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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Ethics of Technology, Bioethics

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Social & Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2021 -    Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Santa Clara University, Philosophy Department

2020 - 21    Postdoctoral Fellow in Embedded EthiCS
Harvard University, Philosophy Department

## EDUCATION

Ph.D.    Philosophy, Boston University

B.A.    Philosophy, University of Wisconsin – Madison

## CERTIFICATES

2018    Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics, Sherwin B. Nuland Bioethics Summer Institute

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

2025    Nelson, L., & Kennedy, S. "The Impossibility of Fetal Personhood" *UC Davis L. Rev. Online* (59), 105-115.

2025    Sloane, M., Moss, E., Kennedy, S., Stewart, M., Plancher, B., Warden, P. & Janapa Reddi, V. "Materiality and Risk in the Age of Pervasive AI Sensors." *Nature Machine Intelligence* (7), 334-345. https://doi.org/10.1038/s42256-025-01017-7

2024    Kennedy, S. "Algorithmic Recommender Systems: Mitigating Information Overload and Preserving Spontaneous Freedom." *American Philosophical Quarterly* 61 (4), 327-338. https://doi.org/10.5406/21521123.61.4.03

2024          Kennedy, S. "Ectogenesis and the Value of Gestational Ties." *Bioethics* 38(7), 643-649. https://doi.org/10.1111/bioe.13260

2023          Nguyen, C. T., Magnani, M., & Kennedy, S. "Twitter Gamifies the Conversation." *MIT Case Studies in Social and Ethical Responsibilities of Computing* https://doi.org/10.21428/2c646de5.d901bfd9

2022          Janapa Reddi, V., Plancher, B., Kennedy, S., Moroney, L., Warden, P., Suzuki, L., Agarwal, A., Banbury, C., Banzi, M., Bennett, M., Brown, B., Chitlangia, S., Ghosal, R., Grafman, S., Jaeger, R., Krishnan, S., Lam, M., Leiker, D., Mann, C., … Tingley, D. "Widening Access to Applied Machine Learning With TinyML." *Harvard Data Science Review*, *4*(1). https://doi.org/10.1162/99608f92.762d171a

2020          Kennedy, S. "Willing Mothers: Ectogenesis and the Role of Gestational Motherhood." *Journal of Medical Ethics,* 46:320-327. https://doi.org/10.1136/medethics-2019-105847

## Book Chapters

*Forthcoming*          Kennedy, S., & Ramirez, E. "Don't Play *That* Game: Can Simulations Inculcate Vice?" in *Virtue Theory and Video Game*s, edited by Nicholas Baima and Sara Malanowski, Routledge.

*Forthcoming*          Kennedy, S., & Nelson, L. "Ectogestation, Reproductive Rights in the United States, and the Post-*Dobbs* Legal Landscape" in *Ectogestation and the Future of Reproductive Rights: Technology, Justice and Abortion*, edited by Christopher Stratman and Joona Räsänen.

*Forthcoming*          Kennedy, S. "Re-Mapping the Feminist Debate: Ectogestation and the Ethics of Abortion" in *Feminist Ethics: An Introduction to Fundamental Concepts and Current Issues*, edited by Celia Edell and Charlotte Sabourin, Routledge.

2026          Kennedy, S., & Ramirez, E. "Artificial Intelligence, Suicide and Social Media." In *Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of Suicide*, edited by Michael Cholbi and Paolo Stellino.

2024          Kennedy, S. "Feminist Critiques of the Original Position" in *The Art of Teaching Philosophy: Reflective Values and Concrete Practices*, edited by Brynn Welch. Bloomsbury Academic Publishing, 273-279.

## Peer Commentaries

2024        Kennedy, S. "Pregnancy Loss in the Context of AAPT: Speculation Over Substance?" *Journal of Medical Ethics*. 50(3), 314-15. https://doi.org/10.1136/jme-2023-109776

2023        Kennedy, S., & Nelson, L. "A Different Take on the Law and Ethics of AWT." *The American   Journal of Bioethics*, *23*(5), 92-94. https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2023.2191044


## Public Philosophy

2024        Kennedy, S. "Servant or Lover? Gender Stereotypes and AI in the Film 'Her'." *Santa Clara University's Center for Arts and Humanities*, 'Problems with Love' Blog Series.

2023        Kennedy, S. "A Moral Panic: ChatGPT and the Gamification of Education." *Markkula Center for Applied Ethics*, Ethics Spotlight series on Generative AI Ethics.


## WORKS IN PROGRESS

"The Dying Donor Rule: A New Ethical Standard for Donation After Circulatory Death" (Complete Draft)

*The Unbound Self: Technology and What It Means to Be Us* with Erick Ramirez, under contract with Routledge (Research & Planning)


## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2026        "Generative AI and the Fragile Frameworks of Authorship and Intellectual Property"
            Keynote Address, Kwan Laurel Lecture in the Humanities, Global Research Alliance of Jesuit Universities, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines, March 9-12

2025        "The Impossibility of Fetal Personhood" with Lawrence Nelson – Panelist
            The Past, Present, and Future of Fetal Personhood: An Online Symposium in Response to Personhood by Mary Ziegler, UC Davis Law Review Online, October 5

2025        "The Digital Future: AI and Humanity" – Panelist
            Digital Dignity Day, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University, May 2

2025       "Artificial Wombs, Reproductive Rights, and the Post-*Dobbs* Legal Landscape"
               Vanderbilt Bioethics Conference, Center for Biomedical Ethics & Society
               and the Philosophy Department, Nashville, March 28

2024       "AI and the Environment: Business Implications" – Panelist
               AI and the Environment: Sustaining the Common Good, Markkula
               Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University, November 1

2024       "The Future of AI: What Dreams (or Nightmares) Will Come, and Where Does
That Leave the Law?" – Panelist
               Artificial Intelligence and Robotics National Institute, American Bar
               Association, Santa Clara University School of Law, October 14-15

2024       "AI in Diverse Industries" – Panelist
               AI Summit, AI Collaborate, Santa Clara University, October 9

2024       "Designing a Responsible AI Minor: Challenges and Solutions"  Administrative
Lightning Talks & Panel
               Summer Training Program on Responsible Computing Education,
               Northeastern University, Boston, July 21-29

2023       "Bias in Computer Vision"
               Edge AI and Vision Innovation Forum, Edge AI + Vision Alliance, Santa
               Clara, December 5

2023       "Conscientiously Considering Consciousness and Sentience When It Comes to
AI" – Panelist
               Artificial Intelligence and Robotics National Institute, American Bar
               Association, Santa Clara University School of Law, October 9-10

2023       "Can a Trademark Professional Use ChatGPT Legally and Ethically?" – Panelist
               International Trademark Association Annual Meeting, Virtual, June
               27-29

2023       "Bias in Computer Vision – It's Bigger Than Facial Recognition"
               Embedded Vision Summit, Edge AI + Vision Alliance, Santa Clara
               Convention Center, May 21-23

2022       "Looking Beyond Regulations: Why Ethics Matters for Machine Learning"
               Ethical and Societal Challenges of Machine Learning Workshop,
               International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Trieste, Italy,
               November 7-11

2022       "Privacy: A Surmountable Challenge for Computer Vision"

Edge AI and Vision Industry and Technology Forum, Computer History Museum, Mountain View, CA

2022    "Artificial Wombs"
Presentation Series hosted by the Center for Law, Ethics and Society (CELS) at Sonoma State University

2022    "Human in the Loop" – Panelist
The Character of AI Conference, Summer Institute for Technology Ethics at Santa Clara University

2022    "Privacy: A Surmountable Challenge for Computer Vision," &  "Ask the Ethicist: Your Questions about AI Privacy, Bias, and Ethics Answered"
Embedded Vision Summit, Edge AI + Vision Alliance, Santa Clara Convention Center, May 16-19

2021    "AI Bias, Fairness and Social Context"
Ethics in AI and ML series, International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA) and the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) – Trieste, Italy

2021-22    "Responsible AI"
1. SciTinyML: Scientific Use of Machine Learning on Low-Power Devices Workshop International Centre for Theoretical Physics – Trieste, Italy

2. African Regional Workshop on SciTinyML: Scientific Use of Machine Learning on Low-Power Devices, Online Event

3. Asian Regional Workshop on SciTinyML: Scientific Use of Machine Learning on Low-Power Devices,Online Event

2021    "Ethics of Digital Currencies" – Panelist
Markkula Center for Applied Ethics and the High Tech Law Institute, Santa Clara University

2021    "AI and Ethics Education" – Panelist
The Culture of Trustworthy AI: Public Debate, Education and Practical Learning, AI4EU Workshop, Island of San Servolo Venice, Italy

2021    "Ethics of the Attention Economy" with Meica Magnani
Summer Program at Northeastern University

2021    "Responsible AI"
CRESTLEX (Creating Effective STEM Learning Experiences) Virtual Workshop, Navajo Technical University, Harvard, Google and Edge

Impulse

2020    "Ethics of AI in Medicine"
        AI in Medicine Series, Ludwig Maximillian University of Munich

2020    "Artificial Wombs and the Value of Motherhood"
        Students Uniting Spirituality and Health, Harvard Divinity School

2020    "Ethics and Philosophy in Computer Science" with Meica Magnani
        Centre for Research Training in Digitally-Enhanced Reality (D-REAL),
        Science Foundation Ireland

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026    "The Robot Design Proposal: From Theory to Practice"
        Eastern APA-AAPT Teaching Hub – Beyond the Paper: Alternative
        Assignment Design for Interdisciplinary Majors, Baltimore, January 6-10

2024    "The Dying Donor Rule: A New Ethical Standard for Donation After
        Circulatory Death"
        NYU Philosophical Bioethics Workshop, NYU Center for Bioethics, May
        3-4

2024    "Uterine Transplants and the Shifting Paradigm of the 'Male Standard' in
        Jurisprudence" with Keith Dinh
        Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Cincinnati, February
        22-24

2023    "Recommender Systems as a Threat to Spontaneous Freedom"
        Virtuous AI? Cultural Evolution, Artificial Intelligence and Virtue, The
        Center for Theology and Natural Sciences, John Templeton Foundation,
        July 11-13, Virtual

2023    "Pregnancy: A Choice or a Moral Mandate?"
        Mentoring Workshop for Early Career Women in Philosophy, Marc
        Sanders Foundation, University of Missouri, June 11-13

2023    "A Feminist Approach to the Original Position"
        Pacific APA – New Resources in Teaching Philosophy, San Francisco,
        April 5-8

2023    "Lessons from Embedded EthiCS: Live Conversations and Case Studies for
        Engaging STEM Students" with Meica Magnani
        Eastern APA-AAPT Teaching Hub – Teaching Philosophy to STEM

Students, Montreal, Quebec, January 4-7

2022      "Voice Interfaces, Gender and Race: An Intersectional Analysis"
Gendering Robots (GenR 2022): Intersectional Feminist Perspectives on Gender in Social Robotics Workshop, 31st IEEE International Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN), Napoli, Italy

2021      "Dual Axis Approach to Anticipating Value Change"
Changing Values, Changing Technologies International Conference, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands

2021      "Mitigating Harmful AI: A Professional Licensing Scheme for Data Scientists"
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics

2020      "Ageism, Autonomy and Dementia: Person-Centered Care Reconsidered"
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Atlanta

2020      "Potential Uses and Limitations of In-class Simulations"
Central APA-AAPT Teaching Hub – Teaching Core Texts: The Social Contract and its Critics

2019      "From Procreation to Parenthood: Simply a Matter of Convention?"
1) Swedish Congress of Philosophy, Umeå University
2) Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Baltimore

2019      "Resurrecting the Child's Right to an Open Future"
Manchester Centre for Political Theory – Postgraduate Workshop

2018      "Re-Defining the Relationship Between Procreation and Parenthood"
International Conference on Applied Ethics, Kyoto University

2018      "Defining the Relationship Between Procreation and Parenthood in the Context of Assisted Reproductive Technologies"
Philosophy of Science Association – MAP Cognate Session, Seattle

2018      "Procreation and Parenthood: A Liberty Right to Parent One's Biological Child"
Yale Medical School Bioethics Poster Session

2018      "Re-Defining the Role of Women Qua Mothers"
Society for Women in Philosophy – Ireland, University College Dublin

**AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

| 2022 | *Hackworth Grant*, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University |
| 2022 | *Visiting Researcher and Early Career Scholarship*, Brocher Foundation, Switzerland |
| 2018-19 | *Graduate Writing Fellowship*, Boston University College of Arts and Sciences Writing Program |
| 2018 | *GRS Summer Research Fellowship*, Boston University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences |
| 2017-18 | *Dissertation Research Fellowship*, Boston University Department of Philosophy |
| 2013-18 | *Ph.D. Scholarship*, Boston University Department of Philosophy |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Instructor of Record at Santa Clara University, Philosophy Department

| 2026 | Ethics in Artificial Intelligence |
| | Science, Technology & Society x2 |
| | Knowledge and Reality |
| | Ethics in the Digital Age x2 |
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| 2025 | Ethics in Artificial Intelligence |
| | Science, Technology & Society |
| | Ethics in the Digital Age x2 |
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| 2024 | Ethics in the Digital Age x2 |
| | Ethics in Artificial Intelligence |
| | Science, Technology and Society |
| | Ethics in Health Care |
| | Ethics in Public Health |
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| 2023 | Ethics in the Digital Age x4 |
| | Ethics in Artificial Intelligence |
| | Science, Technology and Society |
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| 2022 | Ethics in the Digital Age |
| | Ethics in Artificial Intelligence |
| | Ethics in Health Care x4 |
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| 2021 | Ethics in the Digital Age |

### Instructor for Interface Education Services

| 2021 | AI for Social Good, co-taught with Meica Magnani |

**Guest Lecturer for Embedded EthiCS at Harvard University**

2020  Module: "Democracy and the Digital Public Sphere" with Meica Magnani, Course: Introduction to Computer Science, David Malan

2020  Module: "Privacy in Context," Course: TinyML, Vijay Reddi

**Guest Lecturer for EdX at Harvard University**

2020  "Responsible AI: Design," Course: Fundamentals of TinyML, Vijay Reddi, Laurence Moroney

2020  "Responsible AI: Development," Course: Applications of TinyML, Vijay Reddi, Laurence Moroney, and Pete Warden

2020  "Responsible AI: Deployment," Course: Deploying TinyML, Vijay Reddi, Laurence Moroney, and Pete Warden

2021  "Responsible AI," Course: MLOps for Scaling TinyML, Vijay Reddi, Laurence Moroney, and Pete Warden

**Instructor of Record at Boston University, College of Arts and Sciences Writing Program**

2020  Bioethics

2019  Ethics of Information and Technology

2019  Political Philosophy: Justice

2018  Epistemology: Unveiling Knowledge

**Instructor of Record at Boston University, Philosophy Department**

2017  Great Philosophers

**Teaching Fellow at Boston University**

2018  Existentialism  (Walter Hopp)

2017  Medical Ethics   (Russell Powell)

2016  Introduction to Philosophy  (Monica Link)

2015  Medical Ethics  (Chong Choe-Smith)

2015  Introduction to Ethics  (Daniel Star)

2014  Reasoning & Argumentation  (Judson Webb)

**Invited Lectures**

2023  "Ethics of AI," Barnard College, Columbia University, Brian Plancher

2023  "Responsible AI for TinyML," Harvard University, Vijay Janapa Reddi

2022  "Willing Mothers: Ectogenesis and the Role of Gestational Motherhood," New York University Center for Bioethics, Daniel Fogal

2018  "Biomedicine and Normative Ethics: Ectogenesis Technology" Simmons

University, Joseph Gamache

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

**Referee:** *Philosophy & Technology, Journal of Applied Philosophy (x2), Bloomsbury Academic Publishing (x2), Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Feminist Philosophy Quarterly, Journal of Medical Ethics, Ethics and Information Technology, Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics, American Philosophical Quarterly (x3), Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy, American Journal of Bioethics (x2), Hypatia*

2022 -       Program Committee Member - International Association for Computing and Philosophy

2022        Assistant Organizer, IACAP Conference hosted at Santa Clara University