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Areas of Specialization

Ethics and Moral Responsibility (with a focus on moral luck), Political Philosophy, Moral Education

Areas of Competence

AI Ethics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Education, Non-Western Philosophy, Experimental Moral Psychology

EDUCATION

- 2025 **Ph.D. Education**
Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Dissertation chair: Benjamin Justice. Committee: Michael Otsuka, Clark Chinn, Melinda Mangin.
Dissertation: *Luckpilled: A New Pedagogy of Luck*
- 2012 **M.A. Philosophy**
Department of Philosophy, Colorado State University
Thesis: *Ethical Realism and the Darwinian Dilemma*
- 2008 **B.A. Philosophy**
University of Virginia
Second Major: Drama
Honors Thesis: *Addressing a Problematic Claim in Aristotle's Ethics*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Chapman University

Adjunct Professor, Department of Philosophy (2026-Ongoing)

Southern Methodist University

Adjunct Professor, AI Ethics for Managers and Consultants (2026-Ongoing)

Foundational Questions Institute

Research Consultant on the concept of agency (2026-2027)

Rutgers University New Brunswick

Graduate Fellow/Full time TA, Graduate School of Education (2020-2025)

Part Time Lecturer, Department of Philosophy (2016-2024)

Section Instructor, Honors College, (2018-2020)

Colloquium Organizer, Honors College, (2018)

Colorado State University

Adjunct Professor, Department of Philosophy (2012-2014)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy (2010-2012)

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Creator Accountability Network

Co-Founder and Ethics Director (2023-Ongoing)

TEACHING

Chapman University

PHIL 333 Existentialism (2026)

Southern Methodist University

AI Ethics for Managers and Consultants, online (2026)

Rutgers University New Brunswick

PHIL 329 Minds, Machines, and Persons (2017-2024)

PHIL 107 Introduction to Ethics (2018-2023)

Ed 200 Intro to Education (2021-2023)

PHIL 105 Current Moral and Social Problems (2018-2021)

PHIL 101	Logic, Reason and Persuasion (2017-2021)
PHIL 103	Introduction to Philosophy (2016-2020)
PHIL 248	Foundations of Medical Ethics and Policy (2019-2020)
PHIL 250	Environmental Ethics (2019-2020)
PHIL 201	Introduction to Symbolic Logic (2016)

Rutgers University Honors College

Honors Seminar	Ghost in the Machine: AI, Ethics, and Personhood (2018-2020)
Colloquium	Section Instructor (2018-2020)
Colloquium	Organizer (2018)

Colorado State University

PHIL 103	Moral and Social Problems (2012-2014)
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PUBLICATIONS

Books

Rabinowitz, A. *Luckpilled: Compassion, Justice, and Hope in a World Nobody Deserves*. Rutgers University Press. Under contract; in production. Forthcoming April 13, 2027.

Rabinowitz, A., & Arp, R. (Eds.). (2017). *Hamilton and Philosophy: Revolutionary Thinking*. Open Court.

Under Review

Rabinowitz, A. *Defending the Control Account of Luck from Hales's Error Theory*. Under Review with *Metaphilosophy*.

Revise and Resubmit

Rabinowitz, A., & Dow, B. *Beyond Merit: The Psychological and Social Implications of Believing in Luck's Pervasiveness*. Revise and resubmit; additional data collection in progress.

In Preparation

Rabinowitz, A. *Luckpilling: A Mindfulness-Based Approach to Cultivating Virtues and Promoting Social Justice*. Under revision for resubmission.

Rabinowitz, A. *The Just-World Illusion Cluster: A Unified Framework for Understanding Deservingness Based Illusions*.

Rabinowitz, A., & Dow, B. *Exploratory Research into the Complexity of Luck Attributions and the Construction of a Luck Inventory*.

Rabinowitz, A., & Dow, B. *The Luckpilled Leader: Beyond Meritocracy in Modern Management*. Book in development.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2025 Rabinowitz, A. "Developing Secular, Non-Dominant Moral Capital in Nonbeliever Communities." *Educational Studies*, 1-19.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00131946.2024.2433786>
- 2022 Rabinowitz, A. "Exploring HBO's Lovecraft Country as a Model Resource for Developing Speculative Civic Literacies." *Journal of Curriculum and Pedagogy*, 1–25. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15505170.2022.2107586>

Book Chapters

- 2017 Rabinowitz, A. "The Tao of Hamilton." In Aaron Rabinowitz and Robert Arp (Eds.). *Hamilton and Philosophy: Revolutionary Thinking*. Open Court Press.
- 2014 Rabinowitz, A. "Yearning to be Free: A Sympathetic Look at Lucifer Morningstar." In Robert Arp (Eds.). *The Devil and philosophy: The nature of his game*. Open Court Press.

Publications in Popular Press

- 2021 Rabinowitz, A. Confronting the Moral Panic Over Critical Race Theory. *Arc Digital*.
- 2020 Rabinowitz, A. Culture War Fragility. *Liberal Currents*.
- 2020-Ongoing Monthly Columnist. *The Skeptic* (UK).

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Paper Presentations

- 2025 "Luckpilling as an Alternative to Meritocratic Mythmaking." *The Myth of Meritocracy: Rethinking Inequality in Organizational Studies Event*. Society for the Advancement of Management Studies. University of Southampton School of Business.
- "Developing a Luck pervasiveness Scale." Southern Methodist University Brown Bag Series.
- 2021 Cultivating Foundational, Non-Dominant Moral Capital in Secular Communities. *Lunch and Learn Series*. Rutgers University-New Brunswick.

Commentaries

- 2011 Commented on Joel MacClellan's *Is Biocentrism Dead? Unresolved Problems for Life-Centered Ethics*. Animal Ethics: Ignored Perspectives, Colorado State University.

Other Academic Talks

- 2023 AI Change Gonna Come: Combating Zombie Narratives. *Lunch and Learn Series*. Rutgers University-New Brunswick.

Invited Public Philosophy Talks

- 2024 The Secular Paradox: Challenges for Organizing Among Nonbelievers. Houston Oasis.
Luckpilled, Embracing the Taboo Truth that Everything is Luck. Sunday Assembly LA.
- 2023 The Just World Delusion. Triangle Freethought Society.
Luckpilling for Humanists. Red Bank Humanists.
- 2022 Nonbelievers, Luck, and Giving Thanks. Houston Oasis.
Was that Just Luck?. Skeptics in the Pub.
Monster Island and the Ethics of Moderating. AKASHA group.
Resisting the Immoral Nonbeliever Stereotype. American Atheists National Convention; Triangle Freethought Society.
- 2020 Ethical Realism in a Universe Without Free Will. Skeptics in the Pub.
Moral Luck. Plymouth Humanists.
- 2019 Moral Luck for Skeptics. Sydney Skeptics.
Moral Realism without God. New Jersey Humanist Network; Triangle Freethought Society.

Conference Presentations and Panels

- 2026 Beyond Merit: The Psychological and Social Implications of Believing in Luck's Pervasiveness. Poster session, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention.
Exploratory Research into the Complexity of Luck Attributions and the Construction of a Luck Inventory. Poster session, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention.
- 2024 The Need for Restorative Justice in Secular Communities. Sunday AssembleCon.
The Creator Accountability Network: A Restorative Approach to Community Accountability. American Atheists National Convention.
- 2023 Embracing the Manosphere with Debbie Ging. QED.

- Taboo or Not Taboo?. QED.
 Ethical Community Organizing. American Atheists National Convention.
- 2022 Rabbit Holes and Radicalization. QED.
Decoding a Moral Panic Conspiracism Meme. QED.
- 2019 The Science and Philosophy of X-Men Biology. Northeast Conference on Science and Skepticism.

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

Podcasts

2017-Ongoing Host, Embrace the Void

Notable Interviews:

Cheap Talk with Dr. C. Thi Nguyen, in which I proposed the concept of “civility porn”, as cited in “Moral Outrage Porn” (Nguyen & Williams, 2020, p. 168)

The Gadfly Papers with Todd Eklof, cited in *A Gadfly Report* (McCarty, 2023) as the only in-depth interview of Rev. Eklof concerning his accusations against the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Philosophy of Disability with Dr. Elizabeth Barnes.

Reconsidering Reparations with Olúfémi O. Táíwò

Soft Compatibilism with Dr. Alfred Mele

2018-Ongoing Cohost, Philosophers in Space

Notable Interviews:

The Thing and Varieties of Uplifting with Adrian Tchaikovsky

The Power and Cyborg Feminism with Hannah Marcus

Selected Interviews

- 2026 AI Ethics. Cognitive Dissonance Podcast.
- 2025 Luckpilling the Meritocracy. Work Face.
- 2022 Moral Luck and Pedagogy. What’s Left of Philosophy Podcast.

Service

2023-Ongoing Ethics Director and Co-Founder. *Creator Accountability Network*

2025-Ongoing Restorative Mediation Volunteer. *Community Justice & Mediation Center (CJAM)*

2023	Learning Sciences Lunch and Learn Talks Coordinator. <i>Rutgers University New-Brunswick</i>
2018-2020	Ethics Bowl Coach. <i>Rutgers University New Brunswick</i>
2013-2014	Ethics Bowl Coach. <i>Colorado State University</i>
2009–2023	Theater Councilor. <i>Buck's Rock Creative and Performing Arts Camp</i>

Professional Credentials

2024-Ongoing	Credentialed mediator with <i>Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM)</i>
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References

Benjamin Dow. Professor of Practice in Management and Organizations. Southern Methodist University. bdow@smu.edu

Benjamin Justice. Distinguished Professor of Educational Theory, Policy, and Administration. Rutgers New Brunswick Graduate School of Education. ben.justice@gse.rutgers.edu

Michael Otsuka. Visiting Professor of Philosophy. Rutgers New Brunswick Department of Philosophy. michael.otsuka@rutgers.edu

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