JEN SEMLER

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RESEARCH AREAS

AOC Practical ethics (AI ethics, intergenerational ethics); normative ethics

AOI Experimental philosophy; philosophy of mind

EDUCATION

2024 (expected) University of Oxford, Reuben College

DPhil Philosophy

Dissertation: *Artificial (non-sentient) Moral Agency (provisional title)*

Supervisor: Carissa Véliz

2021 University of Cambridge, Lucy Cavendish College

MPhil Philosophy (pass with distinction)
Thesis: *The Right to Create Future Generations*Supervisor: Alex McLaughlin

2020 University of Iceland

MA Medieval Icelandic Studies (first class)

Thesis: Is Njáll a Compatibilist? Aristotelian Voluntary Action in Njáls Saga

Supervisor: Jan Alexander van Nahl

2019 **Duke University**

BA Philosophy (highest distinction), Public Policy, Economics (minor)

GPA: 3.94/4.00 (magna cum laude)

Thesis: *Moral Luck and Responsibility*

Committee: David Wong (advisor), Walter Sinnott-Armstrong,

Gopal Sreenivasan

2017 University of Oxford, Hertford College

Visiting Student (Michaelmas Term)

2016 Duke in Geneva

Summer Program Student

PUBLICATIONS

Under Review The Right to Create Future Generations

In Progress Henne, P., Semler, J., Perez, K., Kirfel, L., & Kulesza, A. People infer

temporal order and causal structure from causal judgments.

2019 Semler, J. & Henne, P. (2019). Recent experimental work on 'ought' implies

'can'. Philosophy Compass. https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12619.

Henne, P., **Semler, J.**, Chituc, V., De Brigard, F., & Sinnott-Armstrong, W.

(2018). Against some recent arguments for 'ought' implies 'can': Reasons, deliberation, trying, and furniture. *Philosophia*.

https://doi.org/10.1007/s11406-017-9944-7.

TALKS AND CONFERENCES

AI Ethics

2022 (August) "Artificial Quasi Moral Agency" | AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial

Intelligence, Ethics, and Society (AIES) Student Track Program

University of Oxford

2022 "Types of Moral Agency" | DPhil Seminar | University of Oxford

Experimental Philosophy

2022 (September) "People Infer Temporal Order and Causal Structure from Causal

Judgments" | European Experimental Philosophy Conference |

University of Granada

2022 (July) "People Infer Temporal Order and Causal Structure from Causal

Judgments" | Joint Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP) and the European Society of Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP) |

Milan

2021 "Causal Inferences" | Postgraduate Seminar | University of Cambridge

Moral Luck

2021 "Against the Epistemic Response to Moral Luck" | Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Graduate Conference | Florida State

University (virtual)

TEACHING

Teaching Assistantships

2022 (July) Why Be Good? (Michael Hannon) | Exeter College Summer Program

2022 Ethical Computing in Practice (Milo Phillips-Brown) | Oxford

Taught discussion sections and marked assignments

• Gave mini-lecture on moral side-constraints and relativism

Primary Instructor

2018-2019 Paradoxes: An Exploration of Problems in Philosophy and Beyond | Duke

- Designed and co-taught "house course" (taken by Duke university undergraduates on a pass/fail basis for half a class credit)
- Reached full enrollment both semesters

Tutoring

2015-2019 Volunteer High School Tutor | CHANCE Tutoring | Durham, NC 2017 Freelance Philosophy Tutor (metaphysics, political philosophy)

2013-2016 K-12 Academic Tutor | Turning Point Tutoring | Chappaqua, NY

PUBLIC WRITING, MEDIA, AND PRESENTATIONS

2022 Experimental Philosophy

Dining with Dinosaurs: Student Talks at the Museum of Natural History

Reuben College, Oxford

2022 **Podcast Interview** | The Philosopher's Nest

2019 **Project Vox**

Bass Connections Symposium | Duke University

2019 An Undergraduate's Perspective on Project Vox

Revealing Voices Blog Series | Project Vox

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

2022 Global Priorities Fellowship (£5,000) | Forethought Foundation

2022 (June) Early Career Conference Program | Global Priorities Institute (Oxford)

2021-2024 Oxford-Reuben Graduate Scholarship (full fees and living expenses for the

DPhil)

2021 Kate Bertram Prize (£100) | Lucy Cavendish College (Cambridge)

2020 American Friends of Cambridge University Award (£2,500)

2019 Phi Beta Kappa Society | Duke University

SELECTED SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE

2021-2022 Organizing Committee Member | Oxford Graduate Student Conference

2021 Philosophy Undergraduate Admissions Interviewer | Jesus College,

University of Oxford

2021 Session Chair | Cambridge Graduate Conference on the Philosophy of

Mathematics and Logic | University of Cambridge

2021	Judge Ethics Cup (formerly John Stuart Mill Cup)
2019-2020	Organizing Committee Member Háskóli Íslands Student Conference on the Medieval North (cancelled due to COVID-19) University of Iceland
2018-2019	Research Assistant Project Vox (PI: Andrew Janiak and Liz Milewicz) Duke University
2016-2019	Research Assistant Moral Attitudes and Decision-Making Lab (PI: Walter Sinnott-Armstrong) Duke University
2019	Study Abroad Student Ambassador Duke University
2018	Research Programs Intern National Endowment for the Humanities
OTHER	Interests: stand-up comedy, classic novels, basketball, travel
	Carbon literacy certified
	Basic proficiency in R, Python, and HTML