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*Curriculum Vitae*  
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**Areas of Specialization**

Bioethics

**Areas of Competence**

Logic  
Applied Ethics  
Normative Ethics  
Philosophy of Science

**Academic Employment**

Assistant Teaching Professor, University of Colorado Boulder, 2021-present  
Lecturer, University of Colorado Boulder, 2017-2021

**Education**

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder, 2010-2017, defended in August 2017

Dissertation: Voluntariness, Coercion, and Undue Inducement in Medical Ethics

In medical practice and research, the predominant view is that one's consent is valid only if it is given voluntarily. Voluntariness may be compromised by coercion (e.g. someone threatens to harm you unless you consent to a medical procedure) or undue inducement (e.g. someone offers you a large sum of money to participate in medical research). I argue that coercion is compatible with valid consent, and thus, that voluntariness is not necessary for valid consent. I also argue that the current approach to preventing undue inducement is seriously misguided.

Advisors: David Boonin and Eric Chwang

Committee: Claudia Mills, Chris Heathwood, Mike Huemer

B.A. Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder, 2004, Summa Cum Laude

B.S. Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Colorado Boulder, 2004, Magna Cum Laude

**Research**

Published

Lee E. Our flawed approach to undue inducement in medical research. *Bioethics*. 2018;00:1–6.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/bioe.12468>

In Progress

3rd-party coercion and consent  
Voluntariness and consent

**Awards and Fellowships**

Graduate Teaching Excellence Award, CU Boulder Graduate Teacher Program, 2016

Campus-wide award that recognizes up to ten graduate students for excellent teaching  
Best Should Teach Award, CU Boulder Graduate Teacher Program, 2015  
Award given to Lead Graduate Student Teachers  
Dissertation Fellowship, CU Boulder Department of Philosophy, 2015  
Award that funds graduate students while they work on their dissertations  
Summer Research Assistantship, CU Boulder Department of Philosophy, 2014  
Award that funds graduate students to work on a research project with a faculty member  
Research Assistantship, CU Boulder Department of Philosophy, 2009  
Award that funds students while they complete graduate coursework

### **Presentations**

“Student Assessment in the Inclusive Classroom,” CU Boulder Graduate Teacher Program, March 2017  
“Consent and 3rd-Party Coercion”, CU Boulder Department of Philosophy Center for Values and Social Policy, February 2016

### **Teaching**

#### Courses Taught

Introduction to Bioethics  
Bioethics (upper division, online)  
Philosophy and Science (in-person and online)  
Contemporary Social Problems  
Ethics  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Introductory Logic

#### Training and Certification

Certificate in College Teaching, 2017  
Collaborative Preparing Future Faculty Network Forum, 2016  
Lead Graduate Teacher Training, 2015

### **Service**

Ethics Bowl Moderator: 2017  
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress Paper Referee: 2015, 2016, 2017  
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress Commentator: 2015, 2016  
Lead Graduate Teacher, 2015-2016  
Rocky Mountain Graduate Philosophy Conference Paper Referee: 2012, 2014, 2016  
Rocky Mountain Graduate Philosophy Conference Committee Member and Organizer, 2013  
Mentor Program Coordinator, CU Boulder Department of Philosophy, 2013  
Graduate Student Mentor, CU Boulder Department of Philosophy, 2010-2011  
Athletic Tutor, CU Boulder, 2011

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