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Current Position

2025-present. Professor, Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
2019-present. Cross-appointed with the Law, Justice and Society Program, Dalhousie University, Halifax.

Previous Positions

2019-25. Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
2016-19. Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
2011-17. Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, California State University – Fresno, Fresno, California.
2007-09, 2010-11. Postdoctoral Fellow, Novel Tech Ethics, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
2009-10. Project Manager, *Situating Science: Clustering the Humanist and Social Studies of Science in Canada* (a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Strategic Knowledge Cluster Grant), University of King's College, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
2006-07. Research Associate, Novel Tech Ethics (Department of Bioethics), Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Areas of Specialization

Animal Ethics, Epistemology, Neuroethics, Philosophy of animal behavior and cognition.

Areas of Competence

Asian Philosophies (in particular: classical Indian philosophies, early Confucianism and philosophical Taoism), Bioethics, Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Religion.

Education

PhD. Philosophy. June, 2007; Department of Philosophy, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta.
Thesis: *Aping the substantive epistemic subject? In search of epistemic equals in the genus Pan*. John A. Baker, supervisor. Marc Ereshefsky, Mark Migotti, Henderikus Stam, examiners (int.). Bruce Hunter, external examiner.
M.A. Philosophy. October, 1995; Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Thesis: *Does Fido know that the cat is on the mat? An account of, and response to, Externalist Reliabilism*. Tom Vinci, supervisor. Stephen Maitzen and Duncan MacIntosh, readers.
B.A. (Hons) Philosophy and Comparative Religion. October, 1994; Departments of Philosophy

and Comparative Religion, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.
Hons. thesis: *Plantinga and the Rationality of Theistic Belief*. Rodger Forsman, supervisor.

Research

Peer-reviewed articles (single-authored)

- Andrew Fenton.** A moderate Buddhist animal research ethics. *Developing World Bioethics* 2019; 19(2): 106-15.
- Andrew Fenton.** Holding animal-based research to our highest ethical standards: Re-seeing two emergent laboratory practices and the ethical significance of research animal dissent. *ILAR Journal* 2019; 60(3): 397-403.
- Andrew Fenton.** Can a Chimp Say “No”? Reenvisioning Chimpanzee Dissent in Harmful Research. *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 2014; 23(2): 130-139.
- Andrew Fenton.** Neuroscience and the Problem of Other Animal Minds: Why It May Not Matter So Much for Neuroethics. *The Monist* 2012; 95(3): 463-485.
- Andrew Fenton.** On the need to redress an inadequacy in animal welfare science: toward an internally coherent framework. *Biology and Philosophy* 2012; 27(1): 73-93.
- Andrew Fenton.** Buddhism and neuroethics: the ethics of pharmaceutical cognitive enhancement. *Developing World Bioethics* 2009; 9(2): 47-56.

Peer-reviewed articles (co-authored)

- Vaughan Black, **Andrew Fenton**, and Elisabeth Ormandy. Protecting Canada’s Lab Animals: The Need for Legislation. *Animals* 2022; 12(6): 770.
- Vaughan Black and **Andrew Fenton**. Humane Driving. *The Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence* 2021; 34(1): 11-28.
- Hope Ferdowsian, L. Syd M Johnson, Jane Johnson, **Andrew Fenton**, Adam Shriver, and John Gluck. A Belmont Report for Animals? *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 2020; 29(1): 19-37.
- Timothy Krahn and **Andrew Fenton**. Funding Priorities: Autism and the Need for a More Balanced Research Agenda. *Public Health Ethics* 2012; 5(3): 296-310.
- Timothy Krahn and **Andrew Fenton**. The Extreme Male Brain Theory of Autism and the Potential Adverse Effects for Boys and Girls with Autism. *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* 2012; 9(1): 93-103.
- Andrew Fenton** and Frederick Gilbert. On the Use of Animals in Emergent Embryonic Stem Cell Research for Spinal Cord injuries. *Journal of Animal Ethics* 2011; 1(1): 37-45.
- Timothy Krahn, **Andrew Fenton**, Letitia Meynell. Novel Neurotechnologies in Film - A Reading of Steven Spielberg's *Minority Report*. *Neuroethics* 2010; 3: 73-88.
- Timothy Krahn and **Andrew Fenton**. Autism, Empathy and Questions of Moral Agency. *Journal for the Theory of Social behavior* 2009; 39(2): 145-66.
- Andrew Fenton**, Letitia Meynell and Françoise Baylis. Ethical challenges and interpretive difficulties with non-clinical applications of pediatric fMRI. *The American Journal of Bioethics* 2009; 9(1): 3-13.
- Andrew Fenton** and Sheri Alpert. Extending our view on using BCIs for Locked-in syndrome. *Neuroethics* 2008; 1(2): 119-32.
- Andrew Fenton** and Timothy Krahn. Autism, neurodiversity and equality beyond "the normal." *Journal of Ethics in Mental Health* 2007; 2(2).
- Françoise Baylis and **Andrew Fenton**. Chimera Research and Stem Cell Therapies for Human

Neurodegenerative Disorders. *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 2007; 16: 195-208.

Book chapters (single-authored)

Andrew Fenton. Re-Seeing Animal Research Ethics in Light of COVID-19. In *Contagion Narratives: The Society, Culture and Ecology of the Global South*, edited by R. Sreejith Varma and Ajanta Sircar. New York, Routledge, 2023: 39-60.

Andrew Fenton. Decisional Authority and Animal Research Subjects. In *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Animal Minds*, edited by Kristin Andrews and Jacob Beck. New York: Routledge, 2018: 475-84.

Andrew Fenton. Re-Conceiving Nonhuman Animal Knowledge Through Contemporary Primate Cognitive Studies. In *Philosophy of Behavioral Biology* (Boston Studies in the Philosophy of Science) edited by Kathryn S. Plaisance and Thomas A.C. Reydon. New York: Springer, 2012: 125-146.

Andrew Fenton. Brain death: *Steel Magnolias*. In *The Picture of Health: Medical Ethics and the Movies* edited by Henri Colt, Silvia Quadrelli, and Lester Friedman. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011: 392-399.

Book chapters (co-authored)

G.K.D. Crozier, **Andrew Fenton**, Letitia Meynell, and David M. Peña-Guzmán. Nonhuman, All Too Human: Towards Developing Policies for Ethical Chimera Research. In *Neuroethics and Nonhuman Animals*, edited by L. Syd M Johnson, Andrew Fenton, and Adam Shriver. New York: Springer, 2020: 205-19.

Andrew Fenton and Adam Shriver. Animal Minds: The Neuroethics of Nonhuman Dissent. In *The Routledge Handbook of Neuroethics*, edited by L. Syd M Johnson and Karen S. Rommelfanger. New York: Routledge, 2018: 484-98.

Michael Doan and **Andrew Fenton**. Embodying autistic cognition: Towards re-conceiving certain 'autism-related' behavioural atypicalities as functional. In *The Philosophy of Autism* edited by Jami L. Anderson and Simon Cushing. New York: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2013: 47-71.

Books (co-authored/co-edited)

L. Syd M Johnson, **Andrew Fenton**, and Mary Lee Jensvold. *The Three Pillars of Ethical Research with Nonhuman Primates: A Work Developed in Collaboration with the National Anti-Vivisection Society (Cambridge Elements)*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2024.

L. Syd M Johnson, **Andrew Fenton**, and Adam Shriver, eds. *Neuroethics and Nonhuman Animals*. New York: Springer, 2020.

Kristin Andrews, Gary Comstock, G.K.D. Crozier, Sue Donaldson, **Andrew Fenton**, Tyler M. John, L. Syd M Johnson, Robert C. Jones, Will Kymlicka, Letitia Meynell, Nathan Nobis, David M. Peña-Guzmán, Jeff Sebo. *Chimpanzee Rights: The Philosophers' Brief*. New York: Routledge, 2019.

Journal special issues (co-edited)

Clarisse Paron, Michael Hymers, Derek Andrews, **Andrew Fenton**, and Letitia Meynell (co-editors). *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review/Revue canadienne de philosophie* 2024; 63(2) (A Celebration of Steven Burns).

Non-peer-reviewed articles, commentaries, or forewords (single or co-authored)

Andrew Fenton. Foreword. *Corvus Undergraduate Philosophy Journal* 2025; 25: vi-ix.

Andrew Fenton. A Zoopolemic look at animal research ethics. *Between the Species* 2020; 23.1: 131-54.

Andrew Fenton and Timothy Krahn. Interrogating the boundary of Human-level and T moral status. *The American Journal of Bioethics* 2010; 1(2): 61-63.

Andrew Fenton, Letitia Meynell, Françoise Baylis. Responsibility and Speculation: On Possible Applications of Pediatric fMRI. *The American Journal of Bioethics* 2009; 9(1): W1-W2.

Andrew Fenton and Timothy Krahn. Who's to Regret, What's to Regret? *The American Journal of Bioethics* 2008; 8(2): 42-43.

Book reviews (single-authored)

Andrew Fenton. *Naturalized Bioethics: Toward Responsible Knowing and Practice.* By HILDE LINDEMANN, MARIAN VERKERK, AND MARGARET URBAN WALKER. *Hypatia* 2010; 25(3): 610-613.

Andrew Fenton. D.L.Cheney, R.M. Seyfarth, *Baboon Metaphysics: The Evolution of a Social Mind.* A Review. The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 2007. *Biology and Philosophy* 2009; 24(1): 129-36.

Andrew Fenton. Paul Churchland. *Neurophilosophy at Work.* New York: Cambridge University Press 2007. *Philosophy in Review* 2008; 28(5): 324-26.

Andrew Fenton. Merkel, R. et al. 2007. *Intervening in the Brain: Changing Psyche and Society.* New York: Springer: a review. *Neuroethics* 2008; 1: 213-15.

Book reviews (co-authored)

Andrew Fenton and Timothy Krahn. *Disability Bioethics: Moral Bodies, Moral Difference.* By JACKIE LEACH SCULLY. *Hypatia* 2011; 26(3): 651-655.

Blogs/Newletters/Opinion pieces (single-authored)

November, 2025. "We Can't Export Away Our legally Recognized Duties to Captive Cetaceans." *Impact Ethics*: <https://impactethics.ca/2025/11/04/we-cant-export-away-our-legally-recognized-duties-to-captive-cetaceans/>.

July, 2024. "The NY Declaration on Animal Consciousness: New or Very Old News?" *Impact Ethics*: <https://impactethics.ca/2024/07/16/the-ny-declaration-on-animal-consciousness-new-or-very-old-news/>.

April, 2020. "COVID-19 measures in animal labs: Bad news for rodents." *Impact Ethics*: <https://impactethics.ca/2020/04/27/covid-19-measures-in-animal-labs-bad-news-for-rodents/>.

March, 2019. "Engage, don't exclude controversial philosopher." Opinion piece in *The Chronicle Herald* (<https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/opinion-engage-dont-exclude-controversial-philosopher-293722/>).

May, 2018. "Confronting a manifest injustice: toward chimpanzee rights." *Impact Ethics*: <https://impactethics.ca/2018/05/19/confronting-a-manifest-injustice-chimpanzee-rights/>.

Winter, 2018. "The Ethical Importance of Transparency for Zoos and Aquaria." *Connections*, Winter 2018 (published by Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums).

September, 2017. "An animal bioethicist in Seattle." *Impact Ethics*: <https://impactethics.ca/2017/09/07/an-animal-bioethicist-in-seattle/>.

September, 2016. "The Costs of Chimpanzee Research." *Impact Ethics*:

<https://impactethics.ca/2016/09/15/the-costs-of-chimpanzee-research/>.

Blogs/Newletters/Opinion pieces (co-authored)

Françoise Baylis and **Andrew Fenton**. May, 2022. “Pig-human transplants may be a misguided attempt to address the organ shortage.” *The Conversation*: <https://theconversation.com/pig-human-transplants-may-be-a-misguided-attempt-to-address-the-organ-shortage-182624>. Reposted in *EastMojo*: <https://www.eastmojo.com/science-tech/2022/05/13/pig-human-transplants-misguided-attempt-to-address-organ-shortage/>; *Medicalxpress*: <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2022-05-pig-human-transplants-misguided-shortage.html>; the *National Post*: <https://nationalpost.com/pmnp/news-pmn/pig-human-transplants-may-be-a-misguided-attempt-to-address-the-organ-shortage>.

Andrew Fenton and Timothy Krahn. April, 2022. “The Ethics of Companion Animal Abandonment in Times of Crisis.” *Impact Ethics*: <https://impactethics.ca/2022/04/07/the-ethics-of-companion-animal-abandonment-in-times-of-crisis/>.

Andrew Fenton and Marc Bekoff. November, 2021. “The Late Bernie Rollin: A Man for All Seasons and Reasons.” *Psychology Today*: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/animal-emotions/202111/the-late-bernie-rollin-man-all-seasons-and-reasons>. Reposted in *Daily Camera*: <https://www.dailycamera.com/2021/11/30/guest-opinion-marc-bekoff-and-andrew-fenton-father-of-veterinary-medical-ethics-was-himself-a-force-of-nature/>.

Andrew Fenton and Letitia Meynell. April, 2021. “Should Nova Scotia redistribute vaccines to Ontario? Not yet.” *Impact Ethics*: <https://impactethics.ca/2021/04/22/should-nova-scotia-redistribute-vaccines-to-ontario-not-yet/>.

Andrew Fenton and L. Syd M Johnson. September, 2020. “COVID-19 animal research reveals ethical shortcomings.” *Impact Ethics*: <https://impactethics.ca/2020/09/25/covid-19-animal-research-reveals-ethical-shortcomings/>.

Andrew Fenton and Lori Marino. August, 2020. “The Blood Harvest of Horseshoe Crabs is a Moral Fiasco.” ‘The Blog’ for The Kimmela Center for Animal Advocacy, Inc: <https://www.kimmela.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/The-Blood-Harvest-of-Horseshoe-Crabs-is-a-Moral-Fiasco.pdf>.

Andrew Fenton and L. Syd M Johnson. March, 2018. “Philosophers’ Brief on Chimpanzee Personhood.” *Impact Ethics*: <https://impactethics.ca/2018/03/04/philosophers-brief-on-chimpanzee-personhood/>.

Andrew Fenton and Letitia Meynell. January, 2017. “The lure of human-animal chimera research.” *Impact Ethics*: <https://impactethics.ca/2017/01/30/the-lure-of-human-animal-chimera-research/>.

G.K.D. Crozier, **Andrew Fenton**, Lori Marino, Letitia Meynell, and David Peña-Guzmán. August, 2016. “Public Comment: Should NIH Fund Research on Human-Animal Chimeras?” *Hastings Bioethics Forum*: <http://www.thehastingscenter.org/challenges-nih-policy-human-animal-chimera-research/>.

Andrew Fenton and L. Syd M Johnson. April, 2016. “The Ethics of Non-human Primate Research.” *Impact Ethics*: <https://impactethics.ca/2016/04/05/the-ethics-of-non-human-primate-research/>.

Andrew Fenton and Letitia Meynell. September, 2014. “Which lives are you ‘pro’?” *Impact Ethics*: <http://impactethics.ca/2014/09/05/which-lives-are-you-pro/>.

Advocacy/policy documents (co-authored)

Documents

- Gary L. Comstock, **Andrew Fenton**, L. Syd M Johnson, Robert C. Jones, Letitia M. Meynell, Nathan Nobis, David M. Peña-Guzmán, and Jeff Sebo. “A Philosophers’ Brief in Support of Jambo, Kimba, Loulou, Lucky, and Missy”. Filed in the Colorado Supreme Court in May, 2024 (<https://www.nonhumanrights.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Philosophers-Amicus-Brief-FILED-version.pdf>).
- Gary L. Comstock, **Andrew Fenton**, L. Syd M Johnson, Robert C. Jones, Letitia M. Meynell, Nathan Nobis, David M. Peña-Guzmán, and Jeff Sebo. “A Philosophers’ Letter in Support of Amahle, Mabu, and Nolwazi”. Filed in the Supreme Court of California in October, 2023 (<https://www.nonhumanrights.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Philosophers-Amicus-Letter-FILED-version.pdf>).
- Gary L. Comstock, Sue Donaldson, **Andrew Fenton**, Tyler M. John, L. Syd M Johnson, Robert C. Jones, Will Kymlicka, Letitia M. Meynell, Nathan Nobis, David M. Peña-Guzmán, James Rocha, Bernard E. Rollin, Jeff Sebo, and Adam Shriver. ‘The Philosophers’ Brief in Support of Happy’s Appeal’ (unofficial name). Filed in the Court of Appeals of the State of New York in September, 2021 (<https://www.nonhumanrights.org/content/uploads/Philosophers-Brief-Happy-Court-of-Appeals.pdf>).
- Gary Comstock, G.K.D. Crozier, **Andrew Fenton**, Tyler John, L. Syd M Johnson, Robert C. Jones, Letitia Meynell, Nathan Nobis, David Peña-Guzmán, James Rocha, Bernard Rollin, and Jeff Sebo. ‘Happy’s Personhood: The Philosophers’ Brief’ (unofficial name). Filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division (First Department) in July, 2020 (<https://www.nonhumanrights.org/content/uploads/Notice-of-Motion-for-Leave-Philosophers-Amicus-Happys-Case-1.pdf> [starting at p.243 of the pdf]).
- Kristin Andrews, Gary Comstock, G.K.D. Crozier, **Andrew Fenton**, L. Syd M Johnson, Robert Jones, Letitia Meynell, Nathan Nobis, David Peña-Guzmán, James Rocha, Bernard Rollin, and Adam Shriver. ‘Elephant Personhood: The Philosophers’ Brief’ (unofficial name). Filed in the Appellate Court, State of Connecticut in November, 2018 (<https://www.nonhumanrights.org/content/uploads/The-Philosophers-Brief.pdf>).
- Kristin Andrews, Gary Comstock, G.K.D. Crozier, Sue Donaldson, **Andrew Fenton**, Tyler M. John, L. Syd M Johnson, Robert Jones, Will Kymlicka, Letitia Meynell, Nathan Nobis, David Peña-Guzmán, James Rocha, Bernard Rollin, Jeffrey Sebo, Adam Shriver, and Rebecca L. Walker. ‘Chimpanzee Personhood: The Philosophers’ Brief.’ Filed in the Court of Appeals, State of New York in February, 2018 (<https://www.nonhumanrights.org/content/uploads/In-re-Nonhuman-Rights-v.-Lavery-Proposed-Brief-by-PHILOSOPHERS-74435.pdf>).

Examiner/Supervisor/Supervisory committee member/Thesis Reader

PhD level:

- Interdisciplinary PhD supervisory committee member. Caitlin Cunningham (IDPhD candidate). Thesis: *Moving beyond the nature-culture dualism in urban biodiversity conservation*. IDPhD Program, Dalhousie University. Karen Beazley, supervisor. Successfully defended in March, 2025.
- Interdisciplinary PhD supervisory committee member. Laura Kiiroja (IDPhD candidate). Thesis: *Assistance dogs for PTSD: A study of canine detection accuracy, therapeutic potential, and*

ethical dimensions. IDPhD Program, Dalhousie University. Simon Gadbois, supervisor. Successfully defended in August, 2024.

PhD Supervisor. Erik Nelson (Philosophy). Thesis: *The Nonlinguistic Mind: Nonlinguistic Concepts, Normativity, and Animal Cognition*. Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University. Successfully defended in June, 2024.

External examiner. Ashley Keefner (Philosophy). Thesis: *How Prejudice Affects the Study of Animal Minds*. Department of Philosophy, University of Waterloo. Paul Thagard, supervisor. Successfully defended in August, 2017.

MA level:

External examiner. Heather Sutcliffe (Philosophy). Master's Thesis: *Ethical perspectives on the adoption of the neurodiversity paradigm in the field of autism research*. Department of Philosophy, McGill University, 2024. Natalie Stoljar, supervisor.

Second Reader. Carling Bergquist-Terplawy (Philosophy). Master's Thesis: *A Call for Humility: Human Supremacy Through a Biological Lens*. Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, 2019. Letitia Meynell, supervisor.

Second Reader. Oliver Boettcher (Philosophy). Master's Thesis: *An Interest-Based Account of Police Service Dog Labour Rights*. Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, 2018. Letitia Meynell, supervisor.

Second Reader. Andrew Lopez (Philosophy). Master's Thesis: *'The Taming of Savagery': Kantian Perspectives on Animal Embodiment and Human Dignity*. Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, 2017. Letitia Meynell, supervisor.

Third Reader. Tessa Bruce-Brown (Philosophy). Master's Thesis: *Gods and Invisible Rabbits: How Not to Justify Religion*. Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, 2009. Tom Vinci, supervisor.

Second Reader. Thomas Leenders (Philosophy). Master's Thesis: *Animal Rights and Wrongs: A Critique of Singer and Regan's Views of Duties to Animals*. Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, 2005. Richmond Campbell, supervisor.

BA (Hons) level:

Honours Supervisor. Margaret Pettipas (Philosophy). Honours Thesis: *Motivating Sustainable Dietary Choices with Self-interest: Rule Ethical Egoism, Animal Agriculture, and Food Insecurity*. Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, 2018.

Professional Service

Ad Hoc Grant review

2023: Swiss National Science Foundation (standard research grant).

2017: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (standard research grant).

2011: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (standard research grant).

Ad Hoc Manuscript review

2024: Oxford University Press.

2023: *Political Studies*.

2021: *Animal Cognition*; *Health and Human Rights Journal*; *Studies in Social Justice*.

2020: *Journal of Agriculture and Environmental Ethics*; *Journal of Consciousness Studies*; *Laboratory Animals*; Oxford University Press.

2019: Cambridge University Press; Routledge.

2018: *CAB Reviews; Journal of Applied Animal Ethics Research*.

2017: *Animal Studies Journal*.

2014: Oxford University Press.

2011: MIT Press.

2009: *Hypatia*.

2009: *Current Oncology*.

2008-09: *Bioethics*.

2008: *American Journal of Bioethics*.

Committee Work

Dalhousie University (select)

2016-present: PhD Comprehensive Examination Committee member (Areas – Ethics/Social and Political; Epistemology; Philosophy of Mind), Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University.

2022-present: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Academic Appeals and Student Matters Committee.

2016-23, 2024-present: Dalhousie Undergraduate Philosophy Society faculty advisor, Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University.

2022-23, 2024-present: Member of the Law, Justice and Society Program Steering Committee.

2019-25: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Nominating Committee.

2017-2019: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Honorary Degrees Committee.

Winter, 2017: Medical Sciences Program Committee, Dalhousie University (term replacement for a colleague on maternity leave).

Select external (to Dalhousie University)

2018-2024: A Canadian Council on Animal Care subcommittee (revising their core ethics document).

2015-2016: Philosophy Department Search Committee, California State University – Fresno.

2015-2016: College of Arts and Humanities Curriculum Committee, California State University – Fresno.

2012-2013: Center for Creativity and the Arts, California State University – Fresno.

2012-2013: College of Arts and Humanities Executive Committee, California State University – Fresno.

2012-2013: Chair, Philosophy Department Search Committee, California State University – Fresno.

Collaborations/service

2023-present: The Beagle Alliance's board of directors.

2021-present: DefaultDal (member/co-founder).

2022-2024: The Beagle Alliance (informally consulting).

2020-2023: National Anti-Vivisection Society (panel on the use of nonhuman primates in science).

Media interviews/Podcasts

Interviewed by Leyland Cecco on October 28th for a story for *Canadian Geographic* to appear in early December, 2025. The topic was our ethical responsibilities to the “Marineland belugas.”

Participated as one of two guests for CBC's *Maritime Connection* on October 26th, 2025. The topic was our responsibilities to the "Marineland belugas" (particularly, getting as many as we can to coastal sanctuaries).

Interviewed by Leyland Cecco for a story for *The Guardian* that appeared on September 25th, 2025. The interview concerned the ostrich cull controversy in BC involving Universal Ostrich Farms.

Interviewed by Ian Hanomansing for *Hanomansing Tonight*, August 26th, 2025. The interview was focused on Premier Ford's response to the St. Joseph's Health Care dog scandal.

Participated on a panel for CBC's *The Current*, August 21st, 2025. The panel was focused on the St. Joseph's Health Care dog research scandal and the ethics of scientific animal use.

Interviewed by Adshayah Sathiaselan for a story for the *London Free Press*, August 20th, 2025. The interview concerned a questionable scientific study on dogs occurring in St. Joseph's Health Care in London, Ontario.

Interviewed by Sawyer Bogdan for a story for *Global News Ontario*, August 12th, 2025. The interview concerned a questionable scientific study on dogs occurring in St. Joseph's Health Care in London, Ontario.

Interviewed by Jenna Olsen for a story for the Investigative Journalism Bureau (Dalla Lana School of Public Health, U of Toronto), June 27th, 2025. The interview concerned a questionable scientific study on dogs occurring in a(n unnamed) hospital in London, Ontario (and that story broke in early August).

Interviewed by Hannah Richter for a story in *Sierra* that appeared on May 19th, 2025 (titled "Do Zoos Have a Place in 2025?"). The interview concerned my views on the ethics of zoos and aquariums.

Interviewed by Olivia Piercey for the *Halifax Examiner*, April 3rd, 2025. The interview concerned my ethical views on farmed animals for a story on the development of a "chicken vocalization" app.

Interviewed by Josh Milburn for the Knowing Animals podcast, June 12th, 2023. Concerns my chapter on Buddhist animal research ethics and COVID-19 in *Contagion Narratives: The Society, Culture and Ecology of the Global South* (edited by R. Sreejith Varma and Ajanta Sircar, Routledge, 2023).

Interviewed by Robert Jones for the Peace and Social Justice Show (KZFR 90.1 FM), May 27th, 2022. Concerns animal legal personhood.

Interviewed by Kathryn Sussman for the *Now You Know* podcast series, Episode 4, July 2nd, 2019. Concerns the ethics of zoos. (An uncut version of the interview appeared on the *Now You Know* website on March 28th, 2019.)

Interviewed by Scott Thompson for *The Scott Thompson Show*, April 15th, 2019. Concerns the MCPH1 study in China using a small number of rhesus macaques, as reported on March 27th, 2019.

Interviewed by Aaron Beswick for *The Chronicle Herald*, March 18th, 2019. Concerns Peter Singer's invitation to be a keynote speaker at a Dalhousie University animal law conference in the Fall, 2019.

Interviewed by Lina Zeldovich for *Hakai Magazine*, February 5th, 2019. Concerns the US Navy's use of dolphins.

Interviewed by Stuart Peddle for *The Chronicle Herald*, May 13th, 2018. Concerns Judge Eugene Fahey's concurring opinion on the Nonhuman Rights Project's motion to the New York Court of Appeals.

Interviewed by Gene Valaitis for *Roundhouse Radio* (98.3 FM), May 2nd, 2018. Concerns “Chimpanzee Personhood: The Philosophers’ Brief,” an amicus brief which was submitted to the New York Court of Appeals in February, 2018.

Interviewed by Kristy Cameron for *The Weekend Newsfeed with Kristy Cameron* (580 CFRA News Talk Radio), April 29th, 2018. Concerns “Chimpanzee Personhood: The Philosophers’ Brief.”

Interviewed by Sheldon MacLeod for *The Sheldon MacLeod Show* (News 95.7), April 26th, 2018. Concerns “Chimpanzee Personhood: The Philosophers’ Brief.”

Interviewed by Ron Shaw for CTV News (appears in two versions): “Dalhousie professors say chimpanzees should have rights,” April 25th and “‘It’s an injustice’: Canadian profs join fight to have chimps declared persons,” April 26th, 2018. Concerns “Chimpanzee Personhood: The Philosophers’ Brief.”

“Dal philosophers join cause for chimpanzee rights.” Interviewed by Stuart Peddle for *The Chronicle Herald*, April 25th, 2018. Concerns “Chimpanzee Personhood: The Philosophers’ Brief.”

“Dalhousie professors join cause to help chimpanzees.” This is a repost of Stuart Peddle’s interview for the *Truro Daily*, April 25th, 2018. Concerns “Chimpanzee Personhood: The Philosophers’ Brief.”

“Animal Advocates and Academics Seek Personhood Rights for Chimpanzees.” Interviewed by Jen Viegas for *Seeker*, April 20th, 2018. Concerns “Chimpanzee Personhood: The Philosophers’ Brief.”

“Professor thinks chimpanzees should be legally considered people.” Interviewed by Sarah Jackson for *Washington Square News*, April 16th, 2018. Concerns “Chimpanzee Personhood: The Philosophers’ Brief.”

“Friends of the court—and of chimps.” Interviewed by Cherry Au for *Dal News*, April 6th, 2018. Concerns “Chimpanzee Personhood: The Philosophers’ Brief,” an amicus brief which was submitted to the New York Court of Appeals in February, 2018. Concerns “Chimpanzee Personhood: The Philosophers’ Brief.”

Interviewed by Andrew Fiala about the ethics of cockfighting in the Central Valley, California. Appeared in *Frenso Bee*, July 14th, 2012.

Interviewed by Pauline Dakin about the PTCHD1 genetic screen for autism. Aired as part of the story about the screening technology on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation’s *The World At Six*, September 15th, 2010.

“Buddhism and Cognitive Enhancement.” A 2 part interview by James Hughes. *Changesurfer Radio*, November 14th, 2009 and February 13th, 2010.

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