

ACADEMIC CV

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Areas of Specialty: Epistemology, Social Epistemology, Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence, Ethics of Technology

Areas of Competence: Ethics, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mind, Bioethics

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (current)

2024-ongoing

McGill University, Montreal, Quebec

- PhD in Philosophy
- Supervisors: Dr. Jocelyn Maclure and Dr. Ian Jeffrey Gold

Bachelor of Humanities (with High Distinction)

2020-2024

Carleton University, Ottawa, ON

- Double-major in Humanities and Philosophy
- Cumulative GPA over full degree (in both majors): 12.0/12.0
- Received the highest cumulative GPA at graduation across all faculties

SCHOLARSHIPS and AWARDS

Doctoral

- Philosophy, Technology, and Policy Lab Graduate Fellowship 2025-2026, \$2,500
- Richard H. Tomlinson Fellowship 2024-2027 (McGill University's most prestigious doctoral scholarship), \$105,000 total (but only entitled to \$52,500 due to the holding of CGRS-D).
- Canada Graduate Research Scholarship –Doctoral (CGRS-D) 2024-2028, \$120,000 total.
- McGill Entrance Award, \$173,500 total (but decreased to adjust to cap enforced by the holding of both CGRS-D and the Tomlinson Fellowship).
- Graduate Excellence Award in the Arts 2024-2025 (McGill University), \$2,960.
- Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award (GREAT), 2025

Undergraduate

- Chancellor's Medal 2024
 - The top university medal endowed by Carleton University awarded upon graduation for graduating with the highest CGPA across the whole university.
- Carleton Academic Government Scholarship for Academic Achievement 2024
 - Awarded to outstanding undergraduate academic performance based on grades.

- Peter J. Ricketts Outstanding Provost Scholar Award 2023
 - Only one awarded each year across the whole university to one outstanding Provost Scholar.
- Provost Scholar Award 2023
 - Awarded for outstanding achievement in undergraduate research, community engagement, leadership, and immersive learning.
 - Awarded to two students each year in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (eight awarded total to students across all faculties each year).
- Beverly Krugel Scholarship (received twice): 2022/2023, 2023/2024
 - The Beverly Krugel Scholarship is awarded annually, on the recommendation of the Director of the College of the Humanities, to the student with the highest cumulative grade point average (CGPA) in the Bachelor of Humanities program.
- Internship-Carleton University Research Experience for Undergraduate Students (I-CUREUS) 2023.
 - Title of project: *Reactions to Artificial General Intelligence as Revealed by Psycho-Physiological Reactivity: A Pilot Study Using Philosophy*
- Carleton University Research Opportunity (CUROP) 2022, valued at \$7,500.
 - Awarded to eight undergraduate students a year.
 - Title of project: *The Apotheosis of Strong Artificial Intelligence*
- Faculty Scholarship for 95% grade average and above (received four times): 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024. Total value at \$16,000.
- Dean's Honour List: 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024
- Global Undergraduate Awards Highly Commended Entry for the category of Philosophy 2023 (essay submission ranked within the top 5% of entries across the world, and ranked within the top five submissions across North America).

PUBLICATIONS (REFEREED)

- Nekrasova, Maryna. "The Nature of Divine Love Between the Teacher and the Disciple as Exhibited in Plato's *Symposium* and The Gospel According to John." *Corvus* 14 (2024): 14 pages.
- Nekrasova, Maryna. "Using Sacred Music to Ennoble the Soul: Exploring Ideological Continuities Between Plotinus' Philosophy of Music and Christian Theology Prior to and During the Renaissance." *Corvus* 13 (June 2023): 75-87.
- Nekrasova, Maryna. "Editor's Preface." *Ipsa Facto: The Carleton Journal of Interdisciplinary Humanities* 3 (June 2024).
- Nekrasova, Maryna. "Editor's Preface." *Ipsa Facto: The Carleton Journal of Interdisciplinary Humanities* 2 (August 2023).
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WORKSHOPS

- "An Alternative to Alvin Goldman's Causal and Reliabilist Theories of Knowledge," Philosophy Graduate Research Workshop (overseen by faculty), University of Montreal (March 2025).

CONFERENCES

- “An Alternative to Alvin Goldman’s Causal and Reliabilist Theories of Knowledge,” Canadian Philosophical Association June 1-4, 2025, Toronto.
- New York University, Summit on Artificial Intelligence and Non-Human Welfare and Consciousness, March 8-9, 2025.
 - Led two discussion groups on the values behind AI welfare decisions and the ethics of AI therapy chatbots.

PUBLIC TALKS

- **Upcoming:** “Philosophical Challenges of Fairness Frameworks in AI-Driven Mental Healthcare Tools,” Ethics and Technology Roundtable: AI and Machine Learning, McGill University, date TBD.
- **Upcoming:** “Research Methodology in Philosophy: AI Ethics as a Case Study,” Method to Methodology Workshop, McGill University Faculty of Law, November 28, 2025.
- **Upcoming:** “Artificial Intelligence and Futurist Narratives,” Ottawa Society for the Arts and Sciences, October 23, 2025. <https://osfas.ca/>
- Ethics and Bioengineering (Panel), Ethics Bowl Canada, Université de Montréal, June 2025.
- “The Influence of Cultural Factors on Ethical Considerations in Artificial Intelligence Development,” Tomlinson Talks, McGill University, April 8 2025.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

AI Ethicist/Research Assistant, The Center for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

Toronto, Ontario/Canada

2024-2025

- Involved in the Canadian Youth Mental Health Insight Platform project. This nation-wide project aims to create an online platform that youth across Canada can use to access information about mental health services available throughout the country.
- Researched data ethics as part of the Data Governance Framework Working Group and the Use Cases Working Group under the supervision of Dr. Eran Tal (Canada Research Chair in Data Ethics).
- Researched the ethics of machine learning, focusing on the operationalisation of health justice for machine learning tools.

Primary Researcher, Internship-Carleton University Research Experience for Undergraduate Students (I-CUREUS)

2023

Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario/Canada

- Paid research position.
- Project titled *Reactions to Artificial General Intelligence as Revealed by Psycho-Physiological Reactivity: A Pilot Study Using Philosophy*. Supervised by Dr. Andrew Brook (Chancellor’s Professor of Philosophy and Cognitive Science Emeritus) and in consultation with Dr. Joshua Redstone (Philosophy and Cognitive Science).

- Funded equally by Teaching and Learning Services and the faculty supervisor, the I-CUREUS program gives students access to valuable exposure to research techniques, connections with the supervising professor, and experience writing a research paper under faculty supervision.
- This study substantiated my philosophical theory about people's reactions to advanced artificial intelligence systems (developed in my CUROP research and detailed below) using a phenomenological and experimental approach. This involved using biofeedback technology, surveys, and qualitative interviews to measure participants' responses to relevant stimuli.

Primary Researcher, Carleton University Research Opportunity (CUROP) 2022-2023

Carleton University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Ottawa, Ontario/Canada

- Competitive full-time research opportunity, valued at \$7,500 (only eight research positions awarded across the entire university each year).
- Conducted 40 hours of research per week for 16 weeks, and then composed an academic article manuscript based on this research.
- Project titled *The Apotheosis of Strong Artificial Intelligence*. Supervised by Dr. Andrew Brook and in consultation with Dr. Joshua Redstone.
- This study provided a philosophical account of why we strive to create conscious, artificial superintelligent systems that exceed the capacities of human intellect and analysed our responses to the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence systems.

Research Assistant, Students as Partners Program 2021

Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario/Canada

- Worked alongside Dr. Kimberly Stratton (Humanities and Religion) to redesign the course RELI 4741: Issues in Religious Studies, a mandatory class for fourth-year Religion majors and Master's students. This was done during the summer after the first-year of my undergraduate studies.
- Met with the professor on a weekly basis, wrote quizzes, advised on the redesigning of the syllabus, researched and applied experiential learning methods, designed course layout on the Brightspace platform.
- I did this while completing a directed study (course code HUMS 4200) as if I were a student in the class, by producing a final paper on one of the assigned readings.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Graduate Coordinator, Directed Reading Program (Philosophy) 2025-Present

McGill University, Montreal, Quebec

- Co-organizing the Directed Reading Program with the Undergraduate Philosophy Student Association.
- The Directed Reading Program allows graduate students to supervise undergraduates pursuing independent research projects of their choice.
- Coordinates communication, pairs graduate students with undergraduates, and organizes the final research symposium while mentoring at least one student.

Interdisciplinary Speaker Series Coordinator, Postgraduate Philosophy Students Association of McGill University (PPSAMU) **2024-Present**

McGill University, Montreal, Quebec

- Organises an interdisciplinary speaker series within the Philosophy Department
- Selects and invites speakers, manages communications, advertising, room and restaurant bookings.

Founder and Editor-in-Chief, *Ipsa Facto: The Carleton Journal of Interdisciplinary Humanities*

Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario/Canada

2021-2024

- Successfully created and launched an undergraduate academic journal, which publishes in print and using the Open-Journal Systems platform through the Carleton (MacOdrum) Library and Google Scholar.
- Gained considerable experience from researching how to initiate and organize a journal, along with copyright law, ISSN, etc.
- Presented to the College of the Humanities faculty to gain approval for the establishment of the journal.
- Interviewed, selected, and managed editors, communication assistants, and media advertising; met with Carleton Librarians to manage journal publication; oversaw the printing process.
- Publication of the first volume: <https://ojs.library.carleton.ca/index.php/ipso/issue/view/219>
- Publication of the second volume: <https://ojs.library.carleton.ca/index.php/ipso/issue/view/251>
- Publication of the third volume: <https://ojs.library.carleton.ca/index.php/ipso/issue/view/266>
- This journal continues to run after my graduation.

Chair/Organiser, Humanities Annual Colloquium, Carleton University

2022-2024

Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario/Canada

Dates: March 25, 2023; March 23, 2024

Location: Paterson Hall 303, Carleton University 1125 Colonel By Dr., Ottawa, ON.

- Took on the initiative to revive the Humanities Annual Colloquium following its inactivity due to COVID since 2019.
- The Humanities Annual Colloquium provides students in the College of the Humanities with an opportunity to present their work to the public.
- Interviewed and selected members of the Colloquium committee, assigned tasks and deadlines to the committee, reported to the College Director and faculty supervisor, oversaw finances, fundraising, and budgeting, reviewed final student presentations before the event, and hosted the event twice.
- The program schedule for 2023 can be found [here](#) and the schedule for 2024 can be found [here](#).

Councillor and Representative of the Bachelor of Humanities Program, Carleton Academic Student Government (CASG) **2023-2024**

Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario/Canada

- Has been elected by students in the Humanities department to represent the Bachelor of Humanities program in the Carleton Academic Student Government.

- Voted on by-laws, mandates, finances put towards student activities, approved proposals for student initiatives, attended faculty and board meetings, acted as the mediator between faculty and students in the department and CASG.

Consultant for the Creation of a Graduate Academic Journal

2022

Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario/Canada

- Has been asked by Dr. James Wright (Faculty of Music and Humanities) to provide him with guidance on initiating and publishing an academic music journal for graduate students.
- Advised Dr. Wright on the comprehensive process of online academic publication, potential costs, copyright, and resource utilisation.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Social Coordinator, Postgraduate Philosophy Students Association of McGill University (PPSAMU)

McGill University, Montreal, Quebec

2024-Present

- Organises social events and activities for graduate students within the Philosophy Department.

Presenter and Moderator, RAMP-UP Ethics Bowl Canada Day of Dialogue: Philosophy in Bioengineering

2025

Polytechnique, Montreal, Quebec

- Presented and taught key concepts in ethics and epistemology for science related concerns to engineering and biomedical PhD students, moderated ethics bowl matches between students.

Judge for the Quebec High School Ethics Bowl

2025

McGill University, Montreal, Quebec

- Judged high school teams at the provincial Ethics Bowl competition to decide which team would get to be a finalist at the national competition.

Peer Mentor to First-Year Students in the Bachelor of Humanities Program

2023-2024

Carleton University, College of the Humanities, Ottawa, Ontario/Canada

- Responsible for helping incoming students transition into their university lives by organising regularly scheduled informal tutorials and social events, and providing information about the BHUM program.

Notetaker, Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities

2021

Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario/Canada

- Wrote class notes to share with students with disabilities in need of a notetaker.
- Had to have detailed notes completed and uploaded online for the class FYSM 1210: Philosophy of Mind and AI within 48 hours of each lecture while managing personal coursework.

AFFILIATIONS

- Philosophy, Technology, and Policy Lab, McGill University (Present)
- Lin Centre Research Group on Human Nature and Values in the Digital Age, McGill University (Present)
- Student Researcher, Le Centre de recherche en éthique (CRÉ), Montreal: <https://www.lecre.umontreal.ca/en/> (2025-Present)
- Team member, Stephen A. Jarislowsky Chair in Nature and Technology (McGill): <https://www.mcgill.ca/jarislowsky-chair/visiting-scholars-and-team> (2024-Present)
- Team member, Canada Research Chair in Data Ethics: <https://dataethics.ca/team/> (2024-2025)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Archiver, College of the Humanities, Carleton University

2022

Carleton University, College of the Humanities, Ottawa, Ontario/Canada

- Transferred student information dating back to the beginning of the Bachelor of Humanities program (1996) into online format for the use of the College Director and administration.
- Information gathered was later used to understand enrolment and graduation trends, student demographics, and to send out emails and newsletters to students and alumni of the BHUM program.

REFEREES:

- 1) Dr. Ian Jeffrey Gold (McGill Philosophy Department Chair and Canada Research Chair in Philosophy & Psychiatry)
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- 2) Dr. Jocelyn Maclure (Professor and Stephen A. Jarislowsky Chair in Human Nature and Technology, McGill)
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- 3) Dr. Eran Tal (Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair in Data Ethics, McGill)
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