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### EDUCATION

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- May 2023 (expected)*    **Ph.D., Philosophy, Duke University**  
Kenan Institute for Ethics, Graduate Fellow (2021-2022)
- May 2023 (expected)*    **M.A., Bioethics and Science Policy, Duke University**
- 2017*    **J.D., Duke University School of Law**  
Article Editor, Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum (2015-2017)
- 2017*    **M.A., Philosophy, Duke University**
- 2012*    **B.A., Philosophy, Political Science, University of Florida**  
President, Undergraduate Philosophy Society (2010-2011)

*Areas of Specialization:* Medical Ethics; End-of-Life Ethics and Policy; Moral Psychology.

*Areas of Competence:* Health Law; Medical Humanities; Ethical Theory.

*Dissertation: **Dying Well and the Role of Palliative Care***

Committee: Gopal Sreenivasan (chair), Jennifer Hawkins, David Wong, Wayne Norman.

In this project I explore what it means to die well and how various interventions at the palliative care level can best support end-of-life patients. This includes looking at which factors are relevant in making the dying process go better for individuals nearing the end of life, as well as investigating the relationship between living well and dying well. I also examine the philosophy of palliative care and what role it plays in increasing patient well-being as well as supporting families through the grieving process.

### ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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1. "Why Standard Drug Treatments for the 'Death Rattle' Should Be Discontinued" *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, forthcoming.
2. "Review: The Lost Art of Dying: Reviving Forgotten Wisdom" *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, forthcoming.
3. "The Family as a Unit of Care in End-of-life Conversations" *AJOB Neuroscience*, 12 (4): 283-285 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1080/21507740.2021.1941400>

4. **“Review: Almost Over: Aging, Dying, Dead”** *Bioethics* 36 (1): 109-110 (2022).
5. **“Definitions of Death: Brain Death and What Matters in a Person”** *Journal of Law and the Biosciences* 3: 743-752 (2016). <http://jlb.oxfordjournals.org/content/3/3/743.full>

## **ARTICLES FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

1. **“The Death of Advance Care Planning is Greatly Exaggerated”** *Hastings Bioethics Forum*, January 2022. <https://www.thehastingscenter.org/the-death-of-advance-care-planning-is-greatly-exaggerated/>
2. **“To Live Well, Read About Dying”** *Medium*, May 2021, <https://medium.com/dukeuniversity/to-live-well-read-about-dying-761f787fb6c1>

## **TEACHING**

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*As Instructor:*

**Introduction to Philosophy**: Spring 2022; Fall 2021.  
**Ethics of Artificial Intelligence**: Summer 2019 (Duke TIP Program)

*As Teaching Assistant:*

Prisoner’s Dilemma and Distributive Justice (Alex Rosenberg, Michael Munger), Spring 2021  
History of Modern Philosophy (Katherine Brading), Fall 2020  
Neuroethics (Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, Scott Huetell), Spring 2020  
Medical Ethics (Jennifer Hawkins), Spring 2020  
Introduction to Philosophy (Alex Rosenberg), Fall 2019

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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**“Philosophy of Grief”**  
Palliative Care Grand Rounds, *Duke Hospital*, Nov. 2021

**“What a Theory of Dying Well Must Have”**  
*Hastings Center*, Oct. 2021

**“Unexamined Benefits of Expansive Legalization of Medical Assistance-In-Dying”** (with Sean Riley)  
*American Society for Bioethics and Humanities*, Oct. 2020.

## **EXPERIENCE**

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**Hastings Center**, Garrison, NY  
*Visiting Scholar*, May-Aug. 2021  
Assisted on the Hastings grant project “Dementia and the Ethics of Choosing When to Die.”

Provided research and writing support for a special issue of the Hastings Center Report which will publish the results of the project.

**Duke Health Justice Clinic, Durham, NC**

*Student Attorney*, August 2016-December 2016

Conducted legal defense for low-income HIV and cancer patients, including drafting advance directives, and social security/disability applications.

**Consilio Inc., Durham, NC**

*Legal Consultant*, December 2017-July 2018

Provided legal analysis for pharmaceutical, housing, and health privacy litigation in civil and administrative courts. Assisted in preparation of discovery documents in advance of trials.

**City of Chicago, Division of Legal Information, Investigations and Prosecutions, Chicago IL**

*Legal Intern*, July - August 2015

Researched recent additions to the Freedom of Information Act and the impact on city department obligations. Assisted with representation of city employees in depositions. Attended depositions, court hearings, and pretrial conferences.

**Hillel Community Day School, North Miami Beach, Florida**

*Teacher*, August 2012 - June 2014

Taught 11<sup>th</sup> grade math, reading, and college preparatory courses; created lesson plans, and worked with administration to develop school-wide college readiness curriculum.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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Conversational in Spanish. I enjoy arthouse films, go to every Vietnamese restaurant I can, and am halfway through a life goal of visiting every U.S. National Park.