

# NICOLAS DELON *curriculum vitae* (February 2019)

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

ethics; applied ethics (esp. environmental/animal)

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

environmental studies; animal cognition; social, political, & legal philosophy; history of philosophy

## EMPLOYMENT

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New College of Florida, Philosophy and Environmental Studies Assistant Professor	August 2018 -
The University of Chicago Law School Law and Philosophy Fellow	July 2017-18
New York University, Department of Environmental Studies, Animal Studies Initiative Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow in Environmental Studies & Animal Studies	2014-17
Aix-Marseille Université Philosophy department, Ceperc (UMR 7304, CNRS) Temporary lecturer (ATER)	2013-14

## EDUCATION

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Doctorate, Philosophy, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, EA 3562 PhiCo 2010-13: PhD student at Université de Picardie Jules Verne, CURAPP (UMR 7319) <i>A contextual theory of the moral status of animals.</i> Supervisor: Sandra Laugier. <i>Summa cum laude</i> (mention très honorable avec les félicitations du jury). Committee: C. Al-Saleh (Picardie), F. Burgat (INRA), C. Larrère (Paris 1), E. Picavet (Paris 1), P.-Y. Quiviger (Nice). Qualified by CNU 17/72 (2015)	June 2014
Ecole Normale Supérieure, Ulm - AL 2005 - Philosophy (major) / Law (minor) National competitive exam; rank 57 (75 admitted)	2005-10
Agrégation in Philosophy National competitive exam for teachers recruitment; rank 6 (40 admitted)	2008
Université Paris-1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Master 2 (MA), Comparative Law, 'History of European Legal Thought', <i>summa cum laude</i>	2008-10
Master 2 (MA), Philosophy, 'Philosophy & Society', <i>summa cum laude</i>	2008-9
Master 1 ( <i>maîtrise</i> ) (bachelor equivalent), Philosophy, <i>summa cum laude</i>	2006-7
Licence (3rd year), Philosophy, <i>magna cum laude</i>	2005-6

## Lycée Chateaubriand, Rennes

Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Ecoles (Lettres-Ulm AL) 2002-5

## International visits

Oxford University, Visiting student March 2012

Maison Française & Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics

Columbia University, Nondegree student, Graduate School of Arts & Science 2009-10

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

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2 graduate workshops in applied ethics, Philosophy, Paris 1, co-organizer (€2,130 grant) 2012-13

3 workshops on the origins of morality, MESHS Lille, co-organizer (€2,000 grant) 2011-12

Travel grants, CURAPP (CNRS, UMR 7319) 2010-13

Research scholarship (1 month, housing, £250), Maison Française, Oxford March 2012

Contrat doctoral: 3-year doctorate full scholarship, Université de Picardie Jules Verne 2010-13

Exchange program (ENS): fellowship, Columbia University, GSAS 2009-10

Elève fonctionnaire-stagiaire: 4-year government stipend, Ecole normale supérieure 2005-10

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed articles

Social norms and farm animal protection 2018  
*Palgrave Communications* 4: 1-6 [[open access](#)]

Wild animal suffering is intractable [Delon N, Purves D] 2018  
*Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*, 31(2): 239-260

Meaning in the lives of humans and other animals [Purves D, Delon N] 2018  
*Philosophical Studies*, 175(2): 317-338

L'animal compagnon de travail : l'éthique des fables alimentaires 2017  
*Revue française d'éthique appliquée*, 4, 61-75

The values behind calculating the value of trophy hunting [Jacquet J, Delon N] 2016  
*Conservation Biology*, 30(4): 910-1 [reply to Naidoo et al. 2016]

Un Singer peut-il en remplacer un autre ? 2016  
*Klêsis*, 32: 150-90 [[html](#)]

Moral status, final value, and extrinsic properties 2014  
*Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, 114(3): 371-9

Pour une éthique animale descriptive 2013  
*Klêsis*, 27: 118-54 [[html](#)]

(Czech translation: Za deskriptivní zooetiku [A Plea for Descriptive Zooethics], *Journal of Medical Law & Bioethics*, 6(1), 2016: 34-73)

### Invited publications

- Beyond the personhood paradigm [re Thompson, 'Supporting ape rights'] 2019  
*ASEBL Journal* 14(1): 26-30 [[html](#)]
- Commentary: Setting the bar higher [re Neuhaus & Parent, 'Gene doping in animals'] 2019  
*Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 28 (1): 40-45
- Animal agency, captivity, and meaning 2018  
*Harvard Review of Philosophy* 25: 127-146
- Etudes animales : une perspective transatlantique 2015  
*Tracés : Revue de Sciences Humaines*, 15: 187-98
- Une théorie morale peut-elle être cognitivement trop exigeante ? 2015  
*Implications Philosophiques* (special issue on empirical ethics) [[html](#)]
- La mort : un mal non nécessaire, surtout pour les animaux heureux ! 2014  
*Revue semestrielle de droit animalier*, 2014(2): 247-76

### Chapters / Encyclopedia entries

- Les cartographies de l'éthique animale forthcoming  
*S'engager pour les animaux*  
F. Carrié & C. Traïni (eds.), La vie des idées/PUF
- The replaceability argument in the ethics of animal husbandry 2016  
*Encyclopedia of Food and Agricultural Ethics* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.)  
Paul B. Thompson & David M. Kaplan (eds.), Springer
- Against moral intrinsicism 2015  
*Animal Ethics and Philosophy: Questioning the Orthodoxy*  
Elisa Aaltola & John Hadley (eds.) London & New York: Rowman & Littlefield
- Handicap et animaux 2012  
*Tous vulnérables? Le care, les animaux et l'environnement*  
Sandra Laugier (ed.), Paris: Payot-Rivages

### Conference proceedings

- L'éthique animale en contexte 2016  
*L'Animal (Recherches sur la philosophie et le langage*, 32)  
Marlène Jouan & Jean-Yves Goffi (eds.), Paris: Vrin
- La sensibilité en éthique animale, entre faits et valeurs 2015  
*Sensibilité animale - Perspectives juridiques*

Régis Bismuth & Fabien Marchadier (eds.), Paris: CNRS éditions

### Scientific expertise

#### Animal Consciousness

2017

Le Neindre P, Bernard E, Boissy A, Boivin X, Calandreau L, Delon N, Deputte B, Desmoulin-Canselier S, Dunier M, Faivre N, Giurfa M, Guichet J-L, Lansade L, Larrère R, Mormède P, Prunet P, Schaal B, Servièrè J, Terlouw C, *EFSA supporting publication 2017*: 14(4): EN-1196. doi: 10.2903/sp.efsa.2017.EN-1196

### Edited works

*Implications Philosophiques*, special issue on ethics (with Thibaud Zuppinger) [[html](#)] 2013  
Clément Rosset, *Faits divers*, editor and introduction (with Santiago Espinosa), Paris: PUF 2013

### Book reviews

Engel M. Jr. and Comstock, G. L., eds., *The Moral Rights of Animals* (Lexington Books, 2016), *Essays in Philosophy* 19(1) [[html](#)]  
Glover J., *Questions de vie ou de mort [Causing death and Saving Lives]* (Labor et Fides, 2017), *La Vie des Idées* [[html](#)]  
Pelluchon C., *Les nourritures* (Seuil, 2015), *Implications Philosophiques* [[html](#)]  
Boehm Ch., *Moral Origins* (Basic Books, 2012), *Metapsychology Reviews Online* [[html](#)]  
Parfit D., *On What Matters*, 2 vol. (Oxford UP, 2011), *Nonfiction* [[html](#)]  
Nussbaum M., *Les émotions démocratiques [Not For Profit]* (Flammarion, 2011), *Implications Philosophiques* [[html](#)]  
Lestel D., *L'animal est l'avenir de l'homme* (Fayard, 2010), *Raison Publique* [[html](#)]  
Wolff F., *Notre humanité* (Fayard, 2010), *Nonfiction* [[html](#)]

### Translations (into French)

Scanlon, T.M., *The Difficulty of Tolerance* [chapters 2, 4, 13], collective translation, *L'épreuve de la tolérance*, Hermann, 2018  
Kittay E.F., "The ethics of philosophizing: ideal theory and the exclusion of people with severe cognitive disabilities", in S. Laugier (ed.), *Tous vulnérables ?*, Payot, 2012  
Tanney J., "Conceptual amorphousness, reasons and causes", in C. Al-Saleh & A. Le Goff (eds.), *Lire L'esprit et le monde de John McDowell*, Vrin, 2013  
Reisman W.M., "Unilateral Action and the Transformations of the World Constitutive Process", in W.M. Reisman, *L'Ecole de New Haven de droit international*, ed. Julien Cantegreil, Pedone, 2010

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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The boundaries of cities and captivity	revise and resubmit
La valeur de la souffrance : Parfit et Nietzsche	under review
Nietzsche reads Parfit: on the meaning and value of suffering	under review
The meaning of animal labour for <i>Animal Labour</i> , C. Blattner, K. Coulter, W. Kymlicka, eds. (Oxford, 2019)	under contract
Valuing humane lives	in progress
Meaningful lives and complicity in collective harms	in progress
Personhood, species, and community	in progress
Animal protection as a question of social norms	in progress

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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### Refereed

- Meaningful lives and complicity in collective harms, Meeting of the Florida Philosophical Association, Pensacola, November 2-3, 2018
- Personhood, species, and complicity, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, August 9-12, 2018
- Meaningful lives and complicity in collective harms, Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, April 6-8, 2018
- Urban animals as captives, Colloquium, APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, March 28-31, 2018
- [with D. Purves] Technological interventions to reduce wild animal suffering, Conference on Convergence/Divergence between Animal and Environmental Ethics, Montréal, May 17-19, 2017
- [with D. Purves] Meaning in the lives of humans and other animals, ECOM Conference: Human and Nonhuman Animals: Minds and Morals, UConn, Storrs, May 11-13, 2017
- Assisting animals in the Anthropocene: An experimental exploration, Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals, Panel on effective animal advocacy, Pacific APA, Seattle, April 12-15, 2017
- [with D. Purves] Technological interventions to reduce wild animal suffering, Engineering and Animal Ethics workshop, Texas A&M University, March 29, 2017
- Paradoxes and problems in teaching animal studies, Multidisciplinary Symposium on Effective Animal Advocacy, Princeton University, November 12-13, 2016
- Moral status for consequentialists [poster], Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 11-14, 2016
- Comments on Ryan Jenkins and Duncan Purves, "When robots should have false moral beliefs," Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU, Boulder, August 11-14, 2016
- Valuing animals: A reply to Varner, International Society of Environmental Ethics Conference, Pace University, New York, June 29-July 1, 2016
- Animal ethics goes experimental, Buffalo Experimental Philosophy Conference, Sept. 11-12, 2015

Un Singer peut-il en remplacer un autre ?, panel on Peter Singer's *Animal Liberation*, SOPHA, Montreal, June 17-21, 2015

The X-Phi companion to animal ethics, Minding Animals 3, Delhi, India, January 2015

L'épistémologie morale de l'éthique animale, Graduate philosophy of science conference, SPS, Franche-Comté University, Besançon, September 19, 2013

Moral status, intrinsic value, and extrinsic properties, Understanding Value conference, University of Sheffield, July 17-19, 2013; Postgraduate Session, Joint Session of the Aristotelian Sty. & Mind Assoc., Exeter, July 12-14, 2013

An epistemological argument against massive intervention in nature, 4<sup>th</sup> Dutch Annual Conference on Practical Philosophy, Eindhoven, November 2-3 2012

Animals as subjects of justice: contract, capabilities, and consensus, *The Future of Contractualism*, Rennes 1, May 11-12, 2012

Du statut moral des animaux: universalisme, impartialisme et contexte, SOPHA, Paris, May 4-6, 2012

Animal moral status from science to context, Fordham Philosophy Graduate Conference, New York, February 24-25, 2012

[with M. Gaillard] Normes épistémiques et normes pratiques: à la rencontre des extraterrestres, *Aliens & Alterity* Conference, Université Pierre Mendès-France, Grenoble, October 27-28, 2011

Animals sneaking into Bentham's Pannomion, ISUS XI, Lucca, June 23-25, 2011

D'un usage modéré des sciences en éthique animale, *Repenser les rapports entre sciences et philosophie*, Université Pierre Mendès-France, Grenoble, June 6-7, 2011

Biographie animale et empathie: connaître et respecter la vie des animaux, *Human-Animal: 20th/21st Century French and Francophone Studies*, San Francisco, March 30-April 2, 2011

### Invited

Meaningful lives and complicity in collective harms, Colloquium, Philosophy Department, University of South Florida, Tampa, October 12, 2018

The meaning of animal work, Animal Labour Workshop, Queen's University, Kingston, May 18-19, 2018

The ethics and ecology of genetic interventions to prevent wild animal suffering, Ethics of Enhancement Workshop, Rutgers-Camden, April 27, 2018

Author Meets Critics panel on TJ Kasperbauer, *Subhuman*, APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, March 28-31, 2018

Urban animals as captives, Law & Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago Law School (Jan 2018); Animal/Nonhuman Workshop (Jan 2018) and Urban Workshop (Feb 2018), University of Chicago

Comments on David Grazian's *American Zoo: A Sociological Safari*, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York, Sept. 29, 2015

Zoophiles mais pas trop... Sexe, amour et contradictions, *L'humain en question: Ce que les animaux nous apprennent*, Genève, May 7-9, 2015

Valeur finale, fongibilité et statut moral, 4<sup>e</sup> Journées de Métaéthique, Rennes, May 11-13, 2015

The metaethics of vulnerability: the case of animals, *Risking Vulnerability/Risquer la vulnérabilité*, CUNY, The Graduate Center, April 23, 2015

Are all captive animals equal?, *Breaking Free: Symposium on Captivity*, NYU, March 28, 2015

Spiders, dogs, humans: language, concepts, and the harm of death, Wittgenstein Workshop, New School, New York, February 13, 2015

La sensibilité des animaux en éthique: des faits aux valeurs, *La sensibilité de l'animal saisie par le droit*, CECOJI & ERDP, Poitiers, May 22, 2014

Commentary on Alice Cray, "The power of pictures: a discussion in reference to feminist theory", *Workshop Feminism and Ordinary Language Philosophy*, Paris 1, September 9, 2013

Un Singer peut-il en remplacer un autre ?, CREUM, Université de Montréal, April 26, 2013

Du statut moral des animaux: universalisme, impartialisme et contexte, 'Animals' Conference, Université Pierre Mendès-France, Grenoble, Jan 24-26, 2012

A Wittgensteinian Critique of Moral Individualism, Conference in honor of Cora Diamond: *Ethics, Imagination and Forms of Life*, Université de Picardie, Amiens, Sept. 13-15, 2010 ; Wittgenstein Workshop, NCSR, New York, April 30, 2010

### **Media interviews**

*Cultures Monde*, France Culture [radio], April 26, 2016 [on animal rights and personhood]

*Plantriotic* podcast, ep. 76, March 14, 2016 [on moral status and animal studies]

*Reportage Online*, December 14, 2015 [on diet and climate change]

*The Gothamist*, April 9, 2015 [on carriage horses]

*Pixel*, France Culture [radio], January 3, 2014 [on animals in circuses]

Series on Clément Rosset, *Nouveaux Chemins de la Connaissance*, France Culture, January 2009

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE (sole instructor except for \*)

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#### **New College of Florida**

2018-2019

- Environmental Ethics (Fall 2018)
- Animal Minds (Fall 2018)
- Advanced Ethics Survey (Spring 2019)
- Food, Animals, and the Environment (Spring 2019)

#### **University of Chicago Law School**

2017-2018

- \*Law & Philosophy Workshop (Climate Change; Animal Rights), with Martha Nussbaum

<b>New York University</b> , Environmental Studies/Animal Studies (undergraduate)	2014-2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ethics and Animals (Fall 2014, 2015)</li> <li>- Animal Minds (Spring 2015, 2016, 2017)</li> <li>- Topics in Animal Studies: Keeping Animals (Spring 2015, 2016, 2017)</li> <li>- Food, Animals and the Environment (Summer 2015, 2016)</li> </ul>	
<b>Aix-Marseille Université</b> , Philosophy Department	2013-2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction to ethics (2d year; double load) (Spring)</li> <li>- Philosophy of science: naturalism (1st year) (Spring)</li> <li>- Introduction to analytic philosophy (4th year) (Spring)</li> <li>- Foreign language (English): readings in metaethics (4th year) (Fall/Spring)</li> </ul>	
<b>Université de Picardie</b> , Philosophy Department	2010-2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Methods (Facts and Values) (1st year) (Fall 2010, 2011, 2012)</li> <li>- History of philosophy (Animals) (2d year) (Spring 2011)</li> <li>- Aesthetics (Images &amp; Imagination) (2d year) (Fall 2011)</li> <li>- Methods (Action) (2d year) (Fall 2012)</li> </ul>	
<b>Ecole Normale Supérieure</b> (Paris), French Summer School 'Un Eté à l'ENS'	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Philosophical workshop (27 hrs): Moral experiments (Summer 2011)</li> <li>- Philosophy course (10 hrs): What is an animal? (Summer 2009)</li> </ul>	
<b>Columbia University</b> , French and Romance Philology Department	2009-10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intermediate French II (1202) (Fall 2009); Intermediate French I (1201) (Spring 2010)</li> <li>- Third Year Conversation (3131) (Fall 2009, 2 sections); (3132) (Spring 2010)</li> </ul>	

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### *Journal referee*

*Animal Sentience; Ateliers de l'éthique; Ethical Perspectives; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice; Environmental Values; Food, Culture, and Society; Implications Philosophiques; Journal of Agricultural & Environmental Ethics; Journal of the APA; Journal of Applied Philosophy; Journal of Human Rights; Journal of Social Philosophy; Journal of Value Inquiry; Klêsis; Philosophical Papers; Philosophical Psychology; Philosophical Studies; Ratio; Res Philosophica; Revue française d'éthique appliquée; Revue philosophique de la France et de l'étranger; Revista Critica*

### *PhilPapers* area editor for subcategories:

'The Moral Status of Animals'; 'Animal Captivity'; 'Domestic Animals'	since 2017
'The Value of Lives'; 'Varieties of Value, Misc.'	since 2019

### *New College of Florida*

Environmental Studies Steering Committee member	2018-
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Philosophy job search committee	2018-19
<i>New York University, Animal Studies Initiative</i> undergraduate program adviser; events coordinator; outreach; advisory committee	2014-17
<i>New York University, Department of Environmental Studies</i> search committee member for a faculty fellow position	2014-15
Judge at the <i>National Ethics Bowl</i> , Columbia University, New York	Feb. 4, 2017
<i>Early Career Ethicists Workshop</i> , New York, Organizer	2015-16
Chair for two sessions, <i>Minding Animals International</i> , Delhi	Jan 2015
Scientific committee, <i>'Peter Singer's Animal Liberation, 40 years on'</i> , Rennes	2014-15
2 graduate workshops in applied ethics, Paris 1, co-organizer with C. Larroque	2012-13
3 workshops on the origins of morality, Lille (MESHs-Lille/CURAPP/PhiCo), co-organizer with Christophe Al-Saleh, Vanessa Nurock	2011-12

## LANGUAGES AND OTHER SKILLS

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*French*: native; *English*: fluent (writing, reading, speaking); *German*: proficient (reading, writing)

*Latin* (3 years intensive); *Ancient Greek* (1 year intensive)

Computer: Mac OS and Windows; Microsoft Office; iWorks; Endnote; JASP; Qualtrics; Rapidweaver

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS; VOLUNTEERING

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American Philosophical Association

Florida Philosophical Association

International Society for Environmental Ethics

Animals and Society Institute

Association des Anciens Elèves de l'ENS

Team Humane League, fundraising (2015, 2016)

Wild Bird Fund, New York, volunteer (summer/fall 2015)

Protection mondiale des animaux de ferme (Welfarm), board member (2013-2014)