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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Ethics of Technology, Bioethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Social & Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2021 - Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Santa Clara University, Philosophy Department
- 2020 - 21 Postdoctoral Fellow in Embedded EthiCS
Harvard University, Philosophy Department

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Philosophy, Boston University
- B.A. Philosophy, University of Wisconsin – Madison

CERTIFICATES

- 2018 Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics, Sherwin B. Nuland Bioethics Summer Institute

PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 (Forthcoming) Sloane, M., Moss, E., Kennedy, S., Stewart, M., Plancher, B., Warden, P. & Janapa Reddi, V. "Materiality and Risk in the Age of Pervasive AI Sensors." *Nature Machine Intelligence*
- 2025 (Forthcoming) Kennedy, S., & Ramirez, E. "Artificial Intelligence, Suicide and Social Media." *Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of Suicide*, edited by Michael Cholbi and Paolo Stellino.
- 2024 Kennedy, S. "Algorithmic Recommender Systems: Mitigating Information Overload and Preserving Spontaneous Freedom." *American Philosophical Quarterly* 61 (4), 327-338. <https://doi.org/10.5406/21521123.61.4.03>
- 2024 Kennedy, S. "Feminist Critiques of the Original Position" in *The Art of Teaching Philosophy: Reflective Values and Concrete Practices*, edited by Brynn Welch. Bloomsbury Academic Publishing, 273-279.
- 2024 Kennedy, S. "Pregnancy Loss in the Context of AAPT: Speculation Over Substance?" *Journal of Medical Ethics*. 50(3), 314-15. <https://doi.org/10.1136/jme-2023-109776>
- 2024 Kennedy, S. "Ectogenesis and the Value of Gestational Ties." *Bioethics* 38(7), 643-649.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/bioe.13260>

- 2023 Kennedy, S., & Nelson, L. "A Different Take on the Law and Ethics of AWT." *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 23(5), 92-94. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2023.2191044>
- 2023 Nguyen, C. T., Magnani, M., & Kennedy, S. "Twitter Gamifies the Conversation." *MIT Case Studies in Social and Ethical Responsibilities of Computing*
<https://doi.org/10.21428/2c646de5.d901bfd9>
- 2022 Janapa Reddi, V., Plancher, B., Kennedy, S., Moroney, L., Warden, P., Suzuki, L., Agarwal, A., Banbury, C., Banzi, M., Bennett, M., Brown, B., Chitlangia, S., Ghosal, R., Grafman, S., Jaeger, R., Krishnan, S., Lam, M., Leiker, D., Mann, C., ... Tingley, D. "Widening Access to Applied Machine Learning With TinyML." *Harvard Data Science Review*, 4(1).
<https://doi.org/10.1162/99608f92.762d171a>
- 2020 Kennedy, S. "Willing Mothers: Ectogenesis and the Role of Gestational Motherhood." *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 46:320-327. <https://doi.org/10.1136/medethics-2019-105847>

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- 2023 Kennedy, S. "A Moral Panic: ChatGPT and the Gamification of Education." *Markkula Center for Applied Ethics*, Ethics Spotlight series on Generative AI Ethics.

UNDER REVIEW

"Re-Mapping the Feminist Debate: Ectogestation and the Ethics of Abortion" Invited chapter in *Feminist Ethics: An Introduction to Fundamental Concepts and Current Issues*, Edited by Celia Edell and Charlotte Sabourin, Routledge.

"Ectogestation and Reproductive Rights in the Post-Dobbs Legal Landscape" co-authored with Lawrence Nelson. Invited chapter in *Ectogestation and the Future of Reproductive Rights: Technology, Justice and Abortion*, Edited by Christopher Stratman and Joona Räsänen.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"The Dying Donor Rule: A New Ethical Standard for Donation After Circulatory Death"
(Complete Draft)

"Mitigating Sexual Harassment in Virtual Reality" co-authored with Laura Clark and Jocelyn Tan
(Partial Draft)

"Don't Play *That* Game: Can Simulations Inculcate Vice?" co-authored with Erick José Ramirez.
Invited chapter in *Video Games and Virtue Theory: Level Up Your Character*, Edited by Nicholas Baima and Sara Malanowski (Research and Planning)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 "AI and the Environment: Business Implications" – Panelist
AI and the Environment: Sustaining the Common Good, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University, November 1.

- 2024 “The Future of AI: What Dreams (or Nightmares) Will Come, and Where Does That Leave the Law?” – Panelist
Artificial Intelligence and Robotics National Institute, American Bar Association, Santa Clara University School of Law, October 14-15.
- 2024 “AI in Diverse Industries” – Panelist
AI Summit, AI Collaborate, Santa Clara University, October 9.
- 2024 “Designing a Responsible AI Minor: Challenges and Solutions” Administrative Lightning Talks & Panel
Summer Training Program on Responsible Computing Education, Northeastern University, Boston, July 21-29.
- 2023 “Bias in Computer Vision”
Edge AI and Vision Innovation Forum, Edge AI + Vision Alliance, Santa Clara, December 5th.
- 2023 “Conscientiously Considering Consciousness and Sentience When It Comes to AI” – Panelist
Artificial Intelligence and Robotics National Institute, American Bar Association, Santa Clara University School of Law, October 9-10.
- 2023 “Can a Trademark Professional Use ChatGPT Legally and Ethically?” – Panelist
International Trademark Association Annual Meeting, Virtual, June 27-29
- 2023 “Bias in Computer Vision – It’s Bigger Than Facial Recognition”
Embedded Vision Summit, Edge AI + Vision Alliance, Santa Clara Convention Center, May 21-23
- 2022 “Looking Beyond Regulations: Why Ethics Matters for Machine Learning”
Ethical and Societal Challenges of Machine Learning Workshop, International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Trieste, Italy, November 7-11
- 2022 “Privacy: A Surmountable Challenge for Computer Vision”
Edge AI and Vision Industry and Technology Forum, Computer History Museum, Mountain View, CA
- 2022 “Artificial Wombs”
Presentation Series hosted by the Center for Law, Ethics and Society (CELS) at Sonoma State University
- 2022 “Human in the Loop” – Panelist
The Character of AI Conference, Summer Institute for Technology Ethics at Santa Clara University
- 2022 “Privacy: A Surmountable Challenge for Computer Vision,” &
“Ask the Ethicist: Your Questions about AI Privacy, Bias, and Ethics Answered”
Embedded Vision Summit, Edge AI + Vision Alliance, Santa Clara Convention Center, May 16-19
- 2021 “AI Bias, Fairness and Social Context”
Ethics in AI and ML series, International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) and the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) – Trieste, Italy
- 2021 “Ethics of Digital Currencies” – Panelist

Markkula Center for Applied Ethics and the High Tech Law Institute, Santa Clara University

- 2021-22 “Responsible AI”
1. SciTinyML: Scientific Use of Machine Learning on Low-Power Devices Workshop International Centre for Theoretical Physics – Trieste, Italy
 2. African Regional Workshop on SciTinyML: Scientific Use of Machine Learning on Low-Power Devices, Online Event.
 3. Asian Regional Workshop on SciTinyML: Scientific Use of Machine Learning on Low-Power Devices, Online Event
- 2021 “AI and Ethics Education” – Panelist
The Culture of Trustworthy AI: Public Debate, Education and Practical Learning, AI4EU Workshop, Island of San Servolo Venice, Italy
- 2021 “Ethics of the Attention Economy” with Meica Magnani
Summer Program at Northeastern University
- 2021 “Responsible AI”
CRESTLEX (Creating Effective STEM Learning Experiences) Virtual Workshop, Navajo Technical University, Harvard, Google and Edge Impulse
- 2020 “Ethics of AI in Medicine”
AI in Medicine series, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
- 2020 “Artificial Wombs and the Value of Motherhood”
Students Uniting Spirituality and Health, Harvard Divinity School
- 2020 “Ethics and Philosophy in Computer Science” with Meica Magnani
Centre for Research Training in Digitally-Enhanced Reality (D-REAL), Science Foundation Ireland

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “The Dying Donor Rule: A New Ethical Standard for Donation After Circulatory Death”
NYU Philosophical Bioethics Workshop, NYU Center for Bioethics, May 3-4
- 2024 “Uterine Transplants and the Shifting Paradigm of the 'Male Standard' in Jurisprudence”
with Keith Dinh
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Cincinnati, February 22-24.
- 2023 “Recommender Systems as a Threat to Spontaneous Freedom”
Virtuous AI? Cultural Evolution, Artificial Intelligence and Virtue, The Center for Theology and Natural Sciences, John Templeton Foundation, July 11-13, Virtual
- 2023 “Pregnancy: A Choice or a Moral Mandate”
Mentoring Workshop for Early Career Women in Philosophy, Marc Sanders Foundation, June 11-13, University of Missouri
- 2023 “A Feminist Approach to the Original Position”
Pacific APA – New Resources in Teaching Philosophy, April 5-8, San Francisco

- 2023 “Lessons from Embedded EthiCS: Live Conversations and Case Studies for Engaging STEM Students” with Meica Magnani
Eastern APA-AAPT Teaching Hub – Teaching Philosophy to STEM Students, January 4-7, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 2022 “Voice Interfaces, Gender and Race: An Intersectional Analysis”
Gendering Robots (GenR 2022): Intersectional Feminist Perspectives on Gender in Social Robotics Workshop, 31st IEEE International Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN), Napoli, Italy
- 2021 “Dual Axis Approach to Anticipating Value Change”
Changing Values, Changing Technologies International Conference, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands
- 2021 “Mitigating Harmful AI: A Professional Licensing Scheme for Data Scientists”
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics
- 2020 “Ageism, Autonomy and Dementia: Person-Centered Care Reconsidered”
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Atlanta
- 2020 “Potential Uses and Limitations of In-class Simulations”
Central APA-AAPT Teaching Hub – Teaching Core Texts: The Social Contract and its Critics.
- 2019 “From Procreation to Parenthood: Simply a Matter of Convention?”
1) Swedish Congress of Philosophy, Umeå University
2) Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Baltimore
- 2019 “Resurrecting the Child’s Right to an Open Future”
Manchester Centre for Political Theory – Postgraduate Workshop
- 2018 “Re-Defining the Relationship Between Procreation and Parenthood”
International Conference on Applied Ethics, Kyoto University
- 2018 “Defining the Relationship Between Procreation and Parenthood in the Context of Assisted Reproductive Technologies”
Philosophy of Science Association – MAP Cognate Session, Seattle
- 2018 “Procreation and Parenthood: A Liberty Right to Parent One’s Biological Child”
Yale Medical School Bioethics Poster Session
- 2018 “Re-Defining the Role of Women Qua Mothers:
Society for Women in Philosophy – Ireland, University College Dublin

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 *Hackworth Grant*, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University
- 2022 *Visiting Researcher and Early Career Scholarship*, Brocher Foundation, Switzerland
- 2018-19 *Graduate Writing Fellowship*, Boston University College of Arts and Sciences Writing Program
- 2018 *GRS Summer Research Fellowship*, Boston University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- 2017-18 *Dissertation Research Fellowship*, Boston University Department of Philosophy

2013-18 *Ph.D. Scholarship, Boston University Department of Philosophy*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record at Santa Clara University, Philosophy Department

- 2025 Ethics in Artificial Intelligence
Science, Technology & Society
- 2024 Ethics in the Digital Age x2
Ethics in Artificial Intelligence
Science, Technology and Society
Ethics in Health Care
Ethics in Public Health
- 2023 Ethics in the Digital Age x4
Ethics in Artificial Intelligence
Science, Technology and Society
- 2022 Ethics in the Digital Age – Honors
Ethics in Artificial Intelligence
Ethics in Health Care x4
- 2021 Ethics in the Digital Age

Instructor for Interface Education Services

- 2021 AI for Social Good, co-taught with Meica Magnani

Guest Lecturer for Embedded EthiCS at Harvard University

- 2020 Module: “Democracy and the Digital Public Sphere” with Meica Magnani, Course: Introduction to Computer Science, David Malan
- 2020 Module: “Privacy in Context,” Course: TinyML, Vijay Reddi

Guest Lecturer for EdX at Harvard University

- 2020 “Responsible AI: Design,” Course: Fundamentals of TinyML, Vijay Reddi, Laurence Moroney
- 2020 “Responsible AI: Development,” Course: Applications of TinyML, Vijay Reddi, Laurence Moroney, and Pete Warden
- 2020 “Responsible AI: Deployment,” Course: Deploying TinyML, Vijay Reddi, Laurence Moroney, and Pete Warden
- 2021 “Responsible AI,” Course: MLOps for Scaling TinyML, Vijay Reddi, Laurence Moroney, and Pete Warden

Instructor of Record at Boston University, College of Arts and Sciences Writing Program

- 2020 Bioethics
- 2019 Ethics of Information and Technology
- 2019 Political Philosophy: Justice
- 2018 Epistemology: Unveiling Knowledge

Instructor of Record at Boston University, Philosophy Department

2017 Great Philosophers

Teaching Fellow at Boston University

2018	Existentialism	Walter Hopp
2017	Medical Ethics	Russell Powell
2016	Introduction to Philosophy	Monica Link
2015	Medical Ethics	Chong Choe-Smith
2015	Introduction to Ethics	Daniel Star
2014	Reasoning & Argumentation	Judson Webb

Invited Lectures

2023 "Ethics of AI," Barnard College, Columbia University, Brian Plancher
 2023 "Responsible AI for TinyML," Harvard University, Vijay Janapa Reddi
 2022 "Willing Mothers: Ectogenesis and the Role of Gestational Motherhood," New York University Center for Bioethics, Daniel Fogal
 2018 "Biomedicine and Normative Ethics: Ectogenesis Technology" Simmons University, Joseph Gamache

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2025 Peer Reviewer – *Journal of Applied Philosophy, Bloomsbury Academic Publishing*
 2024 Peer Reviewer – *Feminist Philosophy Quarterly, Bloomsbury Academic Publishing*
 2023 Reader, Thesis for the University Honors Program, Santa Clara University
 2023 Peer reviewer - *Journal of Medical Ethics, Ethics and Information Technology, Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics, and American Philosophical Quarterly.*
 2022- Faculty Scholar, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University
 2022- Program Committee Member, International Association for Computing and Philosophy
 2022 Assistant Organizer, IACAP 2022 Conference
 2021-22 Peer Reviewer - *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*
 2021-22 Faculty Representative, Philosophy Club, Santa Clara University
 2021-22 Reader, Thesis for the University Honors Program, Santa Clara University
 2020-21 Advisor, Master's Thesis on Educational Justice
 2020 Peer Reviewer - *American Journal of Bioethics, Hypatia*
 2019-20 President, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter at Boston University
 2019 Peer Reviewer - *American Journal of Bioethics*
 2019 Referee, Eastern APA
 2017 Graduate Student Panel Member for PIKSI – Boston
 2016-19 Co-organizer, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter at Boston University
 2016-18 Member of the Diversity, Inclusion and Climate Committee, Boston University
 2016-17 Organizer of Undergraduate Outreach for Philosophy, Boston University
 2016-17 Co-president of Boston University Philosophy Graduate Students
 2016-17 Member of the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, Boston University
 2016 Selection Committee, Boston University History of Philosophy Graduate Conference