

# *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

M.A. in Philosophy, 2004

#### **California State University, Los Angeles**

M.A. in Philosophy, 1998

#### **California State University, Northridge**

B.A. in Music, 1992

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### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Animal Cognition

Animal Ethics

Critical Animal Studies

Food Ethics

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### **AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Philosophy of Race/Critical Race Theory

Philosophy of Mind and Cognition

Philosophy of Biology

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## I. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### FORTHCOMING

1. “Speciesism and Animal Neuroscience”, forthcoming in *Neuroethics and Nonhuman Animals*, Andrew Fenton, L. Syd M Johnson, and Adam Shriver, eds., Springer, 2019.
2. “Animal Cognition and Moral Status”, forthcoming in *Routledge Companion to Environmental Ethics*, Ben Hale and Andrew Light, eds., Routledge, 2018.

### IN PRINT

3. “The Precautionary Principle: A Cautionary Note.” *Animal Sentience: An Interdisciplinary Journal on Animal Feeling*, no. 16 (2017).
4. “Veganisms”, in *New Critical Perspectives on Veganism*, Jodey Castricano and Rasmus R. Simonsen, eds., Palgrave, 2016.
5. “Fish Sentience and the Precautionary Principle”, *Animal Sentience: An Interdisciplinary Journal on Animal Feeling*, 1, no. 3 (2016).
6. “Animal Rights is a Social Justice Issue”, *Contemporary Justice Review*, 18(4), December 2015, 467–482.
7. “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.
8. “The Lobster Considered”, in *Gesturing Toward Reality: Philosophy and David Foster Wallace*, Robert Bolger and Scott Korb, editors, Bloomsbury Academic Press, 2014, 85–102.
9. “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.
10. “Science, Sentience, and Animal Welfare”, *Biology & Philosophy*, January 2013, 28(1), 1–30.
11. “‘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.

12. Review of *Ethics and the Beast: A Speciesist Argument for Animal Liberation*, Tzachi Zamir, *Philosophy in Review*, December 2009, 29(6), 448.
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## TALKS, PRESENTATIONS, & PUBLIC MEDIA

### SELECTED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

1. "Animal Sentience, Speciesism, and Veganism"  
Philosophy of Biology at Dolphin Beach 11, August 12, 2017
2. "*Jacobin* and Animal Liberation: Interrogating the Speciesist Left"  
Left Forum, May 21, 2016
3. "Is Anti-Speciesism a Form of Exterminism?"  
APA Pacific Division Meeting, Spring 2016
4. "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
5. "Vegan Impotence, Vegan Culpability"  
*Minding Animals Conference*  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, January 13, 2015
6. "Animal Rights is a Social Justice Issue"  
*The Peace Institute*  
California State University, Chico, October 22, 2014
7. "When Humans Attack" (with Prof. Sarah Pike)  
Humanities Center *Tertulia*, California State University, Chico  
September 18, 2014
8. "Interspecies Relations"  
*Modern Animals #1 Art Collective*  
Los Angeles, CA, July 25, 2014
9. "An Omnivore's Dilemma: The Myth of the Sustainable Meat Movement"  
*This Way to Sustainability IX*  
California State University, Chico, March 7, 2014

10. "What Might a Species-Free Ethics Look Like?"  
*Personhood Beyond the Human Conference*  
Yale University, December 7, 2013
11. "A Moral Argument for Why People Who Live in SF Should Be Vegan\*"  
University of San Francisco, November 11, 2013
12. "The Moral Significance of Animal Cognition"  
*Ethics and the Environment*  
University of Pennsylvania, October 23, 2013
13. "Eating Animals: A 'Funny' Kind of 'Love'"  
*Center for Science, Technology, Medicine & Society*  
University of California, Berkeley, May 10, 2013
14. "Animal Liberation at 40"  
*The Humanities Center*  
California State University, Chico, April 18, 2013
15. "Traditional Chinese Medicine: Green or Mean?"  
*Nature & the Popular Imagination*  
The International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature & Culture  
Pepperdine University, August 2012
16. "Animal Ethics in Practice: Conversations with a Vivisector"  
Invited Symposium: *Philosophy and Animal Activism*  
APA Pacific Division Meeting, Spring 2012
17. "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
18. "Ethics of Art Practice"  
*Enjoy Poverty*  
Kadist Art Foundation  
San Francisco, CA, October 19, 2011
19. "The Ethics of Animal Experimentation"  
*World Animal Week*  
University of California, Davis, April 25, 2011  
University of California, Los Angeles, April 22, 2010
20. "The Science and Ethics of Animal Use in Biomedical Research"  
University of California, Los Angeles Panel Discussion, February 2010

21. "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
22. "Traditional Chinese Medicine: Green or Mean?"  
*This Way to Sustainability V*  
California State University, Chico, November 2009
23. "The Moral Insignificance of Species"  
Museum of Anthropology *World Explorations* Speakers Series  
California State University, Chico, October 2009
24. "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
25. "The Moral Implications of Darwinism"  
*Darwin Days: A Celebration of Charles Darwin*  
Barnes and Noble Books, Chico, CA, February 2009
26. "Do Animals Have Moral Rights?"  
Pierce College Department of Philosophy, November 2008
27. "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
28. "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
29. "An Environmentalist Argument for Vegetarianism"  
Wesleyan University College of Social Studies, February 2008
30. "Is Species Membership Morally Significant?"  
Wesleyan University College of Social Studies, November 2007
31. "Rethinking the Ethical Implications of Animal Cognition"  
Stanford University *Ethics at Noon* Lecture Series, December 2005

32. "Are Monkeys Moral?"  
Occidental College, 2003
33. "Kant and the Problem of Nonhuman Animals"  
Stanford University, 2001
34. "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. Interview, Charter for Animal Compassion, <https://charterforanimalcompassion.com/robert-c-jones/> 2018.
2. Radio Debate, “Should Animals Be Used for Scientific Testing?”, KALW 91.7 FM, San Francisco, CA, June, 2014
3. Online Debate, “The Great Ape Project: Where Are We?”, *Sentience Mosaic: The Science of Animal Sentience*, December 3, 2013
4. Radio Interview, “Animal Rights as a Social Justice Issue”, *The Peace and Social Justice Program*, KZFR 90.1 FM, Chico, CA, September 27, 2013
5. Radio Interview, “Veganism and the Academy,” *Sentients*, KZFR 90.1 FM, Chico, CA, June 18, 2013
6. Online interview, *Sentience Mosaic: The Science of Animal Sentience*, March 2013
7. Book Reading/Signing, *The Big Lebowski and Philosophy*, Lyon Books, November 5, 2012
8. Radio Interview, “The Big Lebowski and Philosophy”, *Nancy’s Bookshelf*, Northstate Public Radio, KCHO 91.7 FM, Chico, CA, December 14, 2012
9. Interview, “One Animal Researcher Refuses to Hide”, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, February 20, 2011
10. 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. *Biology & Philosophy*, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2012
2. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 2017
3. *Science and Engineering Ethics*, 2017
4. *Sloth*, 2017
5. *Hypatia*, 2016
6. *Princeton University Press*, 2015
7. *Ergo*, 2015
8. *Environmental Philosophy*, 2014
9. *Mosaic*, 2013
10. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 2012
11. *Social Theory and Practice*, 2012
12. *Society & Animals*, 2012
13. *Between the Species*, 2012

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



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## **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

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**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

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## 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

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## 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

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