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## Areas of Specialization

- Bioethics/Medical Ethics
- Research Ethics
- Medical Humanities
- Contemporary Moral Theory

## Areas of Competence

- Political and Social Philosophy
  - Business Ethics
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## Education

Ph.D. University of Utah, Department of Philosophy, Salt Lake City, UT. 2008-2013

**Dissertation Title:** "Just Health Care: Beyond the "Treatment/Enhancement Distinction"

**Committee:** Leslie Francis (chair), Margaret Battin, James Tabery, Anya Plutynski, Teneille Brown

B.A. Baylor University, Department of Philosophy/Honor's College, Waco, TX. 2004-2007

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## Publications

### Journal Articles

"Moral Bioenhancement, Social Biases, and the Regulation of Empathy." (Co-author: Lori Gallegos de Castillo). *Topoi: An International Review of Philosophy*. Forthcoming.

"Not Just "Study Drugs" For The Rich: Stimulants as Moral Tools For Creating Opportunities For Socially Disadvantaged Students." *The American Journal of Bioethics*. 16(6): 29-38, 2016.

"Response to Open Peer Commentaries on 'Not Just "Study Drugs" For The Rich: Stimulants as Moral Tools For Creating Opportunities For Socially Disadvantaged Students.'" *The American Journal of Bioethics*. 16(6):W8-W10, 2016.

"Motivation's Pick Me Upper: Enhancing Performance through Motivation Enhancing Drugs." *American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience*, 6(1): 50-51. 2015.

### Chapters in Books

"Why the Right to Die Movement Needed Brittany Maynard." *Reading and Writing about Contemporary Issues*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Kathleen T. McWhorter, Ed. Pearson Publishing. 2016.

“Genetic Interventions: Treatment and Enhancement.” *Philosophy: Medical Ethics*. Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks: Philosophy series. Klugman, Craig M., editor. Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, a part of Gale, Cengage Learning, 2016.

“How Empirical and Social Explanation of “Normal” Influence Obligations to Treat the Neurodiverse” in *Ethics and Neurodiversity*. Ed. C. Herrera and Alexandra Perry. Cambridge Scholars Press. Cambridge, UK. 2013.

### Book Reviews

Review of Jeffrey P. Spike and Rebecca Lunstroth, *A Casebook in Interprofessional Ethics: A Succinct Introduction to Ethics for the Health Professions*. *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 17(3), W1-W3, 2017.

### Misc.

“Inefficient Pain Management for Black Patients Shows That There is a Fine Line Between ‘Inhumane’ and ‘Superhuman.’ *Bio Quarterly*. 26(3): 8-9, 2016.

“The Case of Jahi McMath; Race, Culture, and Medical Decision-Making.” *Voices in Bioethics*. Columbia University. <http://voicesinbioethics.org/category/op-eds/>. 2014.

“Female genital mutilation” in *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*. Deen Chatterjee. Ed. Springer. 2011.

### Blogs

American Journal of Bioethics. Regular blogger. 2014-current. (monthly posts). [www.bioethics.net](http://www.bioethics.net)

International Journal for Feminist Approaches to Bioethics. 2016-current. <http://www.ijfab.org/blog/>

### Press

“Black patients half as likely to receive pain medication as white patients, study finds.” Amanda Holpuch. 2016. <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2016/aug/10/black-patients-bias-prescriptions-pain-management-medicine-opioids>

“Flossing.” Episode #17. Surprisingly Awesome. Podcast. July 27, 2016. <https://gimletmedia.com/show/surprisingly-awesome/>

“Let’s stop assuming all African-Americans want the same end of life care.” Daniel Gaitan. 2016. <http://www.lifemattersmedia.org/2016/03/11508/>

“In the 1930s, scientists measured black college students to define the ‘Negro race.’” Dan Vergano. 2016. <http://www.buzzfeed.com/danvervano/tuskegee-student-measurements>

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## **Fellowships**

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities, University of South Carolina, 2014-2015

Visiting Junior Scholar, Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, 2012-2013

Excellence Through Diversity Fellowship, University of Utah, 2008-2012

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Iris Marion Young Fellowship, Pennsylvania State University, Summer 2007

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## Teaching Experience

### Graduate/Medical Students

Texas State, 2017

- Responsible Conduct in Research

University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, 2015-2016

- "Mama Might be Better Off Dead:" Exploring African American Patients' Experiences with Access to Health Care
- Ethical Dimensions of the Biomedical Sciences
- Introduction to Medical Humanities
- Ethics and Professionalism

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (Teaching Assistant), 2012

- Medicine, Behavior, and Society

University of Utah (Graduate Teaching Assistant), 2008-2012

- Research Ethics
- Introduction to Philosophy Through Ethical Dilemmas

### Undergraduate

Texas State University, 2016-present

- Ethics and Society
- Contemporary Moral Theory

University of South Carolina, 2014-2015

- Contemporary Moral Issues
- Medical Ethics

University of Texas at San Antonio, School of Business, 2014

- Ethical and Social Issues in Business

San Antonio College, 2013-2014

- Introduction to Ethics, in-class and online
- Introduction to Philosophy

University of the Incarnate Word, 2013-2014

- Introduction to Philosophy

Northeast Lakeview College, 2012-2013

- Introduction to Ethics

Salt Lake Community College, 2011

- Introduction to Philosophy

University of Utah, 2008-2012

- Bioethics

- Introduction to Philosophy Through Ethical Dilemmas
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### **Invited Lectures**

7<sup>th</sup> International Health Humanities Consortium, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, 2017  
Teaching Race and Incorporating 'Intersectionality' into Medical School Curriculum: A Response to John Hoberman's Presentation on Racism in Medicine

University of the Incarnate Word, 2016  
"Moral Enhancement, Empathy, Psychopaths, and our Ability for Mass Destruction."

Rice University. 2016.  
"How medicine treats African Americans: Social causes for health disparities"

Wellesley College. 2015  
"Adderall, enhancement, and intuitions: Do the rich have a legitimate claim on stimulants?"

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Research Ethics Round Up, 2011  
"Growth Hormone Therapy: The Ethics of Research For Enhancement Purposes And Its Implications For Just Health Care"

### **Presentations**

Texas State University, Work- In-Progress Series, 2016  
"Paradox of the black body: Historical reflections of racism in pain management disparities between black and white patients"

International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying, Syracuse University. 2016  
"Vulnerable black bodies: Victim-blaming, and the media's deadly influence"

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. 2015  
"Not just "study drugs" for the rich: Stimulants as moral tools for creating opportunities for socially disadvantaged students."

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. Early Career Scholars Program, 2014  
"Stimulants as moral tools for helping the socially disadvantaged: Going beyond theoretical barriers"

Southwest Popular Culture and American Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM, 2014  
"What's the Problem with Performance Enhancing Drugs?: Drugs in Sports and Entertainment"

Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care—Utah Chapter, 2013  
"Just Health Care: Beyond the Treatment/Enhancement Distinction"

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Regional Academic Health Center, Distinguished Lecture in Ethics, Harlingen, TX, 2012  
"Stripping The 'Treatment/Enhancement Distinction' of The Concepts on Which it Relies And Its Claims of Justice"

Brigham Young University, Intermountain Philosophy Conference, 2011  
"Disease," not the "Treatment/Enhancement Distinction" as an Ethical Motivator in Diagnosis-Based Arguments for Growth Hormone Therapy"

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Graduate Student Conference: Topics in Moral Philosophy, 2010  
"Using the Argument of Fairness to Highlight Inconsistent Drug Regulation in Sports and Entertainment"

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Utah Academy of Letters, Arts and Sciences, Brigham Young University & Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, 2009

“Athletes are not the Only People Who Take Performance Enhancement Drugs: Inconsistent Approaches to Drug Behavior in Sports and Entertainment”

Utah Valley University, Intermountain Philosophy Conference, 2008

“Athletes are not the Only People Who Take Performance Enhancement Drugs: Inconsistent Approaches to Drug Behavior in Sports and Entertainment”

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## Awards

Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Fellowship Program (dissertation competition), 2012-2013

Nomination, Ramona Cannon Award for Graduate Teaching Excellence in the Humanities, University of Utah, 2010

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## Service

### Academic and Medical Community

American Philosophical Association. Committee on the Status of Black Philosophers. Member. 2016-present

Reviewer for American Journal of Bioethics. 2016.

Reviewer for Topoi: An International Review of Philosophy, 2016

Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute (Rock Ethics Institute at Pennsylvania State University) Advisory Board, 2015-current

Primary Children’s Medical Center, Member, Ethics Committee, Salt Lake City, UT, 2010-2012

Salt Lake City Regional Medical Center, Emergency Department, Salt Lake City, UT, 2009

Our Family Home Care Adult Day Center and Assisted Living, Assistant Manager, Schertz, TX, 2007

### University of Utah

Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Member, 2008-2009, 2010-2011

Graduate Student Committee, Member, “Retention, Promotion, Tenure” Committee, 2009-2011

Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Chair, 2009-2010

Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, Chair and Organizer, 2008-2009

