, 2022. <https://www.podpage.com/anarres-project/star-treks-philosophy-of-peace-and-justice-book-launch/>.

Developed and Approved new course: **Philosophy, Pop Culture, and New Media**, Fall 2021.

“Humor, Movement, and Multimedia,” Podcast Episode, Ethics & Education Podcast, by The Center for Ethics & Education at UW-Madison. April 27, 2021.

<https://anchor.fm/ethicsandeducation/episodes/Humor—Movement--and-Multimedia-Teaching-Series-4-evf28a>.

“Syllabus Showcase: Political Violence, Jennifer Kling,” Blog of the APA, Syllabus Showcase Series. March 17, 2021. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2021/03/17/syllabus-showcase-political-violence-jennifer-kling/>.

Graduate Teaching Assistant Coordinator, UNC-Chapel Hill (2012-2013)

Philosophy Department Outreach Program Coordinator, UNC-Chapel Hill (2011-2012)

Outreach Program Participant, UNC-Chapel Hill (2009-2015)

Outreach Program Participant, CU-Boulder (2007-2009)

## Professional Service

### *Service to the Profession at Large*

Co-Editor, *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* (2023-present)

President, Concerned Philosophers for Peace (2024-2025)

Selection Committee, 2025 Frank Chapman Sharp Memorial Prize, APA (2025)

Selection Committee, 2026 Inamori Ethics Prize, Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence (2025)

Executive Director, Concerned Philosophers for Peace (2019-2024)

Board Member, Greenberg Center for Learning and Tolerance (2019-2024)

Editorial Board Member, *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence* (2022-present)

Co-organizer, International Society for Military Ethics (ISME) Annual Conference (2022-2024)

Organizer, Rocky Mountain Regional Ethics Bowl Competition (November 2022)

Organizer, Concerned Philosophers for Peace 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference (2019)

Creator and Co-organizer, Great Lakes Philosophy Conference (2016-2019)

Mentor, The Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy (2015-2021)

Judge for the National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (2017-present)

Judge for the New York Area (NYC/NJ) High School Ethics Bowl (2022-2023)

Mentor, Coach, and Judge for the Michigan, North Carolina, and National High School Ethics Bowls (2009-2018)

Referee: Routledge, Springer, Brill, Palgrave Macmillan, Rowman & Littlefield Int'l, Hackett, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Global Ethics*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Hypatia*, *Nordic Journal of Applied Ethics*, *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly*, *Ethics & Global Politics*, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Ethics & International Affairs*, *Philosophy in the Contemporary World: An International Journal*, *APA Studies on Feminism and Philosophy*, *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, *Journal of Pacifism and Nonviolence*, *Ergo*, *Ethical Perspectives*

Co-organizer, UNC-Chapel Hill/King's College London Philosophy Conference (2014-15)

Referee and commentator, Rocky Mountain Student Philosophy Conference (2008-2009)

Referee and session chair, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (2008)

### *University Service*

Co-Director, Center for Research Frontiers in the Digital Humanities, UCCS (August 2025-present)

Chair, Faculty Assembly Women's Committee, UCCS (2025-2026)

Presenter, Talk Back Session on political and social philosophy for a production of *Cabaret*, Theatreworks (September 20, 2025)

Member, UCCS Federal Transition Team, UCCS (February 2025-present)

Panelist, Camp MOSAIC Dreamers and Changemakers Panel, UCCS (August 30, 2025)

Presenter, Talk Back Session on the Suffragettes and the Women's Liberation Movement for a production of *Silent Sky*, Theatreworks (May 8, 2025)

Co-Organizer and Presenter, International Women's Day Advocacy Fair, UCCS (March 6, 2025)

December 2024 Commencement Marshal, UCCS (December 20, 2024)

Incoming Chair, Faculty Assembly Women's Committee, UCCS (2024-2025)

Inclusion Partner, Council on Inclusive Belonging, UCCS (2023-2025)

Chair, LAS DEI Council, UCCS (2021-present)

Member, CREST Belayers, UCCS (2023-present)

Director, Center for Legal Studies, UCCS (2019-present)

Coach, Collegiate Ethics Bowl Team, UCCS (2019-present)

Member, Faculty Leadership Development Academy, UCCS (2023-2024)

Standing Member, Faculty Assembly Women's Committee, UCCS (2020-2024)

Presenter, "Language and American Racism," UCCS Philosophy Club (April 11, 2024)

Invited Speaker, Inclusive Belonging Spotlight Series, DEI Division, UCCS (December 8, 2023)

Invited Speaker and Panelist, Palestine/Israel Teach-In, UCCS (November 14, 2023)

Organizer and Panelist, "Refugees Then, Refugees Now," Heller Center for Arts & Humanities, UCCS (October 3, 2023)

CU System Advocate, Humanities Advocacy Day, Washington, D.C. (March 19-22, 2023)

Member, LAS Assistant Dean of Online Education Search Committee, UCCS (Summer 2022)

Panelist, "Book Publishing Secrets and Tips," UCCS Office of Research (April 28, 2022)

Panelist, "Critical Race Theory: What's the Fuss?" FMAC, Matrix Center, Office of DEI co-sponsored event, UCCS (November 29, 2021)

Presenter, "Violent Protest: Persuasive Political Communication?" UCCS Philosophy Club (October 13, 2021)

Advisory Member, Faculty Assembly Women's Committee, UCCS (2019-2020)

Panelist, "Understanding the Refugee Crisis: Global & Local Perspectives," Just Talk Series, Kraemer Family Library, UCCS (February 24, 2020)

Presenter and Facilitator, "Ugly Lies the Bone," HomeFront Program, UCCS (Nov. 17, 2019)

Member, AAUP, UCCS Chapter (2019-present)

Daniels Fund Case Competition Advisor, UCCS (2019-2024)

GLINT Affiliate Member, UCCS (2018-2023)

Coach, Collegiate Ethics Bowl Team, Siena Heights University (2016-2018)

Committee for Social Responsibility Member, Siena Heights University (2015-2018)

Black History and Women's History Month Planning Committee Member, Siena Heights University (2015-2018)

Sustainability Committee Member, Siena Heights University (2016-2018)

Academic Technology Committee Member, Siena Heights University (2016-2018)

Job Search Committee Member, Engineering Fellow Search, Siena Heights University (2016-17)

Presenter, "Navigating Academic Expectations Beyond the First Year," Upperclass Student Experience (USE) Program, Siena Heights University (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)

New Faculty Committee Member, Siena Heights University (2015-2016)

Student Fee Audit Committee Member, Graduate and Professional Student Federation at UNC-Chapel Hill (2013-2015)

Advocacy Award Committee Member, LGBTQ Center at UNC-Chapel Hill (2014)

Safe Zone Member, LGBTQ Center at UNC-Chapel Hill (2012-2015)

Chair, Philosophy Department (AYs 2025-2029)  
Member and Equity Advocate, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Philosophy (2024-2025)  
Author and Coordinator, 4+1 BA/MA Philosophy Proposal (2023-present)  
Chair, Department Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee (2022-present)  
Submitted, APA Small Grant for Philosophy in the City Series (Submitted June 23, 2022)  
Organizer, Philosophy Graduation Celebration, UCCS (semesterly, 2022-present)  
Co-creator and organizer, Philosophy in the City Series, UCCS (2018-present)  
Secretary to the Department, Philosophy, UCCS (2018)  
Department Chair, Philosophy Department, Siena Heights University (2016-2018)  
Organizer, Get Woke!: Protest and Violence in Charlottesville and Beyond Teach-In, Siena Heights University (2017)  
Organizer, Get Woke!: Presidential Election 2016 Teach-In, Siena Heights University (2016)  
Organizer, Get Woke!: Middle East/Syrian Crisis Teach-In, Siena Heights University (2015)  
Presenter, HUB Chat on Social Responsibility, Siena Heights University (2016)  
Presenter, HUB Chat on Refugees, Siena Heights University (2016)  
President, Philosophy Graduate Students at UNC-Chapel Hill (2012-2013)  
Job Search Committee Member, UNC-Chapel Hill (2013-2014)  
Parr Center for Ethics Graduate Student Fellow, UNC-Chapel Hill (2009-2015)  
Affirmative Action Committee Member, UNC-Chapel Hill (2009-2015)  
Work-in-Progress Presentations Coordinator, UNC-Chapel Hill (2010-2011)  
Prospective Students Committee Member, UNC-Chapel Hill (2009-2010)  
Diversity Committee Member, CU-Boulder (2007-2009)

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