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**Areas of Specialization:** Applied Ethics, Bioethics & Feminist Philosophy

**Areas of Competence:** Ancient Philosophy, Theoretical Ethics & Legal Philosophy

## EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy, York University 2015 - 2020

Dissertation: *The Social & Political Dimensions of the Ethics of PrEP for HIV Prevention Among MSM*

Committee: Alice MacLachlan (Supervisor), Duff Waring & Regina Rini

MA, Philosophy, Western University 2012 - 2013

Major Research Project: *Synchronizing the Olympics & Paralympics: Equality, Disability & Sports*

Supervisor: Samantha Brennan

BA, Honours, Philosophy, University of Manitoba 2007 - 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

Andrew D. Eaton, Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco, Shelley L. Craig, Soo Chan Carusone, Michael Montess, Gordon A. Wells & Galo F. Ginocchio. (2018). "A Blended Learning Curriculum for Training Peer Researchers to Conduct Community-Based Participatory Research". *Action Learning: Research and Practice*.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Challenging the Anthropocentrism in the Ethics of Climate Change", Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, Montreal, QC, June 2018

“Comparing PrEP for HIV Prevention Among MSM and the Birth Control Pill: Sex, Power & Social Justice”, Canadian Bioethics Society Conference, Halifax, NS, May 2018

“Increasing Sexual Freedom for MSM through PrEP”, Community Based Research Centre Conference, Vancouver, BC, November 2017

“Using PrEP for HIV Prevention for MSM: Risks, Relationships & Responsibility”, Canadian Bioethics Society Conference, Montreal, QC, May 2017

“The Ethics of PrEP for HIV Prevention: Serostatus, Stigmatization & Sexual Freedom” Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, Calgary, AB, May 2016

“Non-human Rights and Mind-Reading: Empathy, Moral Agency & Personhood” York University Graduate Philosophy Conference, Toronto, ON, April 2016

## **POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

“Comparing PrEP & the Birth Control Pill: Sexual Freedom, Empowerment & MSM”, Canadian Association for HIV Research Conference, Vancouver, BC, April 2018

“A Blended Learning Curriculum for Training Peer Researchers to Conduct Community-Based Participatory Research” with Andrew D. Eaton, Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco, Shelley L. Craig, Soo Chan Carusone, Gordon A. Wells & Galo F. Ginocchio , Canadian Association for HIV Research Conference, Vancouver, BC, April 2018

## **OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

“Blood, It’s In You To Give?: The Ethics of the Gay Blood Ban”, Western University Philosophy Graduate Student Association Colloquium Series, London, ON, October 2012 & Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics Student Colloquium Series, Winnipeg, MB, March 2012

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

York University, Guest Lecturer

Feminist Philosophy (Graduate) for Lorraine Code, Fall 2017

The Meaning of Life (Undergraduate) for Kristin Andrews, Winter 2017

York University, Teaching Assistant

Ancient Philosophy: Plato & Aristotle with Gerard Naddaf, Winter 2018  
Theoretical Ethics with Julie Allen, Fall 2017 & Summer 2016  
Modes of Reasoning: Social Issues (Online) with Jason Robinson, Summer 2017  
The Meaning of Life with Kristin Andrews, Winter 2017 & Fall 2015  
Applied Ethics with Shyam Ranganathan, Fall 2016  
The Meaning of Life with Hillary Davis, Winter 2016

Western University, Teaching Assistant

Global Justice & Human Rights with Andrea White, Winter 2013  
Media Ethics with Ryan Robb, Fall 2012

University of Manitoba, Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Philosophy with Patrick Walsh, Winter 2015 & Fall 2011  
Business Ethics with Patrick Walsh, Winter 2014  
Critical Thinking with Esa Diaz-Leon, Winter 2011

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT), Research Assistant, 2017 - 2018

“The ART of Conversation: Developing a Peer Telephone Support Program for People Living with HIV Who Use Substances and are Facing Challenges with Antiretroviral Adherence Following Hospitalization” with Andrew Eaton (University of Toronto)

“Development of a Psychosocial Intervention Trial with the Goal to Improve Older Adults’ Ability to Cope with HIV-Associated Neurocognitive Disorder (HAND)” with Andrew Eaton (University of Toronto)

## **SERVICE EXPERIENCE**

Editor

“Brainwandering: A Blog Written and Maintained by the York University Public Philosophy Outreach Initiative”, York University, Fall 2017 - Present

## Conference Organizer

“Bioethics & Applied Philosophy: York University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference”, York University, April 2018

## Committee Member

Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), York University, Fall 2016 - Present  
Diversity Committee, York University, Fall 2015 - Present  
Adjudication Committee, York University, Winter 2018  
Search Advisory Committee, University of Manitoba, Fall 2010 & Winter 2011

## WORKSHOPS

“Preparing to Enter the Field: An Advanced Data Collection Skills Workshop”,  
Canadian Association for HIV Research, Toronto, ON, February 2018

## AWARDS

### York University

York Graduate Scholarship, 2015 - 2018  
Kitty and Lou Newman Memorial Graduate Scholarship, 2016 & 2015

### Western University

Dean’s Entrance Scholarship, 2012  
Western Graduate Research Scholarship, 2013 & 2012

### University of Manitoba

Gold Medal in Philosophy, 2012  
University of Manitoba Students Union Scholarship, 2012  
Dean’s Honour List, 2008 - 2011  
President’s Scholar Scholarship, 2008  
Chown Centennial Entrance Scholarship, 2007  
University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarship, 2007

## **GRADUATE COURSES**

### York University

PhD Research and Development (Kristin Andrews & Regina Rini), Winter 2018  
Applied Ethics: Philosophy of Love (Alice MacLachlan), Winter 2017  
Feminist Philosophy: Ecological Thinking (Lorraine Code), Fall 2016  
Ancient Philosophy: Hellenistic Philosophy (Stefan Rodde), Fall 2016  
Applied Ethics: Family Ethics (Alice MacLachlan), Fall 2015 - Winter 2016  
Philosophy of Cognitive Science: Animal Minds (Kristin Andrews), Winter 2016  
Theoretical Ethics: Autonomy (Susan Dimock), Fall 2015  
Natural Kinds (Muhammad Ali Khalidi & Michael Giudice), Fall 2015

### Western University

Ancient Philosophy: Plato's Dialogues (Devin Henry), Winter 2013  
Ancient Philosophy: Presocratic Philosophy (John Thorpe), Winter 2013  
Political Philosophy: Grotius & Hobbes (Dennis Klimchuk), Winter 2013  
Philosophy of Law (Andrew Botterell & Dennis Klimchuk), Fall 2012  
Applied Ethics: Egalitarianism (Samantha Brennan), Fall 2012  
Epistemology: Trust (Carolyn McLeod), Fall 2012

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Philosophical Association (APA)  
Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA)  
Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR)  
Canadian Bioethics Society (CBS)  
Minorities and Philosophy (MAP)

## **LANGUAGES**

French (Intermediate)  
German (Intermediate)  
Ancient Greek (Beginner)  
Latin (Beginner)

## REFERENCES

Alice MacLachlan (Supervisor)  
Associate Professor  
York University  
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Duff Waring  
Associate Professor  
York University  
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Dean, College of Arts  
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Kristin Andrews (Teaching Reference)  
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