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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2020
MA/MPhil Philosophy, University of California Santa Barbara, 2016
MSc by Research, Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, 2011
BA Philosophy [Hons] & Psychology, Wheaton College, *cum laude*, 2010

AOS Ethical Theory, AI Ethics (incl. Algorithmic Ethics; Responsible AI; Safety, Governance & Alignment), Moral Psychology, Women's Studies

AOC Writing Studies (PhD Certificate), Experimental Philosophy (esp. Social Data Analytics using ML), Applied Ethics, Ethics Bowl

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2025 – 2024 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, School of Politics, Philosophy, & Public Affairs, Washington State University

2024 VP & Board Member, Mithrl Inc. (Biotech Startup)

2024 – 2022 Postdoctoral Research (and Teaching) Fellowships on Ethics and Technology, ETHIC^x (Ethics, Technology & Human Interaction Center), Georgia Institute of Technology

2023 – 2021 Co-Founder & CEO, AviAI Inc. – UCSB, UCLA & UC Berkeley Affiliated

2020 Postdoctoral Fellowship on Disciplining Diversity, UC Humanities Research Institute, UC Irvine

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2025 **Conklin, S.** & N. Hassoun, “Worship and the Problems of Human Suffering and Evil.” *Religious Studies (Forthcoming)*
- 2024 **Conklin, S.**, “Selecting Ethical Design Materials to Overcome Choice Paralysis in STEM.” *Teaching Ethics*, 24(1).
- 2023 **Conklin, S.**, Nekrasov, M. & J. West, “Where are the Women? The Ethnic Representation of Women Authors in Philosophy Journals, by Regional Affiliation and Specialization.” *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, 23(1).
- 2022 Hassoun, N., **Conklin, S.**, Nekrasov, M., & J. West, “The Past 110 Years: Historical Data on the Underrepresentation of Women in Philosophy Journals.” *Ethics*, 132(3).
- 2019 **Conklin, S.**, Artamonova, I., & N. Hassoun, “The State of the Discipline: New Data on Women Faculty in Philosophy.” *Ergo*, 30.
- 2018 Wilhelm, I., **Conklin, S.**, & N. Hassoun, “New Data on the Representation of Women in Philosophy Journals. *Philosophical Studies*, 175(6).
- 2014 Nelson, R., Reiss J. E., Gong, X., **Conklin, S.**, & Parker, L., & S. E. Palmer, “The Shape of a Hole is Perceived as the Shape of its Interior.” *Perception*, 43.

Reviewed Conference Proceedings, White Papers & Other Manuscripts

- 2025 Demographics in Philosophy Project (including **S. Conklin**), “Good Practices for Improving Representation in Philosophy Departments.” *APA Studies on Philosophy and the Black Experience. (Forthcoming)*
- 2025 **Conklin, S.**, Bae, S., Guarav, S., Hoffman, M., & J. Biddle, “Report on the Conference on Ethical and Responsible Design in the National AI Institutes: A Summary of Challenges.” (*Preprint Available at: arXiv preprint arXiv:2407.13926.*)
- 2023 **Conklin, S.**, “Do We Have Procreative Obligations to AI Superbeneficiaries?” *Proceedings of the International Conference on Computer Ethics: Philosophical Inquiry*, 1(1).
- 2018 Wilhelm, I., **Conklin, S.**, & N. Hassoun, “Erratum to: New Data on the Representation of Women in Philosophy Journals. *Philosophical Studies*, 175(6).
- 2010 Nelson, R., **Conklin, S.**, Parker, L., & J. E. Reiss, “Holes are Perceived as Shaped in a Speeded Perceptual Task,” *Journal of Vision*, 10(7).

Book Chapters

- 2025 **Conklin, S.**, Dayer, A., Nekrasov, M. & C. Jennings, “Human and Machine: Analyzing Language Trends in Descriptions of Academic Philosophy.” Eds. J. Sytsma, J. Ulatowski, & D. Weijers. *Experimental Philosophy and Corpus Methods* (Bloomsbury). (*Forthcoming*)

TEACHING ACTIVITY**Certificates**

2020 Certificate in College and University Teaching, UCSB
 2014 Teacher-Consultant Certification, South Coast Writing Project

Instructor, Science and Religion
 WSU Introduction to Philosophy
 Data and Technology Ethics (Online)

Georgia Tech Ethical Theories
 Introduction to Philosophical Analysis
 Science, Technology & Human Values (x2)
 Technology and Philosophy
 Applied Ethics

UCSB Computer Ethics[†]
 Punishment and Responsibility (x3, f2f & Online)
 Political Philosophy
 Introduction to Ethics

CU Boulder Contemporary Social Issues (Online)

Teaching Introduction to Ethics (x4)
Assistant, Ethical Theory (x4)
 UCSB Modern Philosophy
 Theory of Knowledge (x2)

ACADEMIC HONORS & AWARDS

2023	Postdoctoral Leadership and Innovation Fellowship, Georgia Tech
2022, 2018	Grant, APA Fund for Diversity and Inclusiveness (x2)
2020	Residential Research Fellowship, UC Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI)
2020, 2019	NHSEB MAP Scholarship Program, Marc Sanders Foundation (x2)
2019	Charlotte Stough Memorial Prize in Philosophy, UCSB
2019	Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant, UCSB
2019, 2015	Grant, Student Initiated Outreach Program, UCSB (x2)
2019	Engaging Humanities Grant, UCHRI
2019, 2016	Graduate Research Fellowship, UCSB
2018	Weinpahl Award for Teaching Excellence in Philosophy, UCSB
2018, 2017	Letter of Commendation for Contribution to Diversity Mission, Dean of Graduate Studies, UCSB (x2)
2018 – 2013	R. W. Church Scholarship, UCSB
2017 – 2015	Multi-Campus Graduate Research Working Group Award, UCHRI (x2)
2016	Humanists@Work Graduate Advisory Committee Fellowship, UCHRI
2015	Dixon-Levy Service Award, UCSB GSA
2014	Fellowship in Composition, UCSB
2013	Graduate Scholarship, Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc.
2010	Grace Shepard Phi Beta Kappa Graduate Scholarship, Wheaton College
2010	Helen and Irma Weiland Graduate Fellowship, Wheaton College
2010	Meg L. Kearns '99 Memorial Prize in Psychology, Wheaton College

TECH INDUSTRY AWARDS & COMPETITIONS

2022	Accelerate@IATA (accelerator), International Air Transport Association
2022	First Look SoCal Innovation Showcase, Alliance for SoCal Innovation
2022, 2021	GEM Startup Assistance Grant, UCSB
2021	Pad-13 Incubator Program, Berkeley SkyDeck, UC Berkeley
2021	SCALE Startup Accelerator, Starburst Aerospace & UCLA
2021	G2 Summer Launchpad Startup Accelerator, Innovation + Entrepreneurship Program, UCSB

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Peer-Reviewed Paper Presentations

- 2025 “Ethical Boundaries in the Use of Private and Public Information for Deepfake Creation” (w/ Emily LaRosa) – National Symposium on Equitable AI, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
- 2025 “Moral-Worthiness and the Problem of AI Explainability in the Responsibility Gap” – APPE Conference, Norfolk, VA
- 2024 “Do We Have Procreative Obligations to AI Superbeneficiaries?” – APA Eastern (Main Program)
Also presented at the International Conference on Computer Ethics: Philosophical Inquiry, Illinois Institute of Technology
- 2023 “Blame-worthy AI: Explainability and the Responsibility Gap” – International Conference on the Ethics of AI, Portugal
Also presented at ETHIC^x, Georgia Tech
- 2023 “AI Safety, Governance, and Alignment Tutorial” (w/ G. Sett) – IEEE International Symposium on Ethics in Engineering, Science, and Technology (ETHICS-2023), Purdue University
- 2023 “What Does Blame in Online Settings Mean for Ethical Theory?” – Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (Virtual)
Also presented at the Georgia Philosophical Society Meeting (Virtual – 2022)
- 2022 “On the Metaphysics of Moral Justification: Permissibility and The Equivalence Thesis” – APA Eastern (Main Program)
- 2021 “Teaching with Metaphilosophy in Mind” – APA Pacific (Group Session)
- 2021 “Deeds and Dilemmas: Defending the Deeds Account of Justification for Genuine Moral Dilemmas” – APA Pacific (Main Program)
- 2019 “Worship and the Problems of Human Suffering and Evil” (w/ N. Hassoun), Presentation – The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Summer Workshop[†]
- 2018 “Data on the Under-Representation of Women in Philosophy” (w/ N. Hassoun) – Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU Boulder
Also presented at the annual PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans
- 2018 “The Possibility of Permissible-Wrong Action” – Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU Boulder
Also presented at the Conference by Women in Philosophy, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- 2018 “Doubting the Deeds Account of Justification” – APA Pacific (Main Program)
- 2018 “An Overview on the State of the Discipline” (w/ N. Hassoun) – APA Pacific (Sponsored Session)

(Research Activity – Continued)**Peer-Reviewed Paper Presentations**

- 2018 “Analysing Online Resources for Writing a Philosophy Paper” – APA Pacific (Group Session)
Also presented at the AAPT Conference on Teaching Philosophy (2016)
Also at the MAP SoCal Regional Meeting (2016)
- 2017 “A Hybrid Theory of Justification” – University of Oklahoma Graduate Philosophy Conference
Also presented at AGENT, UT Austin (2016)
- 2016 “The State of the Discipline: New Data on Women in Philosophy” (w/ N. Hassoun) – Northwest Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga University
- 2014 “Problems for Praise-Blame Asymmetry” – Northwest Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga University
Also presented at the SoCal Philosophy Conference, SDSU

Invited Presentations

- 2025 “AI Accountability” (w/TBD), Webinar Series – SIG on Hyperrealistic Large Language Models and Robots, The Society for Philosophy and Technology
- 2025 “Deepfakes & AI Authenticity” (w/ E. LaRosa), Webinar Series – SIG on Hyperrealistic Large Language Models and Robots, The Society for Philosophy and Technology
- 2025 “Challenges for Ethical & Responsible Design of AI” – APA Central (Group Session)
- 2024 “Challenges for Ethical & Responsible Design in the National AI Institutes” Online Talk – SIG on Ethics & Trustworthiness, Summit on AI Institute Leadership, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2024 “AI Moral Status and Accountability: The Responsibility Pipeline for a New Technology,” Talk – School of Politics, Philosophy, Public Affairs, Washington State University
- 2023 “Machine Behavior and Accountability: Framing Praise and Blame,” Paper – Philosophy & STS at GATech, School of Public Policy, Georgia Tech
- 2023 “Ethical and Responsible Design in the National AI Institutes,” Talk – Equity and Labor Workshop, National Network for Critical Technology Assessment, Georgia Tech
- 2022 “What Does Blame in Online Settings Mean for Ethical Theory?” Paper – ETHIC^x, Georgia Tech
- 2021 “Professional Skills for a Successful Career: An Introduction to Cross-over Skills,” Online Talk– APA Committee Event

(Research Activity – Continued)**Invited Presentations**

- 2018 “Data on the Under-Representation of Women in Philosophy” (w/ N. Hassoun), Paper – Conference by Women in Philosophy, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- 2018 “Hieronymi’s Reasoning First,” Keynote Comments – Belief Conference, UCSB
- 2018 “The Possibility of Permissible-Wrong Action,” Paper – Philosophy Department Speaker Series, California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo
- 2018 “Humanists at Work in the Hybrid Spaces of the Future,” Talk – Western Association of Graduate Schools Meeting
- 2018 “Obstructions to Graduate Student Professionalization,” Talk – Connected Academics Summer Institute
- 2018 “Instructor Diversity and Implicit Bias in Course Evaluations” (w/ J. Lima), Talk – MAP SoCal Regional Meeting
- 2018, 2017 “Mentoring Marginalized PhD Students,” Panel – UCSB Graduate Scholars Program
- 2016 “Candid Conversations: On Academic Advising,” Talk – Graduate Career Workshop, UC Humanities Research Institute
- 2015 “Theorizing Our Moment: What Does a Humanist@Work Look Like?” Talk – Graduate Career Workshop, UC Humanities Research Institute

Discussions & Talks

- 2025 “AI and Agriculture: The State of the Field” (w/ E. LaRosa & S. Noll), Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society Conference – Corvallis, OR
- 2023 “Report on the Conference on Ethical and Responsible Design in the National AI Institutes: A Summary of Challenges,” Summit for AI Institutes Leadership – Atlanta, GA
- 2022 “Academia to Industry: Advice for Faculty and Students,” APA Pacific (Group Session)
- 2019 “Ethical Concerns for Philosophy Outreach Programs,” MAP SoCal Regional Meeting
- 2017 “An Introduction to Minorities and Philosophy [MAP],” MAP SoCal Regional Meeting
- 2017 “Pedagogy and Public Philosophy,” MAP Critiquing the Canon Workshop
- 2015 “Methodological Transparency & Philosophy Pedagogy,” MAP SoCal Regional Meeting

(Research Activity – Continued)**Workshops, Conferences, & Panels Organized**

- 2025 SIG on Ethics & Trustworthiness – Director (w/ M. Hoffman, P. Robinette, E. Larosa), SIG-Ethics Committee Meeting, Summit for AI Institutes Leadership, Reston, VA
- 2024 SIG on Ethics & Trustworthiness – Director (w/ M. Hoffman, P. Robinette, E. Larosa), SIG-Ethics Committee Meeting, Summit for AI Institutes Leadership, Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 SIG on Ethics & Trustworthiness (w/ J. Biddle, B. Plale, M. Hoffman, A. Smith, C. Alexander, L. Khan), Founding SIG-Ethics Committee Meeting, Summit for AI Institutes Leadership, Atlanta, GA
- 2023 The Conference on Ethical and Responsible Design in the National AI Institutes, ETHIC_x at Georgia Tech
- 2021 “Launching a Non-Academic Career” Chair, Workshop – APA Committee Event
- 2020 – 2016 SoCal Philosophy Exchange for Expanding Career Horizons (SPEECH), UCSB Intercollegiate Graduate Colloquium[†]
- 2019 Developing Best Practices: Surveying Departments (w/ P. Bilimoria, T. Burke, L. Francis, N. Hassoun, K. Norlock, E. Schwitzgebel, S. Smith), Panel – APA Pacific (Sponsored Group Session)
- 2019 SoCal Workshop on Philosophy Outreach Initiatives, UCSB Philosophy Department
- 2018 APA Sponsored Session on Diversity in Philosophy Journals (w/ L. Bright, S. Haslanger, N. Hassoun, M. Im, K. Krishnamurthy, E. Schwitzgebel, A. Silvers) – APA Pacific
- 2018 Symposium on Investigating Barriers for Marginalized Groups in Philosophy (w/ C. Easton, N. Hassoun, J. Morton) – PPE Society Meeting
- 2018 MAP SoCal Regional Meeting, UCLA; (2017) UCR; (2016) UCSB; (2015) UCI
- 2017 Beyond Academia Conference, UCSB Graduate Division
- 2017 – 2014 MAP Annual SoCal Regional Multi-Campus Working Group on “Philosophy and Inclusive Pedagogy; Public Philosophy”[†]
- 2016 Humanists@Work Graduate Career Workshop, UC Humanities Research Institute, Las Angeles, CA; (2015) – Sacramento, CA[†]

(Research Activity – Continued)**Research Projects & Collaborations**

- 2025 – 2023 Director, Special Interest Group Committee on Ethics and Trustworthiness in the National AI Institutes
- 2025 – 2015 Principal Investigator, “Marginalization in Professional Philosophy,” Demographics in Philosophy Project: Women-in-Philosophy.org
- 2024 – 2023 Research Affiliate, “Algorithmic Fairness”, AI Institute for Advances in Optimization, Georgia Tech
- 2020 – 2013 Consultant, “Ethical Issues for Emerging Technologies,” MOMENT (Wireless Networking) Lab, UCSB[†]
- 2019 – 2018 “Ethics Bowl as a Platform for Educational Advancement” – Co-Convener (w/ T. Holden, J. Ellis, UCSC Center for Public Philosophy)[†]
- 2018 “Diversity and Philosophy Journals: Practices for Improving Diversity in Philosophy Journal Publishing” (w/ N. Hassoun & E. Schwitzgebel) – APA Blog
- 2018 “Diversity in Philosophy Journals” (Seven Part Online Symposium w/ P. Bilimoria, N. Hassoun, S. Hetherington, Q. Kukla, S. Ove Hansson, A. Moore, L. O’Brien, E. Schwitzgebel, S. Smith) – APA Blog
- 2013 – 2012 RA, “Environmental Ethics & Eco-Tourism,” Walailak University Center of Excellence for Ecoinformatics, Thailand[†]

ADVISING & MENTORING

- 2025 – 2024 Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (EB) – Program Co-Coordinator, WSU
- 2023 Women, Science, & Technology Student-Faculty Undergraduate Research Mentorship Program – Co-PI, Georgia Tech (x2)
- 2023 – 2022 Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (EB) – Program Coordinator, Georgia Tech
- 2022, 2021 COSMOS Ethics and Science Essay Program – Judge, The Center for Ethics in Science and Technology & UCSD
- 2020 – 2019 Program for Humanities Careers in Science History, Policy, and Communication – Organizer, UCR[†]
- 2020 – 2018 High School EB – Program Coordinator UCSB[†]
- 2020 – 2016 Graduate Scholar Program, UCSB[†]
- 2020 – 2013 Intercollegiate EB – Program Coordinator, UCSB
- 2019 – 2014 Philosophy Department Recruitment & Diversity Outreach, UCSB
- 2017 – 2016 UCSB NEH Next Generation PhD Planning Committee – Graduate Student Representative[†]
- 2015, 2014 Summer Institute for Women in Philosophy – Co-Organizer (w/ R. Grush, A. Berg, C. Koepke, K. Joyce, T. Hall), UCSD

COMMITTEES

2025 – 2023	International Ethics Bowl Programming Committee, Association for Applied and Practical Ethics
2023 – 2020	APA Committee on Non-Academic Careers – Appointed Member [†]
2020 – 2018	Development Officer, Nonprofit Board Member, Students Against Sexual Assault, Santa Barbara, CA [†]
2017 – 2015	Consultant, Campus Climate Implementation Committees on: Sexual Violence Marginal Communities LGBTQ Issues, UCSB [†]
2016	UCSB Representative, Student Meeting on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policies and Procedures for UC Faculty, Joint Committee UC Administration and Academic Senate [†]

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**Certifications**

2023	Leadership Certificate, Georgia Institute of Technology [†]
2023	Project Management Certificate, Georgia Institute of Technology [†]

Pedagogical Training

2018	Summer Institute on Educational Technology, South Coast Writing Project [†]
2016	Summer Seminar on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy, American Association of Philosophy Teachers (Supported by APA Travel Grant) [†]
2016	Workshop on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy, American Association of Philosophy Teachers
2016	Workshop, “From Micro-Aggressions to Equity”, UCSB Multicultural Center [†]
2014	Invitational Summer Institute on Composition and Critical Literacy, South Coast Writing Project [†]

Additional Training in AOS

2023	Seminar, “AI Safety, Governance, and Alignment,” AI Safety Initiative, Georgia Institute of Technology [†]
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[†] Indicates participation through nomination, special invitation, or competitive funding.