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EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Philosophy, UC Berkeley	2020–27 (expected)
	Committee: Johann Frick and Jay Wallace (co-chairs), Jan Engelmann (Psychology) Dissertation: <i>The Importance of What Others Care About</i> I argue that we have reasons to advance what others value, even when doing so does not promote their welfare. I argue that these reasons are not merely instrumental: they arise from our relationships with particular individuals and can conflict with reasons of welfare. Across three chapters, I develop the significance of this idea for loving relationships, the ethics of aggregation, and the moral status of animals.	
	B.S. in Mathematics and Philosophy, UNC Chapel Hill with Highest Distinction	2014–18
AOS	Normative Ethics, Moral Psychology, Animal Ethics	
AOC	Bioethics, Metaethics, Political Philosophy	
UNDER REVIEW	“Doing What Another Would Want” R&R at <i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i>	
	“Preference Coalitions and the Ethics of Aggregation”	
	“A Puzzle About Moral Status”	
TALKS	“Preference Coalitions and the Ethics of Aggregation” (various titles)	
	· Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU Boulder	August 2026
	· Eastern APA, Baltimore	January 2026
	· UC Berkeley Philosophy Forum	October 2025
	· MANCEPT on Partial Aggregation (Manchester, UK)	September 2025
	“The Separateness of Animals”	
	· Duke Conference on Animal Welfare	November 2026 (scheduled)
	· Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals	August 2026
	· UC Berkeley Philosophy Forum	April 2026
	“Doing What Another Would Want”	
	· Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU Boulder	August 2025
	· British Society for Ethical Theory (Southampton, UK)	July 2025
	· Joint Session of Aristotelian Society (Glasgow, UK)	July 2025
	· Braga Meetings in Ethics (Braga, Portugal)	June 2025
	· Berkeley-London Conference	May 2025
	· Pacific APA, San Francisco	April 2025
	· University of Mississippi Conference on Memorialization	March 2025
	“Agent-Relative Prerogatives and Deference to Power”	
	· Agency and Disadvantage Conference (Turku, Finland)	July 2025
	“A Puzzle About Moral Status”	
	· <i>Animal Liberation</i> 50th Anniversary Conference (Rennes, France)	June 2025
	· Duke Animals and Equality Conference	October 2024
	· Rice Graduate Animal Ethics Conference	April 2024

COMMENTS	On Sean Huang's "Conceptual Engineering as Practical Decision-Making" May 2026 Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Conference, Stanford	
	On Bob Fischer's "Valuing Animals in Benefit-Cost Analysis" August 2024 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU Boulder	
	On Tristram McPherson and David Plunkett's "Superintelligent AI and the Foundations of Ethics" February 2024 Stanford Conference on Ancient and Contemporary Metaethics	
	On Dan Elbro's "Indirect Account of Moral Standing" May 2022 Berkeley-London Conference (London, UK)	
AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS	UC Berkeley	
	Fink Prize	2026
	\$1,000 departmental prize for best graduate student essay for "Preference Coalitions and the Ethics of Aggregation"	
	Dissertation Completion Fellowship	Fall 2025, Fall 2026
	\$16,000 stipend and coverage of tuition and fees	
	Graduate Division Travel Grant (\$900 and \$1,600)	2024, 2025
	Outstanding GSI Award	2023
	awarded to fewer than 10% of GSIs	
	Summer Stipend Award (\$5,000 x3)	2021-2023
	Ralph W. Church Fellowship	2020-21
	\$33,000 stipend and coverage of tuition and fees	
	UNC Chapel Hill	
SERVICE	Worth Award for Excellence in Philosophy	April 2018
	Oldest academic award at UNC, given to one philosophy major each year	
	Phi Beta Kappa	Fall 2017
	Writing Group Organizer	2026-27
	Prospective Visit Organizer	2025
	Colloquium Organizer	2023-24
	Philosophy Representative, UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly	2023-24
	Member, UC Berkeley Parking and Transportation Committee	2023-24
	Coffee Czar	2022-23
	Colloquium Reception Organizer	2021-22
TEACHING	As Primary Instructor	
	Introduction to Logic	Summer 2026
	Individual Morality and Social Justice (co-taught with Milan Mossé)	Summer 2024
	As Graduate Student Instructor	
	Bioethics, with Johann Frick	Spring 2026
	(with guest lecture on disability)	
	Political Philosophy, with Daniel Viehoff	Spring 2025
	(with guest lecture on felon disenfranchisement)	
	Philosophical Methods, with Shamik Dasgupta	Spring, Fall 2024
	Race, Ethnicity and Citizenship, with Tim Crockett	Fall 2023
	Introduction to Logic, with Erica Klempner	Summer 2023
	Individual Morality and Social Justice, with Jay Wallace	Spring 2023
	Individual Morality and Social Justice, with Johann Frick	Fall 2022
	(with guest lecture on free will)	
	Introduction to Logic, with Edward Schwartz	Summer 2022
	Moral Psychology, with Olivia Bailey	
	(with guest lecture on alienated emotions)	Spring 2022

	Nature of Mind, with John Campbell (with guest lecture on personal identity)	Fall 2021
LANGUAGES	Native proficiency: English Programming: Python, Java Reading competence: German	
GRADUATE COURSEWORK	Qualifying Exams Animal Moral Psychology, with Jay Wallace Non-reductive Normative Realism, with Shamik Dasgupta Personal Identity and Ethics, with Johann Frick	Spring 2023 Spring 2023 Spring 2023
	Credit Dissertation Seminar, with John Campbell Dissertation Seminar, with Hannah Ginsborg Agency, Value, and the Moral Status of Animals, with Jay Wallace Philosophy of Science, with Shamik Dasgupta Aristotle's Moral Psychology, with Tim Clarke Individual, Ethical, and Social Choice, with Wes Holliday Ethical Theories, with Jay Wallace Population Ethics, with Johann Frick Hume, with Olivia Bailey Pragmatism, with Shamik Dasgupta First-year graduate seminar with John Campbell & Hannah Ginsborg Intermediate Logic, with Paolo Mancosu Descartes, with Alan Nelson Plato, with C.D.C. Reeve Philosophy of Science, with Marc Lange Philosophy of Mind, with Carla Merino-Rajme Beginnings of Analytic Philosophy, with M. Kotzen & A. Nelson Philosophy and Literature, with James Lesher	Fall 2024, Spring 2025 Fall 2023, Spring 2024 Fall 2022 Fall 2022 Spring 2022 Spring 2022 Fall 2021 Fall 2021 Spring 2021 Spring 2021 Fall 2020 Fall 2020 Fall 2017 Fall 2017 Spring 2017 Fall 2016 Spring 2016 Spring 2016
	Audit Consent and Normative Powers, with N. Kolodny and V. Munoz-Dardé Philosophy of Language, with Seth Yalcin	Fall 2025 Fall 2020
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