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CITIZENSHIP	Canada	
AREAS OF SPECIALISATION	Philosophy and Ethics of AI & Emerging Technologies Autism and Neurodiversity Social Dynamics, Norms, and Conventions	
AREAS OF COMPETENCE	Philosophy of Language & Linguistics Classical & Evolutionary Game Theory Traditional, Formal, & Social Epistemology General Philosophy of Science	
APPOINTMENTS	Durham University, Durham, England UK <i>Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts and Humanities</i> Assistant Professor (with tenure), 2025 – Assistant Professor, 2024 – 2025 (confirmed in post after probation period) Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia CAN <i>Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts and Social Science</i> <i>Law, Justice, and Society, Faculty of Arts and Social Science</i> <i>Faculty of Graduate Studies</i> Assistant Professor, Ethics and Computer Science, 2021 – 2024 University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario CAN <i>Department of Philosophy</i> <i>Schwartz Reisman Institute for Technology and Society</i> Postdoctoral Fellow, Social Cognition, 2020 – 2021 Supervisor: Jennifer Nagel Université de Montréal, Montréal, Québec CAN <i>Mila - Québec Artificial Intelligence Institute</i> <i>Department of Computer Science and Operations Research</i> Postdoctoral Fellow, Ethically Aligned Artificial Intelligence, 2020 – 2021 Supervisor: Yoshua Bengio (Mila / UdeM), Dominic Martin (UQàM) Mila - Québec Artificial Intelligence Institute, Montréal, Québec CAN Visiting Researcher / Research Assistant, 2018 – 2020 Supervisor: Yoshua Bengio Concordia University, Montréal, Québec CAN Coordinator, <i>Social Justice Centre</i>, 2019 – 2021	

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	University of Toronto 2025 – Faculty Affiliate, Schwartz Reisman Institute for Technology and Society Durham University 2025 – Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA), Advance HE 2024 – Fellow, Institute for Medical Humanities
EDUCATION	University of California, Irvine, Irvine, California USA PhD, Philosophy, March 2020 <i>Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science</i> Dissertation: “Complex Signals: Modularity, Reflexivity, & Hierarchical Structure” Committee: Jeffrey A. Barrett (Chair) Brian Skyrms Simon Huttegger Cailin O’Connor Master of Arts, Social Science, March 2018 <i>Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Science</i> Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia CAN Master of Arts, Philosophy, April 2016 Thesis Topic: “On Signalling Games and Their Models” Committee: Nicolas Fillion (Chair) Matt DeVos (External, Mathematics) University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia CAN Bachelor of Arts (Hons.), Philosophy; English Literature, April 2014 First-class standing Camosun College, Victoria, British Columbia CAN Associate of Arts, English, April 2011 Canadian Institute For Advanced Research CIFAR Deep Learning / Reinforcement Learning Summer School, Summer 2020
EXTERNAL CONSULTING	Bank of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario CAN Expert Consultant on <i>AI Ethics and Data Science</i> (2020-2021)
PUBLICATIONS	Books 1. Travis LaCroix. 2025. <i>Artificial Intelligence & the Value Alignment Problem: A Philosophical Introduction</i>. Peterborough, ON: Broadview Press.

Journal Articles (*Peer Reviewed*)

Note: First-listed date refers to online-first publication;
Second-listed date refers to assignment of volume.

18. Tristan B. Taylor and Travis LaCroix. 2026. "Purpose before policy: Academic integrity, generative AI, and rhetorical Stance" *Higher Education* (2026): 1–20.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10.1007/s10734-026-01706-1>
17. Travis LaCroix. 2026. "Autism, theory of mind, and the dynamics of value-laden research programmes" *Psychological Inquiry: An International Journal for the Advancement of Psychological Theory*. (2025) 36(4): 306–320.¹
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1047840X.2026.2623813>
16. Travis LaCroix. 2026. "Autism and the pseudoscience of mind" *Psychological Inquiry: An International Journal for the Advancement of Psychological Theory*. (2025) 36(4): 229–261.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1047840X.2025.2605590>
15. Travis LaCroix, Alexis Amero, and Benjamin Sidloski. 2025. "What do philosophers talk about when they talk about autism?" *Synthese* (2025) 206(63): 1–47.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-025-05116-1>
14. Travis LaCroix. 2025. "Information and meaning in the evolution of compositional signals." *Journal of Logic, Language, and Information*. (2025) 34: 219–239.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10849-025-09433-z>
13. Travis LaCroix and Alexandra Sasha Luccioni. 2025. "Metaethical perspectives on 'benchmarking' AI ethics." *AI and Ethics*. (2025) 5: 4029–4047.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s43681-025-00703-x>
12. Travis LaCroix. 2024. "The linguistic dead zone of value-aligned agency, natural and artificial." *Philosophical Studies*. Forthcoming.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-024-02257-w>
11. Travis LaCroix and Cailin O'Connor. 2022. "Power by association." *Ergo* (2022) 8(29): 163–189.
<https://doi.org/10.3998/ergo.2230>
10. Arianna Falbo and Travis LaCroix. 2022. "Est-ce que vous compute? Code-switching, cultural identity, and AI." *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* (2022) 8(3-4): 1–23.
<https://ojs.lib.uwo.ca/index.php/fpq/article/view/14264>
9. Travis LaCroix and Aydin Mohseni. 2022. "The tragedy of the AI commons." *Synthese* (2022) 200(4): 1–33.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03763-2>

¹*Response to Commentaries from:* (1) Simon Baron-Cohen, Marcin A. Radecki, Carrie Allison, Alex Tsompanidis, David M. Greenberg, Varun Warriar, Meng-Chuan Lai, Michael V. Lombardo, Simone Shamay-Tsoory, Florina Uzefovsky, Rebecca Saxe, Helen Tager-Flusberg, Ami Klin, Alan M. Leslie, Sarah J. White, and Uta Frith; (2) Patrick Dwyer; (3) Morton Ann Gernsbacher (4) Joe Gough; (5) Johan Lundin Kleberg; (6) Joanna Karolina Malinowska, Valentina Petrolini, and Davide Serpico; (7) Isabelle F. Morris and Philip David Zelazo; and, (8) Sahana V. Rajan.

8. Travis LaCroix. 2022. “Moral dilemmas for moral machines.” *AI and Ethics* (2022) 2: 737–746.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s43681-022-00134-y>
7. Travis LaCroix. 2021. “Reflexivity, functional reference, and modularity: Alternative targets for language origins.” *Philosophy of Science* (2021) 88(5): 1234–1245.
<https://doi.org/10.1086/715217>
6. Travis LaCroix, Anders Geil, and Cailin O’Connor. 2020. “The dynamics of retraction in epistemic networks.” *Philosophy of Science* (2021) 88(3): 415–438.
<https://doi.org/10.1086/712817>
5. Jeffrey A. Barrett and Travis LaCroix. 2020. “Epistemology and the structure of language.” *Erkenntnis* (2022) 87(2): 953–967.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-020-00225-4>
4. Travis LaCroix. 2020. “Communicative bottlenecks lead to maximal information transfer.” *Journal of Experimental and Theoretical Artificial Intelligence* (2020) 32(6): 997–1014.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/0952813X.2020.1716857>
3. Travis LaCroix. 2019. “Using logic to evolve more logic: Composing logical operators via self-assembly.” *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* (2022) 73(2): 407–437.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/bjps/axz049>
2. Travis LaCroix. 2019. “Evolutionary explanations of simple communication: Signalling games and their models.” *Journal for General Philosophy of Science / Zeitschrift für allgemeine Wissenschaftstheorie* (2020) 51(1): 19–43.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10838-019-09481-7>
1. Travis LaCroix. 2018. “On salience and signalling in sender-receiver games: Partial pooling, learning, and focal points.” *Synthese* (2020) 197(4): 1725–1747.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-018-1766-z>

Book Chapters

1. Travis LaCroix. 2023. “Deep learning and ethics”, chapter 21 in Simon J. D. Prince, *Understanding Deep Learning*. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press.

Conference Proceedings (Peer Reviewed)

4. Travis LaCroix, Fintan Mallory, and Sasha Luccioni. 2026. “Strategic Polysemy in AI Discourse: A Philosophical Analysis of Language, Hype, and Power”. In *The 2026 ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency* (FAccT ’26), June 25–28, 2026, Montréal, QC, Canada. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 21 pages.
<https://doi.org/10.1145/3805689.3812399>
3. Travis LaCroix. 2026. “Relative Principals, Pluralistic Alignment, and the Structural Value Alignment Problem”. In *The 2026 ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency* (FAccT ’26), June 25–28, 2026, Montréal, QC, Canada. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 18 pages.
<https://doi.org/10.1145/3805689.3812420>

2. Michael Noukhovitch, Travis LaCroix, Angeliki Lazaridou and Aaron Courville. 2021. “Emergent communication under competition.” In U. Endriss, A. Nowé, F. Dignum, and A. Lomuscio (eds.), *Proc. of the 20th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS 2021)*, London, UK, 3–7 May 2021, International Foundation for Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems. 974–982. dl.acm.org/doi/10.5555/3463952.3464066
1. Michael Noukhovitch, Travis LaCroix, Angeliki Lazaridou, and Aaron Courville. 2020. “Emergence of communication with selfish agents. (Extended Abstract)” In Andrea Ravignani, Chiara Barbieri, Molly Flaherty, Yannick Jadoul, Ella Lattenkamp, Hannah Little, Mauricio Martins, Katie Mudd, Tessa Verhoef (eds.), *The Evolution of Language: Proceedings of the 13th International Conference*. 314–318. brussels.evolang.org/proceedings/evolang13_proceedings.pdf

Book Reviews (*Peer Reviewed*)

1. Travis LaCroix. 2023. “Review of Ronald J. Planer and Kim Sterelny’s From Signal to Symbol: The Evolution of Language - Ronald J. Planer and Kim Sterelny, From Signal to Symbol: The Evolution of Language. Cambridge: The MIT Press (2021), 296 pp. \$35.00 (hardcover)” *Philosophy of Science* (2024) 91(1): 257–260. <https://doi.org/10.1017/psa.2023.75>

ARTICLES

Popular Media (*Not Peer Reviewed*)

8. Travis LaCroix. 2026. “Gender, Publications, Teaching, and Satisfaction in the Early Stages of a Philosophy Career (guest post).” *Daily Nous*. 22 June 2026. <https://dailynous.com/>
7. Travis LaCroix. 2026. “2025 Survey Results: Publications and Teaching in Academia (Part II - Gender Norms)” *The APDA Blog*. 17 June 2026. <https://apda.ghost.io/>
6. Travis LaCroix. 2026. “Publishing, Teaching, and the Philosophy Job Market (guest post).” *Daily Nous*. 07 April 2026. <https://dailynous.com/>
5. Travis LaCroix. 2026. “2025 Survey Results: Publications and Teaching in Academia (Part I - Professional Norms and Academic Outcomes).” *The APDA Blog*. 06 April 2026. <https://apda.ghost.io/>
4. Travis LaCroix. 2026. “No, autistic people are not ‘mind blind’ – here’s why.” *The Conversation*. 27 February 2026. <https://doi.org/10.64628/AB.j7juwdnj6>
3. Travis LaCroix. 2023. “Philosophy on the Spectrum: The Philosophy of Autism and Autistic Philosophy, Syllabus Showcase” *Blog of the APA*, 20 March 2023. <https://blog.apaonline.org/>
2. Travis LaCroix. 2022. “A Category Mistake: Benchmarking Ethical Decisions for AI Systems Using Moral Dilemmas” *Blog of the APA*, 16 June 2022. blog.apaonline.org/

1. Travis LaCroix. 2022. “Research Summary: ‘Moral Dilemmas for Moral Machines’” *The AI Ethics Brief #103*. Montréal AI Ethics Institute. 14 June 2022.
montrealethics.ai/moral-dilemmas-for-moral-machines/

Reports (*Not Peer Reviewed*)

1. Carolyn Dicey Jennings, Travis LaCroix, and Kino Zhao. 2026. Methodology Report for the 2025 Academic Philosophy Data and Analysis Survey. *PhilPapers*.
<https://philpapers.org/archive/JENMRF-3.pdf>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Talks (*Peer Reviewed*)

27. “Strategic polysemy in AI discourse”
ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, & Transparency (FAccT ’26)
Montéal, Québec, 25–28 June 2026.
26. “Relative principals, pluralistic alignment, & the structural value alignment problem”
ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, & Transparency (FAccT ’26)
Montréal, Québec, 25–28 June 2026.
25. “The autistics and the machines: Theory of mind, AI, & the politics of measurement”
Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science
Halifax, Canada, 4–6 June 2026.
24. “What do philosophers talk about when they talk about autism?”
(T. LaCroix, A. Amero, and B. Sidloski)
Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science
Montréal, Québec, 19–21 June 2024.
23. “Autism and the pseudoscience of mind”
Atlantic Regional Philosophers Association
Charlottetown, Canada, 13–14 October 2023.
22. “Artificial intelligence and the value alignment problem”
Canadian Philosophical Association
Toronto, Canada, 29 May – 1 June 2023. *Symposium Contribution*.
21. “Autism and the pseudoscience of mind”
Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science
Toronto, Canada, 27–29 May 2023.
20. “Artificial intelligence and the value alignment problem”
Philosophy, AI, and Society Workshop
Stanford, USA, 27–28 January 2023.
19. “Information and meaning in the evolution of compositional signals”
Philosophy of Science Association
Pittsburgh, USA, 10–13 November 2022.
18. “Moral dilemmas for moral machines”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division
Vancouver, Canada, 13–16 April 2022.

17. “The linguistic blind spot of value-aligned agency, natural and artificial”
Workshop on Normative Theory and Artificial Intelligence
Online, 10 March 2022.
16. “Reflexivity, functional reference, & modularity: Targets for language origins”
Philosophy of Science Association
Baltimore, USA, 11–14 November 2021.
15. “Est-ce que vous compute? Code-switching, cultural identity, & AI”
(A. Falbo and T. LaCroix)
Workshop on Feminism, Social Justice, and AI
Online, 26–28 July 2021.
14. “If gradualism is the correct approach to language origins, then compositionality is not a plausible explanatory target”
Canadian Philosophical Association
London, Canada, 1–4 June 2020. [*Cancelled due to COVID-19*]
13. “Learning from learning machines: Optimisation, rules, & social norms”
(T. LaCroix and Y. Bengio)
Canadian Society for the History & Philosophy of Science
London, Canada, 30 May – 1 June 2020. [*Cancelled due to COVID-19*]
12. “Emergent communication under conflict of interest”
(M. Noukhovitch, T. LaCroix, and A. Courville)
EvoLang XIII: Evolution of Language International Conferences
Brussels, Belgium, 14–17 April 2020. [*Cancelled due to COVID-19*]
11. “Learning from learning machines: Optimisation, rules, & social norms”
(T. LaCroix and Y. Bengio)
Artificial Intelligence and Moral Learning, Symposium at AISB-2020:
Society for the Study of AI and Simulation of Behaviour
London, UK, 6–9 April 2020. [*Cancelled due to COVID-19*]
10. “Learning from learning machines: Optimisation, rules, & social norms”
(T. LaCroix and Y. Bengio)
Canadian Society for Epistemology
Montréal, Québec, 14–16 November 2019.
9. “Accounting for role-asymmetries in the evolution of compositional signals”
Canadian Philosophical Association
Vancouver, Canada, 1–4 June 2019.
8. “Using logic to evolve more logic: Composing logical operators via self-assembly”
Society for Exact Philosophy
Toronto, Canada, 17–19 May 2019.
7. “Using logic to evolve more logic: Composing logical operators via self-assembly”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division
Vancouver, Canada, 17–20 April 2019.
6. “Less is more: Degrees of compositionality for complex signals”
Philosophy of Science Association
Seattle, USA, 1–4 November 2018. *Symposium Contribution*.

5. “Reference by proxy and truth-in-a-model”
Western Canadian Philosophical Association
Calgary, Canada, 26–28 October 2018.
4. “On the role of power in the evolution of inequitable norms”
(T. LaCroix and C. O’Connor)
L’Association Canadienne de Philosophie
Montréal, Québec, 4–7 June 2018.
3. “The role of power in the evolution of inequitable norms”
(T. LaCroix and C. O’Connor)
**Latin American Association for Analytic Philosophy, and
Colombian Conference on Logic, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Science**
Villa de Leyva, Colombia, 16–18 May 2018.
2. “On salience and signalling in sender-receiver games”
Western Canadian Philosophical Association
Regina, Canada, 13–15 October 2017.
1. “Signalling games & their models”
Colombian Conference on Logic, Epistemology, & Philosophy of Science
Bogotá, Colombia, 17–19 February 2016.

Symposium Organisation (*Peer Reviewed*)

2. “Artificial intelligence and the value alignment problem”
Organiser: T. LaCroix, A. Kasirzadeh
Speakers: T. LaCroix, A. Kasirzadeh, K. Vold
Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting
Toronto, Canada, 27–29 May 2023
1. “Evolutionary explanations of compositional communication”
Organiser: T. LaCroix
Speakers: T. LaCroix, J. A. Barrett, J. Armstrong, M. Berthet, S. Steinert-Threlkeld
Philosophy of Science Association 2018 Biennial Meeting
Seattle, USA, 1–4 November 2018

Invited Talks (*Not Peer Reviewed*)

16. *Artificial Intelligence and the Value Alignment Problem*
Swartz Reisman Institute for Technology and Society, Graduate Seminar
Toronto, Canada, 26 March 2026
15. Panel Discussion on the Future of Artificial Intelligence
Durham University, Annual Convocation
Durham, UK, 23 February 2026
14. Panel Discussion on AI and Authorship: Who Owns Machine-Generated Knowledge?
Durham University, Law School
Durham, UK, 10 February 2026

13. *Artificial Intelligence and the Value Alignment Problem*
Talk for Durham AI Safety Initiative (DAISI)
Durham, UK, 29 January 2026
12. Panel discussion on *Artificial Intelligence and the Value Alignment Problem*
(T. LaCroix, F. Mallory, and A. Campolo)
Durham University, Centre for Humanities Engaging Science and Society
Durham, UK, 25 November 2025
11. Workshop on “Humanity at the margins of power: Centring the human in techno-security futures”
Durham University, Institute for Advanced Study
Durham, UK, 25 September 2025
10. “Artificial intelligence and the value alignment problem”
Canadian AI 2024, Responsible AI Track
Guelph, Canada, 27–31 May 2024
9. Panel Discussion on the Adoption of AI
Dalhousie AI Symposium, Responsible AI Track
Halifax, Canada, 09 May 2024
8. “Artificial intelligence and the value alignment problem”
Durham University, Department of Philosophy
Online, 21 March 2024
7. “Artificial intelligence & the value alignment problem: A philosophical introduction”
University of Illinois, Department of Philosophy
Chicago, USA, 07 February 2024
6. “Power by association”
(T. LaCroix and C. O’Connor)
Durham University, Department of Philosophy
Online, 12 May 2021
5. “AI human compatibility and Stuart Russell’s approach: What is the right proxy for artificial moral agency?”
(D. Martin and T. LaCroix)
Journée d’étude sur l’éthique des algorithmes (CRÉ-OBVIA)
Montréal, Québec, 12 February 2021
4. “The tragedy of the AI commons”
(T. LaCroix and A. Mohseni)
Weekly Seminar, Schwartz Reisman Institute for Technology & Society
Toronto, Canada, 9 December 2020
3. “Epistemology and the structure of language”
(J. A. Barrett and T. LaCroix)
Concordia Research Symposium in Philosophy (CRSP) Winter 2020
Montréal, Québec, 7 February 2020.
2. “Less is more: Degrees of compositionality for complex signals”
Interdisciplinary Workshop Series, Philosophy, McGill University
Montréal, Québec, 23 October 2018.

1. “Power by association”
(T. LaCroix and C. O’Connor)
IMBS Friday Seminar, Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences, UCI
Irvine, USA, 27 April 2018.

Colloquia (*Not Peer Reviewed*)

9. “Autism and the pseudoscience of mind”
Philosophy Department Seminar, Durham University
Durham, UK, 22 January 2025
8. “What do philosophers talk about when they talk about autism?”
(T. LaCroix and A. Amero)
Philosophy Colloquium, Dalhousie University
Halifax, Canada, 26 April 2024
7. “The autistic metrestick in Paris: Autism and the value-free ideal of science”
Philosophy Colloquium, Dalhousie University
Halifax, Canada, 05 April 2024
6. “Artificial intelligence & the value alignment problem: A philosophical introduction”
Philosophy Colloquium, Dalhousie University
Halifax, Canada, 01 December 2023
5. “Autism and the pseudoscience of mind”
Philosophy Colloquium, Dalhousie University
Halifax, Canada, 14 July 2023
4. “Moral dilemmas for moral machines: Perspectives on ‘benchmarking’ ethics for AI”
Philosophy Colloquium, Dalhousie University
Halifax, Canada, 24 March 2023 [*Rescheduled from 07 October 2022*]
3. “On being in (autistic) community”
Philosophy Colloquium, Dalhousie University
Halifax, Canada, 26 November 2022
2. “Workshop panel on Embedded EthiCS in FCS”
Philosophy Colloquium, Dalhousie University
Halifax, Canada, 24 June 2022
1. “The linguistic blind spot of value-aligned agency, natural and artificial”
Philosophy Colloquium, Dalhousie University
Halifax, Canada, 26 November 2021

Poster Presentations (*Peer Reviewed*)

3. “Cheap-talk declarations and the tragedy of the AI commons”
(T. LaCroix and A. Mohseni)
Philosophy of Science Association
Virtual Poster Forum: January, February 2021
In-Person Poster Forum: Baltimore, USA, 11–14 November 2021.

2. “Emergent communication under competition”
(M. Noukhovitch, T. LaCroix, A. Lazaridou, and A. Courville)
Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS)
London, UK, 3–7 May 2021.
1. “Biology & compositionality: Empirical considerations for ‘Eme-Comm’ protocols”
Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2019
Workshop on Emergent Communication
Vancouver, Canada, 8–14 December 2019.

Invited Commentaries (*Not Peer Reviewed*)

4. “When Levels Intervene” (Tyler Millhouse) *Society for the Metaphysics of Science Conference*, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, 10–12 August 2023.
3. “A pragmatic-semiotic defence of bivalent logic” (Marc Champagne) *Canadian Philosophical Association*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 1–4 June 2019.
2. “Responsibility for saying and asserting” (Henry Schiller) *L’Association Canadienne de Philosophie*, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, Québec, 4–7 June 2018.
1. “Simplicity and a priori probability principles” (Noa Latham) *L’Association Canadienne de Philosophie*, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, Québec, 4–7 June 2018.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**Instructor of Record***Durham University***Module Lead**

Ethics of AI and Data Science (PHIL 42415)	2026-2027
Political Philosophy (PHIL 2081)	2026-2027
The Philosophical Traditions (PHIL 1091)	2025-2026
Political Philosophy (PHIL 2081)	2025-2026

Lectures

Ethics and Values (PHIL 1011, ×5)	2026-2027
Topic - Moral Monsters and Moral Panics	
Political Philosophy (PHIL 2081, ×5)	2026-2027
Topic - Violence	
Formal and Philosophical Logic (PHIL 3201, ×10)	2026-2027
Topic - Set Theory	
Ethics of AI and Data Science (PHIL 42415, ×4)	2026-2027
Ethics and Values (PHIL 1011, ×5)	2025-2026
Topic - Moral Monsters and Moral Panics	
The Philosophical Traditions (PHIL 1091, ×10)	2025-2026
Topic - Deductive and Inductive Logics	

Political Philosophy (PHIL 2081, ×5)	2025-2026
<i>Topic</i> - Evolution of the Social Contract	
Ethics of AI and Data Science (PHIL 42415, ×1)	2025-2026
<i>Topic</i> - Curation to Crawling: Paradigm Shifts in AI	
Ethics and Values (PHIL 1011, ×5)	2024-2025
<i>Topic</i> - Metaethics and Moral Meaning	
Political Philosophy (PHIL 2081, ×10)	2024-2025
<i>Topic</i> - Political Justice at the Margins of Society	

Tutorials/Seminars

Ethics and Values (PHIL 1011)	2026-2027
Political Philosophy (PHIL 2081)	2026-2027
Ethics and Bias in Data Science (PHIL 42415)	2026-2027
Ethics and Values (PHIL 1011)	2025-2026
The Philosophical Traditions (PHIL 1091)	2025-2026
Political Philosophy (PHIL 2081)	2025-2026
Ethics and Bias in Data Science (PHIL 42415)	2025-2026
The Philosophical Traditions (PHIL 1091)	2024-2025
Fundamentals of Logic (PHIL 2181)	2024-2025
Issues in Contemporary Ethics (PHIL 3131)	2024-2025
Ethics and Bias in Data Science (PHIL 42415)	2024-2025

Dalhousie University

Social, Ethical and Professional Issues in Computing Science	Winter 2024
Department of Philosophy (2490)	
Faculty of Computer Science (3101)	
Case Studies in Computing and Society	Winter 2024
Faculty of Computer Science (1801)	
Faculty of Arts & Social Science (1801)	
Philosophy of Social Science	Fall 2023
Department of Philosophy (3520/5520)	
Department of Political Science (3496/5496)	
Logic: Understanding of Scientific Reasoning	Fall 2023
Department of Philosophy (2660)	
Social, Ethical and Professional Issues in Computing Science	Winter 2023
Department of Philosophy (2490)	
Faculty of Computer Science (3101)	
Case Studies in Computing and Society	Winter 2023
Faculty of Computer Science (1801)	
Faculty of Arts & Social Science (1801)	

Topics in Philosophy of Psychology Department of Philosophy (4070 / 5070) Topic - The Philosophy of Autism and Autistic Philosophy	Fall 2022
Logic: Understanding of Scientific Reasoning Department of Philosophy (2660)	Fall 2022
Social, Ethical and Professional Issues in Computing Science Department of Philosophy (2490) Faculty of Computer Science (3101)	Winter 2022
Case Studies in Computing and Society Faculty of Computer Science (1801) Faculty of Arts & Social Science (1801)	Winter 2022
Topics in Ethics I Department of Philosophy (4114 / 5115) Topic - Evolutionary Ethics	Fall 2021

University of Toronto

Seminar in Philosophy of Science Department of Philosophy (455H) Topic - Artificial Intelligence and the Value alignment Problem	Summer 2021
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Teaching Assistant

University of California, Irvine

Inductive Logic, Simon Huttegger Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science (31) Department of Philosophy (31)	Spring 2018
Introduction to Linguistics, Arunima Choudhury Department of Linguistics (3)	Winter 2018
Acquisition of Language, Lisa Pearl Department of Linguistics (51) Department of Cognitive Sciences (56)	Fall 2017
Inductive Logic, Simon Huttegger Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science (31) Department of Philosophy (31)	Spring 2017
Probability and Statistics for Economics I, Kent Johnson Department of Economics (15A)	Winter 2017

Simon Fraser University

Critical Thinking, Jillian McIntosh Department of Philosophy (xx1)	Spring 2016
Critical Thinking, Jillian McIntosh Department of Philosophy (xx1)	Fall 2015

Critical Thinking, Jillian McIntosh Department of Philosophy (xx1)	Spring 2015
Introduction to Ethics, Evan Tiffany Department of Philosophy (120W)	Fall 2014

Guest Lectures

Saint Mary's University

"Autism and neurodiversity" *Healthcare Ethics and the Law* (Philosophy), 03 Oct. 2023.

University of California, Irvine

"Language and cognition" *Acquisition of Language* (Linguistics/Psychology), 1 Dec. 2017.

SUPERVISION

Graduate Student Supervision

Schwartz Reisman Institute for Technology and Society

Graduate Fellows Cohort Lead (15 graduate students) 2020-2021

Mila - Québec Artificial Intelligence Institute

Peer Advisor (Mila Peer Advisor Programme) 2020-2021

Undergraduate Student Supervision

Durham University

Undergraduate Dissertation Advisor

2026–2027

A. Benson; C. Coles; R. Friend; Y. Lin; C. Middleton-Taylor; I. Towers.

2025–2026

I. Cox ("To what extent is criminalisation in the United Kingdom linked to demonisation of the working class?"); S. Eadie. ("The computational reliability of agentic AI within high-frequency trading contexts"); L. Lees ("Capital's agent: Capital digital technology and consumer as a nested principal-agent problem"); Y. Sen ("Repackaged patriarchy: Media's role in women's subordination"); I. Thomas ("Political Ignorance: Are voters really incompetent or is political knowledge unfairly defined?"); J. Yu ("Must we imagine Sisyphus happy? The internal tensions of Camus's absurdism").

2024–2025

R. T. M. Philips

Academic Advisor

2025–2028

T. Ashby, S. Babak, D. Baumbach, M. Bin Alvin Mohamed, G. Bingham,
P. Choi, I. Duncan, E. Frampton, M. Kilgariff, K. Wang, M. Zhao

2024–2027

L. C. G. Curry, A. Filchenkov, J. Gardner, M. D. Ketterer, P. A. Lewis,
C. Lim, H. Mak, T. J. Newell, R. J. Penfold, M. Watkins

Dalhousie University

Rio Sharp (honour's thesis advisor)	2023–2024
Delia Topitzer	2021–2022
Amy Tenenbaum	2021–2022

University of Toronto

Ariel Rozinov, University of Toronto	2021–2022
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Research Assistants

Dalhousie University

Kayla Marie Beals, Undergraduate RA (NSERC USRA)	Summer 2024
Derek Andrews, Graduate (Doctoral) RA	Summer 2024
Alexis Amero, Undergraduate RA	Fall 2023, Winter, Summer 2024
Benjamin Sidloski, Graduate (Masters) RA	Fall 2023, Winter, Summer 2024
Prasidha Parasuraman, Undergraduate RA	Summer, Fall 2023

Teaching Assistants

Dalhousie University

Case Studies in Computing and Society Faculty of Arts and Social Science (1801) 5 teaching assistants	Winter 2024
Social, Ethical, and Professional Issues in Computing Science Department of Philosophy (2490) Faculty of Computer Science (3101) 2 teaching assistants	Winter 2024
Case Studies in Computing and Society Faculty of Arts and Social Science (1801) 9 teaching assistants	Winter 2023
Social, Ethical, and Professional Issues in Computing Science Department of Philosophy (2490) Faculty of Computer Science (3101) 2 teaching assistants	Winter 2023
Case Studies in Computing and Society Faculty of Arts and Social Science (1801) 7 teaching assistants	Winter 2022
Social, Ethical, and Professional Issues in Computing Science Department of Philosophy (2490) Faculty of Computer Science (3101) 2 teaching assistants	Winter 2022

AWARDS AND
HONOURS

Grants

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
Insight Development Grant (CAD 74,516), 2023-2025
“Philosophy on the Spectrum: The Philosophy of Autism and Autistic Philosophy”
<https://autphi.github.io>

Fellowships

Fonds de Recherche du Québec – Société et Culture (FRQSC)
Bourse postdoctorale (B3Z) [Postdoctoral fellowship]
University of Calgary (CAD 110,000), DECLINED, 2020-2022

Scholarships

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships
Simon Fraser University (CAD 17,500), 2015-2016

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships
University of British Columbia (CAD 17,500), DECLINED, 2014-2015

Academic Awards

Dalhousie University

President’s Awards for the Advancement of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility, 2023, NOMINATED.

University of California, Irvine

Associate Dean’s Graduate Fellowship (USD 6,900), 2020, DECLINED.
Chancellor’s Club for Excellence Fellowship (USD 12,000), 2019, NOMINATED.
Justine Lambert Graduate Prize in the Foundations of Science, for “On Salience and Signaling: Partial Pooling, Learning, and Focal Points” (USD 1,000), 2018.
Social Science Merit Fellowship (USD 257,818), 2016–2022.

Simon Fraser University

Graduate Fellowship (CAD 6,250), 2015

University of British Columbia

John Alexander Scholarship in Humanities (CAD 1500), 2014
Robert and Kazuko Barker Award (CAD 225), 2014

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Departmental Service

Department of Philosophy, Durham University

Representative, Masters of Data Science	2026-2027
Representative, Liberal Arts	2025-2026
Director, Aesthetics, Ethics and Politics Research Cluster	2024-2026
Representative, Combined Honours in Social Sciences	2024-2025

Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University

Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Philosophy Students Society	2023-2024
Colloquium Chair	Fall 2022

University Service

Durham University

ECR Representative, Research Culture Committee	2025-2026
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Disciplinary Service

Co-Director. Academic Philosophy Data & Analysis (ADPA). 2025-present

Journal Referee. *AI & Society* (2026, 2025); *Bulletin of Science, Technology & Society* (2026); *Clinical Pediatrics* (2026); *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly* (2026, 2025); *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2026); *Journal of Logic, language, and Information* (2026); *Minds and Machines* (2026); *Neurodiversity* (2026); *Philosophical Psychology* (2026); *Philosophy of Science* (2026, 2025, 2023); *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology* (2026, 2025); *Social Epistemology* (2026); *Synthese* (2026, 2025, 2021, 2020); *AI and Ethics* (2025); *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* (2025, 2024, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019); *Erkenntnis* (2025, 2020); *Hypatia* (2025); *Mind & Language* (2025); *Philosophical Studies* (2025); *Biology and Philosophy* (2024); *Episteme* (2024, 2022); *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications* (2024); *American Philosophical Quarterly* (2021); *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review / Revue canadienne de philosophie* (2021); *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* (2021); *Games* (2020); *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* (2020); *Journal of Experimental and Theoretical Artificial Intelligence* (2020); *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy* (2019).

Book Referee. Cambridge University Press (2026); The MIT Press (2021).

Ethics Reviewer. *International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML; 2026, 2025); *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems* (NeurIPS; 2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022).

Grant Referee. Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Insight Development Grant (2026); National Science Foundation, Science and Technology Studies Program (2023).

Senior Programme Committee Member. *Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence* (AAAI), Special Track on AI Alignment (2026).

Programme Committee Member. *Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society* (AIES; 2026, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021); *Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency* (FAccT; 2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022); *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems* (NeurIPS; 2026); *International Conference on Learning Representations*, Workshop on Gamification and Multiagent Solutions (ICLR; 2022); *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems - Cooperative AI Workshop* (NeurIPS; 2021, 2020).

Conference Referee. *EvoLang XVI: International Conference on the Evolution of Language* (2026); *EvoLang XIII: Evolution of Language International Conferences* (2020); *The Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference* (2019).

Workshop Organisation. Scientific Advisor and Senior Programme Committee Member, Emergent Communication Workshop (EmeComm 2023); Scientific Advisor and Senior Programme Committee Member, Emergent Communication Workshop (EmeComm 2022), *International Conference on Learning Representations* (ICLR, 2022).

Conference Chair. *Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science* (4–6 June 2026); *Philosophy of Science Association*, (10–13 November 2022, Pittsburgh, USA); *Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference* (19–23 August 2018, Vancouver, CAN); *F-SEW: Formal Social Epistemology Workshop* (25–26 May 2018, Irvine, USA); *Western Canadian Philosophical Association* (13–15 October 2017, Regina, CAN); *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division* (30 March – 3 April 2016, San Francisco, USA).

Public Service

Public Policy. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) global consultation on the ethics of artificial intelligence (2020).

IN THE MEDIA

Interviews

Interview with Schwartz Reisman Institute. 2026. *Beyond algorithms: Travis LaCroix on AI and the value alignment problem*. <https://srinstitute.utoronto.ca/news/2026-travis-lacroix>.

Interview with Durham University. 2025. *New book delves into the ethical dilemmas of using AI*. <https://www.durham.ac.uk/news-events/latest-news/2025/04/new-book-delves-into-the-ethical-dilemmas-of-using-ai/>.

Interview with Amelia Hicks. 2023. *NeuroDiving: A Philosophy Podcast about Neurodivergence*. Episode 4 - Zombie Pseudoscience. <https://neurodiving.fm>

Interview with Amelia Hicks. 2023. *NeuroDiving: A Philosophy Podcast about Neurodivergence*. Episode 5 - New Paradigms, New Values. <https://neurodiving.fm>

Interview with Ryan Bellefontaine. 2021. “Should you delete Facebook? It’s complicated” *The Signal*.

Engagement with Research

Book Review (2026): Mehmet Ali Dombaycı. 2026. “Artificial Intelligence and the Value Alignment Problem: A Philosophical Introduction” *Teaching Philosophy*. doi.org/10.5840/teachphil2026493254

Book Review (2026): Rune Nyrup. 2026. “Travis LaCroix’s *Artificial Intelligence and the Value Alignment Problem*” *BJPS Review of Books*.
doi.org/10.59350/a5brt-nfc70

Book Review (2026): Declan Humphreys. 2026. “LaCroix, T. (2025). *Artificial intelligence and the value alignment problem*. Broadview Press.” *Journal of Applied Philosophy*. 42(2).
<https://doi.org/10.1002/japp.70082>Digital Object Identifier (DOI)

Book recommendation list (2025): Tegan Jones. “Neural Notes: Eight books you should read to really understand AI” *SmartCompany*. 29 Oct. 2025.
<https://www.smartcompany.com.au/artificial-intelligence/ai-books-to-read-2025/>

Article discussing LaCroix (2022): Jonny Thomson, “Whose ethics should be programmed into the robots of tomorrow?” *Big Think*. 11 Apr 2022.
<https://bigthink.com/thinking/robots-ethical-decisions/>

White paper on Falbo and LaCroix (2022): “Keeping with the status quo: Epistemic calcification and testimonial smothering in AI” *Feminism, Social Justice, and AI Workshop*.

Write up on LaCroix, Geil, O’Connor (2021): Rebecca Lea Morris, “Why retracted papers continue to be cited and what we can do about it” *Medium* 22 Sep 2021.
<https://medium.com/@rlmorris/why-retracted-papers-continue-to-be-cited>

LANGUAGES	English (native), French (intermediate)
TECHNICAL CAPACITIES	Mathematics: ODEs / PDEs, Linear Algebra, Multivariate / Vector Calculus Logic: Set Theory, Modal Logic, Predicate Logic Programming Languages: Python, Java, Javascript Markup: L ^A T _E X, HTML, CSS, Markdown Computation and Graphing: R, MatLab, Excel
SOCIETY AFFILIATIONS	Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science Philosophy of Science Association Society for Exact Philosophy Canadian Philosophical Association Association for Computing Machinery American Philosophical Association Atlantic Regional Philosophers Association
REFERENCES	<i>Available upon request.</i>

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