JEN SEMLER

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RESEARCH AREAS

AOS AI ethics; practical ethics; normative ethics

AOC Experimental philosophy; philosophy of mind

EDUCATION

2024 (exp.) **DPhil in Philosophy** | *University of Oxford (Reuben College)*
Dissertation: *Artificial (non-sentient) Moral Agency*
   Supervisors: Carissa Véliz (primary), Alison Hills (secondary)

2021 **MPhil in Philosophy** | *University of Cambridge (Lucy Cavendish College)*
Grade: pass with distinction
Thesis: *The Right to Create Future Generations*
   Supervisor: Alex McLaughlin

2020 **MA in Medieval Icelandic Studies** | *University of Iceland*
Grade: first class
Thesis: *Is Njáll a Compatibilist? Aristotelian Voluntary Action in Njáls Saga*
   Supervisor: Jan Alexander van Nahl

2019 **BA in Philosophy, Public Policy, Economics (minor)** | *Duke University*
GPA: 3.94/4.00 (magna cum laude); highest distinction in philosophy
Thesis: *Moral Luck and Responsibility*
   Supervisor: David Wong
   Committee: Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, Gopal Sreenivasan

2017 **Visiting Student** | *University of Oxford (Hertford College)*

2016 **Summer Program Student** | *Duke in Geneva*

PUBLICATIONS

Under Contract **Case study: Lockdowns**
part of the "Liberty" chapter in *Issues in Political Theory* (R. Jubb & P. Tomlin, eds.), Oxford University Press

Under Review	**The Right to Create Future Generations**
In Prep	**People infer temporal order and causal structure from causal judgments** with K. Perez, A. Kulesza, L. Kirfel, & P. Henne
2019	**Recent experimental work on 'ought' implies 'can'** *Philosophy Compass* [https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12619] with P. Henne (we share first-authorship)

2018	**Against some recent arguments for 'ought' implies 'can': Reasons, deliberation, trying, and furniture**
	Philosophia [https://doi.org/10.1007/s11406-017-9944-7]
	        with P. Henne, V, Chituc, F. De Brigard, & W. Sinnott-Armstrong
	        (I share first-authorship with P. Henne)

TALKS

Artificial non-sentient moral agency

2022	AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society (AIES) Student Track Program	*Oxford, United Kingdom*
2022	DPhil Seminar	*University of Oxford*

People infer temporal order and causal structure from causal judgments

2022	European Experimental Philosophy Conference	*Granada, Spain*
2022	Society for Philosophy and Psychology & European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP & ESPP) Joint Conference	*Milan, Italy*
2021	Postgraduate Seminar	*University of Cambridge*

Against the epistemic response to moral luck

2021	Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Graduate Conference	*Florida State University (virtual)*

TEACHING

Primary Instructor

2022	Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Technology (tutorials)	*Oxford*

| 2022 | Why Be Good? An Introduction to Ethics (tutorials) | *Exeter College Summer Programme, Oxford* |

Teaching Assistantships

| 2022-23 | Ethics (Jean Baccelli) | *Oxford* |

| 2022-23 | Moral Philosophy (Jean Baccelli) | *Oxford* |

| 2022 | Ethical Computing in Practice (Milo Phillips-Brown) | *Computer Science Department, Oxford* |

Other Teaching

| 2018-2019 | Paradoxes: An Exploration of Problems in Philosophy and Beyond | *Duke*
Designed and co-taught "house course" (taught by undergraduates, taken by undergraduates on a pass/fail basis for half class credit) |

| 2015-2019 | Volunteer high school tutor | CHANCE Tutoring | *Durham, NC* |

| 2017 | Freelance philosophy tutor (metaphysics, political philosophy) | *virtual* |

| 2013-2016 | K-12 academic tutor | *Turning Point Tutoring* | *Chappaqua, NY* |

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

| 2022 | **Panelist: "What Does the Future Hold for Humanity?"**
Reuben College Insights Festival | *Reuben College, Oxford* |

| 2022 | **AI in the Moral Community**
Dining with Dinosaurs: Student Talks at the Museum of Natural History | *Reuben College, Oxford* |

| 2022 | **Experimental Philosophy**
Dining with Dinosaurs: Student Talks at the Museum of Natural History | *Reuben College, Oxford* |

| 2022 | **The Philosopher's Nest (podcast interview)** |

| 2019 | **Project Vox**
Bass Connections Symposium | *Duke* |

| 2019 | **An Undergraduate's Perspective on Project Vox (blog post)**
Revealing Voices Blog Series | *Project Vox* |

AWARDS

2022	Global Priorities Fellowship (£5,000)	*Forethought Foundation*
2022	Early Career Conference Program	*Global Priorities Institute, Oxford*
2021-2014	Oxford-Reuben Graduate Scholarship (full fees and living expenses for the DPhil	*Reuben College, Oxford*
2021	Kate Bertram Prize (£100)	*Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge*
2020	American Friends of Cambridge University Award (£2,500)	*Cambridge*
2019	Phi Beta Kappa Society	*Duke*

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Research Assistantships

2022	Algorithmic Bias (Milo Phillips-Brown)	*Oxford*
2018-2019	Project Vox (PI: Andrew Janiak & Liz Milewicz)	*Duke*
2016-2019	Moral Attitudes and Decision-Making Lab (PI: Walter Sinnott-Armstrong)	*Duke*

Work

2018	Research Programs Intern	*National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C.*

SERVICE

2021-2022	Philosophy Undergraduate Admissions Interviewer	*Jesus College, Oxford*
2022	Organizing Committee Member	*Oxford Graduate Student Conference*
2022	Assistant	*Responsibility and Autonomy in Artificial Intelligence Conference*
2021	Session Chair	*Cambridge Graduate Conference on the Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic*
2021	Judge	*Ethics Cup (formerly John Stuart Mill Cup)*

2021   Organizing Committee Member | *Háskóli Íslands Student Conference on the Medieval North (cancelled due to COVID-19)*

OTHER

Interests: stand-up comedy, classic novels, basketball, travel

Basic proficiency in HTML and CSS