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Education

PhD Philosophy, University of Essex, United Kingdom

Academic Employment

Associate Professor of Philosophy (2023-Present) Grand Valley State University, Michigan

Assistant Professor (2018-2023) Grand Valley State University, Michigan

Affiliate Professor (2016-2018) Grand Valley State University, Michigan

Adjunct Professor (Winter 2016) Aquinas College

Adjunct Professor (Fall 2015-Winter 2016) Grand Valley State University, Michigan

Visiting Assistant Professor (2012-2015) Grand Valley State University.

Junior Research Fellow (2012) University of Essex.

Editorial Referee Coordinator (2009-2011) *Inquiry: Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2008-2012) University of Essex.

Editorial Office Manager (2008-2009) *Inquiry*.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2006-2007) University of Arkansas.

Service and Activities

Faculty advisor for Philosophy Club (2022-Present)

Ethics Committee organizer – Cambridge Public Health Department, Cambridge, MA (2022-Present)

Ethics Committee member – Corewell Health Hospitals, Grand Rapids (2018-Present)

Ethics Committee member – University of Michigan Health West, Lansing, MI (2021-Present)

Organizer of the West Michigan Healthcare Ethics Conference (2017-2023)

Planning Committee for DeVos Medical Ethics Colloquy (2016-Present)

Member of the Internal Review Board at Corewell Health (2015-Present)

Supervisor of Bioethics Internships, GVSU (2016-Present)

Pine Rest Ethics Education for Chaplaincy fellowship (2020-2023)

Ethics Committee organizer - Kent County Public Health Department (2021-2022)

Vaccine Allocation Ethics Advisor – Kent County Public Health Department – (November 2020-June 2021)

Scarce Resource Allocation Committee – Spectrum Health Hospitals– policy writer and advisor during the Covid-19 pandemic. (2020-2022)

Ingham County Public Health Department– Vaccine Allocation Ethics Advisor (November 2020-2021)

Sensitive Data Sharing Committee, Spectrum Health Hospitals (2019-2021)

Senior Clinical Ethicist (2016-2018) Spectrum Health, Grand Rapids

Ethics Education Organizer Mercy Health/St. Mary’s, Grand Rapids (2018-2020)

Ethics Education Organizer Van Andel Institute, Grand Rapids (2017)

Ethics Education Organizer for Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners (2016-2018)

Article Reviewer for the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *Continental Philosophy Review*, *Inquiry*, *European Journal of Philosophy*

Essex Postgraduate Student representative for the UK University College Union, Autumn 2010-2012.

Conference Organizer for the 11th & 12th Annual Philosophy Conferences of the University of Essex: Duties included planning, advertising, publication, paper selection, web design, and general organization.

President of the Graduate Philosophy of Society at the University of Essex
Autumn 2009-Spring 2011.

Grants Awarded

Michigan State Medical Society Foundation Research Grant, “The Role Ethics in a Hospital”, Principal Investigator Brandon Francis, MD. 2021

Accreditation Readiness Mini-Grant, “Fundamental Ethics for Public Health Departments,” 2022

University of Michigan’s Region-V Public Health Grant, “Foundational Principles for Ethics in Local Public Health Departments”. 2022

Internship Mini-Grant, Grand Valley State University, 2019-2020

Publications

Byrnes J, Robinson M. Ethical aspects of utilising Artificial Intelligence in clinical settings. *Nursing Ethics*. 2024;0(0).

Byrnes, Jeffrey, “The Changing Role of Ethics in Health Care” in *A Companion to Doing Ethics*. Timothy Weidel and Alan Preti eds. Wiley Blackwell (forthcoming in 2025).

Byrnes, Jeffrey and Katie Harster, “Distributing Healthcare and Scarce Medical Resources” in *Bioethics: New Directions*. Fritz Allhoff ed. Oxford University Press. (forthcoming 2025).

Robinson M, Byrnes J. Some desiderata for a taxonomy of conscientious objection in health care: A reply to Gamble and Saad. *Clinical Ethics*. 2023;18(2):165-171.

Byrnes, Jeffrey. “The Problem of ‘Core Moral Beliefs’ as the Ground of Conscientious Objection.” *HEC FORUM*, Sept. 2020. *EBSCOhost*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10730-020-09425-5>.

Craenen G., Byrnes J. (2018) Moral Expertise in the Context of Clinical Ethics Consultation. In: Watson J., Guidry-Grimes L. (eds) Moral Expertise. Philosophy and Medicine, vol 129. Springer, Cham. pp 195-206.

Byrnes J. (2010) Art and Incarnation: The Sacred Made Real, Spanish Painting and Sculpture 1600-1700 *re-bus: Journal of Art History and Theory*. pp. 109-118.

Peer-reviewed Presentations

“Beavers, chickens, and rats, oh my: Cambridge public health department’s process of building an ethics committee” with Emma Tzioumis, American Public Health Association conference. Minneapolis, October 2024.

“What’s in a Name?” Co-authored and presented with Michael Robinson. American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division. New York City, January 2024.

“The Difference Between AI and a Human Ethicist: A Reply to Objections,” Co-authored with Michael Robinson. Western Michigan Medical Humanities Conference. Virtual. 2023

“Undergraduate Experiential Learning Program in Research Compliance,” Co-authored with Benjamin Vesper and Stacey Gardner. Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC. 2023.

“Transparency and Authority Concerns for the Use of Algorithms in Ethical Decision-making in Health Care” – coauthored with Michael Robinson. European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare (Riga, Latvia). August 2023.

“Epistemic Injustice and Algorithmic Epistemic Injustice in Healthcare” – coauthored with Andrew Spear. International Conference on Computer Ethics: Philosophical Enquiry, Chicago, May 2023

“Transparency and Authority Concerns for the Use of Algorithms in Ethical Decision-making in Health Care” – coauthored with Michael Robinson. International Conference on Computer Ethics: Philosophical Enquiry, Chicago, May 2023

“Transparency and Authority Concerns for the Use of Algorithms in Ethical Decision-making in Health Care” – coauthored with Michael Robinson. Colloquium presentation of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division. Denver, CO, February 2023

“Operationalizing COVID-19 Crisis Standards of Care: Lessons for Medicine, Ethics, and Technology” – Nicholas Watson, MD, Matthew Armstrong, MD, Jeffrey Byrnes, PhD, and Shane Wheeler, MD. The Association of University Anesthesiologists, the Society of Critical Care Anesthesiologists, and the International Anesthesia Research Society Annual Conference, Denver, CO. April 2023.

“Epistemic Injustice and Algorithmic Epistemic Injustice in Healthcare” – coauthored with Andrew Spear. Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference. Kalamazoo, MI. September 2022.

“Getting to the Good Place: Developing an Ethics Program in Public Health” American Public Health Association Meeting, Boston MA, November 2022

“Ethical Guidance in the Allocation of Scarce Resources,” The National Association of City Health Officials’ *Preparedness Summit* in Atlanta, April 2022.

“Ethical Distribution of the Covid-19 Vaccine,” Great Lakes Society for Public Health, presented virtually. December 2021.

- “Against ‘Core Moral Beliefs’ as a Justification for Conscientious Objection,” Central States Philosophy Association, St. Louis, MO October 2019
- “Why hospital leadership must seek clarity on the concept of health,” Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference, September 2019
- “The need to clarify the concept of health among Hospital Leadership,” European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare. Oslo, Norway), August 2019.
- “Ethics Minors: Teaching Ethics in an Interdisciplinary Setting” Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum. Rochester, NY. October 2018
- “When Ethics Recommendations Collide with Legal Counsel,” State of Michigan Institute of Legal Education, Ann Arbor, MI. 2018
- “The constituent parts of ethical leadership in a hospital,” Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum Conference, 2017.
- “Preventing Burnout Among Healthcare Workers Through Ethics Education,” Midwest Interprofessional Practice, Education, and Research Center, 2017
- “Can humanity thrive in medical institutions?” SEAC, Salt Lake City, Utah. 2016
- “Art and the Phenomenology of Illness,” Medical Humanities Conference, Western Michigan University, Sept. 2016.
- “Jaspers, Narrativity, and the Structure of Authentic Dasein,” Pacific APA, 2016.
- “Does the Doctrine of Double Effect Justify Placebo Research?” WMU Ethics Center Bioethics Conference, 2016.
- Author Meets Critics Response to *Developing Moral Sensitivity*. Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, 2016 Reston, Virginia.
- “Human Dimensions of Medical Research and Practice: Lessons from Frankenstein and Kafka,” APPE, 2016 Reston, Virginia. Co-Authoring with Andrew Spear.
- “Human Dimensions of Medical Research and Practice: Lessons from Frankenstein and Kafka,” Medical Humanities Conference, Western Michigan University, Sept. 2015. Co-authored with Andrew Spear.
- “Those Who Lived without Infamy or Praise: Can Dasein be neither authentic, nor inauthentic?” Pacific APA, Vancouver, April 2015.
- “An Alternate History of Consciousness; the phenomenology of Renaissance portraiture,” Association for Core Texts and Courses, Boston, MA, April 2015
- “The structure of Questioning: Phenomenology and Philosophy of Education” Philosophy of Education Conference, Liverpool Hope University, UK. June 2014.
- “The Concept of Authenticity and the Narrative Structure of Dasein,” presented to the Society for European Philosophy, Rome 2010.
- “Authenticity and Consonance: Heidegger and Kermode's *The Sense of an Ending*,” presented to Oxford University Conference in Continental Philosophy of Religion, 19 September 2009.
- “Scandal and Madness Averted: *Being and Time* and the skeptical worries of Descartes and Frege,” presented to University of Southampton Graduate Conference on Skepticism, 6 June 2009.

Invited Presentations

- “Viewpoint Diversity as a Benefit to Organizations, Individuals, and Communities” Nursing Leadership Edu, Corewell Health, Grand Rapids, MI, November 12, 2024.
- “Viewpoint Diversity as a Benefit to Organizations, Individuals, and Communities” Nursing Day of Reflection, Corewell Health, Grand Rapids, MI, September 19, 2024.
- “Deciding Ethical Cases from Principles,” Cambridge Public Health Department Brown Bag Talks, virtually; September 18, 2024.
- “Ethics of managing Drug Shortage,” Michigan Society of Hematology of Oncology: Pharmacy Forum; Troy, MI; May 11, 2024.
- “Everything a Scientist Ever Wanted to Know about Philosophy and Ethics but was Afraid to Ask,” Science on Tap, through GVSU, Grand Rapids, November 2023.
- ChatGPT Panel for GVSU Philosophy Department Colloquy series November 2023.
- “What does it mean to be ‘healthy’” invited to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Aquinas College, October 2023.
- “Ethical Foundations for Scarce Resource Allocation,” a virtual panel presentation in *Today and Tomorrow: Prioritizing the Present in the Time of Covid* (a statewide educational series for physicians in New Jersey. Hosted by through Seton Hall. March 2020.
- “Ethical Practice Under Conditions of Scarcity,” invited Medical Practitioners Insurance Education (a statewide professional organization for physicians in Michigan) March 2020.
- “What does it mean to be ‘healthy’” invited to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Aquinas College, March 2019.
- Invited participant in Health Care Ethics Panel, Mercy Health St. Mary’s, Nursing integration. May 2019.
- Panel case review presentation for End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium. Mercy Health St. Mary’s. April 2019.
- “What we talk about when we talk about virtue,” invited presentation and panel response to Kaufman Interfaith Institute Grand Dialog Conference, March 2019
- “What is it that art *can* do?” invited to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Aquinas College, March 2019.
- Invited participant in Health Care Ethics Panel, Mercy Health St. Mary’s, Nursing integration. December 2018.
- “Nihilism and the Self,” Back to Basics series, GVSU and the Hauenstein Center. Spring 2017
- “Logical Argument and Reviewing Evidence,” Michigan State Recipient Rights Conference, Detroit, MI, Sept. 2016.
- Invited participant in the Consciousness Panel, Aquinas College, 2013.
- “Modernity as Homelessness: *Unheimliche* in Surrealism and Heidegger” Invited presentation to the philosophy society at Grand Valley State University. 2012.
- “Taking the Whole for Granted: Heidegger’s correction of Jaspers,” presented to the *Heidegger Werkstatt*, UK 2012

“Wearing our natures on the surface: *Drive*” A critical interpretation of the film *Drive* for the “Seeking Beyond the Surface” conference University of Essex, UK

“Art and Incarnation: painting and sculpture in religious art,” presented to the Department of Art History and Theory, University of Essex. March 2010.

“Applied Being: an introduction to Heidegger,” presented to Philosophy Society of the University of Essex, November 2009.

“Getting Past Mere Pluralism: A Heideggerian dialog about society,” presented to the Philosophy Society of the University of Essex, February 2009.

“Authenticity, and the Unified Life,” presented to the *Società di Filosofia* (Ancona, Italy), April 2008.

“Living as an Art: Rethinking Sartre’s *Existentialism is a Humanism*,” presented to the Socratic Society of the University of Arkansas, Spring 2007.

“Heidegger: Joining Theory and Life,” presented to the Socratic Society of the University of Arkansas, Autumn 2006.

Awards Received

United Kingdom’s Overseas Research Student Award Scheme 2008-2010

University of Essex Postgraduate Research Scholarship 2008-2010