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PRIMARY INTERESTS Ethics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science
SECONDARY INTERESTS Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Decision Theory

EDUCATION

New York University, *M.A. Bioethics, 2027*

- NYU School of Global Public Health Bioethics Fellowship
- *Courses:* Neuroethics, Mind and Language Seminar, Environmental Ethics, Nonconsequentialism, Reproductive Ethics, Bioethics
- *Audits:* Philosophy of Mind, 20th Century Analytic Philosophy, Semantics, Metaphysics, Topics in Ethics, Philosophy of Language, Neural Science of Decision Making
- *Activities:* NYU Bioethics Workshop, Neuroeconomics Lab Volunteer, NYU Colloquium for Social, Legal & Political Philosophy, CUNY Logic & Metaphysics Workshop, CUNY CogSci Series, New School Wittgenstein Workshop, Departmental Colloquia

Columbia University, *M.A. Biotechnology, 2018*

- *Thesis:* [Information and Method: Logic for Translational Science](#) *Advisor:* Stuart Firestein
- *Supervised Research:* [Science Not Stigma: Perspectives on Blood Donor Controversy](#)
- *Select Courses:* Topics in Theory of Knowledge, Philosophy of Bioethics, Scientific Pluralism in Practice, Phenomenology, DNA, Race & Identity, Genomic Information Science, Biotechnology Law, Ethics in Biopharmaceutical Patent and Regulatory Law, Drugs & Disease

Boston University, *B.A. Philosophy and Biology w. specialization in Cell Biology, Molecular Biology & Genetics, 2012*

- Premedical Studies, Writer and Editor-in-Chief of *The Nerve*, Immunology Lab Assistant
- *Select Courses:* Philosophy of Biology, Kant, Mind, Brain, and Self, History of Ancient and Modern Philosophy, History of Ethics, Reason and Argumentation, Existentialism, Animal Behavior, Molecular Biology, Microbiology, Immunology, Systems Physiology, Chemistry, Physics, Physiological Psychology

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Creative Director, Scrum50 Agency (2025- present)

- Messaging development and campaign copywriting for cellular and molecular diagnostic technologies.

VP, Associate Creative Director, Propel Health Communications (2024-2025)

- Directed strategy, messaging, and creative for education and promotional campaigns for molecular treatments for ovarian cancer, hereditary angioedema, and hypophosphatasia.

VP Associate Creative Director, Copy, Omnicom Health, formerly FCB Health (2021-2024)

- Directed campaign and content development for COVID-19 mRNA vaccines and in vitro molecular diagnostics, biologics for myeloma, and tumor-treating fields for glioblastoma.

Associate Creative Director, Copy Lead, Klick Health New York (2019-2021)

- Supervised disease education and launch campaigns for molecular treatments for systemic sclerosis, leukemia, and seizure. Conceptualized medical language processor.

Group Copy Supervisor, Omnicom Health, formerly McCann Health (2018-2019)

- Developed communications for molecular treatments for eosinophilic asthma and gene/RNA therapy for muscular dystrophy. Conceptualized language deficit detector.

Copy Supervisor, Senior Copywriter, and Copywriter, Omnicom Health, formerly FCB Health (2015-2018)

- Copywriting, data visualization, strategy, and campaign development for retinopathy, asthma/COPD treatments, and genetic testing. Collaborated with FDA/CBER on pilot for HIV testing of donated blood.

Research Study Assistant, Neurology, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (2013-2015)

- Coordinated neuro-oncology clinical trials for cancer genomics, immunotherapy, and chemoradiation. Attended colloquia, managed data, biospecimens, and patient information, performed informed consent, IRB liaison.

Junior Copywriter, Omnicom Health, formerly ICC Lowe Pace / IPG Health (2012-2013)

- Medical copywriting for targeted therapies for cystic fibrosis and a neuro-radiotracer for Alzheimer's disease. Trained in creation and development of print and digital media.

Curriculum Vitae

WRITING & RESEARCH

2026	<i>In Progress</i>	<i>Papers on Modality & the Moral Circle, Consciousness & Choice, and Quantitative Attitudes</i>
2025		Can Artificial Intelligence Make High-Stakes Decisions? On Moral Aggregation Embryonic Ethics and Reproductive Rationality Modal Distance and the Mind-Body Problem Value, Choice, and Experimental Trolleys
	<i>Revisions</i>	On Genetic Enhancement Science, Necessity, and Modal Pressure On Representation More Than Meets the Eye: Object Perception and Perceptual Presence
2018		Information and Method: Logic for Translational Science Science, Not Stigma: Perspectives on Blood Donor Controversy
2017		Epistemic Pluralism
2016		Genomics and Privacy Justified Conscientious Objection Human Nature, Engineering, and Identity Navigating the Molecular Reduction of Human Nature Biology, Phenomenology and Identity: Building Interdisciplinary Bridges
2015		America Invents? Against First-to-File Patenting in the United States Bioequivalence and Biosimilar Drug Development Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Personalized Medicine
2012		A Kantian Theory of Cognition Evolution and Perception Absurdity and the Explanatory Gap Adderall, Attention, and Amphetamine Use
2011		Phenomenal Quality and Humean Truth

SELECT COURSEWORK

Graduate

2026	Research Seminar in Mind & Language	<i>Cian Dorr & Matt Mandelkern (NYU)</i>
*Audit	Neuroethics	<i>S. Matthew Liao (NYU)</i>
	Environmental Ethics	<i>Z Quanbeck (NYU)</i>
	Philosophy of Mind*	<i>Ned Block & Andrew Rubner (NYU)</i>
	20 th Century Analytic Philosophy*	<i>Paul Horwich (NYU)</i>
	Semantics: Logic of Modal Transfer*	<i>Lucas Champollion (NYU)</i>

2025	Nonconsequentialism Reproductive Ethics Advanced Intro to Bioethics Advanced Intro to Metaphysics* Philosophy of Language* Adv. Intro to Ethics* Neuroscience of Decision*	S. Matthey Liao (NYU) Daniel Fogal (NYU) Alexander Quanbeck (NYU) Tim Maudlin (NYU) Kit Fine (NYU) Peter Unger (NYU) Roozbeh Kiani (NYU)
2017-18	Theory of Knowledge Scientific Pluralism in Practice Phenomenology	Robert Stalnaker (Columbia) Stuart Firestein (Columbia) Taylor Carman (Columbia)
2015-16	Ethics of Biopharma Patent & Reg. Law Philosophy of Bioethics Biotechnology Law	Alan Morrison (Columbia) Arthur Kuflik (Columbia) Alan Morrison (Columbia)
2011-12	Kant Philosophy of Biology Molecular Biology Animal Behavior	Manfred Kuehn (BU) R. Powell (BU) John Celenza (BU) Fred Wasserman (BU)

Undergraduate

2011-12	History of Ethics Existentialism Reasoning and Argumentation Mind, Brain, and Self History of Modern Philosophy	Paul Katsafanas (BU) Walter Hopp (BU) Alisa Bokulich (BU) Walter Hopp (BU) Manfred Kuehn (BU)
2009-10	History of Ancient Philosophy Intro to Ethics	David Bronstein (BU) Daniel Star (BU)

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & TALKS ATTENDED

2026	2026 NYIP Lectures: John McFarlane Departmental Colloquia Wittgenstein Workshop CUNY Logic & Metaphysics Workshop Semantic Systems in Humans and AI Misinformation: Why is it a Problem? AI and Aging Societies Who Should Decide AI's Future? (Read-only) The Inquisitive Mind	NYU Department of Philosophy NYU Department of Philosophy New School for Social Research CUNY Graduate Center CUNY CogSci Series NYU Developmental Psychology Hastings Center for Bioethics NYU Center for Bioethics NYU Department of Philosophy
2025	20 th NYU Modern Philosophy Conference Departmental Colloquia The Agency Summit NYU Autonomy Workshop CUNY Logic and Metaphysics Workshop 5 th NYU Bioethics Workshop NYU Infant Consciousness Conference	NYU Department of Philosophy NYU Department of Philosophy NYU & The Agency Fund NYU Center for Bioethics CUNY Graduate Center NYU Center for Bioethics NYU Mind, Brain, and Consciousness/Bioethics

PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 *Mind Uploading and Personal Identity* – NYU Neuroethics Seminar, Spring 2026
Can Artificial Intelligence Make High Stakes Decisions? – NYU Bioethics Workshop Spring 2026
- 2025 *Do Aggregates Exist?* - NYU Nonconsequentialism Seminar, Fall 2025
The Non-Identity Problem – NYU Advanced Introduction to Bioethics Seminar, Fall 2025
- 2020 [*Language and Sentiment Analysis for Medical Language Processing*](#) - Klick Health, New York, NY
[*Possible Worlds and Tools for Thinking*](#) - Klick Health, New York, NY
- 2019 [*Health Literacy in the Digital World*](#) - Klick Health, Toronto, ON

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Neuroscience Institute, New York University Grossman School of Medicine

Neuroeconomics Lab Assistant (2026- present), Department of Neuroscience

- Support psychological, neuroscientific, and economic studies of decision making in humans, assist in task design, data collection subject runs, and data analysis (Python), attend lab/department meetings.

Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

Research Assistant (2011-2012), Department of Molecular Imaging & Nuclear Medicine,

- Analyzed time efficiency of PET/CT mammography (PEM) for breast cancer by navigating EMR system and patient records., built research website, contributed findings for publication.
PIs: Gustavo Mercier, M.D., M.B.A., and Rathana Subramaniam, M.D.

Lab Assistant (2010), Section for Immunology and Infectious Diseases

- Cultured *P. gingivalis* for oral gavage of KO mice, detected systemic infection via PCR, measured innate immune response via ELISA and flow cytometry, performed BLAST sequence alignment.
PI: Caroline Genco, Ph.D. Advisor: Elizabeth Godrick Ph.D.

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Research Assistant (2009-2010), Department of Radiation Oncology

- Shadowed clinical exams, treatment planning, and procedures, developed telemedical chart rounds and treatment planning workflow, prostate brachytherapy measurement analysis.
PIs: Boris Mueller, M.D., Ceferino Obcemea Ph.D., Yulin Song Ph.D.

PUBLICATIONS

Co-author:

Mercier G., N. Vassilakis, J. Brennan, **F. DeVita** and L Kachnic (2012). "Clinical performance of low dose positron emission mammography" *Journal of Nuclear Medicine* 53 (S1): 1231 [doi: 10.1016/j.jnmt.2012.06.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jnmt.2012.06.001)

Mueller, B. A., C. Obcemea, V. Tumati, **F. DeVita**, Y. Song (2011). "Pilot project for comprehensive chart rounds using a telemedicine platform" *International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics* 81 (2) S1: S695. [doi: 10.1016/j.ijrobp.2011.06.1326](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijrobp.2011.06.1326).

Contributor:

Pentsova E., et al. (2023). "A phase I/II study of intrathecal trastuzumab in human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-positive (HER2-positive) cancer with leptomeningeal metastases: Safety, efficacy, and cerebrospinal fluid pharmacokinetics" *Journal of Neuro Oncology* 25 (3): 557-565. [doi: 10.1007/s12220-023-0195-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12220-023-0195-5).

Hyman, D.M. et al. (2018). "HER kinase inhibition in patients with HER2- and HER3-mutant cancers" *Nature* 554:189-194. [doi: 10.1038/nature25475](https://doi.org/10.1038/nature25475).

Omuro A., et al. (2018). "Nivolumab with or without ipilimumab in patients with recurrent glioblastoma: results from exploratory phase I cohorts of CheckMate 143" *Neuro-Oncology*, 20 (5): 674-686. [doi: 10.1093/neuonc/nox208](https://doi.org/10.1093/neuonc/nox208).

Diamond E., et al. (2018). "Vemurafenib for BRAF V600-Mutant Erdheim-Chester Disease and Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis" *JAMA Oncology* 4 (3): 384-388. [doi: 10.1001/jamaoncol.2017.5029](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamaoncol.2017.5029).

M. Berger, et al (2015). "Memorial Sloan Kettering-Integrated Mutation Profiling of Actionable Cancer Targets (MSK-IMPACT): A Hybridization Capture-Based Next-Generation Sequencing Clinical Assay for Solid Tumor Molecular Oncology" *Journal of Molecular Diagnostics* 17 (3): 251-64. [doi: 10.1016/j.jmoldx.2014.12.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmoldx.2014.12.006).

Omuro A., et al. (2014). "Phase II study of bevacizumab, temozolomide, and hypofractionated stereotactic radiotherapy for newly diagnosed glioblastoma" *Clinical Cancer Research*. 20 (19): 5023-31. [doi: 10.1158/1078-0432.CCR-14-0822](https://doi.org/10.1158/1078-0432.CCR-14-0822).

SOCIETIES & TEACHING

NYU Bioethics Workshop, Co-founding Member (2025-)

- Organized weekly work-in-progress seminar and discussion group for NYU Bioethics MA program. Developed format, ground rules, and lead presentations and discussions.

Curriculum Vitae

Columbia Biotechnology Association, *Founding Member (2014-2018)*

- Built student/alumni community, organized social and seminar events to increase campus awareness of biotechnology, brainstormed applications of emerging research.

Peer Health Exchange Boston, *Mental Health Educator (2011)*

- Taught mental health at public and charter high schools with guided curricula, coached students, worked with school administration, trained in classroom management.

Boston University Mind and Brain Society, *President and Member (2010-2012)*

- Delivered talks on mind and brain science, organized seminars and social events, helped structure neuroscience outreach program for Boston high schools.

The Nerve at Boston University, *Editor-in-Chief (2012) and Writer (2010-2012)*

- Produced and contributed to student-run neuroscience publication, original articles on mental illness, Adderall abuse, neurophilosophy, and emerging research.

HONORS & AWARDS

Fellowships, Grants, Scholarships, and Awards

2025-2027	Bioethics Fellowship, NYU School of Global Public Health, Center for Bioethics (\$30,000)
2016-2018	Performance-based Tuition Grant FCB Health and Interpublic Group
2014-2015	Performance-based Tuition Grant, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
2008-2012	Academic Merit Scholarship, Boston University
2004-2008	Academic Merit Scholarship, Don Bosco Preparatory High School

Academic Honors

2012	Boston University Dean's List
2011	Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society
2008	National Honor Society
2008	National Mathematics Honor Society

Professional Awards

2016	PM360 Gold Best Medical Device Launch, Lucentis Prefilled Syringe MM&M Silver Best Sales Tool, Lucentis Prefilled Syringe Demo Kit Creative Floor, Best Device Campaign, Lucentis Prefilled Syringe
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CERTIFICATIONS

Clinical Research

2026 Human Subjects Research, NYU Langone / CITI Program
2013 HIPAA Compliance, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Research with Human Subjects, National Institutes of Health
Informed Consent for Clinical Research, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Biospecimen Handling, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Neurocognitive Testing, Cogstate

Laboratory Research

2011 Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Training, Boston University
Basic Biosafety Level 2 (BSL-2) Training, Boston University School of Medicine

Regulatory Affairs

2021 GDPR Compliance, Interpublic Group of Companies
2019 Pharmacovigilance, Takeda Pharmaceuticals