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Current Positions

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Postdoctoral Fellow (2023-present), Wexler Lab, Department of Medical Ethics & Health Policy, Perelman School of Medicine

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION (APA)

Chair, Committee on LGBTQ People in the Profession (2022-2024)

Research Interests

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Neuroethics, Bioethics (esp. Military Bioethics), Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF COMPETENCY:

AI/Tech Ethics, Philosophies of Race, Gender, Mind, Disability, and Epistemology

Education

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, WA

Ph.D., Philosophy, 2019

M.A., Philosophy, 2017

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, Fayetteville, AR

M.A., Philosophy, 2014

CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY, Cedarville, OH

B.A., Philosophy, 2011

Awards

ALVIN PLANTINGA PRIZE (\$10,000)

American Philosophical Association, 2023

Title: *Self-Defense for Theists*

Awarded for the Best Original Essay on a Topic Related to Theism

FRANK CHAPMAN SHARP MEMORIAL PRIZE (\$1,500)

American Philosophical Association, 2019

Title: *Animal Rights Pacifism*

Awarded for the Best Essay on the Ethics of War & Peace

GRADUATE TEACHING AWARD (\$800)

Department of Philosophy, University of Washington, 2019

VERNON TEACHING AWARD (\$900)

Department of Philosophy, University of Arkansas, 2014

Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. **Hereth, B.** (2024) "Moral Excuse to the Pacifist's Rescue," *Journal of Pacifism and Nonviolence* 2: 90-121. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/27727882-BJA00021>.
2. **Hereth, B.** (2023) "What You're Rejecting When You're Expecting," *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* (Online First): 1-12.
3. **Hereth, B.**, JD Moreno, M Gross, J Becker, N Shortland, and NG Evans. (2022) "The Ethics of AI-Assisted Warfighter Enhancement Research and Experimentation: Historical Perspectives and Ethical Challenges," *Frontiers in Big Data* 5: 1-13.
4. Evans, NG, and **B Hereth.** (2022) "Can We Justify Military Enhancements? Some Yes, Most No," *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 31.4: 557-569.
5. **Hereth, B.**, A Muldoon, K Hills, A Sorrels, P Tubig, and NG Evans. (2022) "Long Covid and Disability: A Brave New World," *British Medical Journal* 378:e069896. URL: <https://www.bmj.com/content/378/bmj-2021-069868>.
6. **Hereth, B.** (2022) "Honorable Survivors: A Feminist Reply to Statman," *Public Affairs Quarterly* 36.2: 121-135.
7. **Hereth, B.** (2022) "Pacifists Are Admirable Only if They're Right," *Public Affairs Quarterly* 36.2: 99-120.
8. **Hereth, B.** (2022) "Self-Defense for Theists," *Journal of Analytic Theology* 10.1: 246-276.
9. **Hereth, B.** (2022) "Moral Neuroenhancement for Prisoners of War," *Neuroethics* 15.15: 1-20 (Online First).
10. **Hereth, B.** (2022) "Queer Advice to Christian Philosophers," *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 14.1: 1-27.
11. **Hereth, B.** (2022) "Heavenly Procreation," *Faith and Philosophy* 39.1: 100-123.
12. **Hereth, B.** (2021) "Mary, Did You Consent?" *Religious Studies* (Online First), 1-24.
13. **Hereth, B.** (2021) "Health Justice for Unjust Combatants," *Journal of Military Ethics* 20.1: 67-81.
14. **Hereth, B.** (2021) "Animal Rights Pacifism," *Philosophical Studies* 178.12: 4053-4082.
15. **Hereth, B.**, and A Ferrucci. (2021) "Here's Not Looking at You, Kid: A New Defense of Anti-Natalism," *South African Journal of Philosophy* 40.1: 14-33.
16. **Hereth, B.**, and M Blake. (2020) "Sanctuary Cities and *Non-Refoulement*," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 23.2: 457-474.
17. **Hereth, B.** (2018) "Why It's Wrong to Stand Your Ground," *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 24.1: 40-50.
18. **Hereth, B.** (2017) "Against Self-Defense," *Social Theory and Practice* 43.3: 613-635.
19. **Hereth, B.** (2016) "Animals and Causal Impotence: A Deontological View," *Between the Species* 19.1: 32-51.

Edited Volumes

1. Contracted. *Gods of War: The Ethics and Law of Super Soldiers*, eds. **B Hereth** and NG Evans (NY: Oxford University Press). Series: Ethics, National Security, and the Rule of Law.
2. 2019. *The Lost Sheep in Philosophy of Religion: New Perspectives on Disability, Gender, Race, and Animals*, eds. **B Hereth** and K Timpe (NY: Routledge).

Chapters

1. **Hereth, B.**, and NG Evans. (2023). "Make Them Rare or Make Them Care: Artificial Intelligence and Moral Cost-Sharing," in *Ethical Dilemmas in the Global Defense Industry*,

edited by Daniel Schoeni, Tobias Vestner, and Kevin Govern. NY: Oxford University Press, 217-237.

2. **Hereth, B.** (2020) "The Shape of Trans Afterlife Justice," in *Voices from the Edge: Centering Marginalized Perspectives in Analytic Theology*, eds. M Panchuk and M Rea (NY: Oxford University Press), 185-205.
3. **Hereth, B.** (2019) "Animal Gods," *The Lost Sheep in Philosophy of Religion: New Perspectives on Disability, Gender, Race, and Animals*, eds. B Hereth and K Timpe (NY: Routledge).
4. **Hereth, B.** (2018) "Queer Oppression and Pacifism," *The Routledge Handbook of Pacifism and Nonviolence*, ed. A Fiala (NY: Routledge).
5. **Hereth, B.** (2018) "Two Arguments for Animal Immortality," *Heaven and Philosophy*, ed. S Cushing (Lanham, MD: Lexington Press), 171-200.
6. **Hereth, B.**, TM John, and S Graves. (2017) "In Defense of Animal Universalism," *Paradise Understood: New Philosophical Essays About Heaven*, eds. EJ Silverman and TR Byerly (New York: Oxford University Press), 161-192.

Under Review

1. **Hereth, B.** "Can Heaven Be Overpopulated?"
2. **Hereth, B.** "About Face: Using Facial Recognition Technology to Improve Wartime Discrimination"
3. **Hereth, B.** "Swimming Upstream: Liability for Sperm Donation Without *Roe*"
4. Evans, NG, **B Hereth**, JD Moreno, M Gross, P Tubig, et al. "Horizon Scan of Emerging Issues at the Intersection of National Security, Artificial Intelligence, and Human Performance Enhancement"
5. Evans, NG, **B Hereth**, JD Moreno, and M Gross. "How Do We Justify Research into Enhanced Warfighters?"

In Progress

1. **Hereth, B.** and A Wexler. "Mapping Approaches to Ethicist Engagement: The VIPER Framework"
2. Panchuk, M, and **B Hereth**. "Theodicy as Gaslighting"
3. **Hereth, B.** "Not Left to Chance: Why Mandatory Neuroenhancements Don't Undermine Parental Autonomy"
4. **Hereth, B.** *Child Lock: Enhancing Guardians to Prevent Abuse* (monograph)

Teaching Experience (*Instructor of Record)

Bioethics and Professionalism

University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine (Spring 2024), Facilitator

*Graduate Readings: Personhood**

University of Arkansas (Summer 2021)

*Philosophy of Race and Gender**

University of Arkansas (Spring 2021, Spring 2020)

*Graduate Seminar: The Ethics of Self-Defense**

University of Arkansas (Fall 2019)

*Moral Issues of Life and Death ("Trolleys, Torture, and Terror")**

University of Washington (Summer 2019)

*Medical Ethics/Bioethics**

University of Massachusetts Lowell (Spring 2023)
 University of Arkansas (Fall 2020)
 University of Washington (Summer 2018)

*Introduction to Philosophy**
 University of Massachusetts Lowell (Fall 2022)
 Honors, University of Arkansas (Spring 2020, Fall 2019)
 Washington Corrections Center for Women (Autumn 2016)
 University of Arkansas (Summer 2021, Summer 2020, Spring 2014, Fall 2013)

*Contemporary Ethical Problems**
 Drake University (Spring 2015)

*Human Nature**
 Grand View University (Spring 2015)

*The Ethics of Harming and Killing**
 Drake University (Fall 2014)

Existentialism and Film
 University of Washington (Spring 2019)

Practical Reasoning
 University of Washington (Winter 2019)

Introduction to Medical Ethics
 University of Washington (Spring 2017)

Introduction to Ethics
 University of Washington (Autumn 2016)

Contemporary Moral Problems
 University of Washington (Autumn 2018)
 University of Washington (Spring 2016)

Introduction to Philosophy
 University of Washington (Winter 2017)
 University of Washington (Autumn 2015)
 University of Arkansas (Fall 2012, Spring 2013)
 Cedarville University (Spring 2010)

Presentations

1. April 2024. "Adapting Embedded Neuroethics for Private Neurotechnology Industry," *International Neuroethics Society*, Baltimore, MD (with Anna Wexler)
2. May 2023. "Child Super Soldiers," *EuroSME*, Hellenic Air Force Academy, Athens, Greece
3. April 2023. "Child Super Soldiers," *The Ethical and Legal Significance of Super Soldiers Workshop*, Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
4. March 2023. "Enhancement or Protection? Medical Experimentation, Vulnerability, and Super Soldiers," *United States Naval Academy Colloquia Series*, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD
5. January 2023. "The Status of 'Women' in the Committee on the Status of Women," *APA Eastern Division Meeting*, Montréal, QC
6. January 2023. "Marketing While Trans/Nonbinary," *APA Eastern Division Meeting*, Montréal, QC
7. November 2022. "Why God Became (Only?) Human," *Of Christ and Creatures: Thinking About Animals in Christian Theology*, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO

8. November 2022. "Not Left to Chance: Why Mandatory Neuroenhancements Don't Undermine Parental Autonomy," *International Neuroethics Society*, Montréal, Canada
9. September 2022. "The Status of 'Women' in the Committee on the Status of Women," *APA Webinar*, with Cindy Holder, Paula Watson, Tamsin Kimoto, Talia Bettcher, Robin Dembroff, Sally Haslanger, and Lori Gruen
10. September 2022. "A Simple Argument for Compulsory Parental Neuroenhancement," Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY
11. August 2022. "Transformative Enhancements and Informed Consent," Department of Bioethics, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH
12. July 2022. "About Face: Using Facial Modulation Technologies to Improve Wartime Discrimination," *International Society of Military Ethics (ISME)*, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO
13. June 2022. "Enhancement or Protection? Medical Experimentation, Vulnerability, and Super Soldiers," *Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law / Annenberg Public Policy Center* (invited talk), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
14. June 2022. "About Face: Using Facial Modulation Technologies to Improve Wartime Discrimination," *Georgia Philosophical Society*, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
15. January 2022. "On a Duty to Procreate if Pro-Natalism is True," *Institute for Bioethics & Health Humanities' Reproductive Ethics Conference*, Galveston, TX
16. January 2022. "Comments on Zoe Cunliffe's 'In Defense of the Moral Significance of Non-Narrative Stories,'" *APA Eastern Division Meeting*, Baltimore, MD
17. April 2021. "Health Justice for Unjust Combatants," *Great Lakes Philosophy Conference*, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
18. February 2021. "Self-Defense for Theists," *APA Central Division Meeting*, New Orleans, LA
19. January 2021. "Health Justice for Unjust Combatants," *Concerned Philosophers for Peace*, Fresno, CA
20. October 2020. "Queering Philosophy of Religion," Colloquium, Murray State University, Murray, KY
21. February 2020. With Anthony Ferrucci. "Real Kids First: An Adoption Argument for Anti-Natalism," *APA Central Division Meeting*, Chicago, IL
22. February 2020. "Mary, Did You Consent?" *Religion, Culture, and Diversity Symposium: "The Lost Sheep: Diverse Voices from the Margins of Philosophy,"* Utah Valley University, Orem, UT
23. January 2020. "Higher-Order Evidence in Groups: A Defense of a Peer Summative Account of Group Justification," *APA Eastern Division Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA
24. November 2019. With Anthony Ferrucci. "Here's Not Looking At You, Kid: A New Defense of Anti-Natalism," *National Conference of the Italian Society of Political Philosophy*, Milan, Italy
25. October 2019. "Real Kids First: An Adoption Argument for Anti-Natalism," *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Pacific College, Forest Grove, OR
26. October 2019. "Solving Multiple Threats: Four Recent Proposals and Why They Fail." University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
27. September 2019. "Does Theism Make a Difference for Self-Defense?" *Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Meeting*, Hope College, Holland, MI
28. August 2019. With Anthony Ferrucci. "Here's Not Looking At You, Kid: A New Defense of Anti-Natalism," *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

29. June 2019. "Satellites as Sites of Rights: An Argument in Favor of Treating Satellites as Civilian Targets," *International Society for Military Ethics*, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO
30. October 2018. "Saving Lives, Taking Lives," *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Bellevue College, Bellevue, WA
31. September 2018. "Transitioning in the Afterlife," *Society of Christian Philosophers 40th Anniversary Meeting*, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
32. May 2018. "Trans* Embodiment and Afterlife Justice," *2018 Logos Workshop in Philosophical Theology*, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
33. January 2018. "Animal Rights Pacifism," *APA Eastern Division Meeting*, Savannah, GA
34. November 2017. "Animal Rights Pacifism," *Stockholm Center for the Ethics of War and Peace's Early Career and Graduate Reading Retreat*, Australian National University, Kioloa Coastal Campus
35. September 2017. "Healthcare Justice for Unjust Combatants," *MANCEPT Workshop on 'Collectivism in the Morality of War'*, University of Manchester
36. August 2017. "How (and How Not) to Be a Luck Prioritarian About Health," *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO (poster presentation)
37. August 2017. "Animal Rights Pacifism," *Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals Workshop*, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
38. April 2017. "Unvaccinated Children and Self-Defense," *Concerned Philosophers for Peace at the APA Pacific Division Meeting*, Seattle, WA
39. October 2016. "Pacifism and Feminism," *Concerned Philosophers for Peace (CPP)*, Saint Bonaventure, NY (via Skype)
40. April 2016. "How (and How Not) to Be a Luck Prioritarian," *APA Pacific Division Meeting*, San Francisco, CA
41. October 2014. "Animals and Causal Impotence: A Deontological View," Bethel University, St. Paul, MN
42. October 2014. "Why It's (Sometimes) Wrong to Stand Your Ground," *Concerned Philosophers for Peace (CPP)*, Millersville, PA
43. April 2014. Comments on Eden Lin's "The Hedonic Coincidence Problem for Desire Satisfactionism," *APA Pacific Division Meeting*, San Diego, CA
44. February 2014. "Comments on Brady Hoback's 'Nonculpable Ignorance as an Excusing Condition for Unjust Combatants,'" *Midsouth Philosophy Conference*, Memphis, TN
45. February 2014. "*Mactatis pro Familia*," *Midsouth Philosophy Conference*, Memphis, TN
46. October 2013. "*Mactatis pro Familia*," *Concerned Philosophers for Peace*, Yosemite National Park, CA
47. March 2013. "Theodicy and Moral Qualms," *Evangelical Philosophical Society Southwest*, Dallas, TX
48. March 2011. "Does God Demean Us?" *Evangelical Philosophical Society Midwest*, Cincinnati, OH

Public Philosophy

1. October 2022. "Opinion: Everyone Knows Separate is Unequal...Except Anti-Trans Activists Like Donna Lopiano," *The Lowell Sun* (23 October 2022). URL: <https://www.lowellsun.com/2022/10/23/opinion-everyone-knows-separate-is-unequal-except-anti-trans-activists-like-donna-lopiano/>.

2. May 2021. “Animal Rights Pacifism,” *Knowing Animals* podcast interview with Dr. Josh Milburn. URL: <https://youtu.be/oo8OxoA08J4>.
3. May 2021. “Pronouns,” YouTube interview with Dr. Sahar Joakim. URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnSarfWww0E&t=1s>
4. October 2020. “Healthcare Justice for Enemy Soldiers,” Colloquium, oSTEM (Out in Science Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

Previous Positions

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL

Postdoctoral Research Associate (2021-2023), Department of Philosophy

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Visiting Assistant Professor (2019-2021), Department of Philosophy

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION (APA)

Chair, Graduate Student Council (2018-2019)

Member, Graduate Student Council (2017-2019)

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Graduate Research Assistant (2017-2018), Program on Ethics, Department of Philosophy

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2015-2017, 2018-2019), Department of Philosophy

TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE / FREEDOM EDUCATION PROJECT PUGET SOUND

Adjunct Faculty (2016-2017), Washington Corrections Center for Women

DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Adjunct Faculty (2014-2015), Department of Philosophy & Religion

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY

Adjunct Faculty (Spring 2015), Department of Philosophy

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2012-2014), Department of Philosophy

Honors (*University of Washington)

1. *Recipient*, Society of Christian Philosophers Speaking Honorarium (\$350)
2. *Department of Philosophy Nominee*, Fritz/Macfarlane/Hunter/Lederman Fellowship (2018-2019)
3. *Chair*, American Philosophical Association’s Graduate Student Council (2018-2019)
4. *Member*, American Philosophical Association’s Graduate Student Council (2017-2019)
5. *Full-Coverage Stipend*, Logos Workshop in Philosophical Theology, University of Notre Dame (Spring 2018)
6. *Program on Values Graduate Research Assistantship*, Department of Philosophy (2017-2018)*
7. *Project Coordinator*, Simpson Center for the Humanities’ *Philosophy Branches Out Project* (2016-2017)*
8. *High Marks in Student Evaluation*, Divisional Dean of Social Sciences (2015-2016)*
9. *Top Scholar Fellowship*, Department of Philosophy (Winter 2016)*

Supervisory Work

1. *Project Supervisor*, Super Soldiers Project (interns: Karolina Zhukoff, Michelle Zhang, Kilin Tang), Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law’s Summer Internship Program, University of Pennsylvania (May—July 2023).

2. *Project Supervisor*, Super Soldiers Project (interns: Jeff Polidor, Joshua Ovadia), Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law's Summer Internship Program, University of Pennsylvania (May–July 2022).
3. *M.A. Committee Member*, Benjamin Dardas, “An Evaluative Framework for the Improvement of Religious Practice Within the Pluralist Context.” With Thomas Senor (Committee Chair) and Jacob Adler (Committee Member) (December 11, 2019).
4. *Honors Thesis Committee Member*, Savannah R. Seupaul, “Antibacterial Properties of Horsehair Fungus (*Marasmius spp.*) in Tropical Bird Nests.” With Sahar DuRant (Committee Chair), Ragupathy Kannan, Anant Deshwal, Jeffrey Lewis, Stephanie Hood, and Steve Stephenson (April 13, 2021).

Service

American Philosophical Association

Chair, Committee on LGBTQ People in the Profession (2022-2024)
 Member, Committee on LGBTQ People in the Profession (2020-2024)
 Regular Member (2014-2015, 2019-present)
 Chair, Graduate Student Council (2018-present)
 Elected Member, Graduate Student Council (2017-2019)
 Student Member (2013-2014, 2015-2019)

Institutional Review Board

University of Massachusetts, Lowell: Member (2021-present)
 Fenway Community Health Center: Alternating Member (2022-present)

Department of Philosophy, UMass Lowell

Member, Curriculum Committee
 Member, Diversity Committee
 Member, Website Committee

Journal Referee

Social Theory and Practice (2023-present)
Journal of Value Inquiry (2020-present)
Philosophical Studies (2020-present)
Faith and Philosophy (2021-present)
Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy (2020-present)
South African Journal of Philosophy (2020-present)
Analysis (2021-present)
Between the Species (2017-present)

References (*Primary)

Michael L. Gross*	Anna Wexler*
Emeritus Professor of Political Science	Assistant Professor of Medical Ethics & Health Policy
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