

Amelia Hicks

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2014	Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame <i>Dissertation:</i> “Moral Particularism: The Nonexistence of Moral Principles and the Nature of Proper Moral Deliberation” (advisor: Michael DePaul)
2006	B.A. in Philosophy, Classical Languages (Minor in Gender Studies), Calvin College (now Calvin University)

Employment

2024-Present	Bay State Learning Center, Instructor and Mentor
2021-2024	Kansas State University, Associate Professor of Philosophy
2015-2021	Kansas State University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy
2013-2015	Kansas State University, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Teaching

Courses Taught at Bay State Learning Center (2024-Present)

Formal Logic

↪ 2 sections: 2024-2025, 2025-2026

Statistics

↪ 1 section: 2025-2026

Math Lab

↪ 1 section: 2025-2026

HiSET Math

↪ 1 section: 2025-2026

Sociology

↪ 1 section: 2025-2026

Critical Thinking (with JayJay Mudridge)

↪ 2 sections: 2024-2025, 2025-2026

Psychology

↪ 1 section: 2024-2025

Ethics

↪ 2 sections: Spring 2024

Courses Taught at Kansas State University (2013-2023)

Upper Level Seminar in Philosophy of Mind (Neurodiversity) (PHILO 655)

↪ 1 section: Spring 2023

Upper Level Seminar in Moral Philosophy (PHILO 585)

↪ 4 sections: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2016

Business Ethics (PHILO 390)

↪ 3 sections: Fall 2020, Fall 2014, Fall 2013

Philosophy of Horror (PHILO 352)

↪ 2 sections: Spring 2022, Spring 2023

Philosophy of Gender (PHILO 331)

↪ 3 sections: Fall 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2015

Intermediate Moral Philosophy (PHILO 330)

↪ 7 sections: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2015

History of Philosophy (PHILO 301)

↪ 1 section: Spring 2014

Honors Introduction to Moral Problems (PHILO 230)

↪ 1 section: Fall 2017

Introduction to Moral Problems (PHILO 130)

↪ 15 sections: Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2016 ($\times 2$), Spring 2016, Fall 2015 ($\times 2$), Spring 2015, Fall 2014 ($\times 2$)

First Year Seminar Introduction to Moral Problems (PHILO 130—FYS)

↪ 6 sections: Fall 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2015

Introduction to Philosophical Problems (PHILO 100)

↪ 4 sections: Spring 2014 ($\times 2$), Fall 2013 ($\times 2$)

The Research Experience for Undergraduates in Physics: Ethics Seminar

↪ Co-taught with Bruce Glymour

5 sections: Summer 2015, Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Summer 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2021

Advanced Undergraduate Independent Study in Bioethics (PHILO 680)

↪ Fall 2023

Advanced Undergraduate Independent Study on the Ethics of Educational Interventions for Childhood Trauma (PHILO 680)

↪ Spring 2020

Advanced Independent Honors Project on Foucault and Online Communication

↪ Spring 2019

Advanced Undergraduate Independent Study in Metaethics (PHILO 680)

↪ Summer 2014

Advanced Undergraduate Independent Study in Business Ethics (PHILO 680)

↪ Fall 2020, Fall 2013

Courses Taught as Instructor of Record at the University of Notre Dame (2011-2013)

Food Ethics

↪ 2 sections: Spring 2013 ($\times 2$)

Introduction to Philosophy

↪ 4 sections: Fall 2012 ($\times 2$), Spring 2012, Fall 2011

Courses Assisted For at the University of Notre Dame (2008-2010)

Introduction to Philosophy (Jeff Speaks)

↪ Spring 2010, Spring 2009

Death and Dying (Ted Warfield)

↪ Fall 2009

Philosophy of Religion (Peter van Inwagen)

↪ Fall 2008

Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Curtis Franks)

↪ Spring 2008

Tutoring (2003-2006)

Writing Tutor, Calvin College Rhetoric Center (2003-2006)

Greek and Latin Tutor, Calvin College Classics Department (2005-2006)

Private Latin Tutor (2004-2005)

Private Language Arts Tutor (2004-2005)

Teaching Awards

Spring 2021	Kansas State University Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Foundation Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (\$2,500).
Spring 2021	Kansas State University Teaching and Learning Center's Highlighted Teacher of the Month
Fall 2015	Professor of the Week (Kansas State University)
Spring 2013	Recipient of the Kaneb Center Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award (University of Notre Dame)

Languages

Classical Greek, Classical Latin

Philosophy Publications

Forthcoming	"Ignorance and Duty: The Objective/Subjective Distinction in Ethics," <i>The Oxford Handbook of Normative Ethics</i> , ed. David Copp, Connie Rosati, and Tina Rulli. <i>Invited</i> .
2022	"Dispensing with the Subjective Moral 'Ought'," in <i>Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics</i> , Vol. 11.
2021	"Non-Ideal Prescriptions for the Morally Uncertain," in <i>Philosophical Studies</i> , Vol. 179: 1039-1064.
2019	"Moral Hedging and Responding to Reasons," <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> , Vol. 100 (3): 765-789.
2018	"Moral Uncertainty and Value Comparison," <i>Oxford Studies in Metaethics</i> , Vol. 13, ed. Russ Shafer-Landau.
2016	"A Priorism in Moral Epistemology" (with Michael DePaul), <i>The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy</i> , revised in 2021.
2016	"Particularism Doesn't Flatten," <i>The Journal of Moral Philosophy</i> , Vol. 13 (3): 339-362 (available online in 2014).

Interdisciplinary Publications

Forthcoming	"Neuro-Inclusive Pedagogy in Philosophy Classrooms," in <i>The Art of Teaching Philosophy</i> , Vol. 2 (with JayJay Mudridge), ed. Brynn Welch. <i>Invited</i> .
2019	"Navigating the Moral Realm of Counseling: Counselors' Expressed Role within and Awareness of Value Conversion," with James Bridges et al. in <i>The Family Journal: Counseling and Therapy for Couples and Families</i> , Vol. 27 (2).

Presentations

October 2024	“Deficits, Differences, and Ableism in Autism Research: Reflections on the ‘Theory of Mind’ Fiasco,” New Perspectives on Neurodivergence Workshop at the University of Bayreuth (Bayreuth, Germany), <i>invited</i>
April 2024	“Autism and Theory of Mind,” Philosopher’s Hat Public Philosophy Club, (Westport, Ireland—online), <i>invited</i>
February 2024	“Philosophizing about Autism in Public,” Northeastern University (Boston, MA), <i>invited</i>
April 2020 (Canceled)	“Non-Ideal Moral Obligations for the Morally Uncertain,” SUNY Buffalo Ethics Conference (Buffalo, NY), <i>invited</i>
March 2020	“Non-Ideal Moral Obligations for the Morally Uncertain,” 3rd Annual Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)—associated with a special issue of <i>Philosophical Studies</i>
January 2020	“Dispensing with Subjective Moral Obligation,” Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics (Tucson, AZ)—associated with a volume of <i>Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics</i>
May 2019	“Moral Obligation and Non-Ideal Agents,” Ohio State University/Maribor/Rijeka Philosophy Conference in Moral Epistemology (Dubrovnik, Croatia), <i>invited</i>
March 2019	“Dispensing with Subjective Moral Obligation,” Philosophy Department Colloquium (University of Texas, El Paso), <i>invited</i>
December 2018	“Moral Hedging and Responding to Reasons,” Workshop on Population Ethics and Moral Uncertainty, Institute for Futures Studies (Stockholm, Sweden), <i>invited</i>
June 2018	“Exculpation and Moral Theories,” The Future of Normativity Conference (University of Kent)
June 2018	“Moral Obligation and Non-Ideal Agents” (for graduate students at the University of Bristol), <i>invited</i>
April 2018	“Exculpation and Moral Theories,” Knowing What to Do: A Workshop on Ethical Epistemology (Ohio State University)
March 2018	“Exculpation and Moral Theories,” 1st Annual Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
September 2016	“Moral Uncertainty and Value Comparison,” 2nd Annual Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)—associated with a volume of <i>Oxford Studies in Metaethics</i>
August 2016	“Moral Uncertainty and Value Comparison,” 9th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (University of Colorado-Boulder)
June 2016	“Moral Uncertainty and Value Comparison,” Humboldt Conference on Normativity (Humboldt University, Berlin)
June 2016	“Moral Uncertainty and Responding to Reasons,” The Bled Ethics Conference (Bled, Slovenia), <i>invited</i>
April 2016	“Moral Uncertainty and Value Comparison,” Conference on Metaethics and Practical Reason (University of Nebraska—Lincoln)
October 2015	“Boycotts and Ethical Veganism,” Animal Suffering: Interdisciplinary Investigations in Animal Studies (Southwestern College)
August 2015	“Moral Uncertainty and Moral Fetishism,” 8th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (University of Colorado-Boulder)
November 2014	“Hedging Moral Bets,” Philosophy Department Colloquium (University of Kansas), <i>invited</i>

Presentations, *cont.*

August 2014	“Internalism, Vegetarianism, and Moral Recklessness,” 7th Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (University of Colorado-Boulder)
February 2014	“Particularism Doesn’t Flatten,” 2014 Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
February 2014	“Particularism Doesn’t Flatten,” 33rd Annual Meeting of the Kansas Philosophical Society (Kansas State University)
August 2013	“Moral Particularism and Moral Deliberation,” 6th Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (University of Colorado-Boulder)
April 2013	“Moral Particularism and Moral Deliberation,” 39th Conference on Value Inquiry: Virtue, Vice, and Character (Western Kentucky University)
November 2012	“Particularism, Moral Reasoning, and the Problem of Justification,” Values and Virtues: Creating Character (Peking University, <i>invited</i>)
April 2012	“Preserving the Challenge to Traditional Ethical Theory: A Defense of Ontological Moral Particularism,” 5th Annual University at Albany Philosophical Association Spring Philosophy Graduate Conference in Metaethics (SUNY-Albany)
October 2011	“Moral Particularism and Supervenience,” 3rd Annual Dutch Conference on Practical Philosophy (The Netherlands School for Research in Practical Philosophy/Onderzoekschool Ethiek)

Public Philosophy

April 2024	“Autism and Theory of Mind,” Philosopher’s Hat Public Philosophy Club, (Westport, Ireland—online), <i>invited</i>
Spring 2022-Present	<i>NeuroDiving</i> : A Philosophy Podcast about Neurodivergence, with Joanna Lawson (https://neurodiving.substack.com/)

Workshops

Spring 2022	Marc Sanders Media Fellowship Workshop in Public Philosophy—Podcasting (Washington, D.C., organized by Barry Lam)
Fall 2018	Fourth Annual Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference (invited commentator-at-large)
Spring 2018	Brown/Princeton Workshop in Moral Epistemology (Princeton University), invited participant
Spring 2017	Workshop on Methodology in Applied Ethics (The Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics, Washington, D.C.), invited participant
Summer 2015	Mentoring Workshop for Early Career Women in Philosophy (UMass Amherst), accepted participant
Summer 2010	Summer School in Philosophy with Ernest Sosa (University of Cologne), accepted participant

Grant Activity

Fall 2022	Application for the John Templeton Foundation and PRX Big Questions Project (with Joanna Lawson)— <i>finalist</i>
Fall 2022	NSF Application for the Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates in Physics Program at Kansas State University (<i>collaborator</i>)
Spring 2018	Revised Application for NEH Digital Humanities Advancement Grant for the Game-Based Philosophy Project (<i>project team member</i> ; with Scott Tanona, Graham Leach-Krouse, and Joshua DiPaolo)
Summer 2017	Application for NEH Digital Humanities Advancement Grant for the Game-Based Philosophy Project (<i>project team member</i> ; with Scott Tanona, Graham Leach-Krouse, and Joshua DiPaolo)
Fall 2017	NSF Application for the Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates in Physics Program at Kansas State University (<i>collaborator</i>)

Other Awards

2021-2022	Recipient of the Marc Sanders ‘Philosophy in the Media’ Fellowship for Podcasting (\$1500).
2023	Templeton Foundation support for the podcast <i>NeuroDiving</i> (\$2900).

Service

Service to the Profession

Fall 2023	Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop (submission referee)
Fall 2023	<i>Philosophers’ Imprint</i> (referee)
Fall 2023	<i>The Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> (referee)
Fall 2022	Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop (submission referee)
Summer 2022	<i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> (referee)
Fall 2021	Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop (submission referee)
Spring 2021	<i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> (referee)
Spring 2020	<i>The Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> (referee)
Spring 2020	<i>The Journal of Value Inquiry</i> (referee)
Spring 2020	<i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i> (referee)
Fall 2019	<i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> (referee)
Summer 2019	<i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> (referee)
Fall 2020	The Philosophy Job Candidate Mentoring Program (mentor)
Summer 2019	<i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i> (referee)

Service to the Profession, cont.

Summer 2019	<i>Central States Philosophical Association Annual Meeting</i> (submission referee)
Spring 2019	<i>The Philosophical Review</i> (referee)
Fall 2018	<i>Kansas Philosophical Association Meeting</i> (submission referee)
Summer 2018	<i>Philosophical Studies</i> (referee)
Spring 2018	<i>The Journal of Moral Philosophy</i> (referee)
Spring 2018	<i>The Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i> (referee)
Spring 2018	<i>Kansas Philosophical Association Meeting</i> (submission referee)
2015-2019	The Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy (mentor)
Fall 2019	14th Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop (session chair)
Fall 2018	Fourth Annual Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference (commentator-at-large)
Fall 2018	13th Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop (session chair)
Fall 2017	12th Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop (session chair)
Spring 2017	Workshop on Methodology in Applied Ethics at The Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics, (session commenter)
Spring 2017	Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (symposium commenter)
Fall 2017	<i>The Journal of Moral Philosophy</i> (referee)
Fall 2016	<i>The Journal of Value Inquiry</i> (referee)
Summer 2016	Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (session chair)
Spring 2016	St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality (session chair/commenter)
Spring 2016	Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (session commenter)
Fall 2015	1st Annual Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop (session chair)
Summer 2015	Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (session chair)
Spring 2015	St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality (session chair/commenter)
Spring 2014	<i>Res Philosophica</i> (referee)
Spring 2013	<i>The Journal of Philosophical Research</i> (referee)

Service to the Department (Department of Philosophy, Kansas State University)

2022-2023	Tenure-Track Ethics Search Committee (chair)
2021-2022	Recruitment Committee (member)
2018-Present	Philosophy Tea Time Committee (member)
2017-Present	The Fred and Virginia Merrill Philosophy Essay Competition (committee member)
2014-2021	Department Website Committee (member)
Fall 2019	Philosophy Works in Progress Group (organizer)
Fall 2019	Developing Scholars Program: Research Project on Labor Exploitation in Western Kansas (supervisor/mentor)
Spring 2019	Honors Project on Foucault and Online Communication (supervisor)
2018-2019	Tenure-Track Ethics Search Committee (member)
Spring 2018	Philosophy Writing Lab (organizer)
Spring 2016	Department Committee on Planning (member)
2014-2016	Department Recruitment Committee (member)
2013-2014	Philosophy Club (faculty advisor)

Service to the University and Community (Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS)

Fall 2022-2023	Stuart Miller's Dissertation Committee, Department of Psychology at Kansas State University (committee member)
2020-2023	Kansas State University Faculty Senate (Senator)
Spring 2019	Presidential Lecture for high school students at Riley County High School (Riley, KS)
Spring 2019	Presidential Lecture for gifted high school students in Chanute, KS
2013-Present	Kansas State University SafeZone Program (participant)
2016-2017	James Bridges' Master's Thesis Committee, Marriage and Family Therapy Program at Kansas State University (committee member)
Spring 2017	"Touchy Topics in the Classroom," presented as part of the Civility Symposium, hosted by the Kansas State University Center for Engagement and Community Development and by the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy
Spring 2017	"Argumentative Empathy" philosophy major discussion table at the Civility Symposium, hosted by the Kansas State University Center for Engagement and Community Development and by the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy (faculty supervisor)
Summer 2016	"Philosophy as a Way of Life," as part of <i>Thinks and Drinks</i> at Arrow Coffee Co. (presenter)
Spring 2015	Kansas State Philosophy Club (presenter)