

Sophie Gibert

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Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Philosophy of Action, Bioethics

Areas of Competence

Ethics of Technology, Political Philosophy

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy – Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2018-2024 (expected)

Committee: Kieran Setiya (chair), Tamar Schapiro, Sally Haslanger

B.A. in Philosophy and in Biology & Society with Honors – Wellesley College, 2016-2018

Summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa Junior year election

Thesis: “The Nudge Factor: Paternalism and Health Behavior Change”

Employment

Ethics Pedagogy Fellow, Edmond & Lily Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard, 2022-present

Graduate Student Scholar, Social and Ethical Responsibilities of Computing (SERC), MIT Schwarzman College of Computing, 2022-2023

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Embedded EthiCS @ Harvard, 2021-2022

Co-Director, Experiential Ethics Program, MIT, 2021-2022

Assistant Director, Experiential Ethics Program, MIT, 2020-2021

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Experiential Ethics Program, MIT, Summer 2020

Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Bioethics, National Institutes of Health, 2016-2018

Publications

Gibert S. “The Wrong of Wrongful Manipulation,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, forthcoming.

Pierson L, Gibert S (co first authors), Berkman B, Danis M, and Millum J, “Allocation of Scarce Biospecimens for Use in Research,” *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 2021.

Gibert S., Degrazia D, Danis M, “The Ethics of Patient Activation: Exploring its Relation to Personal Responsibility, Autonomy, and Health Disparities,” *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 2017.

Gibert S. “Closed-Loop Deep Brain Stimulation and its Compatibility with Autonomous Agency,” Open Peer Commentary, *American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience*, 2017.

Talks and Presentations (*=refereed)

- * “The Reductive View of Manipulation and Why Relationships Matter,” Paper Presentation at the American Society of Bioethics and the Humanities Annual Meeting (ASBH) – Portland, OR, October 2022
- “A Right to be Wronged,” MIT Departmental Work in Progress Series – Cambridge, MA, October 2022
- * “Should I Skip the Line? A Decision Framework for Individuals Seeking COVID-19 Vaccination and Other Scarce Health Resources,” with Leah Pierson, Paper Presentation at ASBH – Virtual, October 2021
- “Manipulation as a Non-Basic Wrong,” MIT Departmental Work in Progress Series – Cambridge, MA, May 2021
- * “Why Existing Accounts of Manipulation Can’t Settle Debates About Nudging,” Paper Presentation at the Nudging and Moral Responsibility Workshop – Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, April 2018
- * “Who Should Apologize for Medical Errors that Cause Harm?” Paper Presentation at ASBH – Anaheim, CA, October 2018
- * “The Ethics of Patient Activation: Understanding its Relation to Personal Responsibility,” Paper Presentation at ASBH – Kansas City, MO, October 2017

Fellowships and Awards

Amplify Creative Grant Recipient, Bio(un)ethical Podcast, co-hosted with Leah Pierson, 2023-present
Early Career Women in Philosophy Visiting Program, Australian National University, August 2023
Edna V. Moffett Fellowship, award of \$13,000 toward a first year of graduate study, 2018-2019

Teaching Assistantships

Philosophy of Religion, for Jack Spencer, MIT, Spring 2022
Ethics of Technology, for Kevin Mills, MIT, Fall 2021
Minds and Machines, for EJ Green, MIT, Spring 2021
Justice, for Bernardo Zacka, MIT, Fall 2020
Problems of Philosophy, for Miriam Schoenfield, MIT, Fall 2019 (two sections)

Guest Lectures

“The Learning Healthcare System,” in Ethics of Technology, MIT, Fall 2021
“The Extended Mind,” in Minds and Machines, MIT, 2021
“The Non-Identity Problem,” in Problems of Philosophy, Fall 2019
“Introduction to Medical Ethics: Issues at the End of Life,” with David Miller, in NIH Chaplaincy Internship Program, July 2017

Lectures in Embedded EthiCS

- “Differential Privacy in Context,” in Applied Privacy for Data Science, Harvard, Spring 2022
- “Justice in Design,” in Design of Useful and Usable Interactive Systems, Harvard, Spring 2022
- “Ethical Tradeoffs in Operating Systems Design: A Look at Cost-Benefit Analysis,” in Operating Systems, Harvard, Spring 2022
- “Algorithmic (Un)fairness,” in Data Science 1: Introduction to Data Science, Harvard, Fall 2021
- “Data Privacy,” in Data Systems, Harvard, Fall 2021
- “The Ethics of Hacking Back,” in Systems Security, Harvard, Fall 2021

Course Development

- Character Development, with Christopher Robichaud, Harvard, 2022-2023
- Experiential Ethics, with Milo Phillips-Brown, Marion Boulicault, and Eliza Wells, MIT, 2020-2022

Pedagogical Training

- Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, MIT, 2021

Other Teaching Roles

- Coach, Winsor High School Ethics Bowl Team, 2019-2020
- Tutor in Logic, Wellesley Pforzheimer Learning and Teaching Center, 2014-2016
- Tutor in Philosophy Writing, Wellesley Pforzheimer Learning and Teaching Center, 2015-2016

Clinical Experience

- Served as Fellow on Call for the NIH Clinical Center Ethics Consultation Service, 2017-2018
- Shadowed the NIH Clinical Center Ethics Consultation Service, 2016-2017
- Shadowed NIH Clinical Rounds: Psychiatric Consultation Service, 2016-2018
- Shadowed NIH IRB meetings: CNS Blue, 2016

Professional Service

- Referee for *Bioethics*
- Co-Organizer of MITing of the Minds Alumni Conference, MIT, January 2022
- Colloquium Committee Member, MIT, Fall 2020-Spring 2021
- Graduate Representative to the Committee on Department Life, MIT, Fall 2019-Spring 2020
- Co-Organizer, Reading Group on Action Theory and Ethics, MIT, Fall 2022-present
- Co-Organizer, SHAPE (Social, Historical, Aesthetic, Political, and Ethical Theory) Reading Group, MIT, Spring 2019
- Co-Organizer of WOGAP (Workshop on Gender and Philosophy), MIT, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Graduate Coursework (*=audit)

Normative Ethics and Metaethics

*Consent, P. Quinn White, Harvard, Spring 2023

*Topics in Moral Philosophy: Animals, Kieran Setiya and Tamar Schapiro, MIT, Fall 2022

*The Philosophy of Bernard Williams, Richard Moran, Harvard, Fall 2022

Normative Categories, Selim Berker, Harvard, Spring 2020

Modern Moral Philosophy and the History of Ethics, Kieran Setiya and James Doyle, MIT/Harvard,
Fall 2019

Moral Philosophy: Reasons for Action, Kieran Setiya, MIT, Spring 2019

Rationalism and Sentimentalism in British Philosophy, Tamar Schapiro, MIT, Spring 2019

Punishment and Imprisonment, Tommie Shelby, Harvard, Fall 2018

Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Language

*Anscombe's Intention, James Doyle, Harvard, Fall 2020

Topics in the Philosophy of Agency, Tamar Schapiro, MIT, Spring 2020

*Indeterminacy, Justin Khoo and Jack Spencer, MIT, Spring 2020

Independent Study on Personal Identity, Caspar Hare, MIT, Fall 2019

Proseminar II: Contemporary Analytic Philosophy, Caspar Hare and Brad Skow, MIT, Spring 2019

Problems in Metaphysics, Brad Skow and Jack Spencer, MIT, Fall 2018

Proseminar I: Early Analytic Philosophy, Alex Byrne and Roger White, MIT, Fall 2018

Other Courses

*Dissertation Seminar, Sam Berstler, MIT, Fall 2022

Dissertation Seminar, Alex Byrne, MIT, Fall 2020-Spring 2021