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EDUCATION

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

Areas of Specialization: Medical Ethics; Moral Psychology; Health Law

Areas of Competence: Medical Humanities; Ethical Theory

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

Committee: Gopal Sreenivasan (chair), Jennifer Hawkins, Owen Flanagan, 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

7. **"The Content of Laws on Declaration of Death by Neurologic Criteria"** (with Nita Farahany and Samuel Thumma) in *Death Determination by Neurologic Criteria: Areas of Controversy and Consensus* (accepted)
6. **"The Unexamined Benefits of the Expansive Legalization of Medical Assistance-in-Dying"** (with Sean Riley) *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* (accepted)
5. **"Why Standard Drug Treatments for the 'Death Rattle' Should Be Discontinued"** *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 25 (2): 180 (2022)

4. **“Review: The Lost Art of Dying: Reviving Forgotten Wisdom”** *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 25 (2): 337 (2022)
3. **“Review: Almost Over: Aging, Dying, Dead”** *Bioethics* 36 (1): 109-110 (2022).
2. **“The Family as a Unit of Care in End-of-Life Conversations”** *AJOB Neuroscience*, 12 (4): 283-285 (2021)
1. **“Definitions of Death: Brain Death and What Matters in a Person”** *Journal of Law and the Biosciences* 3: 743-752 (2016)

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

As Instructor:

- Philosophy of Death and Dying**: Summer 2022
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

- “The Death Rattle and the Role of Palliative Care”** *World Congress of Bioethics*, July 2022
“Dying Well and the Role of Palliative Medicine” *Kenan Institute for Ethics*, Dec. 2021
“Philosophy of Grief” *Duke Hospital*, Palliative Care Grand Rounds, 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

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

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

Consilio Inc., Durham, NC

Legal Consultant, November 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 11th grade math, reading, and college preparatory courses; created lesson plans, and worked with administration to develop school-wide college readiness curriculum.