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## Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, December 2011  
*Loyola University Chicago*

M.A. Philosophy, December 2010  
*Loyola University Chicago*

B.A. Philosophy, History, December 2005  
*Roanoke College*

## Areas of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy; Ethics

## Areas of Competence

History of Philosophy; Philosophy of Law; Bioethics

## Dissertation

*Giving Voice to the Vulnerable: Discourse Ethics and Amnesty for Undocumented Immigration.*

## M.A. Thesis

*A Genealogy of Beneficence: The Biopolitical Roots of Healthcare Ethics.*

## Rank and Tenure

Associate Professor (Fall 2017)  
Tenure (Spring 2018)

## Teaching

Spring 2023	Adjunct Professor, <i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> , Midwestern State University (Online)
Spring 2023	Adjunct Professor, <i>Healthcare Ethics</i> , Midwestern State University (Online)
Fall 2022	Adjunct Professor, <i>Healthcare Ethics</i> , Midwestern State University (Online)

Spring 2022 Adjunct Professor, *Introduction to Philosophy*, Midwestern State University (Online)

Spring 2022 Adjunct Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Midwestern State University (Online)

Fall 2021 Adjunct Professor, *Introduction to Philosophy*, Midwestern State University (Online)

Fall 2021 Adjunct Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Midwestern State University (Online)

Spring 2021 Adjunct Professor, *Ethics*, Midwestern State University (Online)

Spring 2021 Adjunct Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Midwestern State University (Online)

Fall 2020 Adjunct Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Midwestern State University (Online)

Fall 2019 Adjunct Professor, *Ethical Theory*, Anna Maria College (Online)

Fall 2019 Adjunct Associate Professor, *Ethics and Education*, Saint Francis University (Online)

Fall 2019 Adjunct Associate Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Saint Francis University (Online)

Fall 2018 Course Instructor, *Critical Thinking and Logic*, Western Governors University (Online and Ongoing)

Fall 2018 Course Instructor, *Ethics in Technology*, Western Governors University (Online and Ongoing)

Fall 2018 Adjunct Professor, *Ethical Theory*, Anna Maria College (Online)

Fall 2018 Associate Professor, *Ethics and Education*, Saint Francis University

Fall 2018 Associate Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Saint Francis University

Fall 2018 Associate Professor, *Discovering Philosophy*, Saint Francis University

Spring 2018 Associate Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Saint Francis University

Spring 2018 Associate Professor, *Discovering Philosophy*, Saint Francis University

Spring 2018 Associate Professor, *Political Philosophy*, Saint Francis University

Spring 2018 Associate Professor, *Medical and Research Ethics in Cancer Care*, Saint Francis University (Online)

Fall 2017 Associate Professor, *CORE 113: Humor and Horror*, Saint Francis University

Fall 2017 Associate Professor, *Ethics and Education*, Saint Francis University (Online)

Fall 2017 Associate Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Saint Francis University

Fall 2017 Associate Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Saint Francis University (Online)

Fall 2017 Associate Professor, *Discovering Philosophy*, Saint Francis University (Online)

Summer 2017 Assistant Professor, *Discovering Philosophy*, Saint Francis University (Online)

Summer 2017 Assistant Professor, *Morality and Law*, Saint Francis University (Online)

Spring 2017 Assistant Professor, *Healthcare Ethics and Popular Culture*, Saint Francis University

Spring 2017 Assistant Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Saint Francis University

Spring 2017 Assistant Professor, *Discovering Philosophy*, Saint Francis University (Online)

Spring 2017 Assistant Professor, *Discovering Philosophy*, Saint Francis University

Fall 2016 Assistant Professor, *Discovering Philosophy*, Saint Francis University

Fall 2016 Assistant Professor, *Ethics and Education*, Saint Francis University

Fall 2016 Assistant Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Saint Francis University (Online)

Fall 2016 Assistant Professor, *Discovering Philosophy*, Saint Francis University (Online)

Summer 2016 Assistant Professor, *Discovering Philosophy*, Saint Francis University (Online)

Spring 2016 Assistant Professor, *Political Philosophy*, Saint Francis University

Spring 2016 Assistant Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Saint Francis University

Spring 2016 Assistant Professor, *Discovering Philosophy*, Saint Francis University (Online)

Fall 2015 Assistant Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Saint Francis University

Fall 2015 Assistant Professor, *Discovering Philosophy*, Saint Francis University

Fall 2015 Assistant Professor, *Philosophy of Education*, Saint Francis University

Summer 2015 Assistant Professor, *Morality and Law*, Saint Francis University (Online)

Spring 2015 Assistant Professor, *Early Modern Philosophy*, Saint Francis University

Spring 2015 Assistant Professor, *Morality and Law*, Saint Francis University

Spring 2015 Assistant Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Saint Francis University

Spring 2015 Assistant Professor, *Discovering Philosophy*, Saint Francis University

Fall 2014 Assistant Professor, *Ancient Philosophy*, Saint Francis University

Fall 2014 Assistant Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Saint Francis University

Fall 2014 Assistant Professor, *Discovering Philosophy*, Saint Francis University

Fall 2014 Instructor, *Ethics: Quest for the Good Life*, Anna Maria College (Online)

Summer 2014 Assistant Professor, *Introduction to Philosophy*, Anna Maria College (Online)

Spring 2014 Assistant Professor, *Oppression and Liberation*, Anna Maria College

Spring 2014 Assistant Professor, *Healthcare Ethics*, Anna Maria College

Spring 2014 Assistant Professor, *Introduction to Philosophy*, Anna Maria College

Fall 2013 Assistant Professor, *Directed Reading: Spinoza on Politics and Revolution*, Anna Maria College

Fall 2013 Assistant Professor, *Logic*, Anna Maria College

Fall 2013 Assistant Professor, *First Year Experience (Honors)*, Anna Maria College

Fall 2013 Assistant Professor, *Introduction to Philosophy*, Anna Maria College

Spring 2013 Assistant Professor, *Ethics: Quest for the Good Life*, Anna Maria College

Spring 2013 Assistant Professor, *Introduction to Philosophy*, Anna Maria College

Spring 2013 Assistant Professor, *Introduction to Philosophy (Honors)*, Anna Maria College

Winter 2012 Instructor, *Critical Thinking*, Ashford University (Online)

Fall 2012 Assistant Professor, *Introduction to Philosophy*, Anna Maria College

Fall 2012 Assistant Professor, *First Year Experience*, Anna Maria College

Summer 2012 Instructor, *Introduction to Philosophy*, Oakton Community College

Summer 2012 Instructor, *Ethics*, Oakton Community College

Summer 2012 Tutor, *Logic*, Oakton Community College

Spring 2012 Instructor, *Logic*, Loyola University Chicago

Spring 2012 Instructor, *Logic*, Oakton Community College

Spring 2012 Instructor, *Philosophy of Religion*, Oakton Community College

Spring 2012 Tutor, *Logic*, Oakton Community College

Fall 2011 Instructor, *Ethics*, Oakton Community College

Fall 2011 Instructor, *Introduction to Philosophy*, Oakton Community College

Fall 2011 Tutor, *Logic*, Oakton Community College

Spring 2011 Instructor, *Environmental Ethics*, Loyola University Chicago

Fall 2010 Ethics Group Instructor, *Professional Ethics*, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine

Fall 2010 Tutorial Instructor, *Introduction to Bioethics*, Loyola University Chicago

Summer 2010 Ethics Group Instructor, *Professional Ethics*, University of Illinois Dental School

Spring, 2010 Ethics Group Instructor, *Professional Ethics*, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine

Spring, 2010 Tutorial Instructor, *Introduction to Bioethics*, Loyola University Chicago

Fall, 2009 Tutorial Instructor, *Introduction to Bioethics*, Loyola University Chicago

Fall, 2009 Guest Lecturer, *Research Ethics*, Loyola University Chicago

Spring, 2009 Guest Lecturer, *Contemporary Continental*, Loyola University Chicago

Spring, 2009 Teaching Assistant, *Aesthetics*, Loyola University Chicago

Fall, 2008 Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Ethics*, Loyola University Chicago

Fall, 2008 Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Bioethics*, Loyola University Chicago

Spring, 2008 Teaching Assistant, *Current Issues in Bioethics*, Loyola University Chicago

Spring, 2008 Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Ethics*, Loyola University Chicago

Fall, 2007 Teaching Assistant, *Philosophy of Law*, Loyola University Chicago

Fall, 2007 Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Ethics*, Loyola University Chicago

### Peer Reviewed Publications

“A Right to Genetic Family History.” *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 16 (12), pp. 50-52.

“Prison Camp or Prison Clinic: Biopolitics, Neuroethics, and National Security.” In *Neurotechnology in National Security and Defense*, edited by James Giordano, 199-216. New York: CRC Press, 2014.

“Crossing the Divide: Marginalized Populations and the Dilemma of Deliberative Democracy.” *Social Philosophy Today*, 29, pp. 21-31.

“A Foucauldian Analysis of ‘A Neuroskeptic’s Guide to Neuroethics and National Security.’” *The American Journal of Bioethics, Neuroscience*, 1(02), pp. 29 - 30.

“Stem-cell Tourism and Professional Organizations: A response to Zarzeczny and Caulfield” with G.K.D. Crozier. *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 10(05), pp. 36 - 38.

### Academic Presentations

“The Toxic Concept of Home.” *North American Society of Social Philosophy*. University of San Francisco, Summer 2019.

“Addressing Alt-Right Students: Fixing the Red Pill Problem.” *Society for Values in Higher Education*. University of Washington, Summer 2018.

“Identitarian/Communitarian: Immigration Justice and the Alt-Right.” *34th International Social Philosophy Conference*. Loyola University Chicago, July 2017.

“Immigration and the 2016 Election”, *Ethical Issues in the 2016 Election*, Saint Francis University, Fall 2016

“Anonymous Social Media on Campus: A Discourse Ethics Assessment.” *Society for Values in Higher Education*, Oberlin College, July 2016

“Informal Discourse and Student Anonymity: Yik-Yak’s Role in the University Public Sphere.” *31st International Social Philosophy Conference*, William Jewell College, July 2015

“Deviant Diets: Identity Power and the Nutritionally Marginalized.” *30th International Social Philosophy Conference*, Quinnipiac University, July 2013

“Biopolitics, Neuroscience, and National Security: An Analysis of the Problems Facing Neuroethical Objections to the Non-Medical Usage of Medical Technology.” *Academic Symposium*, Anna Maria College, April 2013

“Sun Come Up: a Panel Discussion on Environmental Refugees.” Anna Maria College, October 2012

“Crossing the Divide: Marginalized Populations and the Dilemma of Deliberative Democracy.” *29th International Social Philosophy Conference*, Northeastern University, July 2012

“Mass Trauma.” *New Approaches to Trauma*, Arizona State University, October 2010

“The Crisis of Antiquity.” *The Brennan Lectures*, Loyola University Chicago Graduate Conference, March 2010

“The Biopolitics of Pain.” *The Poetics of Pain*, City University of New York Graduate Conference, February 2010

“A Genealogy of Beneficence.” Loyola Graduate Colloquium, November 2009

## **Professional Services**

Faculty Leader, *Social and Emotional Learning Peer-Led-Community*, Western Governors University, 2022.

Co-leader and Organizer, *The Student Journey*, Western Governors University General Education Summit, Fall 2019.

Director, *Institute for Ethics*, Saint Francis University, Spring 2018-Fall 2018

Academic Advisor, *Phi Lambda Psi*, Saint Francis University, Fall 2017-Fall 2018

Speaker, “Forks in the Road: Career Paths after Graduate School.” Loyola University Chicago, Spring 2017

Keynote Speaker, *Our Common Humanities: a Panel on Religious Diversity*, Saint Francis University, Spring 2017

Philosophy Advisor, Saint Francis University, Spring 2017-Fall 2018

Exploratory Advisor, Saint Francis University, Fall 2016-Fall 2018

Freshman Orientation Group Leader, Fall 2016-17

Course Design, *PHIL 319: Ethics and Education*, Saint Francis University, Spring 2016

Judge, *The Examined Life: An Undergraduate Conference*, Saint Francis University, Spring 2016

Organizer and Judge, SFU Annual Ethics Bowl Competition, Saint Francis University, Spring 2016

Speaker, *LGBTQ Awareness Forum*, Saint Francis University, Spring 2016

Honor's Thesis Director, Amanda Swope, Spring 2016

Honor's Thesis Director, Mary Hinz, Fall 2015

Member, *Program Committee*, North American Society for Social Philosophy, 2015-2016

Member, *Academic Standing Committee*, Saint Francis University, Fall 2015-Fall 2018

Ethics Bowl Coach, Saint Francis University, Fall 2015-Fall 2018

SAGE Coach, Saint Francis University, Spring 2015

Department Open House Representative, Fall 2015-Fall 2018

Colloquium Organizer and Speaker, "Teaching Philosophy and the Job Market." Loyola University Chicago, January 2015

Primary Advisor, *Philosophy Majors and Minors*, Anna Maria College, Fall 2012-Spring 2014

Panelist, *Institutional Review Board*, Anna Maria College, Spring 2013- Spring 2014

Faculty Athletics Representative, Anna Maria College, Fall 2013- Spring 2014

Recorder, *Faculty Assembly*, Anna Maria College, Fall 2013- Spring 2014

Faculty Advisor, *Philosopher's Society*, Anna Maria College, Spring 2013- Spring 2014

Member, *Academic Strategic Planning Committee*, Anna Maria College, Fall 2012-Spring 2014

Faculty Advisor, *Student Newspaper*, Anna Maria College, Fall 2012- Spring 2014

Faculty Advisor, *Outdoor Adventure Club*, Anna Maria College, Fall 2012- Spring 2014

Faculty Advisor, *Miracle Makers Club for Epilepsy*, Oakton Community College, Fall 2011- Spring 2012

Manuscript Reviewer. "The Ethics of Neuroscience and the Neuroscience of Ethics: A Phenomenological–Existential Approach." *The American Journal of Bioethics, Neuroscience*, August 2010

Bioethics Bowl Judge, *Loyola University Chicago Bioethics Bowl Qualifier*, Spring 2009, 2010

Ethics Bowl Judge, *Loyola University Chicago Ethics Bowl Qualifier*, Spring 2008

### **Public Interviews**

“Empathy and Prison Reform: Holiday Gatherings”. *Penzys*. December 2015.  
<https://www.penzeys.com/cook/themes/holiday-gatherings/kyle-thomsen/>

“Social Justice and Prison Reform: Pi Day”. *Penzys*. March 2015.  
<https://www.penzeys.com/cook/themes/pi-day-of-the-century/kyle-thomsen/>

### **Awards and Nominations**

Distinguished Faculty Award Nominee, 2017, 2018

Graduate Assistantship, August 2007-December 2010

John Grant Award in Bioethics, April 2009

### **Certifications**

QPI Suicide Prevention and Intervention Certification, Spring 2018

Certified Distance Educator, *Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at Saint Francis University*, Summer 2015

### **Professional Memberships**

Member, *Association for Practical and Professional Ethics*

Member, *North American Society for Social Philosophy*

Member, *Society for Values in Higher Education*

### **References**

*Brandon Turner*, Senior Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Western Governors University, [brandon.turner@wgu.edu](mailto:brandon.turner@wgu.edu)

*Arthur Remillard*, Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Saint Francis University, [aremillard@francis.edu](mailto:aremillard@francis.edu)

*James Bidwell*, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Anna Maria College, [jbidwell@annamaria.edu](mailto:jbidwell@annamaria.edu)

*Hollace Graff*, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Oakton Community College, [hgraff@oakton.edu](mailto:hgraff@oakton.edu)

*Jennifer Parks*, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago, [jparks1@luc.edu](mailto:jparks1@luc.edu)

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