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## EMPLOYMENT

**Associate Director, Content Strategy and Engagement — 2024-present**  
Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN

**Director, National High School Ethics Bowl — 2019-2024**  
Parr Center for Ethics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

**Adjunct Assistant Professor — 2021-2024**  
Department of Philosophy, Elon University, Elon, NC

**Graduate Teaching Associate — 2013-2019**  
Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Philosophy — 2021**  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN  
Dissertation: *Oppression, Civility, and the Politics of Resistance*  
Committee: Jon Garthoff (supervisor), David Reidy, Lisi Schoenbach, Georgi Gardiner

**M.A., Philosophy — 2018**  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

**B.A., Philosophy — 2013**  
University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

## PROFILE

**AOS:** Moral, social, and political philosophy: liberalism (Rawls, capabilities approach, etc.), oppression and non-ideal theory, public and pre-college philosophy

**AOC:** Philosophy of education, scholarship of teaching and learning, intergenerational justice, Kantian ethics, feminist philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS

“Building Bridges for Dialogue: A Multi-Faceted Approach to Deliberative Moral and Civic Education for All.” Forthcoming, *Public Philosophy Journal*, 2024.

“Meeting the Challenge: The Future of Ethics Bowl.” Roberta Israeloff and Karen Mizell (eds.), *The Ethics Bowl Way: Answering Questions, Questioning Answers, and Creating Ethical Communities*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2022. [\[Link\]](#)

Review of Hunter Lewis’s *The Secular Saints: And Why Morals are Not Just Subjective*. *Teaching Philosophy* 42 (1): 81-83, 2019. [\[Link\]](#)

“Toward a Capability Based Account of Intergenerational Justice.” *Ethic@: An International Journal for Moral Philosophy* 17 (3): 363-388, 2018. [\[Link\]](#)

Review of Richard Marshall’s *Ethics at 3:AM: Questions and Answers on How to Live Well*. *Teaching Ethics* 18 (1): 102-103, 2018. [\[Link\]](#)

## TALKS

\* refereed  
+ invited

“Assessing Ethics Bowl Across the Lifespan,” with Deborah Mower and Michael Jordan, 33rd Annual Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Conference, Cincinnati, OH, February 2024.\*

“Case-Based Deliberative Pedagogy for Professional Ethics Education,” with Nicolas Tanchuk, 32nd Annual Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Conference, Portland, OR, March 1, 2023.\*

“Ethics Bowl Everywhere: Expanding Access to Moral Education in the United States and Beyond,” with Delaney Thull, Marko Mavrovic, and Julie Piering, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Montréal, QC, January 5, 2023.+

“A Deliberative Pedagogy for Ethics and Civics Education,” with [Michael Vazquez](#). National Council for Social Studies Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, December 2-4 2022.+

“Fostering Collaborative Ethics Discussion in the Secondary-Grades Classroom,” 2022 PLATO Conference, Seattle, WA, June 2022\*

“Dialogical Practice for the Public Sector” with [Michael Vazquez](#) and [Delaney Thull](#), 2022 Public Philosophy Network Conference, October 23, 2021

“Putting Ethics Bowl to Work: Dialogical Pedagogy for Professional Ethics Education,” with [Michael Vazquez](#), 30th Annual Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Conference, Cincinnati, OH, February 25-27, 2021 (Moved online due to COVID-19).\*

“Ethics Bowl in the Classroom: Perspectives on Dialogical Pedagogy for Ethics and Civics Education,” with [Michael Vazquez](#) and [Nick Tanchuk](#), The Teaching Hub, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, New York, NY, January 4-7, 2021 (Moved online due to COVID-19).\*

“NHSEB, 7 Years Later: The State and Future of High School Ethics Bowl in the United States,” with [Steven Swartzler](#), 29th Annual Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Conference, Atlanta, GA, February 20-23, 2020.

Panelist, APA Committee Session: “The National High School Ethics Bowl: How (and Why You Might Want) to Get Involved,” with [Geoff Sayre-McCord](#), [Zöe Johnson King](#), and [Steven Swartzler](#), American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, January 8-11, 2020.+

“Democratizing Epistemology: Trust and Inclusion as a Remedy for Structural Epistemic Injustice,” The Southern Journal of Philosophy Workshop on the Epistemology of Justice, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, March 22, 2019.\*

“Capability Deprivation as Intergenerational Harm,” International Society for Environmental Ethics, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, New York, NY, January 7-10, 2019.\*

“Toward a Capability-Based Account of Intergenerational Justice,” International Congress on Intergenerational Justice and Climate Change, National University of Córdoba, Córdoba, Argentina, September 18-19, 2017.\*

“Epistemic Injustice in Philosophy: Building a More Inclusive Discipline,” Summer Seminar on the Future of Philosophical Practice, University of North Carolina at Asheville, Asheville, NC, July 14-16, 2017.\*

“Epistemic Injustice and the Imperative of Inclusion in Higher Education” (with Elizabeth Williams), OUTstanding 2016: A Conference on Gender and Sexual Diversity, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, October 22, 2016.†

## **TEACHING**

### **Elon University**

PHIL 1120: How Should We Live? (The Ethics and Politics of Democracy) (x3)

PHIL 2120: Ethical Practice (x3)

### **University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Instructor of Record)**

PHIL 244: Professional Responsibility (x5)

PHIL 252: Contemporary Moral Problems (x5)

PHIL 101: What Is Love?—An Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL 101: A Topical Introduction to Philosophy (x2)

### **University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Teaching Assistant)**

PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy (x2)

PHIL 235: Formal Logic

PHIL 345: Bioethics

PHIL 390: Philosophical Foundations of Democracy

## **AWARDS**

APA/PDC Award for Excellence and Innovation in Philosophy Programs (NHSEB), 2021

John Hardwig Prize for Teaching Excellence, 2019

Pedagogy Development Stipend, UT Writing Center, 2019

Award for University Service, UT Graduate Student Senate (for THSEB), 2017

## **GRANTS**

“NHSEBBridge: Promoting Student Access and Equity in the National High School Ethics Bowl.” Diversity and Inclusiveness Grant, \$10,000. American Philosophical Association, 2022. Co-Directed with Michael Vazquez.

“Moving NHSEB Forward.” Philosophy and Civic Education Giving Circle, \$25,000. Laura and Gary Lauder Venture Philanthropy Fund, 2020.

Fellowship Award for Research Travel, UT Graduate School, 2017

Mayhew Research Grant, UT College of Arts and Sciences, 2017

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Workshop Designer/Facilitator. “An Introduction to Learner-Centered Pedagogy in the Philosophy Classroom,” UT Philosophy Graduate Student Association, Knoxville, Tennessee, March 15, 2019.

Invited Participant, “Best Practices in Writing Instruction: Responding to Student Writing.” UT Writing Center, Knoxville, Tennessee, March 13, 2019.

Invited Participant, “Best Practices in Writing Instruction: Teaching ESL Writers.” UT

Writing Center, Knoxville, Tennessee, February 20, 2019.

Participant, "Best Practices in Inclusive Teaching." UT Teaching and Learning Center, Knoxville, Tennessee, February 19, 2019.

Invited Participant, "Best Practices in Writing Instruction: Writing Assignment Design." UT Writing Center, Knoxville, Tennessee, February 6, 2019.

Participant, SafeZone: LGBTQ+ Allyship Training, UT Pride Center, Knoxville, TN, November 28, 2018.

Invited Participant, AAPT Summer Seminar in Teaching and Learning, North Carolina A&T University, Greensboro, NC, July 26-29, 2018.

## **ACTIVITY/SERVICE**

### **Department of Philosophy/Parr Center for Ethics, University of North Carolina**

Search Committee, Communications Coordinator, 2023

Search Committee, Director of Undergraduate Programming, 2023

Selection Committee, Maynard Adams Public Humanities Fellowship, 2021-2022

Search Committee, Parr Center Administrator, 2020, 2021

Search Committee, Teaching Assistant Professor/Director of Outreach, 2019-2020

Discussion Leader, Bartlett Reserve Retirement Community, 2020-2021

Discussant, UNC Philosophy by Mail Program, 2020-2021

### **Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE)**

Board of Directors, Member 2022-2026

Governance Committee, 2022-present; Chair, 2023-present

Finance Committee, 2022-present

APPE Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Steering Committee, Member, 2020-present

### **Ethics Bowl Canada**

Board of Directors, Member, 2022-present

### **American Philosophical Association (APA)**

Committee on Pre-College Instruction in Philosophy, Member, 2023-2026

### **American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT)**

Logo/Branding Redesign Project, 2020-2021

Communications Committee (Design), 2019-2021

### **Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

Steering Committee, PGSA@UT Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2017-2019

Co-Founder, PGSA@UT Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2017

Vice President, UT Philosophy Graduate Student Association, 2017-2019

Social Media Coordinator, 2017-2018

Media/Communications, Tennessee Value and Agency Conference, 2017

Graduate Faculty Representative, UT Department of Philosophy, 2016-2018

President, UT Philosophy Graduate Student Association, 2014-2016

Graduate Social Chair, UT Department of Philosophy, 2014-2015

### **Denbo Center for Humanities and the Arts, University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

Media and Communications Intern, 2018-2019

### **Tennessee High School Ethics Bowl (THSEB)**

Assistant Director, 2016-2018

Coach, Father Ryan High School, Nashville, TN, 2018-2019  
Coach, The Webb School of Knoxville, Knoxville, TN, 2016-2018  
Coach, Hardin Valley Academy, Knoxville, TN, 2016-2017  
Coach, The King's Academy, Seymour, TN, 2015-2018  
Judge, 2014-2016

**Environmental Ethics Program at Gilbert Elementary, LaFayette, GA**

Curriculum designer/consultant, 2013-2015  
Guest speaker/instructor, 2013-2015

**AFFILIATIONS**

American Philosophical Association (APA), 2013-present  
Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization (PLATO), 2020-present  
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE), 2019-present  
American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT), 2018-present  
National Council for Social Studies (NCSS), 2022-present  
International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE), 2018-present  
Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA), 2013-present  
Tennessee Philosophical Association (TPA), 2013-2019  
Phi Sigma Tau National Honor Society, Georgia Iota Chapter, 2010-2013

**LANGUAGES**

French: basic speaking and reading competence

**REFERENCES**

**Sarah Stroud**

Professor of Philosophy  
Director, Parr Center for Ethics  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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