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PRIMARY INTERESTS	Rationality and Action, Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science, Bioethics, Ethics of Technology
SECONDARY INTERESTS	Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Decision Theory, History of Modern Philosophy

## EDUCATION

New York University  
*M.A. Bioethics (est. 2027)*

NYU School of Global Public Health Bioethics Fellowship

*Spring 2026 Courses:* Neuroethics, Research Seminar in Mind and Language, Environmental Ethics  
*Audits:* Philosophy of Mind, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Analytic Philosophy, Seminar in Semantics  
*Activity:* Neuroeconomics Lab Graduate Assistant (PIs: Paul Glimcher, Kenway Louie)

*Fall 2025 Courses:* Nonconsequentialism, Reproductive Ethics, Bioethics  
*Audits:* Metaphysics, Ethics, Philosophy of Language, Neuroscience of Decision Making  
*Activity:* NYU Colloquium for Social, Legal & Political Philosophy, CUNY Logic & Metaphysics Workshop

Columbia University  
*M.A. Biotechnology (2018)*

*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

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

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

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Biotechnology Writer

*Scrum50 Agency (2025- )*

VP, Associate Creative Director

*Propel Health Communications (2024-2025)*

Directed strategy, messaging, and creative for education and promotional campaigns for molecular treatments for ovarian cancer, hereditary angioedema, and hypophosphatasia.

VP Associate Creative Director, Copy

*Omnicom Health, formerly FCB Health New York / IPG Health (2021-2024)*

Directed campaign and content development for COVID-19 mRNA vaccines and in vitro molecular diagnostics, biologics for myeloma, and tumor-treating fields for glioblastoma.

Associate Creative Director, Copy Lead

*Klick Health New York (2019-2021)*

Supervised disease education and launch campaigns for molecular treatments for systemic sclerosis, leukemia, and seizure. Conceptualized medical language processor.

Group Copy Supervisor

*Omnicom Health, formerly McCann Health New York / IPG Health (2018-2019)*

Developed communications for molecular treatments for eosinophilic asthma and gene/RNA therapy for muscular dystrophy. Conceptualized language deficit detector.

Copy Supervisor, Senior Copywriter, and Copywriter

*Omnicom Health, formerly FCB Health New York / IPG Health (2015-2018)*

Copywriting, data visualization, strategy, and campaign development for retinopathy, asthma/COPD treatments, and genetic testing. Collaborated with FDA/CBER on pilot for HIV testing of donated blood.

Research Study Assistant, Neurology

*Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (2013-2015)*

Coordinated neuro-oncology clinical trials of genomic profiling, immunotherapy, and chemoradiation for brain and liquid tumors. Attended colloquia, managed biospecimens and patient information, performed informed consent, data entry, and IRB actions.

Junior Copywriter

*Omnicom Health, formerly ICC Lowe Pace / IPG Health (2012-2013)*

Medical copywriting for targeted therapies for cystic fibrosis and a neuro-radiotracer for Alzheimer's disease. Trained in creation and development of print and digital media.

SCHOLARLY WRITING & RESEARCH

*New & Recent Work*

- [Can Artificial Intelligence Make High-Stakes Decisions?](#)
- [Embryonic Ethics and Reproductive Rationality](#)
- [Do Aggregates Exist?](#)
- [Modal Distance and the Mind-Body Problem](#)
- [Value, Choice, and Experimental Trolleys](#)

*Biotechnology Thesis*

- [Information and Method: Logic for Translational Science](#)

*Supervised Research*

- [Science, Not Stigma: Perspectives on Blood Donor Controversy](#)

*Bioethics &  
Biotechnology*

- [On Genetic Enhancement](#)
- [Genomics and Privacy](#)
- [Justified Conscientious Objection](#)
- [America Invents? Against First-to-File Patenting in the United States](#)
- [Bioequivalence and Biosimilar Drug Development](#)
- [Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis \(ALS\) and Personalized Medicine](#)
- [Adderall, Attention, and Amphetamine Use](#)

*Metaphysics &  
Epistemology*

- [Science, Necessity, and Modal Pressure](#)
- [On Representation](#)
- [More Than Meets the Eye: Object Perception and Perceptual Presence](#)
- [Epistemic Pluralism](#)
- [A Kantian Theory of Cognition](#)
- [Phenomenal Quality and Humean Truth](#)
- [Absurdity and the Explanatory Gap](#)
- [Human Nature, Engineering, and Identity](#)
- [Navigating the Molecular Reduction of Human Nature](#)
- [Biology, Phenomenology and Identity: Building Interdisciplinary Bridges](#)
- [Evolution and Perception](#)

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

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

## SELECT COURSEWORK

<i>Graduate</i>	Nonconsequentialism Reproductive Ethics Adv. Intro to Bioethics Adv. Intro to Metaphysics Philosophy of Language Adv. Intro to Ethics Neuroscience of Decision Theory of Knowledge Philosophical Bioethics Scientific Pluralism in Practice Phenomenology Biotechnology Law Ethics of Patent & Reg. Law Kant Philosophy of Biology Molecular Biology Animal Behavior	<i>S. Matthey Liao (NYU)</i> <i>Daniel Fogal (NYU)</i> <i>Alexander Quanbeck (NYU)</i> <i>Tim Maudlin (NYU)</i> <i>Kit Fine (NYU)</i> <i>Peter Unger (NYU)</i> <i>Roozbeh Kiani (NYU)</i> <i>Robert Stalnaker (Columbia)</i> <i>Arthur Kuflik (Columbia)</i> <i>Stuart Firestein (Columbia)</i> <i>Taylor Carman (Columbia)</i> <i>Alan Morrison (Columbia)</i> <i>Alan Morrison (Columbia)</i> <i>Manfred Kuehn (BU)</i> <i>R. Powell (BU)</i> <i>John Celenza (BU)</i> <i>Fred Wasserman (BU)</i>	<i>Audit</i> <i>Audit</i> <i>Audit</i> <i>Audit</i>
<i>Undergraduate</i>	Mind, Brain, and Self History of Modern Philosophy History of Ethics History of Ancient Philosophy Existentialism Reason and Argument Intro to Ethics	<i>Walter Hopp (BU)</i> <i>Manfred Kuehn (BU)</i> <i>Paul Katsafanas (BU)</i> <i>David Bronstein (BU)</i> <i>Walter Hopp (BU)</i> <i>Alisa Bokulich (BU)</i> <i>Daniel Star (BU)</i>	

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Boston University School of Medicine

Department of Molecular Imaging & Nuclear Medicine,  
*Research Assistant (2011-2012)*

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.*

Section for Immunology and Infectious Diseases  
*Lab Assistant (2010)*

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.*

## Curriculum Vitae

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
Department of Radiation Oncology  
*Clinical and Research Assistant (2009-2010)*

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:*

Mercier G., N. Vassilakis, J. Brennan, **F. DeVita** and L Kachnic (2012). "Clinical performance of low dose positron emission mammography" *Journal of Nuclear Medicine* 53 (S1): 1231 [doi: jnm.snmjournals.org/content/53/supplement\\_1/1231.short](https://doi.org/10.2967/jnm.111.1231).

Mueller, B. A., C. Obcemea, V. Tumati, **F. DeVita**, Y. Song (2011). "Pilot project for comprehensive chart rounds using a telemedicine platform" *International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics* 81 (2) S1: S695. [doi: 10.1016/j.ijrobp.2011.06.1326](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijrobp.2011.06.1326).

#### *Contributor:*

Pentsova E., et al. (2023). "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* 25 (3): 557-565. [doi: 10.1093/neuonc/noac195](https://doi.org/10.1093/neuonc/noac195).

Hyman, D.M. et al. (2018). "HER kinase inhibition in patients with HER2- and HER3-mutant cancers" *Nature* 554:189–194. [doi: 10.1038/nature25475](https://doi.org/10.1038/nature25475).

Omuro A., et al. (2018). "Nivolumab with or without ipilimumab in patients with recurrent glioblastoma: results from exploratory phase I cohorts of CheckMate 143" *Neuro-Oncology*, 20 (5): 674–686. [doi: 10.1093/neuonc/nox208](https://doi.org/10.1093/neuonc/nox208).

Diamond E., et al. (2018). "Vemurafenib for BRAF V600-Mutant Erdheim-Chester Disease and Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis" *JAMA Oncology* 4 (3): 384-388. [doi: 10.1001/jamaoncol.2017.5029](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamaoncol.2017.5029).

M. Berger, et al (2015). "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* 17 (3): 251-64. [doi: 10.1016/j.jmoldx.2014.12.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmoldx.2014.12.006).

Omuro A., et al. (2014). "Phase II study of bevacizumab, temozolomide, and hypofractionated stereotactic radiotherapy for newly diagnosed glioblastoma" *Clinical Cancer Research*. 20 (19): 5023-31. [doi: 10.1158/1078-0432.CCR-14-0822](https://doi.org/10.1158/1078-0432.CCR-14-0822).

## 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

## SOCIETIES & TEACHING

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Nerve at Boston University, *Editor-in-Chief* (2012) and *Writer* (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)
- Creative Floor, Best Device Campaign, Lucentis Prefilled Syringe (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)