

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, University of Florida, August 2020 – present

Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Bowling Green State University, Ohio, August 2015 – May 2020

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

Ethical Theory

Publications

Books:

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

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

- “Persons, Animals, and Psychological Unity,” *Philosophical Studies* 2023, 180(4): 1197 – 1209.
- “Suffering and Meaning in the Lives of Wild Animals,” *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 2022, 46: 355 – 371.
- “David Boonin on the Non-Identity Argument: Rejecting the Second Premise,” *Law, Ethics, and Philosophy* 2019, 7: 29 – 47.
- “When Good Things Happen to Harmed People,” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 2019, 22: 893 – 908.
- “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:

- “A Deontological Approach to Future Consequences,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Intergenerational Ethics*, ed. Stephen Gardiner (Oxford), published online 2022.
- “What is Harming?” in *Principles and Persons: The Legacy of Derek Parfit*, eds. Jeff McMahan, Tim Campbell, James Goodrich, and Ketan Ramakrishnan (Oxford) 2021, pp. 381 – 395.
- “Artificial Intelligence in *Black Mirror*: Is Your Cookie You?” (with Robert Sloane) in *Black Mirror and Philosophy*, ed. David Kyle Johnson (Blackwell) 2019, pp. 282 – 291.
- “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.

In Progress:

- “A Non-Consequentialist Defense of Animal Rights,” to be published in *Problems in Applied Ethics: An Introduction to Contemporary Western Debates*, ed. Steven B. Cowan. Bloomsbury Publishing.
- “Causal Accounts,” (with Alex Broadbent), to be published in the *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Harm*, eds. Erik Carlson, Jens Johansson, and Olle Risberg. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Book Reviews:

- Review of David Boonin, *Dead Wrong: The Ethics of Posthumous Harm*, *Ethics* 132(4): 886 – 889, July 2022.
- Review of Espen Gamlund and Carl Tollef Solberg, eds., *Saving People From the Harm of Death*, *Bioethics* 34(9): 996 – 997, 2020.
- Review of F. M. Kamm & ed. Eric Rakowski, *The Trolley Problem Mysteries*, *Ethics* 126(4): 1105 – 1110, 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.

Presentations:

Invited Papers:

“Does Feminism Make Its Adherents Unhappy?”

- Philosophy of Gender Workshop, Pepperdine University, May 18, 2024

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

- Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado, October 13, 2023
- 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

“Nonconsequentialism and the Long Term”

- Workshop on Longtermism and Non-Consequentialist Moral Philosophy, Global Priorities Institute, Oxford University, August 4 – 5, 2022

“Meaning and Well-Being in the Lives of Nonhuman Animals”

- Edinburgh/Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, University of Edinburgh, July 12 – 14, 2022

“Can Wild Animals Have Meaningful Lives?”

- Wild Animal Ethics Conference, University of St. Andrews, United Kingdom, September 22 – 23, 2021

“On Deciding Whom to Create and Whom to Save”

- Keynote for the Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Florida, April 16 – 17, 2021

“Individuating the Causes of Harm”

- Workshop on Ethics and Metaphysics, College of William and Mary, March 6 – 7, 2020

“Can We Compensate for Environmental Degradation?”

- Sustainability and Future People Workshop, Umea University, Sweden, February 13 – 14, 2020

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

- Workshop on the Non-Identity Problem, Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm, February 10 – 12, 2020

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

- Workshop on Utilitarian Approaches in Animal Ethics, Oxford University, September 9 – 11, 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 19 – 20, 2019

“Doing Harm, Allowing Harm, and Future Generations”

- Workshop: Do Deontological Distinctions Survive Future Generations? at the University of Southampton, U.K., September 6, 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

“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 Papers:

“On Deciding Whom to Create and Whom to Save”

- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2021

“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

Invited Lectures and Presentations:

“An Overview of Ethics”

- Honors Village, University of Florida, August 27, 2024

“The Ethics of Reproductive Health Care and Pregnancy” (panelist)

- Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, Georgia State University, March 29, 2024.

“On Deciding Whom to Create and Whom to Save”

- Meeting of the Bioethics Society at the University of Florida, March 21, 2023.

“Guess Who’s Back: The Philosophy of Time Travel” (with Chris Dorst)

- Food and Talk, Department of Philosophy, University of Florida, March 15, 2022.

“What Is Bioethics?”

- Meeting of Alpha Epsilon Delta at the University of Florida, October 12, 2021

“Environmental Degradation and Our Duties to Future Persons”

- Lunch and Learn series, sponsored by the Parr Center for Ethics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, October 2013

“Rights, Wrongs, and Killing Nonhuman Animals”

- Philosopher's Corner series, sponsored by the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values, Coastal Carolina University, October 2013

Commentaries Presented at Workshops and Conferences:

- Comments on Kat Jennings, “Puberty Blockers: Should Children be Legally Presumed Incompetent on an Age-Based Distinction in Future-Determining Decision-Making Cases?” Workshop on Philosophy of Love and Sex, University of Pennsylvania, November 9, 2024
- Comments on Justin Klockseim, “Doing Harm and Failing to Benefit: Reply to Carlson, Johansson, and Risberg,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 11, 2024
- Comments on Teresa Bruno-Nino, “Negative Fit,” Helsinki Workshop on Well-Being, July 25, 2024
- Comments on Jessica Flanigan, *The Ethics of Expecting*, Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, Georgia State University, March 29, 2024.
- Comments on Tiffany Zhu, “Group Hypocrisy as a Problem for Non-Summative Accounts of Group Belief,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, March 21, 2024
- Comments on Quinn White, “Paying It Forward,” American Philosophical Association Central Division, February 24, 2024
- Comments on Trevor Hedberg, “A Defense of Reductarianism,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 11, 2023
- Comments on Justin Klockseim, “Doing Harm and Failing to Benefit: Reply to Carlson, Johansson, and Risberg,” Minnesota Workshop on Well-Being, July 27, 2023
- 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

Podcasts and Videos:

- “The Non-Identity Problem Part 1,” for Wireless Philosophy, <https://www.wi-phi.com/videos/the-nonidentity-problem/>
- “The Non-Identity Problem Part 2,” for Wireless Philosophy, <https://www.wi-phi.com/videos/the-nonidentity-problem-part-2/>
- “Dr. Molly Gardner: Non-Identity & Psychological Continuity,” for Stretch Your Skull, <https://open.spotify.com/episode/1R6nHWocwWV0NU7mSI9MGi>

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Courses:

- Ethics, Data, and Technology (UF)
- Special Topics: Ethics and Humanity’s Future (UF)
- Moral Philosophy (UF)
- Ethical Theory (UF)
- Contemporary Moral Issues (UF, UW-Madison)
- Introduction to Philosophy (UF, BGSU, UNC, UW-Oshkosh)
- Bioethics (UF, UNC)
- Symbolic Logic (BGSU)
- Medical Ethics (BGSU)
- Introduction to Critical Thinking (BGSU)
- Topics in Moral Philosophy: Human Nature (BGSU)
- The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense (UNC)
- Practical Ethics (UNC)
- Morality and Law (UNC)
- Moral Psychology (Bayreuth)
- The Ethics of Killing (Bayreuth)
- Metaphysics and Ethics (Bayreuth)
- Elementary Logic (UW-Madison)

Graduate Courses:

- Ethical Theory (UF)
- Bioethics & Biotechnology (UF)
- Metaphysics and Ethics (BGSU)
- The Future of Humanity (BGSU)
- Harm (BGSU)
- History of Moral Philosophy (BGSU)
- Metaphysics and Ethics (BGSU)

Undergraduate Project Supervision

- Jay Chavakula, “Do Patients Deserve More Privacy From Their Healthcare Providers?” University Scholars Program project, in progress
- Michael Shi, “Faith in Morality: A Positive Argument for Moral Realism,” honors thesis, University of Florida, defended spring 2023
- Micah Edverson, “Should We Bring Back Mammoths? Harm and Benefit in the De-extinction Debate,” University Scholars Program project, spring 2023
- Kaitlyn Salyer, “Legal Punishment Has to Face the Consequences,” honors thesis, University of Florida, defended spring 2021
- Ashley Guenther, “Impacting the Community Through Knitting,” honors thesis, Bowling Green State University, defended spring 2019
- Danielle Stager, “Paternalism in Academia,” honors thesis, Bowling Green State University, defended spring 2018

Thesis Committees / External Evaluation of Theses

- Luca Alexander Simonian, *How Can Classical Utilitarianism Answer the Population Problems Theory X Is Unable To Solve?* doctoral dissertation, Western Sydney University, in progress
- Nathan Mulch, *Junctione Ramorum: Meletama Philosophicum de Problematibus Intersectione de Ethica Metaphysica Epistemologiaque*, doctoral dissertation, Bowling Green State University, defended 2023
- Erica Nichols, *Multiple Personhood in Dissociative Identity Disorder: Lives and Deaths of Invisible People*, doctoral dissertation, Bowling Green State University, defended 2022
- Amitabha Palmer, *Scientific Facts in the Space of Public Reason: Moderate Idealization, Public Justification, and Vaccine Policy Under Conditions of Widespread Misinformation and Conspiricism*, doctoral dissertation, Bowling Green State University, defended 2020
- Scott Simmons, *Reasons to Believe There Are No Reasons? Epistemological Challenges to Normative Nihilism*, doctoral dissertation, Bowling Green State University, defended 2020
- Tatiana Gracyk, *A Revised Principlist Framework for Decision-Making in Healthcare*, doctoral dissertation, Bowling Green State University, defended 2020
- Robert C. Krause, *What is Killing Firefighters? A Study of Volunteer Firefighter Fatalities*, doctoral dissertation, Bowling Green State University, defended 2019 (external examiner)

Service

UF Philosophy Department

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| • Graduate Committee Member | 2022 – present |
| • Ad Hoc Bylaw Review Committee | 2022 – 2023 |
| • Undergraduate Committee Member | 2021 – 2022 |
| • Colloquia Committee Member | 2020 – 2021 |
| • Alumni Relations Officer | 2020 – 2021 |

UF

- Faculty Advisor for Florida Undergraduate Law Review 2023 – present
- Faculty Advisor for Effective Altruism Florida 2022 – present
- CLAS Faculty Council Member 2021 – 2023
- Judge for 5th Annual Diversity Graduate Research Symposium 2021

BGSU Philosophy Department

- Colloquium Committee 2016 – 2019
- Graduate Committee 2017 – 2018
- Personnel Committee 2015 – 2019
- Undergraduate Committee 2015 – 2016
- Co-Chair of Workshop Committee, Bowling Green Workshop in Applied Ethics and Public Policy 2015 – 2016

BGSU

- Judge for Shanklin Research Excellence Award 2019
- Residential Faculty Mentor Program 2016 – 2017
- VPRED Committee on Research Support 2016 – 2019

Professional

- Editorial Committee Member, *Utilitas*, 2023 – present
- Program Committee Member, American Philosophical Association Central Division, 2019 – 2020
- Referee work:

for Journals:

Acta Analytica

American Philosophical Quarterly

Analysis

Australasian Journal of Philosophy

Canadian Journal of Philosophy

Environmental Ethics

Ergo

Estetika

Ethics

Ethics, Policy, & Environment

Inquiry

Journal of Applied Philosophy

Journal of Ethics

Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy

Journal of Moral Philosophy

Journal of Controversial Ideas

Journal of Philosophy

Journal of the American Philosophical Association

Nous

Pacific Philosophical Quarterly

Philosophical Quarterly

Philosophical Review

Philosophical Studies

Philosophy and Phenomenological Research

Philosophy Compass

Ratio

for Book Publishers:

Oxford University Press

Routledge

W. W. Norton & Company

for Conferences and Workshops:

Ohio Philosophical Association

North Carolina Philosophical Society

for Grants:

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Israeli Science Foundation

Swiss National Science Foundation

Res Publica
Social Theory and Practice
Society and Animals
Southwest Philosophy Review
Synthese
Utilitas

Community

- Helped facilitate 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) 2014
- Helped facilitate a philosophy discussion group at a North Carolina retirement community (through the Parr Center for Ethics) 2013 – 2014
- 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

- Nominated for University of Florida CLAS Faculty Teaching Award 2021 – 2022
- 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
- Phi Beta Kappa, Grinnell College 2000
- Mentored Advanced Project Grant, Grinnell College 1999
- United Technologies Corporation Scholarship, Grinnell College 1996 – 2000