

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Stanford University

Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2005

Dissertation: *The Moral Significance of Animal Cognition*

Committee: Peter Godfrey-Smith (adviser), Debra Satz, Kenneth Taylor

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Animal Ethics

Animal Cognition

Critical Animal Studies

Bioethics

Applied Ethics

Environmental Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind and Cognition

Philosophy of Biology

Philosophy of Race/Critical Race Theory

American Indian Environmental Philosophy

I. PUBLICATIONS

FORTHCOMING

1. “Animal Cognition and Moral Status”, forthcoming in *Routledge Companion to Environmental Ethics*, Ben Hale and Andrew Light, eds., Routledge, 2016.
2. “Veganisms”, forthcoming in *New Critical Perspectives on Veganism*, Jodey Castricano and Rasmus R. Simonsen, eds., Palgrave, 2016.

IN PRINT

3. “Fish Sentience and the Precautionary Principle”, *Animal Sentience: An Interdisciplinary Journal on Animal Feeling*, 1, no. 3 (2016).
4. “Animal Rights is a Social Justice Issue”, *Contemporary Justice Review*, 18(4), December 2015, 467–482.
5. “Veganism as an Aspiration”, co-authored with Lori Gruen, forthcoming in *The Moral Complexities of Eating Meat*, Ben Bramble and Bob Fischer, editors, Oxford University Press, November, 2015.
6. “The Lobster Considered”, in *Gesturing Toward Reality: Philosophy and David Foster Wallace*, Robert Bolger and Scott Korb, editors, Bloomsbury Academic Press, 2014, 85–102.
7. “A Review of the Institute of Medicine’s Analysis of using Chimpanzees in Biomedical Research”, co-authored with Ray Greek, *Science and Engineering Ethics*, April 2013, 1–24.
8. “Science, Sentience, and Animal Welfare”, *Biology & Philosophy*, January 2013, 28(1), 1–30.
9. “‘That Ain’t Legal Either’: Rules, Virtue, and Authenticity in The Big Lebowski”, co-authored with Troy Jollimore in *The Big Lebowski and Philosophy*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2012, 106–122.
10. Review of *Ethics and the Beast: A Speciesist Argument for Animal Liberation*, Tzachi Zamir, *Philosophy in Review*, December 2009, 29(6), 448.

TALKS, PRESENTATIONS, & PUBLIC MEDIA

SELECTED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

1. “*Jacobin* and Animal Liberation: Interrogating the Speciesist Left”
Left Forum, May 21, 2016
2. “Is Anti-Speciesism a Form of Exterminism?”
APA Pacific Division Meeting, Spring 2016
3. “How Not To Be Vegan”
Animal Rights Academy, University of Toronto, April 19, 2016
Conscious Eating Conference, Berkeley, March 19, 2016
The Ethics Center
California State University, Fresno, October 8, 2015
All Things Great and Small: Interdisciplinary Interspecies Conference
University of California, Davis, November 15, 2014
4. “Vegan Impotence, Vegan Culpability”
Minding Animals Conference
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, January 13, 2015
5. “Animal Rights is a Social Justice Issue”
The Peace Institute
California State University, Chico, October 22, 2014
6. “When Humans Attack” (with Prof. Sarah Pike)
Humanities Center *Tertulia*, California State University, Chico
September 18, 2014
7. “Interspecies Relations”
Modern Animals #1 Art Collective
Los Angeles, CA, July 25, 2014
8. “An Omnivore’s Dilemma: The Myth of the Sustainable Meat Movement”
This Way to Sustainability IX
California State University, Chico, March 7, 2014
9. “What Might a Species-Free Ethics Look Like?”
Personhood Beyond the Human Conference
Yale University, December 7, 2013

10. "A Moral Argument for Why People Who Live in SF Should Be Vegan*"

University of San Francisco, November 11, 2013
11. "The Moral Significance of Animal Cognition"

Ethics and the Environment
University of Pennsylvania, October 23, 2013
12. "Eating Animals: A 'Funny' Kind of 'Love'"

Center for Science, Technology, Medicine & Society
University of California, Berkeley, May 10, 2013
13. "Animal Liberation at 40"

The Humanities Center
California State University, Chico, April 18, 2013
14. "Traditional Chinese Medicine: Green or Mean?"

Nature & the Popular Imagination
The International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature & Culture
Pepperdine University, August 2012
15. "Animal Ethics in Practice: Conversations with a Vivisector"

Invited Symposium: *Philosophy and Animal Activism*
APA Pacific Division Meeting, Spring 2012
16. "The Use of Animals in Biomedical Research"

Public debate with Prof. Dario Ringach (UCLA Dept. of Neuroscience)
Vistamar School, El Segundo, CA, December 1, 2011
17. "Ethics of Art Practice"

Enjoy Poverty
Kadist Art Foundation
San Francisco, CA, October 19, 2011
18. "The Ethics of Animal Experimentation"

World Animal Week
University of California, Davis, April 25, 2011
University of California, Los Angeles, April 22, 2010
19. "The Science and Ethics of Animal Use in Biomedical Research"

University of California, Los Angeles Panel Discussion, February 2010
20. "The Ethics of Genetically Modified Animals"

Ethics in Everyday Life: The Ethics of Food

The Fourth Annual Fall Ethics Symposium
Sacramento State University, November 9, 2009

21. "Traditional Chinese Medicine: Green or Mean?"
This Way to Sustainability V
California State University, Chico, November 2009
22. "The Moral Insignificance of Species"
Museum of Anthropology *World Explorations* Speakers Series
California State University, Chico, October 2009
23. "Special Relations and the Privileged Moral Status of Humans Over Animals"
University of Auckland, New Zealand, July 2009
Minding Animals Conference, Newcastle, Australia, July 2009
Yale University Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics, March 2008
24. "The Moral Implications of Darwinism"
Darwin Days: A Celebration of Charles Darwin
Barnes and Noble Books, Chico, CA, February 2009
25. "Do Animals Have Moral Rights?"
Pierce College Department of Philosophy, November 2008
26. "Why Preserve Species?: Some Philosophical Problems (and Answers)"
California State University, Chico
Center for Applied and Professional Ethics, May 2008
This Way to Sustainability III, November 2007
27. "The Environmental Impact of Meat Production"
Wesleyan University First Annual Social Justice Day Conference, March 2008
The Community College of Philadelphia, March 2008
California State University, Chico, *This Way to Sustainability, IV*, 2008
28. "An Environmentalist Argument for Vegetarianism"
Wesleyan University College of Social Studies, February 2008
29. "Is Species Membership Morally Significant?"
Wesleyan University College of Social Studies, November 2007
30. "Rethinking the Ethical Implications of Animal Cognition"
Stanford University *Ethics at Noon* Lecture Series, December 2005
31. "Are Monkeys Moral?"
Occidental College, 2003

32. "Kant and the Problem of Nonhuman Animals"
Stanford University, 2001
33. "Against Davidson's View of Mental Content"
CUNY Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, 1999

COMMENTER

1. Lisa Rivera's "Coercion and Captivity"
APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 2015
2. Donald W. Bruckner's "Strict Vegetarianism Is Immoral"
APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 18, 2014
3. "Pedagogy and the 'Animal Turn'", Invited Contributor
University of California, Berkeley, November 2, 2012
4. Mark Shelton's "Korsgaard, Kant, and Animals: A Response"
APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 23, 2011
5. Benjamin Sachs's "The Hopelessness of Carving out a Threatening Speech
Exception to Freedom of Speech", Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference,
University of Colorado, Boulder, August 6, 2011
6. David Sussman's "Pain for Constructivists"
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, UC Boulder, August 8, 2010
7. Alastair Norcross's Keynote Address
"It Shouldn't Happen to a Dog, or a Chicken: Why You Shouldn't Eat Meat"
Ethics in Everyday Life: The Ethics of Food
The Fourth Annual Fall Ethics Symposium
University of California, Sacramento, November 9, 2009

CONFERENCE ORGANIZER

1. Symposium Co-organizer: "Philosophy and Animal Activism"
APA Pacific Division Meeting, Spring 2012
2. Symposium Co-organizer: "How Like Us Are They?: Human and Nonhuman
Primate Cognition", (Dan Dennett, Dale Jamieson, Marc Bekoff, Sally Boysen,
Daniel Povinelli, Derek Penn, Clive Wynne)
University of California, Los Angeles, February 4, 2011

PUBLIC MEDIA APPEARANCES & INTERVIEWS

1. Radio Debate, "Should Animals Be Used for Scientific Testing?," KALW 91.7 FM, San Francisco, CA, June, 2014
2. Online Debate, "The Great Ape Project: Where Are We?," *Sentience Mosaic: The Science of Animal Sentience*, December 3, 2013
3. Radio Interview, "Animal Rights as a Social Justice Issue," *The Peace and Social Justice Program*, KZFR 90.1 FM, Chico, CA, September 27, 2013
4. Radio Interview, "Veganism and the Academy," *Sentients*, KZFR 90.1 FM, Chico, CA, June 18, 2013
5. Online interview, *Sentience Mosaic: The Science of Animal Sentience*, March 2013
6. Book Reading/Signing, *The Big Lebowski and Philosophy*, Lyon Books, November 5, 2012
7. Radio Interview, "The Big Lebowski and Philosophy," *Nancy's Bookshelf*, Northstate Public Radio, KCHO 91.7 FM, Chico, CA, December 14, 2012
8. Interview, "One Animal Researcher Refuses to Hide," *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, February 20, 2011
9. Radio Interview, "The Ethics of Animal Experimentation," *The Access Hour*, WORT 89.9 FM, Madison, WI, May 10, 2010

PAPERS REFEREED FOR PROFESSIONAL PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

1. *Environmental Philosophy*, 2014
2. *Biology & Philosophy*, 2014
3. *Mosaic*, 2013
4. *Biology & Philosophy*, 2012
5. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 2012
6. *Social Theory and Practice*, 2012
7. *Society & Animals*, 2012
8. *Between the Species*, 2012

GRANTS AWARDED

- Animals and Society Institute Summer Fellowship, 2012 (\$3000)
 - CSU, Chico, Internal Research Grant, 2008–2009 (\$2250)
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II. INSTRUCTION

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2008–present	California State University, Chico Assistant Professor of Philosophy Director of the Center for Applied and Professional Ethics, 2008–2012
2007–2008	Wesleyan University, Middletown Post-Doctoral Fellow, Ethics in Society Program
2004–2007	Stanford University Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow, Introduction to the Humanities, 2004–2007 Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy, 2005–2007 Lecturer in the Stanford Continuing Studies Program, 2006–2007 Lecturer in the Stanford Ethics in Society Hope House Program, 2006
2006–2007	De Anza College Lecturer
2006	University of Pennsylvania Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy
2005–2006	San Francisco State University Lecturer
1998–2005	Santa Monica College Lecturer
2003	Occidental College Visiting Assistant Professor
2002–2003	Mount Saint Mary's College Lecturer
2002	West Los Angeles College Lecturer
1997–2002	California State University, Los Angeles Lecturer
1998–1999	Glendale Community College Lecturer

COURSES TAUGHT

California State University, Chico

PHIL 102: Critical Thinking
PHIL 331: Applied and Professional Ethics Forum
PHIL 336: American Indian Environmental Philosophies
PHIL 337: Philosophy of Race
PHIL 339: Confronting the Animal: Theory, Culture, and Practice
PHIL 340: Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 362: Philosophy of Mind and Language
PHIL 380: Intermediate Logic
PHIL 499H: Senior Honors Research Paper

Wesleyan University

The Moral Significance of Animal Cognition
Philosophy of Race

Stanford University

Methodology in Ethics: Translating Theory into Practice
Freedom, Equality, and Difference
Circumstance, Expectation, and Responsibility
The Fate of Reason
The Moral Significance of Animal Cognition
Mind, Computers, and the Limits of Thought
God, Self, and World: Introduction to Philosophy
God, Self, and World: Introduction to Philosophy (John Perry)
Philosophical Issues Concerning Race and Racism (Debra Satz)
Major Figures of Twentieth Century Philosophy (Dagfinn Føllesdal)

Occidental College

Historical Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Philosophy

Mount Saint Mary's College

Challenges in Philosophy
Moral Values and Ethical Decisions

San Francisco State University

Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Critical Thinking

California State University, Los Angeles

Symbolic Logic
Critical Thinking

De Anza College

Introduction to Philosophy of Science
Critical Thinking

Santa Monica College

Introduction to Philosophical Analysis
Symbolic Logic
Elements of Logic
Ancient Philosophers
Modern Philosophers

West Los Angeles College

Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Logic

Glendale Community College

Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Logic
Ethics for Modern Life

THESES & DISSERTATION ADVISING

“Reducing our Animal Consumption”, Alyssa Pedersen, CSU, Chico, 2014

“The Ties That Bind: Soldiers and Civilians Today”, Carol Dingman
Doctoral Dissertation, Dept. of Political Science, UCLA, 2013

“The Substratum of Bioengineered Meat and its Ethical Implications to the
Animal Rights Movement”, Chuck Dishmon
M.A. Thesis, Dept. of Philosophy, CSU, Los Angeles, 2013

“Unnatural Moral Concepts: ‘Natural’ and ‘Unnatural’ in Popular Moral
Discourse”, Michael Fitzpatrick
Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Dept. of Philosophy, CSU, Chico, 2011

TEACHING AWARDS & WORKSHOPS

Exemplary Online Instruction Award

American Indian Environmental Philosophies, Spring 2010
Awarded by the Technology & Learning Program
(Other faculty were considered for this award that semester.)

Integrating Sustainability Across the Curriculum Workshop

The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching
October 7, 2009

PAST AWARDS

- Stanford University Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, 1999 – 2004
- Western Association of Graduate Schools Master's Thesis Competition
Finalist, September 1998
- The California State Universities Statewide Student Research Competition:
Humanities and Letters Division,
Topic: "Language as a Necessary Condition for Thought"
First Place, May 1998
- Eastman Kodak Glathe Scholarship for Outstanding Achievement
California State University, Los Angeles, Department of Philosophy, May
1998
- Alumni Certificate of Honor for Outstanding and Distinguished Academic
Achievement
California State University, Los Angeles, April 1998
- Special Recognition in Graduate Studies for Superior Scholastic Achievement
California State University, Los Angeles, April 1998
- Emeriti Scholarship
California State University, Los Angeles, Emeriti Association, May 1998
- Warner History Essay Contest Scholarship
Santa Monica College, 1988
- E. B. Brockett Memorial Music Scholarship
Santa Monica College, 1988

REFERENCES

Mark Balaguer

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Peter Godfrey-Smith

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