

NICOLAS DELON *curriculum vitae* (August 2018)

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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

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

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

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

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

- Animal agency, captivity, and meaning forthcoming
Harvard Review of Philosophy
- 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 Zuppingier) [[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'École 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
Animal protection and social norms under review
Valuing humane lives
Meaningful lives and complicity in collective harms
The meaning of animal labour
Personhood, species, and community
Wittgenstein on animal minds and the problem of death
Parfit, Scanlon, Nietzsche, et le problème de la souffrance animale

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Refereed

- 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, 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

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^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, 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 *)

New College of Florida	2018 -
- Environmental Ethics (Fall 2018)	
- Animal Minds (Fall 2018)	
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

Animal Sentience; Ateliers de l'éthique; Ethical Perspectives; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice; Food, Culture, and Society; Implications Philosophiques; Journal of Agricultural & 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

New York University, Animal Studies Initiative

2014-17

undergraduate program adviser; events coordinator; outreach; advisory committee

New York University, Department of Environmental Studies

2014-15

search committee member for a faculty fellow position

PhilPapers, area editor for 'The Moral Status of Animals' and 'Animal Captivity'

since 2017

Judge at the *National Ethics Bowl*, Columbia University, New York,

Feb. 4, 2017

Early Career Ethicists Workshop, New York, Organizer

2015-16

Chair for two sessions, *Minding Animals International*, Delhi

Jan 2015

Scientific committee, 'Peter Singer's *Animal Liberation*, 40 years on', 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

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; JASP; Qualtrics

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS; VOLUNTEERING

American 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)