

Zak A. Kopeikin**Curriculum Vitae**

January 2022

Employment

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

Areas of Specialization

Ethics (broadly construed), Ethical Methodology, Applied Ethics

Areas of Competence

Bioethics, Philosophy of Science, War and Morality, Ethics of Information Technology, Environmental Philosophy

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder.	05/2020
Certificate in College Teaching, 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

Longer Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Bare-Difference Methodology and the Scientific Analogy”
Ratio 34(3): 171-182, 2021c (7,000 words)

“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

“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)

Papers Under Review and Works in Progress

[Paper on different accounts of final value] (under review) (9,503 words)

[Paper on metaphysics of value bearers] (under review) (4,753 words)

Paper on arguments from analogy and bare-difference arguments in ethics (in progress)

“‘It’s just allergies’: COVID-19 and Relevant Alternatives” (in progress, co-author with Alexandra Lloyd)

“Skepticism in the Classroom: Using Metacognition to put Skepticism in its Right Place” (in progress)

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

“Metaphysics of Value Bearers”

Central APA (poster): 02/2022 (forthcoming)

“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:

- 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

Quality Teaching Initiative (Committee Member)	2021-present
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	2020-2022
Our team won the Bob Ladenson Spirit of the Ethics Bowl Award in 2021	
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, Lecturer	
Ethics and Information Technology, online ¹ (forthcoming)	Fall 2021
War and Morality, in-person/remote (forthcoming)	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

¹ This class is for CU Boulder’s Continuing Education program. I will complete it this Summer and it will be an asynchronous class.

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	Fall 2015
Philosophy and Society	Fall 2014

References

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