

## Areas of Specialization

Phil. of Biology (including Medicine), Phil. of Mind/Cognitive Science, Hist. and Phil. of Science

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## Areas of Teaching Competence

Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Logic, Phil. of Language, Early Modern Philosophy, Political Phil.

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## Education

- PhD, Philosophy (Cornell University).....August 2018
  - BA, Philosophy, Mathematics (Appalachian State University) .....May 2009
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## Employment

- Visiting Assistant Professor (Washington & Lee University)..... starting August 2023
  - Lecturer [full time] (Clemson University) ..... August 2022–May 2023
  - Visiting Assistant Professor [reappointed twice] (Colgate University) . August 2019–May 2022
  - Visiting Assistant Professor (Virginia Commonwealth University) ..... August 2018–May 2019
  - Instructor [part time while ABD] (The College of New Jersey) ..... August 2017–May 2018
  - Instructor [part time while ABD] (Lehman College)..... August 2017–December 2017
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## Research

**Dissertation:** Ends, Norms, and Representations: Why ask “Why?” in Biology?

Committee: Derk Pereboom (co-chair), Richard Boyd (co-chair), W. Starr

## Publications

- Dispositionalism and Dysfunction  
*Philosophy of Science* forthcoming (2023)
- How to be a Naturalist and a Social Constructivist About Disease  
[with Shane Glackin] *Philosophy of Medicine* vol 2, issue 1 (2021) [[link](#)]
- Mayr and Tinbergen: Disentangling and Integrating  
*Biology and Philosophy* vol 35, issue 4 (2020) [[link](#)]
- Review of “The Scientific Method: An Evolution of Thinking from Darwin to Dewey”  
(Invited) *The Quarterly Review of Biology* Vol 96, issue 3 (2021) [[link](#)]
- Review of “What Biological Functions Are and Why They Matter”  
(Invited) *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* (2020) [[link](#)] (This has generated several responses.)

## Peer-Reviewed Conference Talks

- Rethinking the Function-Accident Distinction  
*International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology* .....July 2021
- How to be a Naturalist *and* a Social Constructivist About Disease, part 1  
*British Society for the Philosophy of Science* .....July 2019
- How to be a Naturalist *and* a Social Constructivist About Disease, part 1  
*International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology* .....July 2019
- Disentangling and Integrating Mayr and Tinbergen  
*International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology* .....July 2017
- Taking Genetic Representation Seriously  
*International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology* .....July 2017
- Putting Dysfunction to Work in Functional Analysis  
*4<sup>th</sup> European Advanced Seminar in the Philosophy of the Life Sciences* ..... September 2016
- Putting Dysfunction to Work  
*International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology* .....July 2015

## Invited Talks

- Author Meets Critic panelist, Justin Garson’s “What Functions are and Why They Matter”  
*American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting*..... January 2021
- From Dysfunction to Disease  
*Workshop: The Concept of Function in Biology, University of Quebec, Montreal* ..... October 2019
- Virtue Ethics  
*Fraternity Lecture Series, Virginia Commonwealth University* .....March 2019

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## Teaching

### Clemson University

- Environmental Ethics .....Spring 2023
- Introduction to Logic (4 sections, 3 sections).....Fall 2022 and Spring 2023

### Colgate University

- Medical Ethics .....Spring 2022
- Philosophy of Mind ..... Fall 2021
- Philosophy of Science (online) .....Spring 2021
- Political Philosophy (2 sections, online).....Spring 2021
- Environmental Ethics .....Fall 2019 and Spring 2020
- Philosophy of Biology .....Fall 2019 and Fall 2021
- Introduction to Philosophical Problems (2 sections) ..... Spring 2020 and 2022
- Introduction to Philosophical Problems (2 sections, online) .....Fall 2020 and Spring 2021

### **Virginia Commonwealth University**

- Critical Thinking About Moral Problems (2 sections).....Fall 2018 and Spring 2019
- Normative Ethics ..... Fall 2018
- Social and Political Philosophy .....Spring 2019

### **The College of New Jersey**

- Introduction to Philosophy .....Spring 2018
- Environmental Ethics .....Spring 2018
- Introduction to Logic.....Spring 2018
- Contemporary Moral Issues (3 sections)..... Fall 2017

### **Lehman College**

- Justice and Society..... Fall 2017
- Biology, Gender, and Objectivity..... Fall 2017

### **Cornell University**

- Philosophy in Practice: Conservation Ethics .....Spring 2017
- Philosophy in Practice: Biology, Gender, and Objectivity.....Fall 2015 and Spring 2016
- Introduction to Philosophy (TA under Karen Bennett) .....Fall 2013
- Early Modern Philosophy (TA under Derk Pereboom) .....Spring 2013 and Spring 2014
- Philosophy of Science (TA under Richard Boyd) .....Fall 2012 and Fall 2016

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## **Awards, Service & Professional Development**

- International Society for the History Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology Travel Grant
- Graduate Teaching Fellowship (Cornell University Center for Teaching Excellence, declined)
- Philosophical Review Postdoctoral Lectureship (Cornell University, declined)
- Speaker at Student Mentoring Forum (Clemson University)
- First@Colgate participant (events where students and faculty who are first-generation can meet)
- Honors Thesis Advisor Committee: Daniel (Danny) Shea: Colgate 2020; Matthew (Matt) Marcus: Colgate 2022
- Journal Reviewer for: *Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*
- Graduate Representative to the Faculty (Cornell University)
- Philosophy Leadership, Training, and Advocacy Organization (PLATO) elected “social officer” (Cornell University graduate field organization)
- Misc. organizational leadership roles (events, reading groups, speakers, etc.)
- North American Summer School for Language Logic and Information (NASSLLI) (2012 Austin, TX and 2014 College Park, MD)
- European Summer School for Language Logic and Information (ESSLLI) (2013 Dusseldorf Germany)
- Teaching as Research Conference (Cornell University)