

# AMY BERG

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## Employment

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**Assistant Professor, 2024-**

Department of Philosophy, Rice University

**Assistant Professor, 2020-24**

Department of Philosophy, Oberlin College

**Assistant Professor, 2017-20**

Department of Philosophy, Rhode Island College

**Research Assistant Professor, 2016-17**

Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Core Faculty Member, Joint UNC/Duke Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

## Education

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**PhD** Philosophy, University of California, San Diego, 2015

Dissertation: *Studies in Ideal and Non-Ideal Theory*

Dissertation co-chairs: Richard Arneson and David Brink

**MA** Philosophy, University of California, San Diego, 2013

**BA** Philosophy (honors), government (minor), Claremont McKenna College, *magna cum laude*, 2008

## Areas of specialization and competence

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**AOS** Ethics, social and political philosophy

**AOC** Feminist philosophy, philosophy of law, history of ethics and political philosophy

## Publications

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**Book**

*The Well-Rounded Life* (under contract, Princeton University Press)

**Peer-reviewed**

“Which Limitations Block Requirements?”, *Moral Philosophy and Politics* 10.2 (2023): 229-248

“Do Good Lives Make Good Stories?”, *Philosophical Studies* 180 (2023): 637-659

“Is There a Duty to Read the News?”, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 20.3-4 (2022): 243-267

“Bright Lines in Juvenile Justice,” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 29.3 (2021): 330-352

“Incomplete Ideal Theory,” *Social Theory and Practice* 45.4 (2019): 501-524

“Ideal Theory and ‘Ought Implies Can,’” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 99.4 (2018): 869-890

“Effective Altruism: How Big Should the Tent Be?”, *Public Affairs Quarterly* 32.4 (2018): 269-287

“Abortion and Miscarriage,” *Philosophical Studies* 174 (2017): 1217-1226

- Reprinted in *Exploring Moral Problems: An Introductory Anthology*, eds. S. Cahn and A. Forcehimes (Oxford: Oxford University, 2017)

### Invited

“Why Ten Percent?”, *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy* 21 (2023): 655-673

### Book reviews

Review of Hilary Greaves and Theron Pummer (eds.), *Effective Altruism: Philosophical Issues, Utilitas* 32.4 (2020): 492-495

Review of Kate Greasley, *Arguments about Abortion: Personhood, Morality, and Law*, *Ethics* 128.4 (2018): 814-818

## Selected awards and honors

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Philosophy in Media Fellowship (\$3000), Marc Sanders Foundation, 2024

Summer stipend (\$6000), National Endowment for the Humanities, 2023

American Fellowship (\$20,000), American Association of University Women, 2014-15

Postgraduate Travel Award (\$1500), Society for Applied Philosophy, 2015

Outstanding Graduate Student Leader, UCSD Graduate Student Association, 2015

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship (up to \$30,000/year for four years), United States Department of Education, 2009-13

Faculty Research Group Grant (\$1500), UCSD Center for the Humanities, 2011-12

## Presentations

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### Invited

“On Being Bad at Things”

- Minnesota Workshop on Well-Being, July 2023

- Bled Conference on Ethics, June 2022

“Why Ten Percent?”

- Annual Symposium: Markets, Social Entrepreneurship, and Effective Altruism, Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics, Georgetown University, November 2022

“On Doing Good: The Future of Effective Altruism” (panel discussion)

- Yale Philanthropy Conference, February 2022

“How and Why to Be Well-Rounded”

- Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, July 2019

- Rhode Island Philosophical Society (keynote address), October 2018

“Bright Lines in Juvenile Justice”

- Bled Conference on Ethics, June 2018

“Ideal Theory and ‘Ought Implies Can’”

- Claremont McKenna College, November 2015

### Refereed

“On Being Bad at Things”

- American Philosophical Association – Eastern Division, January 2024

- Canadian Philosophical Association, May 2023

- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2021

“The Tension between Integrity and Sociability” (with Craig Agule)

- PPE Society Meeting, November 2023
- Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference, University of Pennsylvania, October 2023
- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2023
- “Is There a Duty to Read the News?”
  - McCoy Family Ethics Center Junior Scholars Workshop, Stanford University, February 2021
- “Do Good Lives Make Good Stories?”
  - Northeast Normativity Workshop, The College of New Jersey, October 2020
  - Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2020
- “How and Why to Be Well-Rounded”
  - American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division, April 2019
  - Einstein Ethics Early Career Conference in Moral and Political Philosophy, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, December 2018
- “Is There a Duty to Read the News?” (with Brookes Brown)
  - Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2018
- “Bright Lines in Juvenile Justice”
  - Midwest Political Science Association, April 2018
  - PPE Society Meeting, March 2017
  - North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 2017
  - Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2016
- “Effective Altruism: How Big Is the Tent?”
  - PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2018
- “Duties of Beneficence: Individual Not Collective”
  - Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2017
- “Beneficence and Partial Compliance”
  - The Ethics of Giving, University of St. Andrews, May 2017
  - MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, September 2015
  - Giving for Global Poverty Relief: Ethical and Empirical Dimensions, Stanford University, April 2015
- “A Summer Program for Women in Philosophy: One Method for Plugging the Leaky Pipeline” (with Kathryn Joyce)
  - Why Are There So Few Women in Philosophy, and (Why) Does It Matter?, Stockholm University, April 2015
- “Ideal Theory and ‘Ought Implies Can’”
  - American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division, April 2015
  - Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2014
  - Ideals and Reality in Social Ethics 2014, University of South Wales, April 2014
- “Flourishing and Autonomy”
  - MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, September 2012

### **Other presentations**

Comment on “On the Grounds of Associative Duties”

- American Philosophical Association – Eastern Division, January 2022

Comment on “The Moral Case against Dogmatism”

- American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division, April 2021

Comment on “Cognitive Resonance and Well-Being”

- American Philosophical Association – Eastern Division, January 2021

Comment on “Identity and Society: What Makes You Who You Are”

- American Philosophical Association – Eastern Division, January 2020  
“Well-Roundedness and Justice”
- Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, April 2019  
“Friends and Fellow Citizens”
- Liberal Studies 150: Border Crossings: Migration and Immigration in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Rhode Island College, February 2019  
“Bright Lines in Juvenile Justice”
- APA Committee Session on Punishing Children, American Philosophical Association – Eastern Division, January 2019  
Comment on “The Normative Core of Digital Consent”
- American Philosophical Association – Eastern Division, January 2019  
Comment on “Forbidden Projects and Harm Independent Obligations to Resist Oppression”
- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2018  
“Is There a Duty to Read the News?”
- UCSD Philosophy Alumni Workshop, March 2018  
“Addiction and Moral Responsibility”
- Liberal Studies 150: The Opioid Crisis in the US, Rhode Island College, January 2018  
“Beneficence and Partial Compliance”
- Value Theory Workshop, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, September 2016  
- MaPPS (Moral and Political Philosophy Seminar), University of California, San Diego, May 2015  
Comment on “Modeling Sex/Gender”
- American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division, April 2016  
“Ideal Theory and ‘Ought Implies Can’”
- Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, University of California, San Diego, April 2014  
Comment on “Does the Gendered Division of Labor Undermine Citizenship?”
- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2014  
Comment on “The Basic Structure and Ethical Life”
- American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division, April 2014  
“Careers, Artists, and Parity”
- UCSD Graduate Conference with Ruth Chang, May 2013  
Comment on “What’s Wrong with Judgmentalism?”
- American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division, March 2013  
“Flourishing and Autonomy”
- Graduate Workshop on Thomas Pogge and Global Justice, San Diego State University, April 2012
- Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, University of California, San Diego, February 2012  
“The Status of Burdened Societies in Rawls’s *Law of Peoples*”
- Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, University of California, San Diego, June 2012  
“Children in the Multicultural Society”
- Borders, Territory, and Obligations Mini-Conference with Will Kymlicka, University of California, San Diego, May 2012  
Comment on “Facts, Principles, and Justice”
- American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division, April 2012  
“Age: An Eleventh Capability”
- Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, University of California, San Diego, May 2011

## Teaching

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### At Oberlin

Ethics  
 Ethics and Technology  
 Feminist Epistemology  
 Philosophy and Morality  
 Political Philosophy  
 Independent study on Rawls  
 Independent study on well-being

### At RIC

Contemporary Ethical Theory  
 First Year Seminar: Ethics in the Family: From Birth to Death  
 Junior/Senior Seminar in Philosophy  
 Philosophical Issues of Gender and Sex  
 Social and Political Philosophy

### At UNC

Justice  
 Social Ethics and Political Thought  
 Undergraduate reading group on the *Federalist Papers*

### At UCSD

Ethics and Society  
 Feminism and Philosophy  
 Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics

## Professional activity

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### Service

Member, Faculty Honor Committee, Oberlin College, 2023-  
 Member, American Philosophical Association Committee on Academic Career Opportunities and Placement, 2023-  
 Member, 2024 Central Division APA Program Committee, 2023-  
 Co-Director, Philosophy Department Honors Program, 2022-  
 Member, Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies Program Committee, Oberlin College, 2022-23  
 Member, Off-Campus Study Committee, Oberlin College, 2022-  
 Organizer, Nancy K. Rhoden Memorial Lecture Series, 2020-  
 Judge, Nancy K. Rhoden Prize, Oberlin College, 2021-  
 Member, 2023 Central Division APA Program Committee, 2022-23  
 Judge, New York/New Jersey High School Ethics Bowl, 2022  
 Mentor, Philosophers' Cocoon Job Market Mentoring Program, 2021-22  
 Judge, Rhode Island High School Ethics Bowl, 2020-22  
 Director, Brown University Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy, 2019-20 (*program canceled due to Covid*)  
 Member, RIC College Council, 2019-20  
 Faculty adviser, RIC Philosophy Club 2018-20  
 Technology liaison to the Philosophy Department, 2018-20

RIC Philosophy Club pre-talks (introductory presentations before invited lectures), 2018-20  
 Member, American Philosophical Association Committee on the Status and Future of the  
 Profession, 2016-19  
 Faculty convener, “Ideal and Non-Ideal Theory” (one-day intensive undergraduate seminar  
 sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies), 2017  
 Member, American Philosophical Association Diversity Institute Advisory Panel, 2015-17  
 Co-organizer, UCSD Summer Program for Women in Philosophy, 2013-16  
 Author, “Teaching Guide for New Graduate Instructors,” 2014  
 Co-founder and organizer, UCSD Caucus for Women in Philosophy, 2011-15  
 Organizer, Borders, Territory, and Obligations Reading Group (including mini-conference with  
 Will Kymlicka), 2012  
 Graduate Student Representative to the Philosophy Department, 2010-12

#### Referee

*American Political Science Review; Analysis* (x3); *Asian Bioethics Review* (x2); *Australasian Journal of  
 Philosophy* (x2); *Economics and Philosophy; Ergo* (x4); *Erkenntnis; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*  
 (x3); *Ethics; European Journal of Political Theory; Feminist Philosophy Quarterly; Hypatia* (x2); *Journal  
 of Aesthetics and Art Criticism; Journal of Applied Philosophy* (x2); *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy;*  
*Journal of Global Ethics; Journal of Medical Ethics* (x2); *Journal of Political Philosophy; Journal of Social  
 Philosophy* (x2); *Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters; Journal of Value Inquiry* (x2);  
*The New Bioethics; Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (x2); *The Philosophical Forum; The Philosophical  
 Quarterly; Philosophical Studies* (x2); *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; PPE Society Meeting*  
 (x2); *Political Theory; Politics, Philosophy, and Economics; Polity; Res Publica* (x2); Routledge; *Social  
 Philosophy Today; Social Theory and Practice* (x6); *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics; Utilitas* (x3)

#### Memberships

American Association of University Professors  
 American Philosophical Association  
 Phi Beta Kappa  
 Philosophers for Sustainability  
 Society for Women in Philosophy

#### Pedagogical training

Northeast Workshop to Learn about Multicultural Philosophy (NEWLAMP), 2022  
 Course Design Institute, Rhode Island Teaching and Learning, 2019  
 Summer Seminar for the Teaching of Writing, RIC Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning,  
 2018  
 The College Classroom, UCSD Center for Teaching Development, 2013

#### Media

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“The Well-Rounded Life,” podcast interview, *Minerva*, April 7, 2024  
 Quoted in “Effective Accelerationists Say It's Time to Throw Caution to the Wind in Advancing  
 AI,” magazine article, *Inc.*, December 15, 2023  
 Quoted in “Like Many Entrepreneurs, Sam Bankman-Fried Embraced Effective Altruism. Here's  
 Where He Went Wrong,” magazine article, *Inc.*, October 24, 2023  
 “Why Tech Bros Are Trying to Give Away All Their Money (Kind Of),” radio interview, *The  
 Indicator from Planet Money*, March 27, 2023

Quoted in “The Good Delusion: Has Effective Altruism Broken Bad?”, magazine article, *1843 Magazine*, November 15, 2022

### **Other employment and activities**

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Secretary, Lakewood Chapter of the Greater Cleveland League of Women Voters, 2023-

Contestant, *Jeopardy!*, May 25, 2015

Project Manager, Epic Systems Corporation, Madison, WI, 2008-09

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