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## PRIMARY INTERESTS

Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science, Metaphysics, Ethics, Philosophy of Action, Rationality

## SECONDARY INTERESTS

Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Logic, Emerging Technologies, History of Modern Philosophy

## EDUCATION

M.A. Bioethics, est. 2027  
New York University

Center for Bioethics Fellowship

*Fall 2025 Coursework:*

Non-consequentialism, Reproductive Ethics, Adv. Intro to Bioethics

*Audits:* Adv. Intro to Metaphysics, Ethics, Philosophy of Language, Neural Science of Decision

*Spring 2026:* Neuroethics, Research Seminar in Mind and Language, Environmental Ethics

*Audits:* Philosophy of Mind, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Analytic Philosophy

M.A. Biotechnology, 2018  
Columbia University

*Thesis:* [Information and Method: Logic for Translational Science](#) *Advisor:* Stuart Firestein, Ph.D.

*Supervised Research:* [Science Not Stigma: Perspectives on Blood Donor Controversy](#)

*Coursework:* Theory of Knowledge (R. Stalnaker), Scientific Pluralism, Phenomenology, Genomic Information Science, Cancer Biology, Philosophical Bioethics, Biotechnology Law and Ethics

B.A. Philosophy and Biology with Specialization in Cell Biology, Molecular Biology and Genetics, 2012  
Boston University

*Select Philosophy Coursework:* Kant, Philosophy of Biology, Mind, Brain and Self, History of Ancient and Modern Philosophy, Ethics, Existentialism, Logic

*Select Biology Coursework:* Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Immunology, Microbiology, Animal Behavior, Cell Cycle, Physiology, Physiological Psychology, Chemistry, Physics

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2024-2025      *VP, Associate Creative Director*  
Propel Health Communications – Gladstone, NJ
- Directed development of strategic messaging and creative for disease state education and launch campaigns for treatments in rare cancers and hematologic diseases.
- 2021-2024      *VP Associate Creative Director, Copy*  
FCB Health New York – New York, NY
- Directed campaign and content development for emergency use-authorized and approved COVID-19 vaccines and molecular diagnostics, hematologic oncology biologics, and tumor treating fields.
- 2019-2021      *Associate Creative Director, Copy Lead*  
Klick Health New York – New York, NY
- Supervised disease education and launch campaigns for treatments in immunology, oncology, neurology, and gastroenterology. Conceptualized medical language processing technology.
- 2018-2019      *Group Copy Supervisor*  
McCann Health New York – New York, NY
- Developed promotional creative campaigns in pulmonology and neurology for biologic and gene therapies. Conceptualized cognitive impairment detection technology for voice assistant devices.
- 2015-2018      *Copy Supervisor, Senior Copywriter, and Copywriter*  
FCB Health New York – New York, NY
- Copywriting, data visualization scientific strategy, and campaign development for treatments and diagnostics in ophthalmology, pulmonology, and genomics. Collaborated with FDA/CBER on pilot study of HIV testing to end discrimination in blood donor screening
- 2013-2015      *Research Study Assistant, Neurology*  
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center – New York, NY
- Coordinated Phase 1-3 neuro-oncology clinical trials of genomic profiling, immunotherapy, and chemoradiation for brain tumors and hematologic cancers. Attended colloquia, handled biospecimens and patient information, performed informed consent, data entry and IRB actions.
- 2012-2013      *Junior Copywriter*  
ICC Lowe Pace – Parsippany, NJ
- Medical copywriting in pulmonology and radiology for targeted therapies for cystic fibrosis and neuro-radiotracers for Alzheimer's disease. Trained in development of print and digital media.

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2011-2012      *Research Assistant*, Boston University School of Medicine  
Department of Molecular Imaging & Nuclear Medicine
- Analyzed time efficiency of PET/CT mammography (PEM) for breast cancer by navigating EMR system and patient records., built research website, contributed findings for publication. *PIs*: Gustavo Mercier, M.D., M.B.A., and Rathan Subramaniam, M.D.
- 2010            *Lab Assistant*, Boston University School of Medicine  
Section for Immunology and Infectious Disease
- Cultured *P. gingivalis* for oral gavage of KO mice, detected systemic infection via PCR, measured innate immune response via ELISA and flow cytometry, performed BLAST sequence alignment. *PI and Advisor*: Caroline Genco, Ph.D., and Elizabeth Godrick Ph.D.
- 2009-2010      Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (2009-2010)  
*Clinical and Research Assistant, Radiation Oncology*
- Shadowed clinical exams, treatment planning, and procedures, developed telemedical chart rounds and treatment planning workflow, prostate brachytherapy measurement analysis. *Advisors*: Boris Mueller, M.D., Ceferino Obcemea Ph.D., Yulin Song Ph.D.

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Co-author:*

- G. Mercier, N. Vassilakis, J. Brennan, **F. DeVita** and L Kachnic. Clinical performance of low dose positron emission mammography. *Journal of Nuclear Medicine* May 2012, 53 (supplement 1) 1231; [doi: https://doi.org/10.1161/jnm.snmjournals.org/content/53/supplement\\_1/1231.short](https://doi.org/10.1161/jnm.snmjournals.org/content/53/supplement_1/1231.short).
- B.A. Mueller, C. Obcemea, V. Tumati, **F. DeVita**, Y. Song. Pilot project for comprehensive chart rounds using a telemedicine platform. *International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics* Vol 81, Issue 2, Supplement, 1 October 2011, Page S695. [doi: 10.1016/j.ijrobp.2011.06.1326](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijrobp.2011.06.1326).

### *Contributor:*

- P.U. Kumthekar...E. Pentsova, et al. A phase I/II study of intrathecal trastuzumab in human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-positive (HER2-positive) cancer with leptomeningeal metastases: Safety, efficacy, and cerebrospinal fluid pharmacokinetics. *Journal of Neuro Oncology*. 2023 Mar 14;25(3):557-565. [doi: 10.1093/neuonc/noac195](https://doi.org/10.1093/neuonc/noac195).
- D.M. Hyman, et al. HER kinase inhibition in patients with HER2- and HER3-mutant cancers. *Nature*. Vol 554, pp. 189–194 (2018). [doi: 10.1038/nature25475](https://doi.org/10.1038/nature25475).

- A. Omuro, et al. Nivolumab with or without ipilimumab in patients with recurrent glioblastoma: results from exploratory phase I cohorts of CheckMate 143. *Neuro-Oncology*, Volume 20, Issue 5, May 2018, Pages 674–686. [doi: 10.1093/neuonc/nox208](https://doi.org/10.1093/neuonc/nox208).
- E. Diamond, et al. Vemurafenib for BRAF V600–Mutant Erdheim-Chester Disease and Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis. *JAMA Oncology*. Published Online: March 2018. 2018;4;(3):384-388. [doi: 10.1001/jamaoncol.2017.5029](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamaoncol.2017.5029).
- DT Cheng...M. Berger, et al. Memorial Sloan Kettering-Integrated Mutation Profiling of Actionable Cancer Targets (MSK-IMPACT): A Hybridization Capture-Based Next-Generation Sequencing Clinical Assay for Solid Tumor Molecular Oncology. *Journal of Molecular Diagnostics*. 2015 May;17(3):251-64. Epub 2015 Mar 20. [doi: 10.1016/j.jmoldx.2014.12.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmoldx.2014.12.006).
- A. Omuro, et al. Phase II study of bevacizumab, temozolomide, and hypofractionated stereotactic radiotherapy for newly diagnosed glioblastoma. *Clinical Cancer Research*. 2014 Oct 1;20(19):5023-31. [doi: 10.1158/1078-0432.CCR-14-0822](https://doi.org/10.1158/1078-0432.CCR-14-0822).

## WRITING

<i>In-Development</i>	Papers on: (1) Non-identity (2) Non-consequentialism (3) Reproductive Ethics
<i>Thesis</i>	<a href="#">Information and Method: Logic for Translational Science</a>
<i>Supervised Research</i>	<a href="#">Science, Not Stigma: Perspectives on Blood Donor Controversy</a>
<i>Bioethics</i>	<a href="#">On Genetic Enhancement</a> <a href="#">Genomics and Privacy</a> <a href="#">Justified Conscientious Objection</a> <a href="#">Adderall, Attention, and Amphetamine Use</a>
<i>Metaphysics &amp; Epistemology</i>	<a href="#">Science, Necessity, and Modal Pressure</a> <a href="#">On Representation</a> <a href="#">More Than Meets the Eye: Object Perception and Perceptual Presence</a> <a href="#">Epistemic Pluralism</a> <a href="#">A Kantian Theory of Cognition</a> <a href="#">Phenomenal Quality and Humean Truth</a> <a href="#">Absurdity and the Explanatory Gap</a> <a href="#">Human Nature, Engineering, and Identity</a> <a href="#">Navigating the Molecular Reduction of Human Nature</a> <a href="#">Biology, Phenomenology and Identity: Building Interdisciplinary Bridges</a> <a href="#">Evolution and Perception</a>
<i>Biotechnology</i>	<a href="#">America Invents? Against First-to-File Patenting in the United States</a> <a href="#">Bioequivalence and Biosimilar Drug Development</a> <a href="#">Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and Personalized Medicine</a>

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 [Language and Sentiment Analysis for Medical Language Processing](#) - Klick Health, New York, NY  
[Possible Worlds and Tools for Thinking](#) - Klick Health, New York, NY  
 2019 [Health Literacy in the Digital World](#) - Klick Health, Toronto, ON

## SELECT COURSEWORK

<i>Graduate</i>	Nonconsequentialism	<i>S. Matthey Liao</i>
	Reproductive Ethics	<i>Daniel Fogal</i>
	Adv. Intro to Bioethics	<i>Alexander Quanbeck</i>
	Theory of Knowledge	<i>Robert Stalnaker</i>
	Philosophical Bioethics	<i>Arthur Kuflik</i>
	Scientific Pluralism in Practice	<i>Stuart Firestein &amp; Ann-Sophie Barwich</i>
	Phenomenology	<i>Taylor Carman</i>
	Biotechnology Law and Ethics	<i>Alan Morrison</i>
	Kant	<i>Manfred Kuehn</i>
	Philosophy of Biology	<i>R. Powell</i>
	Molecular Biology	<i>John Celenza</i>
	Animal Behavior	<i>Fred Wasserman</i>
<i>Audits</i>	Adv. Intro to Metaphysics	<i>Tim Maudlin</i>
	Philosophy of Language	<i>Kit Fine</i>
	Adv. Intro to Ethics	<i>Peter Unger</i>
	Neural Science of Decision	<i>Roosbeh Kiani</i>
<i>Undergraduate</i>	Mind, Brain, and Self	<i>Walter Hopp</i>
	History of Modern Philosophy	<i>Manfred Kuehn</i>
	History of Ethics	<i>Paul Katsafanas</i>
	History of Ancient Philosophy	<i>David Bronstein</i>
	Existentialism	<i>Walter Hopp</i>

## CONFERENCES &amp; WORKSHOPS

<i>Attendee</i>	2025	20 <sup>th</sup> NYU Modern Philosophy Conference	<i>NYU Department of Philosophy</i>
		The Agency Summit	<i>NYU &amp; The Agency Fund</i>
		NYU Autonomy Workshop	<i>NYU Center for Bioethics</i>
		CUNY Logic and Metaphysics Workshop	<i>CUNY Graduate Center</i>
		5 <sup>th</sup> NYU Bioethics Workshop	<i>NYU Center for Bioethics</i>
		NYU Infant Consciousness Conference	<i>NYU Center for Mind, Brain, and Consciousness &amp; NYU Center for Bioethics</i>

## SOCIETIES & TEACHING

*Founding Member, Columbia Biotechnology Association, 2014-2018*

Built student/alumni community, organized social and seminar events to increase campus awareness of biotechnology, brainstormed applications of emerging research.

*Mental Health Educator, Peer Health Exchange Boston, 2011*

Taught mental health at public and charter high schools with guided curricula, coached students, worked with school administration, trained in classroom management.

*President and Member, Boston University Mind and Brain Society, 2010-2012*

Delivered talks on mind and brain science, organized seminars and social events, helped structure neuroscience outreach program for Boston high schools.

*Editor-in-Chief and Writer, The Nerve at Boston University, 2010-2012*

Produced and contributed to student-run neuroscience publication, original articles on mental illness, Adderall abuse, neurophilosophy, and emerging research.

## HONORS & AWARDS

*Fellowships, Grants, Scholarships, and Awards*

Bioethics Fellowship, NYU School of Global Public Health, Center for Bioethics, 2025-2027  
Performance-based Tuition Reimbursement, FCB Health and Interpublic Group, 2016-2018  
Performance-based Tuition Reimbursement, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 2014-2015  
Academic Merit Scholarship, Boston University, 2008-2012  
Academic Merit Scholarship, Don Bosco Preparatory High School, 2004-2008

*Academic Honors*

Boston University Dean's List, 2012  
Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society, 2011  
National Honor Society, 2008  
National Mathematics Honor Society, 2008

*Professional Awards*

PM360 Gold Best Medical Device Launch, Lucentis Prefilled Syringe, 2016  
MM&M Silver Best Sales Tool, Lucentis Prefilled Syringe Demo Kit. 2016

CERTIFICATIONS

*Clinical Research*

HIPAA Compliance, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2013  
Research with Human Subjects, National Institutes of Health, 2013  
Informed Consent for Clinical Research, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 2013  
Biospecimen Handling, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 2013  
Neurocognitive Testing, Cogstate, 2013

*Laboratory Research*

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Training, Boston University, 2011  
Basic Biosafety Level 2 (BSL-2) Training, Boston University School of Medicine, 2011

*Regulatory Affairs*

GDPR Compliance, Interpublic Group of Companies, 2021  
Pharmacovigilance, Takeda Pharmaceuticals, 2019