

NICOLAS DELON *curriculum vitae*

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

environmental and animal ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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

EMPLOYMENT

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

EDUCATION

Doctorate, Philosophy, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, EA 3562 PhiCo	June 2014
2010-13: PhD student at Université de Picardie Jules Verne, CURAPP (UMR 7319)	
<i>A contextual theory of the moral status of animals. Summa cum laude</i> (mention très honorable, félicitations du jury). Committee: C. Al-Saleh, F. Burgat, C. Larrère, S. Laugier (supervisor), E. Picavet, P.-Y. Quiviger	
Ecole Normale Supérieure, Ulm - AL 2005 - Philosophy (major) / Law (minor)	2005-10
Agrégation in Philosophy	2008
National competitive exam for teachers recruitment; rank 6 (40 admitted)	
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

International visits

Oxford University, Maison Française & Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics	March 2012
Columbia University, Nondegree student, Graduate School of Arts & Science	2009-10

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed articles

Strangers to ourselves: a Nietzschean challenge to the badness of suffering
Inquiry: an Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy, forthcoming

Animal capabilities and freedom in the city
Journal of Human Development and Capabilities, 22(1): 131-153, 2021

Pervasive captivity and urban wildlife
Ethics, Policy & Environment, 23(2): 123-142, 2020

Valuing humane lives in two-level utilitarianism
Utilitas, 32(3): 276-93, 2020

Le problème de la souffrance chez Nietzsche et Parfit
Klêsis, 43, 2019 [[open access](#)]

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

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

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

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

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

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

Moral status, final value, and extrinsic properties
Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society, 114(3): 371-9, 2014
(Selected graduate paper from the 2013 Joint Meeting)

Pour une éthique animale descriptive
Klêsis, 27: 118-54, 2013 [[open access](#)]
Czech translation: Za deskriptivní zooetiku, *Journal of Medical Law & Bioethics*, 6(1), 2016: 34-73

Solicited articles and commentaries

Consider the agent in the arthropod (with P. Cook, G. Bauer, & H. Harley) [re Mikhalevich and Powell]
Animal Sentience, 29(32), 2020 [[open access](#)]

Beyond the personhood paradigm [re Thompson, 'Supporting ape rights']
ASEBL Journal, 14(1): 26-30, 2019 [[open access](#)]

Setting the bar higher [re Neuhaus & Parent, 'Gene doping in animals']
Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics, 28 (1): 40-45, 2019

Animal agency, captivity, and meaning
Harvard Review of Philosophy, 25: 127-146, 2018

Etudes animales : une perspective transatlantique
Tracés, 15: 187-98, 2015

La mort : un mal non nécessaire, surtout pour les animaux heureux !
Revue semestrielle de droit animalier, 2014/2: 247-76, 2014

Chapters

Statut moral et vulnérabilité animale (forthcoming)
Animalité et vulnérabilité. S. Bouchard, E. Utria. Presses Universitaires de Rouen et du Havre

The meaning of animal labour
Animal Labour: A New Frontier of Interspecies Justice? C. Blattner, K. Coulter, W. Kymlicka, 160-180.
Oxford University Press. 2020

The replaceability argument in the ethics of animal husbandry
Encyclopedia of Food and Agricultural Ethics (2nd ed). P. B. Thompson, D. M. Kaplan. Springer. 2016.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-024-1179-9_512

Against moral intrinsicism,
Animal Ethics and Philosophy: Questioning the Orthodoxy. E. Aaltola, J. Hadley, 31-35. Rowman & Littlefield. 2015

Handicap et animaux
Tous vulnérables? Le care, les animaux et l'environnement. S. Laugier, 99-121. Payot-Rivages. 2012

Conference proceedings

L'éthique animale en contexte
L'Animal (Recherches sur la philosophie et le langage, no. 32). M. Jouan, J-Y Goff. eds. Vrin. 2016

La sensibilité en éthique animale, entre faits et valeurs
Sensibilité animale : Perspectives juridiques. R. Bismuth & F. Marchadier, eds., 51-67. CNRS. 2015

Popular audience

Scarlet letters: Meat, Normality, and the Power of Shame
Books & Ideas, 2019 [\[html\]](#)

Les cartographies de l'éthique animale
S'engager pour les animaux. F. Carrié & C. Traïni, eds., pp.59-72. La vie des idées/PUF. 2019

Une théorie morale peut-elle être cognitivement trop exigeante ?
Implications Philosophiques. Special issue on empirical ethics), F. Cova & F. Jaquet, eds. 2015 [\[html\]](#)

Scientific report

Animal Consciousness [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, Servièrre J, Terlouw C]. *EFSA* 14(4): EN-1196. 2017. <https://doi.org/10.2903/sp.efsa.2017.EN-1196>

Edited works

Implications Philosophiques, special issue on ethics (with Thibaud Zuppinger). 2013 [[html](#)]

Clément Rosset, *Faits divers*, editor and introduction (with Santiago Espinosa). 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

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Refereed (* indicates virtual meeting)

*Procreative asymmetry and replaceable animals, International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying conference, July 2021

*Letting animals off the hook, Normative animals conference, June 2021

*Drawing the lines of moral status, Joint Session, Aristotelian Society & Mind Association, July 2021

*Powers, participation, and enhancement, Sports, Animals, and Ethics conference, May 2021

*Drawing the lines of moral status, Eastern APA, January 9, 2021

Does suffering really matter?, Florida Philosophical Association, Gainesville, November 1-2, 2019

Friendship for urban captives? Animal capabilities in the city, HDCA 2019, London, Sept 9-11, 2019

Meaningful lives and complicity in collective harms, 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, 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 (* indicates virtual meeting)

*Comments on M. Piety, Whose boredom? Whose immortality? International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying conference, July 2021

*Comments on S. Hormio, Responsibility for social norms, Small acts, big harms workshop, June 2021

*Henry West Lecture: Letting animal agents off the hook. Macalester College, April 15, 2021

*Comments at symposium on K. Johannsen, *Wild Animal Ethics*, Queen's University, April 9, 2021

Viande et normes sociales: Coutumes et technologie, Journées d'études Agriculture Cellulaire, Paris [via Skype], October 4, 2019

Comments on D. Killoren, Relationship-sensitive utilitarianism about animals, Utilitarian Approaches in Animal Ethics, Oxford University, Sept 9-11, 2019

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, 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

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

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

The Animal Turn podcast (S3E2): 'Pervasive Captivity' [\[link\]](#)

New College News, April 20, 2020 [\[link\]](#)

Sarasota Magazine, November 21, 2019 [\[link\]](#)

Cultures Monde, France Culture, April 26, 2016 [on animal rights] [\[link\]](#)

Plantriotic podcast, ep. 76, March 14, 2016 [on moral status and animal studies] [\[link\]](#)

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

The Gothamist, April 9, 2015 [on NYC carriage horses] [\[link\]](#)

Pixel, France Culture, January 3, 2014 [on animals in circuses] [\[link\]](#)

Series on Clément Rosset, *Nouveaux Chemins de la Connaissance*, France Culture, January 2009 [\[link\]](#)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (sole instructor except for *)

New College of Florida

Since 2018

- Philosophy of Mind (Fall 2021)
- Philosophy proseminar (Fall 2021)
- SETSAIL: The Good Life (Fall 2020)
- Introduction to Environmental Studies (Fall 2020)
- *Climate change (Philosophy, Politics, Economics), with Mark Paul (Spring 2020)
- Animal Minds and Ethics (Spring 2020)
- Tutorial: Introduction to Political Philosophy (Spring 2020)
- First-Year Seminar: The Good Life (Fall 2019)
- Environmental Ethics (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, tutorial Fall 2020)
- Animal Minds (Fall 2018)
- Advanced Ethics Survey (Spring 2019, tutorial Fall 2020)
- Food, Animals, and the Environment (Spring 2019)

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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'	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intermediate French II (1202) (Fall 2009); Intermediate French I (1201) (Spring 2010) - Third Year Conversation (3131) (Fall 2009, 2 sections); (3132) (Spring 2010) 	

ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK

Ethics (Vogt), graduate seminar, Columbia University (Fall 2009) (credits)

Seminar in legal philosophy (Raz), Columbia University (Fall 2009) (audited)

Primatology (Cords) (upper-level undergraduate), Columbia University (Spring 2010) (credits)

Vagueness (Gaïfman), graduate seminar, Columbia University (Spring 2010) (audited)

Ecology, Genetics, Evolution, ENS, Paris (Fall 2010) (undergraduate, 3rd year) (audited)

Ecology (undergraduate, 3rd year), 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), NYU (Spring 2017) (audited)

Public Choice (Levmore), U of Chicago Law School (Spring 2018) (audited)

Jurisprudence (Leiter), U of Chicago Law School (Spring 2018) (audited)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Environmental Discovery Awards Internship Program, Cross-College Alliance, funding for a research assistant on book project in animal ethics (\$1,920)	May-July 2021
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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal referee

Agriculture and Human Values; American Philosophical Quarterly; Animal Sentience; Animal Studies Journal; Animals; Ateliers de l'éthique; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Droit et Philosophie; Ethical Perspectives; Ethical Theory & Moral Practice; Environmental Values; Food, Culture & Society; Implications Philosophiques; Journal of Agricultural & Environmental Ethics; Journal of the American Philosophical Association; Journal of Applied Philosophy; Journal of Ethics; Journal of Human Development and Capabilities; Journal of Human Rights; Journal of Social Philosophy; Journal of Value Inquiry; Klêsis; Otherness; Pacific Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophia; Philosophical Papers; Philosophical Psychology; Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophical Studies; Philosophia; Ratio; Res Philosophica; Revue française d'éthique appliquée; Revue philosophique de la France et de l'étranger; Revista Critica; Utilitas

Florida Philosophical Association, secretary/treasurer 2021 to present

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 since 2018
Institutional Review Board (IRB) member since 2020
Philosophy job search committee 2018-19

New York University, Animal Studies Initiative

undergraduate program adviser; events coordinator; outreach; advisory committee 2014-17

New York University, Department of Environmental Studies

search committee member for a faculty fellow position 2014-15

Judge at the National Ethics Bowl, Columbia University, New York Feb. 4, 2017

Early Career Ethicists Workshop, New York, Organizer 2015-16

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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
Florida Philosophical Association
International Society for Environmental Ethics
Animals and Society Institute
Association des Anciens Elèves de l'ENS