

Molly Elizabeth Gardner

Curriculum Vitae

Academic Degrees

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 2013
M.A., Philosophy, Northern Illinois University, May 2006
B.A., Music, Grinnell College, May 2000

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Bowling Green State University, Ohio,
August 2015 to present

Research Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program, University of North
Carolina, Chapel Hill, July 2013 – July 2015

Adam Smith Guest Professor, Philosophy and Economics Program, University of Bayreuth, Bayreuth,
Germany, 2014 summer term

Research Interests

Ethics

Publications

Books:

- *The Ethics of Policing and Imprisonment*, anthology coedited with Michael Weber, Palgrave Macmillan 2018

Refereed Journal Articles:

- “David Boonin on the Non-Identity Argument: Rejecting the Second Premise,” *Law, Ethics, and Philosophy* (forthcoming)
- “When Good Things Happen to Harmed People,” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 2017, DOI <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10677-017-9840-z>, 18 pp.
- “On the Strength of the Reason Against Harming,” *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 2017, 14(1): 73 – 97.
- “Beneficence and Procreation,” *Philosophical Studies* 2016, 173(2): 321 – 336.
- “A Harm-Based Solution to the Non-Identity Problem,” *Ergo* 2015; 2(17): 427 – 444.
- “How Lives Measure Up,” (with Justin Weinberg), *Acta Analytica* 2013; 28(1): 31 – 48.

Book Chapters:

- “Causes, Consequences, and Future Generations,” under contract for *The Oxford Handbook of Intergenerational Ethics* ed. Stephen Gardiner (Oxford) forthcoming.
- “Artificial Intelligence in *Black Mirror*: Is Your Cookie You?” (with Robert Sloane) in *Black Mirror and Philosophy*, ed. David Kyle Johnson (Blackwell) forthcoming.
- “Introduction” (with Michael Weber) in *The Ethics of Policing and Imprisonment*, eds. Molly Gardner and Michael Weber (Palgrave Macmillan) 2018, pp. 1 – 6.
- “The Interspecies Killing Problem,” in *The Moral Rights of Animals*, eds. Mylan Engel, Jr. and Gary Comstock (Lexington Books) 2016, pp. 119 – 140.

- “Well-Being and the Non-Identity Problem,” in *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Well-Being*, ed. Guy Fletcher (Routledge) 2015, pp. 429 – 38.

Book Reviews:

- Review of F. M. Kamm & ed. Eric Rakowski, *The Trolley Problem Mysteries*, *Ethics* 126(4), July 2016.
- Review of David Boonin, *The Non-Identity Problem and the Ethics of Future People*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2015

Peer Commentaries:

- “Retribution, Deterrence, and Organ Donation,” *The American Journal of Bioethics* (11:10) 2011, pp. 7 – 9.
- “Cut the Fat! Defending Trans Fat Bans” (with Nathan Nobis) *The American Journal of Bioethics* (10:3) 2010, pp. 39 – 40.

Papers Presented to Professional Societies

Invited:

To be determined

- Workshop on Ethics and Metaphysics, College of William and Mary, March 2020

“Is there a Non-Identity Problem in Different-Species Cases?”

- Workshop on the Non-Identity Problem, Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm, February 2020

“Is There an Egalitarian Reason to Promote Animal Well-Being?”

- Workshop on Utilitarian Approaches in Animal Ethics, Oxford University, September 2019

“Doing Harm, Allowing Harm, and the Trolley Problem”

- Keynote address for the 26th University of Waterloo Annual Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Waterloo, Canada, March 2019

“Doing Harm, Allowing Harm, and Future Generations”

- Workshop: Do Deontological Distinctions Survive Future Generations? at the University of Southampton, U.K., September 2018
- Ohio Normativity Workshop, Ohio State University, September 2018

“Animal Welfare, Harm, and Death”

- Workshop on Translational Bioethics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, August 2018

“Deontological Approaches to Animal Ethics”

- Workshop on Translational Bioethics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, August 2018

“Why the Numbers Don’t Count, But the Reasons Do”

- Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, July 2018
- DeCamp Bioethics Seminar, Princeton University, November 2017
- Research Seminar in Practical Philosophy at Stockholm University, August 2016
- Colloquium in the department of philosophy at Siena Heights University, April 2016
- Oxford Theoretical Population Ethics Conference, November 2015

“Harming, Doing Harm, and Causation”

- Symposium on the Nature and Significance of Harm, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, March 2018

“Revisiting the Strength of the Reason Against Harming”

- Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Annual Conference, March 2018

“What’s the Harm?”

- Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, July 2017

“Should Laboratory Animals Be Compensated for their Suffering?”

- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, March 2017

“Doing Right by Future Generations”

- California State University Long Beach Applied Ethics Forum, March 2017

“The Problem of Justified Harm”

- Workshop on Harm: The Concept and Its Relevance, Uppsala University, August 2016
- Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network, July 2016

Author Meets Critics Session on *The Moral Rights of Animals*

- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2016

“Inconsequentiality and Climate Change”

- Workshop on Ethics and Adaptation, University at Buffalo, May 2015

“Are There Some Environmental Losses for Which We Cannot Be Fully Compensated?”

- Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, July 2015

“Harm and the Non-Identity Problem”

- Visiting Professor Workshop, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, August 2014
- Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, July 2014

“Doing, Allowing, and Causation”

- Bled Conference on Ethics, June 2014

“Counterfactuals, Harm, and Selecting for Disability”

- Research Forum, Philosophy and Economics Program, University of Bayreuth, Germany (invited), June 2014
- Colloquium in the department of philosophy at University of South Carolina, Columbia (invited), November 2013

“On the Strength of the Reason against Harming”

- Visiting Professor Workshop, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, August 2013

“How to Count Value” (with Justin Weinberg)

- Bled Conference on Ethics, June 2012

Refereed:

“Doing Harm, Allowing Harm, and the Trolley Problem”

- 93rd Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, July 2019

“Inconsequentiality and Climate Change”

- Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference XIX, April 2016

“Doing, Allowing, and Causation”

- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2015 (poster presentation)

“Headaches, Lives, and Value” (poster presentation)

- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2014

“Causes, Conditions, and Harming”

- North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 2014

“The Case against Politicians” (with Justin Weinberg)

- South Carolina Society for Philosophy, February 2014

“On the Strength of the Reason against Harming”

- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2013

“Value Monism and Incomparability”

- Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 2013
- Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 2012

“Inevitability, Misfortune, and Personal Value”

- Iowa Philosophical Society, October 2012

“The Comparative Account of Misfortune” (poster presentation)

- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2012

“Beneficence and Procreation”

- South Carolina Society for Philosophy, February 2012

“The Problem of Too Much Harm” (poster presentation)

- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2011

“Time Travelers Who Kill Their Younger Selves: They're Closer Than You Think”

- Central States Philosophical Association, September 2010

“Situationism and Autonomy”

- Wisconsin Philosophical Association, April 2010

Commentaries Presented at Workshops and Conferences:

- Comments on Dan Haybron, “Excellence and Beauty,” Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, July 2019
- Comments on John Symons, “On the Possibility of a Prudentially Valuable, Happy, but Meaningless Life,” Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, August 2018
- Comments on Michael Bishop, “Studying Happiness: Closing the Philosophy-Psychology Gap,” Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, July 2017
- Comments on Patricia Marino, “Value Pluralism, Challenges to Consequentialism, and the Law and Economics Movement,” Workshop on Methodology in Applied Ethics, February 2017
- Comments on Scott Forschler, “Two Mistaken Strategies of Deontology,” Ohio Philosophical Association, 2016
- Comments on Joshua May, “The Death of Double Effect,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, 2015
- Comments on Stephen Campbell and Joseph Stramondo, “Disability, Well-Being, and the Complicated Question of Neutrality,” Kansas Well-Being Workshop, 2015
- Comments on Alicia Hall, “Making Good Choices: Theories of Well-Being and Conflict between Autonomy and Beneficence,” Midsouth Philosophy Conference 2015
- Comments on Chris Heathwood, “Which Desires are Relevant to Well-Being?” Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, 2014
- Comments on Zac Cogley, “Fortifying the Self-Defense Justification of Punishment,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, 2014
- Comments on Thomas Bontly, “Causation, Harm, and the Non-Identity Problem,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, 2014
- Comments on Aaron Wolf, “Reviving Concurrentism about Death,” American Philosophical Association Central Division, 2014
- Comments on Caleb Ontiveros, “Abortion, Other-Defense, and the Infantist,” Online Undergraduate Ethics Conference, Coastal Carolina University, 2013
- Comments on Steven Weimer, “Toward a Flexible Historical Theory of Autonomy,” Midsouth Philosophy Conference 2013
- Comments on Duncan Purves, “The Non-Identity Problem and the Leveling-Down Objection,” Illinois Philosophical Association, 2012
- Comments on Jason Hanna, “Doing, Allowing, and the Moral Relevance of the Past,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, 2012
- Comments on Christopher E. Franklin, “Event-Causal Libertarianism, Functional Reduction, and the Disappearing Agent Argument,” APA Central Division, 2012
- Comments on Robert Osborne, “Why Death is a Loss,” Illinois Philosophical Association, 2011
- Comments on Hallie Liberto, “Moral Perpendiculars,” Central States Philosophical Association, 2011
- Comments on Melinda Roberts, “Variabilism and the Asymmetry,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, 2011
- Comments on Lori Gruen, “Ethics of Captivity,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, 2010
- Comments on Robyn Gaier, “Hey, You, What’s So Special About the Second Person Perspective?” Central States Philosophical Association, 2009
- Comments on John Brunero, “Consistency in Belief and Intention” Central States Philosophical Association 2008

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Courses:

At Bowling Green State University:

- PHIL 1250: Contemporary Moral Issues (Fall 2015, 35 students; Fall 2018, 30 students; Fall 2019, 36 students)
- PHIL 2420: Medical Ethics (Spring 2017, 52 students; Spring 2018, 187 students; Spring 2019, 120 students)
- PHIL 1010: Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2017, 28 students)
- PHIL 3030: Symbolic Logic (Fall 2017, 13 students; Fall 2019, 10 students)
- HNRS 2010: Introduction to Critical Thinking (Fall 2015, 21 students; Fall 2016, 24 students)
- PHIL 4250: Topics in Moral Philosophy (Spring 2016, 15 students)

At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:

- The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense (Spring 2015)
- Practical Ethics (Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015)
- Introduction to Philosophy (Online, Fall 2014)
- Morality and Law (Fall 2013, Spring 2014)
- Bioethics (Fall 2013, Fall 2014)

At the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh:

- Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2012)

At the University of Wisconsin-Madison:

- Contemporary Moral Issues (Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2010, Fall 2009)
- Elementary Logic (Fall 2010)

At the University of Bayreuth, Germany:

- Moral Psychology (Summer 2014)
- Metaphysics and Ethics (Summer 2014)

Graduate Courses:

At Bowling Green State University:

- PHIL 7800: The Future of Humanity (Spring 2019, 9 students)
- PHIL 7800: Harm (Spring 2018, 11 students)
- PHIL 6210: History of Moral Philosophy (Spring 2017, 8 students)
- PHIL 7800: Metaphysics and Ethics (Spring 2016, 7 students)

Independent Studies and Directed Readings at BGSU:

At the Undergraduate Level:

- PHIL 4700: Readings and Research in Symbolic Logic (Fall 2016, 4 students; Fall 2018, 2 students)
- HNRS 4990: Honors Project (Spring 2018, 1 student)
- HNRS 4980: Honors Project Development (Fall 2017, 1 student; Spring 2018, 1 student)
- PHIL 4700: Readings and Research in Modal Logic (Spring 2017, 1 student)
- PHIL 4700: Readings and Research on the Predator Problem (Fall 2015, 1 student)

At the Graduate Level:

- PHIL 7840: Directed Readings on Moral Metaphysics (Fall 2019, 1 student)
- ACS 7870: Individual Studies in Feminist Bioethics (Spring 2019, 1 student)
- PHIL 7840: Directed Readings on Philosophy of Identity (Fall 2017, 1 student)
- PHIL 7840: Directed Readings in Animal Ethics (Spring 2016, 1 student)
- PHIL 7840: Directed Readings on Climate Change Ethics (Fall 2015, 1 student)

Service

Department

- Dissertation Advisor: Erica Nichols 2019 – present
- Doctoral Committees: Timothy Walsh, Tatiana Gracyk, Andrew Erickson, Alexander Bearden, Amitabha Palmer, Elizabeth McPherson 2016 – present
- Colloquium Committee 2016 – 2019
- Graduate Committee 2017 – present
- Personnel Committee 2015 – 2019
- Undergraduate Committee 2015 – present
- Co-Chair of Workshop Committee, Bowling Green Workshop in Applied Ethics and Public Policy 2015 – 2016

University

- Judge for Shanklin Research Excellence Award 2019
- Faculty Advisor for Honors Projects: Danielle Stager and Ashley Guenther 2017 – present
- Residential Faculty Mentor Program 2016 – 2017
- Doctoral Committee: Robert Krause (School of Educational Foundations, Leadership & Policy); Katelyn McKindles (Biological Sciences) 2016 – present
- VPRED Committee on Research Support 2016 – present

Professional

- **Journal referee in 2019:** *Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophy Compass; Analysis; Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Southwest Philosophy Review*
- **Journal referee in 2018:** *Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy; Philosophical Review; Utilitas (X2); Nous; Analysis (X2); Res Publica; Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; Inquiry; Journal of Applied Philosophy*
- **Journal referee in 2017:** *Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Journal of the American Philosophical Association; Ethics, Policy, & Environment*
- **Journal referee in 2016:** *Utilitas; Ethics, Policy, & Environment (X2); American Philosophical Quarterly; Social Theory and Practice; Journal of Applied Philosophy; Ratio; Estetika*
- **Journal referee in 2015:** *Estetika; Pacifica Philosophical Quarterly; Ergo; Synthese*
- Program Committee Member, American Philosophical Association Central Division, 2019 – 2020
- Reviewed grant application for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2019
- Refereed bioethics textbook proposal for W. W. Norton & Company, 2019
- Refereed book manuscript for Oxford University Press, 2017
- Refereed book proposal for Routledge, 2016
- Workshop referee, Ohio Philosophical Association, 2016 – 2018

- Workshop referee, North Carolina Philosophical Society, 2015
- Contributor to Wireless Philosophy, www.wi-phi.com, 2015
Wrote and recorded scripts for two educational videos about the Non-Identity Problem. On Youtube, first video has 65,000 views and second has 29,000 views as of 1/31/19

Community

- Helped facilitate a discussions of issues in applied ethics among high school students at Maumee Valley Country Day School, Toledo 2017 – 2019
- Helped facilitate a philosophy discussion group at a North Carolina detention facility for juvenile offenders (through the Parr Center for Ethics) Fall 2014
- Helped facilitate a philosophy discussion group at a North Carolina retirement community (through the Parr Center for Ethics) Fall 2013 – Spring 2014
- Presented a public talk called “Environmental Degradation and Our Duties to Future Persons” at the Lunch and Learn series, sponsored by the Parr Center for Ethics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Oct 2013
- Presented a public talk called “Rights, Wrongs, and Killing Nonhuman Animals” at the Philosopher's Corner series, sponsored by the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values, Coastal Carolina University Oct 2013
- Volunteered as a judge for the National High School Ethics Bowl 2013 – 2015
- Lecturer, Senior Summer School (a private company that offers educational vacations to senior citizens) 2008 – 2010

Honors & Awards

- 2017 Editors’ Choice Award, PEA Soup blog, \$200 2017
This award was for my paper, “On the Strength of the Reason Against Harming,” which was one of the papers discussed on the blog.
- Singer Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, UW 2011
A competitive summer dissertation fellowship for UW-Madison graduate students in philosophy.
- Nominee for Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities, UW 2011
A one-semester dissertation fellowship for UW-Madison graduate students in the humanities.
- Phi Beta Kappa, Grinnell College 2000
- Mentored Advanced Project Grant, Grinnell College 1999
- United Technologies Corporation Scholarship, Grinnell College 1996 – 2000