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EMPLOYMENT:

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, 2026 – present
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy

EDUCATION:

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2022 – 2026
Ph.D., Philosophy
Dissertation Title: *Weaponizing Wealth: Global Justice and Economic Statecraft*
Dissertation Committee: Prof. Kok-Chor Tan (chair), Prof. Brian Berkey, Prof. Daniel Wodak,
Prof. Samuel Freeman
Teaching Certificate, Center for Teaching and Learning (2025)

Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany, 2025
Visiting Scholar, Normative Orders
Advisor: Prof. Darrel Moellendorf

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, 2017 – 2021
B.A. in Philosophy and Government, High Honors
Honors: Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

AOS: Political philosophy, PPE, history of political thought, AI and data ethics

AOC: Metaethics, philosophical methodology

PUBLICATIONS:

ARTICLES:

1. Kyle Brown, Kok-Chor Tan, and Ezekiel Vergara, “Star Wars: Is the Just War Tradition Ready for Space?,” *Journal of Military Ethics* (forthcoming).
2. Ezekiel Vergara, “LLMs as a Foreign-Policy Tool: Justification, Global Distribution, and Global Domination,” *Philosophy and Technology* 39, no. 155 (2026): 1-19. Accessible at <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13347-026-01169-3>.
3. Ezekiel Vergara, “Marx and Reparations,” *Public Affairs Quarterly* 40, no. 1 (2026): 1-25. Accessible at <https://doi.org/10.5406/21520542.40.1.01>.

4. Ezekiel Vergara, "Sovereign Credit Ratings, Algorithms, and Transparency," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2026): 1-20. Accessible at <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10677-026-10570-y>.
5. Ezekiel Vergara, "Economic Sanctions and Climate Change," *Journal of Global Ethics* 22, no. 2 (2026): 161-183. Accessible at <https://doi.org/10.1080/17449626.2026.2663765>.
6. Ezekiel Vergara, "But Do I Survive? Racialized Experience, Persistence, and Relation-R," *Synthese* 207, no. 183 (2026): 1-17. Accessible at <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-026-05471-7>.
7. Ezekiel Vergara, "Twenty-Five Years On: To Move Forward, We Should Return to Rawls' *The Law of Peoples*," *Journal of Global Ethics* 20, no. 1 (2024): 91-98. Accessible at <https://doi.org/10.1080/17449626.2024.2346649>.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES:

1. Ezekiel Vergara and Kok-Chor Tan, "Luck Egalitarianism," *The Routledge Handbook of Equality*, edited by Jeppe von Platz (in progress).

BOOK REVIEWS:

1. Ezekiel Vergara, "Review of Gillian Brock's *Corruption and Global Justice*," *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (2026). Accessible at <https://brill.com/view/journals/jmp/aop/article-10.1163-17455243-20262029/article-10.1163-17455243-20262029.xml>.
2. Ezekiel Vergara, "Review of Michael Otsuka's *How to Pool Risk across Generations: The Case for Collective Pensions*," *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 41, no. 4 (2024). Accessible at <http://doi.org/10.1111/japp.12739>.

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

ARTICLES:

1. Ezekiel Vergara, "Economic Sanctions and AI," *Philosophical Studies*, revise and resubmit.
2. Ezekiel Vergara, "A Historical View of Permissible Priority," *Philosophical Quarterly*, revise and resubmit.
3. Ezekiel Vergara, "The Ethics of International Price Gouging," *Economics and Philosophy*, revise and resubmit.
4. Ezekiel Vergara, "Should Tourists Be Subject to Tourist Taxes?," *The Monist*, revise and resubmit.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- Center for Teaching, Learning, and Innovation Graduate Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, 2026
- Penn AI Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2026
- SAS Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching by Graduate Students, University of Pennsylvania, 2026
- Dean's Scholar, University of Pennsylvania, 2026
- President Gutmann Leadership Award, University of Pennsylvania, 2025 (x2)
- Dissertation Research Award, University of Pennsylvania, 2025
- Fontaine Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2023, 2024 (x2), 2025 (x2)
- GAPSA Research Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2023, 2024 (x2), 2025
- SAS Dean's Travel Subvention, University of Pennsylvania, 2023, 2024 (x2), 2025
- Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, Social Science Research Council-Mellon Mays, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, 2024
- Graduate Student Travel Stipend, American Philosophical Association, 2023, 2024 (x2), 2025
- Great Lakes Philosophy Conference Graduate Paper Prize, 2023
Awarded for the best graduate paper at the 2023 Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, awarded for the paper "Marx and Reparations: A Moral and Non-Moral Reply."
- Dr. William Fontaine Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2022 – 2026
- Travel Assistance Fund for Philosophers of Color, American Philosophical Association, 2022
- Chase Peace Prize, Dartmouth College, 2021
- Philosophy Department Faculty Prize, Dartmouth College, 2021
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Diversity Fellowship, 2020
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2019 – 2021

PRESENTATIONS:

† *denotes refereed*

‡ *denotes invited talk*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

"A Contractualist Account of Defensive Military Alliances"

1. American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Denver, CO, February 2027 **accepted, to be presented** †

"Economic Statecraft and Global Governance"

2. Philosophy, Politics, and Economic Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2026 **accepted, to be presented** †

"A Responsibility-Centered View of Price-Gouging"

3. Philosophy, Politics, and Economic Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2026 **accepted, to be presented** †
4. Society for Business Ethics Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, July 2026 †

“Should Citizenship Be for Sale?”

5. American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Boston, MA, January 2027 **accepted, to be presented** †
6. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, September 2026 †

“The Ethics of Currency Manipulation”

7. Philosophy, Politics, and Economic Society London Annual Meeting, London, United Kingdom, July 2026 †
8. XVI Braga Meeting on Ethics and Political Philosophy, Braga, Portugal, June 2026 †
9. Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, Frankfurt, Germany, November 2025 ‡

“The Ethics of Economic Sanctions”

10. Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XIX, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO, August 2026 †
11. Third Annual Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, October 2025 †
12. Philosophy, Politics, and Economic Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2024 †
13. MANCEPT Workshops, International Economic Justice in a Troubled Era, Manchester, United Kingdom, September 2024 †
14. American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2024 †

“Should Tourists Be Subject to Tourist Taxes?”

15. Philosophy, Politics, and Economic Society London Annual Meeting, London, United Kingdom, July 2026 †
16. Tax Bases for the 21st Century, Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands, June 2026 †

“The Morality of Deposit Insurance Schemes”

17. Philosophy, Politics, and Economic Society London Annual Meeting, London, United Kingdom, July 2026 †

“What Can Mercenaries Teach Us About AI?”

18. New Technologies and the Future of War and Peace, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom, July 2026 †

“The Ethics of International Price Gouging”

19. Business Ethics in the 6ix, Ted Rogers School of Management, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 2026 †
20. Zicklin Normative Business Ethics Workshop, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, January 2026 †

“The Ethics of Trade-Related Incentives”

21. Climate Change and Global Justice, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, April 2026 †
22. Philosophy, Politics, and Economic Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2025 †

“Economic Sanctions and AI”

- 23. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, April 2026 ‡
- 24. American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 2026 †
- 25. Graduate Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2024

“A Historical View of Permissible Priority”

- 26. American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 2026 †
- 27. Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XVII, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO, August 2024 †

“Should We Have Global Pension Schemes?”

- 28. American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore, MD, January 2026 †

“Future Generations, Intergenerational Distributive Justice, and Cluelessness”

- 29. Philosophy, Politics, and Economic Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2025 †
- 30. Vulnerability and Intergenerational Justice: Obligations of States, University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany, May 2025 †

“Middling States, Development, Standpoint Epistemology”

- 31. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, September 2025 †

“Sovereign Credit Ratings, Algorithms, and Their Permissibility”

- 32. Philosophy, Politics, and Economic Society London Annual Meeting, London, United Kingdom, July 2025 †

“A Libertarian Argument for the World State”

- 33. American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, February 2025 †
- 34. American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, New York, New York, January 2025 †
- 35. XIV Braga Meeting on Ethics and Political Philosophy, Braga, Portugal, June 2024, **declined presentation** †
- 36. Graduate Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2024

“Supersession and Revalidating Claims”

- 37. American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, New York, New York, January 2025 †

“Does Political Equality Demand That You Move?”

- 38. Andrea Mitchell Center Graduate Workshop Series, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, October 2024 †

“Just Cause, Economic Sanctions, and Climate Change”

39. American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2024 †
40. American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, New York, New York, January 2024 †
41. Eighth Annual Graduate and Early Career Workshop at the Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace, Stockholm, Sweden, October 2024 **presented virtually** †
42. Rethinking Just War Graduate Student Conference, Princeton, New Jersey, June 2023 †

“Kant and Ideal/Non-Ideal Theory”

43. Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, Brown University, Providence, RI, February 2024 †

“Strong Political Pessimism and the Value of Political Autonomy”

44. MANCEPT Workshops, Testimony and the Value of Democracy, Tucson, Arizona, September 2023 **presented virtually** †

“Marx and Reparations: A Moral and Non-Moral Reply”

45. Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI, April 2023 **presented virtually** †
46. Stanford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Stanford, CA, February 2023 †

“But Do I Survive? Race, Persistence, and Relation-R”

47. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2023 †
48. Fordham Philosophy Society Graduate Conference: Identity and Difference, New York, NY, March 2023 †

INVITED COMMENTS:

1. Fourth Annual Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, October 2026
Nicole Whalen, “Land Distribution in a Post-Carbon Future: Two Socialist Alternatives”
2. Workshop on Justice in Environmental Policy, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany, October 2025
Jamie Draper, “Degrowth and the Green New Deal”
3. Third Annual Penn-Georgetown Digital Ethics Workshop, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, February 2025
Diana Acosta Navas, “Bridging Over Troubled Waters: The Ethics of Bridging Algorithms”
4. Second Annual Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, October 2024
Mike Gadomski, “Climate Justice and Alienation”
5. Commentator-at-Large, MAP-Penn Summer Colloquium on Philosophy of Disability and Illness,” University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, August 2022
6. Sixth Latinx Philosophy Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, March 2022
presented virtually due to COVID-19 pandemic
Victor Guerra, “The Oppressed Do Not Have a Duty to Resist”

TEACHING:

AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD:

PHIL021: Social and Political Philosophy (Swarthmore College, Fall 2026)
PHIL001T: Morality, Freedom, and the Self (Swarthmore College, Fall 2026)
PHIL1433: The Social Contract (University of Pennsylvania, Summer 2026)
PHIL101: Practical Ethics (with Prof. Daniel Wodak, Prof. Kok-Chor Tan, Prof. Brian Berkey, Prof. Amy Sepinwall, State Correctional Institute–Chester, Penn Prison Education and Reentry Initiative, Spring 2026)
PHIL1433: The Social Contract (University of Pennsylvania, Summer 2025)
PHIL100: Introduction to Philosophy (with Dr. John Fantuzzo, Prof. Daniel Wodak, Prof. Kok-Chor Tan, and Prof. Clarissa Busch, State Correctional Institute–Chester, Penn Prison Education and Reentry Initiative, Spring 2024)

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT:

PHIL1571: Repairing the Planet (Prof. Carlos Santana, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2025)
PHIL1342: Bioethics (Dr. Paul Musso, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2024)
PHIL1330: Ethics (Dr. Carlos Pereira Di Salvo, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2024)
PHIL1433: The Social Contract (Prof. Daniel Wodak, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2023)
GOVT006: Political Ideas (Prof. Michelle T. Clarke, Dartmouth College, Summer 2019)

OTHER TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP:

Judge, Ethics Bowl, 2023 – 2026

Tutor for Philosophy 006: Logic and Language, Dartmouth College, 2019 – 2021

SERVICE:

Committee Member, Prospective Graduate Student Visiting Weekend Committee, 2023 – 2026
Chapter Member, Minorities and Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, 2022 – 2026
President (2023 – 2026)
Graduate Student Representative, University of Pennsylvania, 2024 – 2025
Department Colloquium Host, University of Pennsylvania, 2022 – 2024
Advisor, Dean of the College's Student Advisory Board, Dartmouth College, 2020 – 2021

REFeree:

JOURNAL REFEREE:

Philosophical Studies, Journal of Global Ethics

CONFERENCE REFEREE:

Society for Business Ethics (2026)

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Research Assistant, University of Pennsylvania, 2023 – 2024
Supervisor: Prof. Daniel Wodak.

Northeastern Summer Training Program to Expand the AI and Data Ethics Research Community,
2024

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Philosophical Association (2018 – present)
American Political Science Association (2018 – 2022, 2025 – present)
Society for Business Ethics (2026 – present)
China and International Justice Research Network (2026 – present)

SKILLS:

LANGUAGES:

English (native fluency)
Spanish (native fluency)
French (intermediate fluency)
Latin (reading knowledge)

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING:

R (intermediate knowledge)
Python (intermediate knowledge)

REFERENCES:

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