



# Nicholas Barrow

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SPECIALISATION    Philosophy of Technology | Applied Ethics

COMPETENCE        Ethics | Metaphysics | Propositional Logic

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

UCL                    Research Fellow, 2023  
                             Ethics of Haptic Technology

University of Cambridge, LCFI    Research Assistant, April – July 2022  
   Better Images of AI

## EDUCATION

University of York        MA, Philosophy of AI, 2022  
                                     Thesis: “Determining artificial moral standing: the importance of practical feasibility,” supervised by Dr Annette Zimmermann

University of Kent        BA, Philosophy, 2021 (1:1)  
                                     Thesis: “Assuming the worst: would creating superintelligence be super-intelligent?,” supervised by Dr Alexandra Trofimov

## PUBLICATIONS

[“Thinking unwise: a relational u-turn”](#) in *Social Robots in Social Institutions: RoboPhilosophy2022 Conference Proceedings*. (forthcoming)

[“Moral zombies: why algorithms are not moral agents \(Research Summary\),”](#) *Montreal AI Ethics Institute*, 2022.

Is it the case we may as well be Nihilists? *Dialectic*, 15(3). 2021.

*Under Review*            A paper on robot moral standing, *AI & Society*.

*In Preparation*        Co-Authored opinion article on AI Hype, *AI & Ethics*

## AWARDS

University of York        David Eford Postgraduate Student Research Travel Fund  
   Awarded based on merit to postgraduate students

Artificial Intelligence Bursary 2021/2022

Awarded annually to one Philosophy of AI student based on academic merit

*University of Kent*

Philosophy Dissertation Award 2021

Awarded for best philosophy dissertation in cohort

*Reigate College*

Philosophy Award 2018

Awarded based on academic merit and potential

## TALKS

\* = *Refereed*

† = *Invited*

“Thinking unwise: a relational u-turn”

RoboPhilosophy, August 2022\*

York Graduate Conference, June 2022†

## TEACHING

*University of York*

Led Seminar In

PHI00087M: Topics in Consciousness and Representation,  
Spring 2022

PHI00077M: Topics in the Philosophy of Artificial  
Intelligence, Autumn 2021

*Other*

Tutor

English Refugee Hub, Kent, September 2018 – July 2019

## RELEVANT

## EMPLOYMENT

Lead Bid Writer

Better Images of AI (We and AI), July 2022 – January 2023

Researcher

AllTechIsHuman, March 2021

## SERVICE

Treasurer

Kent RespectTheNo, 2020-2021

Philosophy Ambassador

The University of Kent, 2020-2021

## REFERENCES

**Dr Annette Zimmermann**

Assistant Professor in Philosophy

University of Wisconsin-Madison

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**Dr Graeme Forbes**

Honorary Senior Research Fellow, (ex) Head of Philosophy

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