

**Zak A. Kopeikin**  
**Curriculum Vitae**  
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**Areas of Specialization**

Ethics, Metaethics/Value Theory, Bioethics

**Areas of Competence**

Applied Ethics, Environmental Philosophy, Philosophy of Science

**Education**

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder.	05/2020
Certificate in College Teaching, University of Colorado Boulder.	05/2020
M.A., Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder.	12/2015
B.A. with High Honors, Philosophy, University of California Santa Barbara.	06/2013
A.A. with Honors, Arts and Humanities, Santa Barbara City College.	05/2010

**Doctoral Thesis**

Title: *Values, Parts and Wholes*  
Supervisor: Professor Graham J. Oddie

**Peer-Reviewed Publications**

“Violent Deaths, Vicious Preferences, and Bare-Differences: A Reply to Hill”  
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming) (3000 words)  
“Bare-Difference Methodology and A Problematic Separability Principle”  
*The Journal of Value Inquiry* 54: 553-570, 2020 (7765 words)  
“A Separability Principle, Contrast Cases, and Contributory Dispositions”  
*Southwest Philosophy Review* 36(1): 35-44, 2020 (3000 words)

**Very Short Peer-Reviewed Publications**

“Predictive Brain Implants: Advance Directives with a Mechanical Twist”  
*American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience* 6(4): 44-46, 2015 (1500 words)  
“Good Arguments, Wrong Target: Equivalence and the Compatibilist View”  
*American Journal of Bioethics* 15(10): 51-53, 2015 (1500 words)  
“Off on the Wrong Foot: Sentience and the Capacity for Painful or Pleasurable Experiences as Distinct Concepts” *American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience* 6(2): 46-48, 2015 (1500 words)  
“Problems of Specificity: An Indirect Argument for Chwang’s Position”  
*American Journal of Bioethics* 14(12): 19-20, 2014 (1500 words)

**Papers Under Review and Works in Progress**

[Paper on value invariabilism] (R&R at *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*) (~8000 words)  
[Paper on bare-difference methodology and the scientific analogy] (R&R at *Ratio*) (~5, 500 words)

[Paper on the concept of intrinsic value] (R&R at *Analytic Philosophy*) (~7000 words)  
[Paper on different accounts of final value] (under review) (9,503 words)  
“Lincoln’s Pen and Diana’s Dress: A Confusion in Ontology” (in progress)  
“Evaluative Perception and the Small Improvements Argument” (in progress)  
“Epistemology in a COVID-19 World” (in progress, co-author with Alexandra Lloyd)

## Awards

Department Dissertation Fellowship Fall 2019  
Provides one semester of funding for research.

Graduate School International Travel Grant Summer 2019  
For a research trip to Stockholm, Sweden. Over three weeks, one of my papers (“What is this Thing Called Final Value?”) was the focus of the Practical Philosophy Seminar (for graduate students) at Stockholm University and another (“Value Invariabilism and Two Distinctions in Value”) was presented at the Stockholm Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. I also worked and participated at the Institute for Futures Studies.

Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award AY 2018-2019  
One of up to ten prestigious, university-wide teaching awards, awarded annually by the Graduate School, based on faculty and student evaluations, teaching statement, and classroom observations.

Jentzsch Prize Spring 2018  
Highly competitive prize awarded by the philosophy department for the best graduate student paper of the year. It is awarded to one graduate student per year, and comes with a monetary award and an invitation to present as part of the department’s Colloquium series.

Summer Philosophy Research Assistantship Grant Summer 2016  
Awarded annually by the Department of Philosophy to assist a faculty member with research. Researched value theory with Dr. Graham Oddie.

Claudia Mills Teaching Assistant Award Spring 2016  
Awarded annually by the Department of Philosophy for the best teaching assistant.

## Presentations

“Bare-Difference Methodology and the Scientific Analogy”  
Central APA 2021, Colloquium: 02/2021 (forthcoming, online)

“Epistemology for a COVID-19 World” (co-authored with Alexandra Lloyd)  
West Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference: 09/2020 (online)

“Character and Ability: A Reply to Hill” (published in *AJP* under a different title)  
Eastern APA 2021, Colloquium: 01/2021 (forthcoming, online)  
New Mexico–Texas Philosophy Conference. (Conference Cancelled due to COVID-19)

“Value Invariabilism and Two Distinctions in Value”  
Central APA 2020, Symposium: 02/2020  
Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference: 10/2019  
Stockholm Graduate Student Conference, Stockholm University: 05/2019  
Center for Value and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder: 04/2019 (invited)  
Graduate Work-In-Progress Talk, University of Colorado Boulder: 11/2018 (invited)

“Contrast Cases and Intrinsic Value” (published in *Southwest Philosophy Review* under a different title)  
Southwestern Philosophical Society 2019: 11/2019

- Alabama Philosophical Society 2019: 09/19
- “Lincoln’s Pen and Diana’s Dress: A Confusion in Ontology”  
 Stockholm University Practical Philosophy Seminar: 12/2019 (invited)  
 Graduate Work-In-Progress Talk, University of Colorado Boulder: 08/2018 (invited)
- “What is this Thing Called Final Value?”  
 Stockholm University Practical Philosophy Seminar: 05/2019 (invited)
- “The Moral Epistemology of Bare-Difference Methodology” (published in *The Journal of Value Inquiry* under a different title)  
 Jentzsch Prize Colloquium, University of Colorado Boulder: 11/2019  
 Eastern APA 2019, Colloquium: 01/2019
- “An Expected Value Solution to the Epistemic Problem for Variabilistic Value Holism”  
 Mountain-Plains Philosophy Society Conference: 10/2018  
 Alabama Philosophical Society: 09/2018
- “Unconditional and Intrinsic Value”  
 Central APA 2018, Colloquium: 02/2018  
 Graduate Work-In-Progress Talk, University of Colorado Boulder: 11/ 2017 (invited)
- “Irreversibility and Medical Decision-Making”  
 West Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference: 02/2015
- “Advance Directive and Uncertain Competency”  
 SoCal Philosophy Conference, San Diego State University: 10/2014  
 Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, West Washington University: 05/2014  
 South Eastern Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Florida: 02/2014

*Comments:*

- “Commentator-At-Large” for *Incommensurability: Vagueness, Parity and Other Non-Conventional Comparative Relations* Workshop at the Institute for Futures Studies in Stockholm: 12/2019
- Levi Tenen, “An Account of Extrinsic Final Value”  
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME): 08/2019
- Paul Tubig, “The Case for Reducing Police Brutality by Means of Neurointervention”  
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME): 08/2018
- Gwen Bradford, “Uniqueness and Intrinsic Value”  
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME): 08/2017
- Jason Raibley, “Disability, Well-Being, and the Interpretation of Social Indicators”  
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME): 08/2016

**Service**

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| Co-head Coach (with Megan Kitts), College Ethics Bowl Team                     | 2020-2021   |
| Co-designer (with Dawn Jacob) and Lead Instructor, Ethics Bowl Bootcamp        | Summer 2020 |
| Co-designer and Co-leader (with Julia Staffel), Online Teaching Workshop       | Summer 2020 |
| Co-Organizer (with Graham Oddie), 5 <sup>th</sup> Formal Value Theory Workshop | 2019-2020   |
| Departmental Colloquium Committee (Graduate Student Representative)            | Spring 2020 |
| Visiting Presenter for Regional High School Ethics Bowl                        | 2017-2020   |
| Chair of Bioethics and Disability Colloquium at Central APA                    | Spring 2019 |

Judge for Regional High School Ethics Bowl	2018-2019
Graduate Student Co-President	2018-2019
Departmental Colloquium Committee	2018-2019
Co-Organizer and Fundraiser for the Departmental Grad Student Conference	2017-2018
Head Coach for University of Colorado Ethics Bowl Team	2016-2018
Coach for University of Colorado Ethics Bowl Team	2015
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	2014-2015
Rocky Mountain Philosophy (Graduate Student) Conference, Referee	2013-present
POPCO (Philosophy Outreach Program of Colorado)	2013-present

## Teaching

University of Colorado at Boulder, Graduate Part-Time Instructor	
Contemporary Social Problems (Pandemic ethics), remote	Fall 2020
Ethical Theory (upper-division), remote (two sections)	Fall 2020
Ethical Theory (upper-division), remote	Summer 2020
Contemporary Social Problems (Emerging Technology and Collective Action)	Spring 2020
Philosophy and the Sciences	Summer 2019
Introduction to Bioethics	Spring 2019
Introduction to Critical Thinking	Fall 2018
Introduction to Philosophy	Summer 2018
Introduction to Ethics	Spring 2018
Contemporary Social Problems (formerly Philosophy and Society)	Fall 2017
Thinking about Current Social and Political Problems through the Lens of Short Stories in World Literature (co-taught with Prof. Luc Bovens)	Summer 2017
Philosophy and Society	Spring 2017
University of Colorado at Boulder, Teaching Assistant	
Introduction to Ethics	Fall 2016
History of Philosophy, Ancient	Summer 2016
Environmental Ethics	Spring 2016
Bioethics	Fall 2015
Philosophy and Society	Fall 2014

## References

*Graham J. Oddie (dissertation advisor)*  
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