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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Philosophy of Technology; Affective Computing; Moral & Political Philosophy (Privacy & Social Justice); Philosophy of Mind (Emotion & Cognition); Information Ethics; Practical Philosophy; Ethics of HCI

EDUCATION

Leiden University, Institute for Philosophy

PhD in Philosophy

2021 – present

Leiden, Netherlands

- **Dissertation:** *Emotion Recognition Technology: Privacy, Relationships, and the Self*
- **Advisors:** Prof. [Dorota Mokrosinska](#), Prof. [James McAllister](#)

Laval University

MA in Philosophy

2019 – 2021

Québec, Canada

- **Advisor:** Prof. [Jocelyn Maclure](#)

Montreal University

BA in Philosophy and French Literature

2016 – 2019

Montréal, Canada

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Alexandra Présent** (Forthcoming) Why You Should Not Use CI to Evaluate Socially Disruptive Technology: Challenging Nissenbaum's Contextual Integrity Framework, *Philosophy & Technology*.
- [2] **Alexandra Présent** (2021) *Informatique affective: L'utilisation des systèmes de reconnaissance des émotions est-elle en cohérence avec la justice sociale?*, Master's Thesis, Laval University.
- [3] **Alexandra Présent** & Keven Bisson (2021) *La conception dividuelle de l'identité : une possible solution au casse-tête du deuil de Marušić ?*, *Phares*, 21(1).
- [4] **Alexandra Présent** (2021) How to Define a Group Without Excluding Any of Its Parts? Gender and the Sartrean Notion of Serial Structure According to Iris Marion Young, *Era Novum*, 21(1).

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

PhD Graduate Scholarship

SSHRC of Canada

2021 – 2025

Canada-Netherlands

- Full-ride scholarship for pursuing the PhD at Leiden University (NL)
- Value of **110 000\$ CAD**

PhD Graduate Scholarship

Joseph-Armand Bombardier

2021 – 2024

Canada

- Canada Graduate Scholarships (105 000\$ CAD / 3 years)
- **Declined** to go study abroad (Netherlands)

MA Graduate Award

OBVIA

2020 – 2021

Canada

- Merit-based award for pursuing the MA in Philosophy
- Value of **15 000\$ CAD**

BA Award

Desjardins

2016

Canada

- Award for pursuing the BA in Philosophy
- Value of **1 250\$ CAD**

RELEVANT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Lecturer

Leiden University

Jan. 2023 – Aug. 2023

Leiden, Netherlands

- Philosophy of Technology, BA3, 5013KC53
- Design of new syllabus, course material, evaluations, grading, etc.

Invited Guest Lecturer

Laval University

Mar. 2021

Québec, Canada

- Philosophical and Ethical Issues of AI, PHI-4142
- One-time Lecture in Prof. Jocelyn Maclure's course

Teaching Assistant

Laval University

2019 – 2021

Québec, Canada

- Assistance in diverse tasks related to the course *Philosophical and Ethical Issues of AI*, (PHI-4142) of Prof. Jocelyn Maclure (3 times between 2019 and 2021)

Research Assistant

Laval University

2019 – 2021

Québec, Canada

- Worked as an RA in the field of Philosophy of Technology / Ethics of AI
- Design of new courses on Ethics of AI, literature reviews, and reviews of academic work
- Supervision by Prof. Jocelyn Maclure

RELEVANT POLICY-RELATED EXPERIENCE

Ethics Advisor – Student Trainee

Ethics in Science & Technology Commission (Québec Government)

2019 – 2021

Québec, Canada

- The Commission's mandate is to advise the Government on ethical questions related to Science & Technologies
- Participation in the writing of several documents, including official briefs and reports on topics such as AI & the Workplace, Covid-Tracking apps, and AI & Ethical Deliberation

Think Thank Member. Innovative Ideas Incubator (OBVIA)

International Observatory on the Societal Impacts of AI & Digital Technologies

2019 – 2021

Québec, Canada

- Involvement in this hub led to the creation and development of an AI supportive system for the Service of Information and the Referral Service on socio-community services in Québec (211)
- This project was scheduled to be presented at a workshop at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Oct. 2020 (cancelled due to pandemic travel restrictions)

SOCIAL COMMITMENT & VOLUNTEERING

Student Refugee Program (SRP)

Laval University

2019 – 2021

Québec, Canada

- Mission: Ensuring financial, educational and social autonomy
- Position: Vice-President

Graduate Council

Leiden University

2024 – present

Leiden, Netherlands

- Mission: Represent the general interests of all of the institute's PhD candidates
- Position: Council Member

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| 2024 Montréal Annual AI Ethics Conference <i>5th Conference on Surveillance / Co-Organization</i> | 2024 Montréal, Canada |
| 2023 10th Annual OZSW Conference <i>Dutch National Conference in Philosophy / Track Lead Philosophy of Technology</i> | 2023 Leiden, Netherlands |
| 2023 Montréal Annual AI Ethics Conference <i>4th Conference on Affective Computing / Co-Organization</i> | 2023 Montréal, Canada |
| 2022 Montréal Annual AI Ethics Conference <i>3rd Conference on Ethics & Simulation / Co-Organization</i> | 2022 Montréal, Canada |
| 2021 Montréal Annual AI Ethics Conference <i>2nd Conference on Algorithmic Quandaries / Co-Organization</i> | 2021 Montréal, Canada |

TALKS & WORKSHOPS (SELECTION)

- [1] **EMERGE 2024.** International Conference on Ethics of AI Alignment, Title: “Emotional quantification and philosophical thinking: Understanding ourselves better with emotion recognition technology”, Belgrade (Serbia/Online), Fall 2024.
- [2] **EAAMO 2024.** The 4th ACM Conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization. Title: “Contextual Integrity and Socially Disruptive Technology”, San Luis Potosí (Mexico), Fall 2024.
- [3] **AI & Policy 2023.** International Workshop on Epistemic Rights in AI Policy. With a focus on explainable AI, LLMs and generative AI, and fairness and accountability, this workshop aimed to explore innovative approaches to address contemporary challenges in AI policy. Eindhoven (NL), Fall 2023.
- [4] **SPT 2023.** Joint Conference from Society for Philosophy and Technology & Japanese Society for Science and Technology Studies. Title: “Emotion Recognition Technology: An Analysis of the Risks at Stake”, Tokyo (Japan), Summer 2023. Supported by Van Haersolte Grant.
- [5] **OZSW 2023.** 10th Annual OZSW Conference, Dutch National Conference. Title: “Revisiting Our Conception(s) of Privacy”, Leiden (NL), Summer 2023.
- [6] **ESDIT 2022.** International Conference on Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies. Title: “Re-Shaping Human Relationships: An Analysis of the Consequences of the Disruption of Emotion Recognition Technology”, Leiden (NL), Fall 2022. Supported by Van Haersolte Grant.
- [7] **AIES 2022.** The 5th AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society. Title: “Emotion Recognition Technology: Re-Shaping Human Relationships”, Oxford (UK), Summer 2022. Supported by AAAI/ACM Grant.
- [8] **IID 2021.** Guest Speaker at the Institute of Intelligence and Data. Title: “Ethical Quandaries in Emotion Recognition Systems”, Québec (Canada), Winter 2021.
- [9] **Rendez-Vous en IA 2021.** Guest Speaker at *Rendez-Vous en IA*. Title: “Algorithmic Discrimination”, Montréal (Canada), Fall 2021.
- [10] **Parlons Éthique 2021.** Guest at the French-Canadian Podcast “Parlons Éthique”, Épisode #17: “[Les Systèmes de Reconnaissance des Émotions avec Alexandra Prigent](#)”, Montréal (Canada), Fall 2021.
- [11] **Rationality of Emotions 2020.** Speaker at Symposium on Rationality of Emotions. Title: “Do Reasons Heal? An Essay on Grief” with Keven Bisson, Québec (Canada), Fall 2020.
- [12] **VIII Research Day in Analytic Philosophy 2020.** Speaker at the VIII Research Day in Analytic Philosophy. Title: “Ethical Issues Raised by Opacity in Emotion Recognition Systems”, Québec (Canada), Fall 2020.

- **Journal Reviewer** at *Philosophy & Technology* / 2024 –

As of October 25th, 2024