




# Nicholas Barrow

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## AREAS OF INTEREST

The Ethics of Technology | The Value of Consciousness | Applied Ethics

## EMPLOYMENT

UCL, Research Fellow, 2023 | The Ethics of Haptic Technology  
The University of Cambridge (LCFI), Research Assistant, 2022 | Better Images of AI

## EDUCATION

MA in the Philosophy of AI, The University of York, 2022 (68%)  
*Thesis*: “Determining Artificial Moral Standing: The Importance of Practical Feasibility,” supervised by Dr Annette Zimmermann  
BA(hons) in Philosophy, The University of Kent, 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’](#), Proceedings of RoboPhilosophy 2022 (2023).

[“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

### *In Preparation*

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

### *Reports Contributed To*

[Better Images of AI: A Guide for Users and Creators](#) (2023)

## AWARDS

### *The University of York*

David Efird 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

### *The University of Kent*

Philosophy Dissertation Award 2021  
For best thesis in philosophy

### *Reigate College*

Philosophy Award 2018  
Awarded based on academic merit and potential

## TALKS

\* = *Refereed*

† = *Invited*

“The Ethics of Digital Touch”  
UCL Action & Body Lab, March 2023†

“Thinking unwise: a relational u-turn”  
RoboPhilosophy, August 2022\*  
York Graduate Conference, June 2022†

## TEACHING

*The 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

## OTHER 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

**Prof. Annette Zimmermann**

Assistant Professor in Philosophy

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**Dr Graeme Forbes**

Honorary Senior Research Fellow, (ex) Head of Philosophy

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