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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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| The University of Chicago Law School | July 2017-18 |
| Law and Philosophy Fellow, ranked Lecturer | |
| New York University | 2014-17 |
| Department of Environmental Studies / Animal Studies Initiative | |
| Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow in Environmental Studies and Animal Studies | |
| Aix-Marseille Université | 2013-14 |
| Temporary Lecturer (A.T.E.R.), Philosophy | |

EDUCATION

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| PhD, Philosophy, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (<i>summa cum laude</i>) | June 2014 |
| (Université de Picardie: 2010-2013; transfer to Université Paris 1: 2013-2014) | |
| Supervisor: Sandra Laugier; Examiners: C. Al-Saleh (Picardie), F. Burgat (INRA), C. Larrère (Paris 1), E. Picavet (Paris 1), P.-Y. Quiviger (Nice) ; Qualification: sections 17 and 72 (2015) | |

Dissertation: *A Contextual Theory of the Moral Status of Animals*

The contextual theory aims to reconcile the demands of impartiality and the significance of particular relationships in our treatment of other animals. It consists of a descriptive and a normative model of moral status attribution, both of which are dual: i.e., moral status depends on intrinsic (capacities) and extrinsic (relations) properties of individuals. The normative model aligns with human psychology, around two core principles: Protection of the Vulnerable and Reasonable Partiality, which are impartially justified. The theory accounts for special obligations as a component of moral status. Animals who have moral status can nonetheless be harmed by death and are therefore irreplaceable regardless of relationships.

Université Paris-1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

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| MA, Comparative Law, 'History of European Legal Thought', <i>summa cum laude</i> | 2010 |
| MA, Philosophy, 'Philosophy & Society', <i>summa cum laude</i> | 2009 |
| BA, Philosophy, <i>magna</i> (3 rd yr)/ <i>summa</i> (4 th yr) <i>cum laude</i> | 2007 |

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| Ecole Normale Supérieure (Paris), Philosophy major / Law minor | 2005-10 |
| <i>Agrégation</i> in Philosophy (national competitive exam for teachers), rank 6 th | 2008 |
| Oxford University, Visiting student, Maison Française & Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics | Mar. 2012 |
| Columbia University, Nondegree student, Graduate School of Arts & Science | 2009-10 |

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

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| Travel grants (research support), CURAPP (CNRS, UMR 7319) | 2010-13 |
| Research scholarship: 1-month, Maison Française, Oxford | March 2012 |
| 'Contrat doctoral': 3-year PhD full scholarship, Université de Picardie Jules Verne | 2010-13 |
| Exchange program (w/ ENS): fellowship and stipend, Columbia University, GSAS | 2009-10 |
| 'Elève fonctionnaire-stagiaire': 4-year salary, Ecole normale supérieure | 2005-10 |

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed articles

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| Wild animal suffering is intractable [with D. Purves] <i>Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics</i> | forthcoming |
| Meaning in the lives of humans and other animals [with D. Purves] <i>Philosophical Studies</i> , 175 (2): 317-338 | 2018 |
| L'animal compagnon de travail : l'éthique des fables alimentaires <i>Revue française d'éthique appliquée</i> , 4, 61-75 | 2017 |
| The values behind calculating the value of trophy hunting [with J. Jacquet] <i>Conservation Biology</i> , 30(4): 910-1 [reply to Naidoo et al. 2016] | 2016 |
| Un Singer peut-il en remplacer un autre ? <i>Klêsis</i> , 32: 150-90 [html] | 2016 |
| Moral status, final value, and extrinsic properties <i>Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society</i> , 114(3): 371-9 | 2014 |
| Pour une éthique animale descriptive <i>Klêsis</i> , 27: 118-54 [html] (Czech translation: Za deskriptivní zooetiku [A Plea for Descriptive Zooethics], <i>Journal of Medical Law & Bioethics</i> , 6(1), 2016: 34-73) | 2013 |

Invited publications

- 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

- The Replaceability Argument in the Ethics of Animal Husbandry 2016
Encyclopedia of Food and Agricultural Ethics (2nd 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

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)

[forthcoming] Scanlon, T.M., *The Difficulty of Tolerance*, chapters 2, 4, 13

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

The boundaries of cities and captivity (*under review*)

Valuing humane lives

Meaningful lives and complicity in collective harms

Wittgenstein on animal minds and the problem of death

Animals sneaking into Bentham's *Pannomion*

Moral status for consequentialists

Wild animal suffering is psychologically intractable

Parfit, Scanlon, Nietzsche, et le problème de la souffrance animale

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Refereed

Urban animals as captives, Colloquium, APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, March 28-31, 2017

[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, 4th 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

Urban animals as captives, Law & Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, Jan 2017;
Animal/Nonhuman Workshop (Jan); Urban Workshop (Feb), 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^e 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 Crary, "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, Univer-
sité 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 *)

| | |
|---|-----------|
| University of Chicago Law School | 2017-2018 |
| - *Law & Philosophy Workshop (Climate Change; Animal Rights), with Martha Nussbaum | |
| New York University, Environmental Studies/Animal Studies (undergraduate) | 2014-2017 |
| - Ethics and Animals (Fall 2014, 2015) | |
| - Animal Minds (Spring 2015, 2016, 2017) | |
| - Topics in Animal Studies: Keeping Animals (Spring 2015, 2016, 2017) | |
| - Food, Animals and the Environment (Summer 2015, 2016) | |
| Aix-Marseille Université, Philosophy Department | 2013-2014 |
| - Introduction to ethics (2d year; double load) (Spring) | |
| - Philosophy of science: naturalism (1st year) (Spring) | |
| - Introduction to analytic philosophy (4th year) (Spring) | |
| - Foreign language (English): readings in metaethics (4th year) (Fall/Spring) | |
| Université de Picardie, Philosophy Department | 2010-2013 |
| - Methods (Facts and Values) (1st year) (Fall 2010, 2011, 2012) | |
| - History of philosophy (Animals) (2d year) (Spring 2011) | |
| - Aesthetics (Images & Imagination) (2d year) (Fall 2011) | |
| - Methods (Action) (2d year) (Fall 2012) | |
| Ecole Normale Supérieure (Paris), French Summer School 'Un Eté à l'ENS' | |
| - Philosophical workshop (27 hrs): Moral experiments (Summer 2011) | |
| - Philosophy course (10 hrs): What is an animal? (Summer 2009) | |
| Columbia University, French and Romance Philology Department | 2009-10 |
| - Intermediate French II (1202) (Fall 2009); Intermediate French I (1201) (Spring 2010) | |
| - Third Year Conversation (3131) (Fall 2009, 2 sections); (3132) (Spring 2010) | |

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Journal referee

Ateliers de l'éthique; Ethical Perspectives; Food, Culture, and Society; Implications Philosophiques; Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics; Journal of the APA; Journal of Human Rights; Journal of Social Philosophy; Journal of Value Inquiry; Klêsis; Philosophical Papers; Philosophical Psychology; Ratio; Res Philosophica; Revue française d'éthique appliquée; Revista Critica

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| New York University, Animal Studies Initiative | 2014-17 |
| undergraduate program adviser; events coordinator; outreach; advisory committee | |

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| <i>PhilPapers</i> , area editor for 'The Moral Status of Animals' and 'Animal Captivity' | since 2017 |
| 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 |
| Scientific committee, 'Peter Singer's <i>Animal Liberation</i> , 40 years on', Rennes | 2014-15 |
| Graduate workshops on practical ethics (x2), Paris 1, co-organizer | 2012-13 |
| Workshops on the origins of morality (x3), Lille-Amiens-Paris, co-organizer | 2011-12 |

SELECTED ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK

Ethics (Vogt), graduate seminar, Columbia University (Fall 2009) (credits)
Seminar in legal philosophy (Raz), Columbia University (Fall 2009) (audited)
Primateology (Cords) (upper-level undergraduate), Columbia University (Spring 2010) (credits)
Vagueness (Gaifman), graduate seminar, Columbia University (Spring 2010) (audited)
Metacognition and Consciousness (Proust), reading group, IJN, Paris (2011-12) (audited)
Ecology, Genetics, Evolution, ENS, Paris (Fall 2010) (undergrad. 3rd year) (audited)
History of Science Winter School, ENS, Paris (Jan. 2011) (w/ Harvard History of Science department)
Ecology (upper-level undergraduate), 2 courses, Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Spring 2012) (credits)
Advanced Seminar in Ethics (Street, Parfit) NYU (Fall 2015) (audited)
Topics in Ethics: Love (Jamieson) (Spring 2017) (audited)
Cambridge Roundtable on Rights (November 17-18, 2017)

LANGUAGES AND OTHER SKILLS

French: native; *English*: fluent (writing, reading, speaking); *German*: proficient (reading, writing)
Latin (proficient, reading); *Ancient Greek* (basic, reading)
Computer: Mac OS and Windows; Microsoft Office; iWorks; Endnote; SPSS; JASP; Qualtrics

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS; VOLUNTEERING

American Philosophical Association
International Society for Environmental Ethics
Animals and Society Institute
Minding Animals International
Association des Anciens Elèves de l'ENS
Wild Bird Fund, New York, volunteer (summer/fall 2015)
Protection mondiale des animaux de ferme (Welfarm), board member (2013-2014)

REFERENCES

Alice Crary

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The New School for Social Research
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William Weitzel (teaching)

Lecturer, Expository Writing Program
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Affiliated Professor of Bioethics & Law
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