

Dr. Zak A. Kopeikin**Curriculum Vitae**

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Employment

Assistant Teaching Professor, University of Colorado Boulder AY 2021-present
 One-Year Instructor Position, University of Colorado Boulder. AY 2020-21

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder. 05/2020
 M.A., Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder. 12/2015
 B.A. with High Honors, Philosophy, University of California Santa Barbara. 06/2013
 A.A. with Honors, Arts and Humanities, Santa Barbara City College. 05/2010

Certification

Online Teaching Academy, University of Colorado Boulder. 03/2023
 Certified LBT (Logic-Based Therapy) Consultant, Logic-Based Therapy & Consultation
 Institute. 11/2022
 Certificate in College Teaching, University of Colorado Boulder. 05/2020

Longer Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Bare-Difference Methodology and the Scientific Analogy”
Ratio (forthcoming) (7,000 words)
 Online: <https://doi.org/10.1111/rati.12300>
 “Value Invariabilism and Two Distinctions in Value”
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice 24(1): 45-63, 2021b (10,000 words)
 “Bare-Difference Methodology and A Problematic Separability Principle”
The Journal of Value Inquiry 54: 553-570, 2020a (7,765 words)

Shorter Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Violent Deaths, Vicious Preferences, and Bare-Differences: A Reply to Hill”
Australasian Journal of Philosophy 99(1): 196-201, 2021a (3,000 words)
 “A Separability Principle, Contrast Cases, and Contributory Dispositions”
Southwest Philosophy Review 36(1): 35-44, 2020b (3,000 words)

Very Short Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Implications from Jaworska’s Account of Autonomy and Self for Dementia
 and Psychedelic Research”
American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience 14(2): 142-44, 2015c (1,500 words)
 “Predictive Brain Implants: Advance Directives with a Mechanical Twist”
American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience 6(4): 44-46, 2015c (1,500 words)

“Good Arguments, Wrong Target: Equivalence and the Compatibilist View”

American Journal of Bioethics 15(10): 51-53, 2015b (1,500 words)

“Off on the Wrong Foot: Sentience and the Capacity for Painful or Pleasurable Experiences as Distinct Concepts”

American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience 6(2): 46-48, 2015a (1,500 words)

“Problems of Specificity: An Indirect Argument for Chwang’s Position”

American Journal of Bioethics 14(12): 19-20, 2014 (1,500 words)

Works in Progress

“Psychedelic Therapy and Chronic Pain”

A paper with Erich Riesen on education, philosophy, and generative AI

A paper with Ted Shear on philosophy of science and psychedelic research

Awards

Department Dissertation Fellowship

Fall 2019

Provides one semester of funding for research.

Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award

AY 2018-2019

One of up to ten prestigious, university-wide teaching awards, awarded annually by the Graduate School, based on faculty and student evaluations, teaching statements, and classroom observations.

Graduate School International Travel Grant

Summer 2019

For a research trip to Stockholm, Sweden. Over three weeks, one of my papers (“What is this Thing Called Final Value?”) was the focus of the Practical Philosophy Seminar (for graduate students) at Stockholm University and I presented another (“Value Invariabilism and Two Distinctions in Value”) at the Stockholm Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. I also worked and participated at the Institute for Futures Studies.

Jentzsch Prize

Spring 2018

Highly competitive prize awarded by the philosophy department for the best graduate student paper of the year. It is awarded to one graduate student per year, and comes with a monetary award and an invitation to present as part of the department’s Colloquium series.

Summer Philosophy Research Grant

Summer 2016

Awarded annually by the Department of Philosophy for supervised research. Researched value theory with Professor Graham Oddie.

Claudia Mills Teaching Assistant Award

Spring 2016

Awarded annually by the Department of Philosophy for the best teaching assistant.

Summer Philosophy Research Grant

Summer 2015

Awarded annually by the Department of Philosophy for supervised research. Researched consent and bioethics with Professor Eric Chwang.

Presentations

“Teaching in the Age of ChatGPT”

[Online Teaching Community of Practice](#), CU Boulder: 10/10/2023

“Therapeutic Philosophy and Philosophy as a Way of Life”

Undergraduate Summer Seminar, CU Boulder: 06/2023

“Psychedelic Therapy and Chronic Pain”

- Invited talk, University of Tampa: 03/2023
- “Specifications Grading: How I’ve Done It And You Can Too!”
Central APA, Teaching Hub (poster): 02/2023
- “Metaphysics of Value Bearers”
Central APA (poster): 02/2022 (accepted, did not attend)
- “Birding and Philosophy”
Undergraduate Philosophy Club at CU Boulder: Fall 2021
- “Did they even read the assignment? Using Metacognition to Improve Students’ Written Responses”
Pacific APA Teaching Hub (poster): 04/2021
- “Bare-Difference Methodology and the Scientific Analogy” (published in *Ratio*)
Central APA 2021, Colloquium: 02/2021 (online)
- “Character and Ability: A Reply to Hill” (published in *AJP* under a different title)
Eastern APA 2021, Colloquium: 01/2021 (online)
New Mexico–Texas Philosophy Conference. (Conference Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- “Epistemology for a COVID-19 World” (co-authored with Alexandra Lloyd)
Center for Values and Social Policy: 01/2021 (invited)
West Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference: 09/2020 (online)
- “Value Invariabilism and Two Distinctions in Value”
Central APA 2020, Symposium: 02/2020
Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference: 10/2019
Stockholm Graduate Student Conference, Stockholm University: 05/2019
Center for Value and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder: 04/2019 (invited)
Graduate Work-In-Progress Talk, University of Colorado Boulder: 11/2018 (invited)
- “Contrast Cases and Intrinsic Value” (published in *Southwest Philosophy Review* under a different title)
Southwestern Philosophical Society 2019: 11/2019
Alabama Philosophical Society 2019: 09/19
- “Lincoln’s Pen and Diana’s Dress: A Confusion in Ontology”
Stockholm University Practical Philosophy Seminar: 12/2019 (invited)
Graduate Work-In-Progress Talk, University of Colorado Boulder: 08/2018 (invited)
- “What is this Thing Called Final Value?”
Stockholm University Practical Philosophy Seminar: 05/2019 (invited)
- “The Moral Epistemology of Bare-Difference Methodology” (published in *The Journal of Value Inquiry* under a different title)
Jentzsch Prize Colloquium, University of Colorado Boulder: 11/2019
Eastern APA 2019, Colloquium: 01/2019
- “An Expected Value Solution to the Epistemic Problem for Variabilistic Value Holism”
Mountain-Plains Philosophy Society Conference: 10/2018
Alabama Philosophical Society: 09/2018
- “Unconditional and Intrinsic Value”
Central APA 2018, Colloquium: 02/2018
Graduate Work-In-Progress Talk, University of Colorado Boulder: 11/ 2017 (invited)
- “Irreversibility and Medical Decision-Making”
West Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference: 02/2015

“Advance Directive and Uncertain Competency”

SoCal Philosophy Conference, San Diego State University: 10/2014

Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, West Washington University: 05/2014

South Eastern Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Florida: 02/2014

Comments:

Sam Director, “Binding Ourselves to the Mast”

Central Division of the American Philosophical Association

Levi Tenen, “An Account of Extrinsic Final Value”

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME): 08/2019

Paul Tubig, “The Case for Reducing Police Brutality by Means of Neurointervention”

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME): 08/2018

Gwen Bradford, “Uniqueness and Intrinsic Value”

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME): 08/2017

Jason Raibley, “Disability, Well-Being, and the Interpretation of Social Indicators”

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME): 08/2016

Service

Please see Kopeikin Service Statement FA2023

[Resources for Teaching in the Age of ChatGPT & Other LLMs](#)

With Julia Staffel and Ted Shear	Summer 2023
POPCO visits and library sessions	
Library Reading Group, with Katie McCabe	
Library Reading Group, with Jonathyn Zapf	
Friendship lesson, Peak-to-Peak Kindergarten Classroom	
Faculty Supervisor for Collegiate Ethics Bowl Team	2021-present
Faculty Supervisor for POPCO	2021-present
Co-head Coach (with Megan Kitts), College Ethics Bowl Team	2020-present
Our team earned bids to, and competed in, Nationals in Spring 2021 and 2022	
Our team won <u>the Bob Ladenson Spirit of the Ethics Bowl Award in 2021</u>	
[Chair of session at Central APA]	
Quality Teaching Initiative (Committee Member)	2021-2022
Chair of Risk Colloquium at Eastern APA	2021
Judge for Regional High School Ethics Bowl	2018-2021
Co-designer (with Dawn Jacob) and Lead Instructor, Ethics Bowl Bootcamp	Summer 2020
Co-designer and Co-leader (with Julia Staffel), Online Teaching Workshop	Summer 2020
Co-Organizer (with Graham Oddie), 5 th Formal Value Theory Workshop	2019-2020
Departmental Colloquium Committee (Graduate Student Representative)	Spring 2020
Visiting Presenter for Regional High School Ethics Bowl	2017-2020
Chair of Bioethics and Disability Colloquium at Central APA	Spring 2019
Graduate Student Co-President	2018-2019
Departmental Colloquium Committee	2018-2019
Co-Organizer and Fundraiser for the Departmental Grad Student Conference	2017-2018
Head Coach for University of Colorado Ethics Bowl Teams	2016
Coach for University of Colorado Ethics Bowl Team	2015
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	2014-2015

Rocky Mountain Philosophy (Graduate Student) Conference, Referee	2013-present
POPCO (Philosophy Outreach Program of Colorado)	2013-present

Teaching

University of Colorado at Boulder, Assistant Teaching Professor	Fall 2021-present
Bioethics (3 week online for Continuing Education)	Winter 2023-2024
Critical Thinking/Writing in Philosophy (two in-person sections)	Fall 2023
Bioethics (two online sections)	Fall 2023
Bioethics (online)	Summer 2023
Bioethics (four sections: two online, two in-person)	Spring 2023
Critical Thinking/Writing in Philosophy (two in-person sections)	Fall 2022
Bioethics (two online sections)	Fall 2022
Ethical Theory (upper-division, hybrid online/remote)	Summer 2022
Bioethics (two in-person sections)	Spring 2022
Ethics and Information Technology (two in-person sections)	Spring 2022
Introduction to Ethics (online FLEX course, Continuing Education)	Spring 2022-
present	
Philosophy and Race (one in-person, one hybrid online/in-person)	Fall 2021
Contemporary Social Problems (two in-person)	Fall 2021
University of Colorado at Boulder, Lecturer	
War and Morality, in-person/remote	Summer 2021
Contemporary Social Problems (applied ethics), remote	Spring 2021
Ethical Theory (upper-division), remote (two sections)	Spring 2021
Contemporary Social Problems (Pandemic ethics), remote	Fall 2020
Ethical Theory (upper-division), remote (two sections)	Fall 2020
Ethical Theory (upper-division), remote	Summer 2020
University of Colorado at Boulder, Graduate Part-Time Instructor	
Contemporary Social Problems (Emerging Technology and Collective Action)	Spring 2020
Philosophy and the Sciences	Summer 2019
Introduction to Bioethics	Spring 2019
Introduction to Critical Thinking	Fall 2018
Introduction to Philosophy	Summer 2018
Introduction to Ethics	Spring 2018
Contemporary Social Problems (formerly Philosophy and Society)	Fall 2017
Thinking about Current Social and Political Problems through the Lens of Short Stories in World Literature (co-taught with Prof. Luc Bovens)	Summer 2017
Philosophy and Society	Spring 2017
University of Colorado at Boulder, Teaching Assistant	
Introduction to Ethics	Fall 2016
History of Philosophy, Ancient	Summer 2016
Environmental Ethics	Spring 2016

Bioethics
Philosophy and Society

Fall 2015
Fall 2014

References

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