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**Employment**

*Alden March Bioethics Institute, Albany Medical College – Albany, NY*

Assistant Professor August 2019-Present

Clinical Ethics Consultant

*Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University – Baltimore, MD*

Hecht-Levi Postdoctoral Fellow August 2017 – June 2019

**Education**

*University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, NC*

Ph.D. in Philosophy May 2017

* Thesis: “On the Hook: Responsibility in Real Life”
* Committee: Susan Wolf (chair), Thomas E. Hill, Jr., Douglas MacLean, Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, Rebecca Walker

M.A. in Philosophy May 2013

* Thesis: “Blame”
* Committee: Thomas E. Hill, Jr. (chair), Gerald Postema, Ryan Preston-Roedder

*Cornell University - Ithaca, NY*

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude May 2010

* Honors Thesis Supervisor: Derk Pereboom

**Areas of Specialization**

Bioethics, Normative Ethics, Moral Psychology, Free Will & Responsibility

**Areas of Competence**

History of Ethics, Metaethics

**Publications**

* *General Philosophy Journals*
  + “Rank Offence: The Ecological Theory of Resentment,” *Mind*, forthcoming
  + “‘I *Love*Women’: An Explicit Explanation of Implicit Bias Test Results,” (with Vida Yao), *Synthese*, forthcoming
  + “Anger: Scary Good,” *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2019
  + “Responsibility and the Shallow Self,” *Philosophical Studies*, 2018
* *Applied Ethics*
* “Rationing Ventilators,” (with Megan Applewhite), in *Difficult Decisions in Surgical Ethics*, eds. Vassyl Lonchyna, Peggy Kelley, and Peter Angelos (Springer, forthcoming)
* “The Irrelevance of Data to the Ethics of Infant Intersex Surgery,” (with Elizabeth Reis), *Journal of Pediatric Ethics*, forthcoming
* “The Ethics of Elective Growth Hormone Therapy in Children with Idiopathic Short Stature,” (with Kevin Kecskemeti (first author)), *Journal of Clinical Ethics*, forthcoming
* “Are Conscientious Objectors Morally Obligated to Refer?,” (with Abram Brummett), *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 2021
* “The Ethics of Vaccine Allocation,” (with Megan Applewhite), *Immunological Investigations*, 2021
* “Tolerance for Uncertainty and Professional Development: A Normative Analysis,” (with Martha Gerrity and Gail Geller), *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 2021
* “The Need for a Unified Ethical Stance on Child Genital Cutting,” (with Brian Earp (first author), Arianne Shahvisi, and Elizabeth Reis), *Nursing Ethics*, 2021
* “Understanding Autonomy: An Urgent Intervention,” *Journal of Law and the Biosciences*, 2020
* “Rehabilitating Blame,” in *Ethics and Error in Medicine*, eds. Fritz Allhoff and Sandra Borden (Routledge, 2019)
* ‘“What’s in a name?’: The University of Oregon, De-Naming Controversies, and the Ethics of Public Memory” (With Matthew Dennis), *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, 2019
* “What ‘Just Culture’ Doesn’t Understand About Just Punishment,” *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 2018
* “Gun Violence, Shame, and Social Change,” (With Nancy Berlinger), *Hastings Center Bioethics Forum*, 2018
* “Freezing Eggs and Creating Patients: Moral Risks of Commercialized Fertility,” (with Elizabeth Reis), *The Hastings Center Report*, 2017
* “Are Pediatricians to Blame for Unnecessary Genital Surgeries?” (with Elizabeth Reis), *American Medical Association Journal of Ethics*, 2017
* *Reviews*
* *The Limits of Free Will* by Paul Russell, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, forthcoming
* *Rethinking Health Care Ethics* by Stephen Scher and Kasia Kozlowska, *Monash Bioethics Review,* 2020

**Honors, Awards, and Fellowships**

* Albany Medical College Junior Faculty Development Program (2020-21)
* MAP Ethicist Prize for “‘I *Love* Women’: The Conceptual Adequacy of Implicit Bias” (awarded at 2017 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress; shared with Vida Yao)
* Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (Accepted for 2016-17 academic year)
* Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (Awarded but declined for 2016-17 academic year)
* UNC Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship (Awarded but declined for 2016-17 academic year)
* UNC Graduate School Mellon Fellowship (2011-16)
* Parr Center for Ethics Research Assistantship (2014-2015)
* Horace Williams Fellowship (2012-2014)

**Presentations**

* “Dignity and the Founding Myth of Bioethics” at Oakland University (virtual); Spring 2021
* “Remembrance and Resilience in the Wake of Medical Error” at ASBH; Pittsburgh, PA; Fall, 2019
* “Egg Freezing and Autonomy” at ASBH; Pittsburgh, PA; Fall, 2019
* “Freezing Eggs and Creating Patients: Moral Risks of Commercialized Fertility” (With Elizabeth Reis) at Albany Medical College Reproductive Ethics Conference; Albany, NY; Spring 2019
* “Culpable Unresentables” at Pacific Division Meeting of the APA; Vancouver, BC; Spring 2019
* “A Theoretical Challenge for Implicit Bias Research” (With Vida Yao) at Central Division Meeting of the APA; Denver, CO; Winter, 2019
* “Rehabilitating Blame” at Alden March Bioethics Institute; Albany, NY; Winter 2018
* “Rehabilitating Blame” at Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference; Kalamazoo, MI; Fall, 2018
* “Medical Error: A Call to Listen” at Medical Error Mini-Conference at meeting of the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics; Chicago, IL; Spring, 2018
* “Rehabilitating Blame” at University of Texas, San Antonio; San Antonio, TX; Winter 2018
* “Anger: Scary Good” at Eastern Division Meeting of the APA; Savannah, GA; Winter, 2018
* ‘“I *Love* Women’: The Conceptual Inadequacy of ‘Implicit Bias’” (With Vida Yao) at Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME); Boulder, CO; Summer 2017 (Winner of the MAP Ethicist Prize for most meritorious paper regarding philosophy of gender, race, sexual orientation, class, disability, native language, etc.)
* “Anger: Scary Good” at Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference at the University of British Columbia; Vancouver, BC; Summer, 2017
* “Responsibility and the Shallow Self” at Pacific Division Meeting of the APA; Seattle, WA; Spring, 2017
* “Anger: Scary Good” at Rice Humanistic Ethics Workshop at Rice University; Houston, TX; Spring, 2017
* “Rehabilitating Blame: Responding to Medical Error” at Children’s Mercy Hospital, Center for Bioethics; Kansas City, MO; Winter, 2017
* “Responsibility and the Shallow Self” at Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME); Boulder, CO; Summer 2016
* “How Not To Argue About Blame” at Wittgensteinian Approaches to Moral Philosophy conference at Leuven University; Leuven, Belgium; Fall, 2016
* “Reality Television and Moral Philosophy” at Conference of the Southwest Popular/American Culture Association; Albuquerque, NM; Spring, 2015

**Teaching**

* *Albany Medical College*
  + Fundamentals of Clinical Ethics (fall, 2020, spring 2020)
  + Healthcare and Society I (2019, 2020, 2021)
  + Healthcare and Society II (2019, 2020, 2021)
  + Ethics of Pediatrics (2019, 2020, 2021)
  + Ethics of Intensive Care (2019, 2020, 2021)
  + Ethics of Hospice Care (2019)
* *Johns Hopkins University*
  + Basics of Bioethics (summer, 2018)
  + Foundations of Bioethics for Masters of Bioethics Students (fall, 2017)
* *University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*
  + Introduction to Philosophy, Main Problems (summer, 2016)
  + Ethics in Practice (fall, 2015)
  + Bioethics (spring, 2014)
  + Bioethics (fall, 2013)
  + Introduction to Ethics (Teaching Assistant, spring, 2013)
  + Making Sense of Ourselves (Teaching Assistant, 2012)

**Professional Activities & Services**

* Director, Clinical Ethics Fellowship Program, Alden March Bioethics Institute (2021-)
* Clinical Ethics Consultant, Albany Medical Center (2019-)
* Member, Albany Medical Center Complex Case Review Committee (2019-)
* Member, Albany Medical Center Ethics Review Committee (2019-)
* Member, Albany Medical Center Patient Grievance Committee (2019-)
* Member, Albany Medical Center Neonatal ICU Ethics Group (2019-2021)
* Advisor, Talia’s Voice (patient safety and advocacy non-profit) (2017-)
* Member, Sinai Hospital (Baltimore) Ethics Committee (2018-2019)
* Member, Sinai Hospital (Baltimore) Ethics Consult Team (2018-2019)
* Reviewer: *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy,* *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies, Journal of Ethics, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Journal of Bioethical Inquiry,* Johns Hopkins Press
* Coach, UNC Collegiate Ethics Bowl Team (2014-2016)
* National High School Ethics Bowl Case Writing Team (2014-2020)
* UNC Philosophy Hiring Committee, Graduate Student Representative (2015-2016)
* UNC Philosophy Graduate Committee (2015-2016)
* President, UNC Philosophy Graduate Students (2014-2015)
* Research Assistant, Parr Center for Ethics (2014-2015)
* Philosophy Outreach at Durham Academy (2014-2017)
* Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl (2012-2017)
* Judge, North Carolina Regional High School Ethics Bowl (2012-2017)
* Led Philosophy Discussion Group at C.A. Dillon Youth Correctional Facility (2011-2013)
* Member, American Philosophical Association

**References**

**UNC, Chapel Hill**

Susan Wolf Thomas E. Hill, Jr.

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