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**EMPLOYMENT**

2015 – Present Director of the Master of Bioethics (MBE) Degree Program

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Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Philosophy, Georgetown University, 2014

M.A. Philosophy, University of South Carolina, 2009

B.A. Philosophy, Hanover College, 2004.

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:** Bioethics, Moral Philosophy

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**PUBLICATIONS:**

**Books:**

1. **Travis N. Rieder**. 2019. *In Pain: A Bioethicist’s Personal Struggle with Opioids* (New York, NY: HarperCollins).
* Reviews: [Fresh Air with Terry Gross](https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/07/08/738952129/motorcycle-crash-shows-bioethicist-the-dark-side-of-quitting-opioids-alone); [Kirkus](https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/travis-rieder/in-pain/); [LA Review of Books](https://www.lareviewofbooks.org/article/everybody-hurts/); [NPR’s Favorite Books of 2019](https://apps.npr.org/best-books/#year=2019&book=56); [Breathing Through Pages](https://breathingthroughpages.wordpress.com/2019/05/21/book-review-in-pain-a-bioethicists-personal-struggle-with-opioids-by-travis-rieder-tnrethx-harperbooks/); [BookPage](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__bookpage.com_reviews_24117-2Dtravis-2Drieder-2Dpain-2Dnonfiction-23.XQ17YiUpDDs&d=DwMGaQ&c=hh7v4vz1gCZ__1Ci-hUEVZfsSwlOcPhT2q8Zs1ka6Ao&r=smsOgQUZaiHsTfeUO8_Ijdqvxati76Rs8XE-54VLk6U&m=l0H7G1mDkCFkVPDtu9FTGn_VB1F1t7oCkJgsGZEmGDw&s=CijAPYbCVnxmn1VNsMD0WVffVc4sgDsRqdJgIsl4pYI&e=); [‘Best of’ at Paste](https://www.pastemagazine.com/articles/2019/06/best-books-novels-nonfiction-june-2019.html); [New York Journal of Books](https://www.nyjournalofbooks.com/book-review/pain-bioethicist%E2%80%99s); [Science](https://blogs.sciencemag.org/books/2019/07/16/in-pain/); [Health Affairs](https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/full/10.1377/hlthaff.2019.01507); [Topics in Pain Management](https://journals.lww.com/topicsinpainmanagement/Fulltext/2019/12000/The_Pain_Narrative.2.aspx); [Providence Journal](https://www.providencejournal.com/entertainmentlife/20190711/book-review-unflinching-account-of-agony-and-addiction); [Helen’s Book Blog](http://www.helensbookblog.com/2019/08/non-fiction-review-in-pain-by-travis.html); [CLOSLER](http://closler.org/lifelong-learning-in-clinical-excellence/book-review-of-in-pain); [Bookfoolery](https://bookfoolery.blogspot.com/2019/09/in-pain-by-travis-rieder.html);
1. **Travis N. Rieder**. 2016*. Toward a Small Family Ethic: How Overpopulation and Climate Change are Affecting the Morality of Procreation* (Springer).
* Reviews: [Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal](https://kiej.georgetown.edu/travis-rieder-toward-small-family-ethic-overpopulation-climate-change-affecting-morality-procreation-springer-2016/); [Canadian Studies in Population](https://journals.library.ualberta.ca/csp/index.php/csp/article/download/29106/21346).

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3. Cheryl C. MacPherson, Elise Smith, **Travis N. Rieder**, David Resnik. 2020. “Does Human Health Promotion Harm the Environment?” In Preparation for *The New Bioethics: A Multidisciplinary Journal of Biotechnology and the Body*.
4. **Travis N. Rieder**. 2020. “America’s Opioid Crisis is a Bioethics Crisis.” Invited by and in preparation for the *Hastings Center Report*.
5. **Travis N. Rieder**. 2020. “Must a Physician Taper High-Dose Opioid Therapy?” Invited by and in preparation for the *AMA Journal of Ethics*.

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2. **Travis N. Rieder**. 2019. “The Painful Truth about Pain.” *Nature*, 573: S16.
3. **Travis N. Rieder**. 2019. “Opioids and Ethics: Is Opioid-Free the Only Responsible Arthroplasty?” *HSS Journal: The Musculoskeletal Journal of Hospital for Special Surgery*, 15(1): 12-16.
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5. **Travis N. Rieder**. 2018. “There’s Never Just One Side to the Story: Why America Must Stop Swinging the Opioid Pendulum.” *Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics*, 8(3): 225-232.
6. Casey Jo Humbyrd & **Travis N. Rieder**. 2018. “Ethics and Limb Salvage: Presenting Amputation as a Treatment Option in Lower Extremity Trauma.” *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, 100(19): e128(1-4).
7. **Travis N. Rieder**. 2018. “Pain Medicine during an Opioid Epidemic Needs More Transparency, Not Less.” *American Journal of Bioethics: Neuroscience*, 90(3): 183-185.
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2. **Travis N. Rieder**. 2016. “Philosopher’s Corner: Reasons and the Messiness of Morality,” in the Mid-Atlantic Ethics Committee Newsletter (UMD School of Law), Spring.
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**Media Interviews and Appearances:**

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2. “[Travis Rieder on Opioid Addiction in Modern Medicine](https://neshnikolic.com/podcast/travis-rieder).” 2019. *Better Thinking*.
3. “[Travis Rieder on the Opioid Crisis](https://www.c-span.org/video/?463212-3/washington-journal-travis-rieder-discusses-opioid-crisis).” 2019. CSPAN’s *Washington Journal*.
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5. “[Interview](https://davidpakman.com/2019/07/july-17-2019/).” 2019. *The David Pakman Show*.
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14. “[Fighting the Opioid Crisis](https://www.voanews.com/a/4518969.html).” 2018. Voice of America’s *Unplugged with Greta van Susteren*.
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16. “[The Agony of Opioid Withdrawal—and What Doctors Should Tell Patients about It](https://www.ted.com/talks/travis_rieder_the_agony_of_opioid_withdrawal_and_what_doctors_should_tell_patients_about_it).” 2018. TED.com.
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**PRESENTATIONS**

**Invited and Peer-Reviewed Talks:**

2020 “What Becoming a Patient Taught Me about Responsible Opioid Prescribing.” 134th Meeting of the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse. Rockville, MD.

2020 “America’s Opioid Crisis is an Ethical Crisis.” 2020 Geisel Martin Luther King Jr Health Equity Day. Dartmouth University, Hanover, NH.

2020 “The Ethics of Opioid Addiction and Pain: A Night with Dr. Travis Rieder.” Harris County Drug Court Author Event. Houston, TX.

2020 “In Pain: A Bioethicist’s Personal Struggle with Opioids.” Love in the Trenches Speaker Series. Baltimore, MD.

2019 “In Pain: A Bioethicist’s Personal Struggle with Opioids.” Keynote for Student Opioid Summit at CUNY. New York, NY.

2019 “The Opioid Dilemma: Responsible Prescribing during an Overdose Epidemic.” Keynote at Yeshiva University’s Wurzweil School of Social Work continuing education conference. New York, NY.

2019 “In Pain: A Bioethicist’s Personal Struggle with Opioids.” Public lecture at Sacred Heart University. Fairfield, CT.

2019 “In Pain: A Bioethicist’s Personal Struggle with Opioids.” Public Lecture at Hanover College. Hanover, IN.

2019 “Sustainability: Within Our Means, Within Our Reach.” Film Screening and Panel Discussion at the APHA Public Health Film Festival. Philadelphia, PA.

2019 “In Pain: A Bioethicist’s Personal Struggle with Opioids.” Keynote at the ONSF 11th Annual Medical Education Conference. Greenwich, CT.

2019 “In Pain: A Bioethicist’s Personal Struggle with Opioids.” Keynote at the Planetree International Conference on Patient-Centered Care. Orlando, FL.

2019 “Bioethics Book Club: Treating Pain during a Drug Overdose Epidemic.” ASBH Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA.

2019 “The Opioid Dilemma.” University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

2019 “In Pain: A Bioethicist’s Personal (and Professional) Struggle with Opioids.” College of Global Public Health, New York University. New York, NY.

2019 “In Pain: A Bioethicist’s Personal Struggle with Opioids.” Keynote Address at Annual Substance Use Disorder Symposium, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Bethesda, MD.

2019 “The Opioid Dilemma: Treating Pain during an Overdose Crisis. Grand Rounds @ Trillium Health Partners. Toronto, ON.

2019 “The Opioid Dilemma: Treating Pain During an Overdose Epidemic.” Clark County Medical Society. Las Vegas, NV.

2019 “The Agony of Opioid Withdrawal—and What Doctors Should Tell Patients.” Keynote Address at WV Substance Use Disorder Symposium. Charleston, WV.

2019 “Meet the Author—In Pain.” Politics and Prose. Washington, DC.

2019 “Meet the Author—In Pain.” The Ivy Bookshop. Baltimore, MD.

2019 “The Opioid Crisis: My Professional and Personal Journey.” Louisiana State Bar Association, Louisiana Judicial Society Summer School. Destin, Fl.

2019 “The Opioid Crisis: How did we get here, and what can we do about it?” Mid Atlantic Regional Meeting, American Chemical Society. Baltimore, MD.

2019 “Ethics and Opioids.” The Ethics of Pain Research, Management, and Policy: A Planning and Knowledge Exchange Meeting. Toronto, Ontario.

2019 “Book Talk and Interview for IN PAIN.” Johns Hopkins Science Writers Speaker Series. Washington, DC.

2019 “The Opioid Dilemma.” Washington State Hospital Association CEO and Trustee Talk. Seattle, WA.

2019 “Keynote Address” at Bridge/Work 2019, Valparaiso University. Valporaiso, IN.

2019 “The Opioid Dilemma: What becoming a patient taught me about the ethics of prescribing.” Iowa Healthcare Collaborative Annual Forum on Healthcare. Des Moines, IA.

2019 “What should I—and we—do about overpopulation?” Keynote Address at Tackling the Population Taboo Forum. George Washington University. Washington, DC.

2019 “The Opioid Dilemma.” Washington & Lee Speaker Series. Lexington, VA.

2019 “Does the Promotion of Human Health Harm the Environment?” With Elise Smith, Cheryl McPherson, and David Resnick. The Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD.

2019 “The Opioid Dilemma.” Pharmacy U. Toronto, CA.

2019 “Grand Plenary. Patients at the Center: Why We Do What We Do.” CMS National Quality Conference.” Baltimore, MD.

2019 “In Pain in America.” Keynote at MEDLIFE Conference, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA.

2018 “Bioethics, Pain Medicine, and America’s Opioid Crisis. Johns Hopkins Blaustein Pain Center. Baltimore, MD.

2018 “In Pain in America.” Johns Hopkins Hospital Pediatric Pain Symposium. Baltimore, MD.

2018 “In Pain in America.” The Science Entertainment Exchange, NASEM. Woods Hole, MA.

2018 “Radical Climate Ethics: The Case for Small Families.” Fort Lewis College. Durango, CO.

2018 “The Case for Contributory Bioethics.” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting. Anaheim, CA.

2018 “Bioethics and Advocacy: Public Health Affinity Group.” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting. Anaheim, CA.

2018 “Bioethics, Pain Medicine, and America’s Opioid Crisis.” Johns Hopkins Bioethics Seminar Series. Baltimore, MD.

2018 “The Ethics of Addressing America’s Opioid Crisis.” Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy. Baltimore, MD.

2018 “Prescription for Addiction? Reflections on Managing Pain During America’s Opioid Crisis.” *The Conversation Speaker Series*, Baylor College of Medicine. Houston, TX.

2018 “Ethics in Pain Management during America’s Opioid Crisis.” Johns Hopkins Hospital Pain Symposium. Baltimore, MD.

2018 “The Ethics of Making Babies in the Face of Climate Change.” University of Maryland. College Park, MD.

2018 “Opioids and Ethics: Is Opioid-Free the Only Responsible Arthroplasty?” Hospital for Special Surgery. New York, NY.

2018 “Keynote at the National Bioethics Bowl: Radical Climate Ethics.” University of South Alabama. Mobile, AL.

2018 “Keeping Faith in the Conversation: Reproductive Rights.” University of Baltimore School of Law. Baltimore, MD.

2018 “Ethics and Policy Issues during America’s Opioid Crisis.” CUNY Honors College. New York, NY.

2018 “Ethics in Pain Management during America’s Opioid Crisis.” Sinai Hospital’s Pediatric Oncology Grand Rounds. Baltimore, MD.

2017 “Abortion Ethics: From Moral Status to the Ethics of Gestation.” Public Health Students for Choice Lunchtime Seminar, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Baltimore, MD.

2017 “Ethics in Pain Management during America’s Opioid Crisis.” Johns Hopkins University Blaustein Center Pain Grand Rounds. Baltimore, MD.

2017 “Pain, Pain Management, and Physician Responsibility.” INOVA Annual Staff Retreat. Fairfax, VA.

2017 “The Agony of Opioid Withdrawal—and What Doctors Should Tell Patients about It.” TEDx MidAtlantic. Washington, DC.

2017 “The Many Moral Reasons Not to Make More People.” *ASBH Annual Meeting*,

 Kansas City, MO.

2017 “Rescuing the child, but abandoning the family: Exploring our moral obligation to

 support families of medically complex children.” With Becky Seltzer and Emily

 Hahn, *ASBH Annual Meeting*, Kansas City, MO.

2017 “Fewer Children: A Moral Responsibility.” Webinar sponsored by MAHB and Growthbusters.

2017 “Birth Control for Earth? Being a Parent in the Age of Overpopulation.” Brain Bar Budapest. Budapest, Hungary.

2017 “A Moral Principle for Prescribers.” The Mid-Atlantic Society of Anesthesiologists, 2nd Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

2017 “Towards a Small Family Size in the Age of Climate Change.” The NYC Sierra Club’s Sustainability Series, New York, NY.

2017 “Population, Climate Change, and the Ethics of Making Babies.” Fort Lewis College, Lifelong Learning Program, Durango, CO.

2017 “America’s Deadly Opioid Epidemic: Is There a Path Forward?” Presented to the Bioethics Interest Group, National Institutes of Health. Bethesda, MD.

2016 “Are there ethical limits to reproductive freedom regarding number of births?” Department of Population and Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health Seminar Series, Baltimore, MD.

2016 “Value and the Genetic Relationship.” Presented to the International Social Service, United States Branch, Baltimore, MD.

2016 “Toward a Small Family Ethic.” James Madison University Philosophy Department Lecture Series, Harrisonburg, VA.

2016 “A New Perspective on the ‘Opioid Epidemic’.” *ASBH Annual Meeting*, Washinton, DC.

2016 “Population Engineering and Sustainable Development.” *International Association of Bioethics*, Edinburgh, Scotland.

2015 “A Brief Introduction to Bioethics.” Montgomery College Medicine and Wellness Seminar, Gaithersburg, MD.

2015 “Chronic critical illness – how does our evaluation of a child’s best interest change?” With Miriam Shapiro. Berman Institute Board of Directors Annual Spring Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

2015 “Chronic critical illness – how does our evaluation of a child’s best interest change?” *ASBH Annual Meeting*, Houston, TX.

2015 “On the Ethics of Mitochondrial Replacement IVF,” with Debra Matthews, Tina Rulli and Justin Lowenthal. *ASBH Annual Meeting*, Houston, TX.

2015 “Population Engineering and Sustainable Development,” *HDCA Annual Conference*, Washington, DC.

2015 “Toward a Small Family Ethic.” Presented to the members of the Graduate Women in Science, Washington, D.C.

2015 “Saving the World through Making Fewer People.” St. Albans High School, Washington, D.C.

2014 “It’s Time to have ‘The Talk’: The Case for Combatting Climate Disruption through Population Reduction.” Department of Philosophy Lecture Series, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

2013 “Is There a Duty to Adopt Needy Orphans?” The Georgetown Bioethics

 Research Library’s Speaker Series, Washington, DC.

2013 “Solving the Problem of the Fool (and the Problem with the Solution to the

Problem of the Fool).” Department of Philosophy Lecture Series, Sacred Heart University.

2013 Comment on Scott Boykin’s “On the Distinction Between Objective Agent-

Relative and Agent-Neutral Values,” Georgetown University Philosophy Conference.

2013 “Procreation, Adoption and the Limits of Obligation,” *ASBH Annual*

 *Meeting*, Atlanta, GA.

2012 “How to Reduce Morality to Self-Interest: A Reply to the Fool,” *Rocky*

 *Mountain Ethics Congress*, Boulder, CO.

2011 “From Strategies to Acts: Defending the Reduction of Morality to Self-

 Interest,” *Indiana Philosophical Association*, Hanover, IN.

2011 “Why Parity Arguments Cannot Save Normative Realism,” APA Pacific

 Division, San Diego, CA.

2010 “On Being One’s ‘True Self’: Arpaly, Ego-Dystonic Desires, and the First

 Person Perspective,” Virginia Philosophical Association, Marymount

 University.

2010 Comment on Eric Vogelstein’s “Moral Normativity” at the Mountain Plains

 Philosophy Conference.

2010 “How to be an Environmental Ethicist.” Presented to the employees and

 volunteers at The DC Project ([www.weatherizedc.org](http://www.weatherizedc.org)), Washington, D.C.

2009 “The Case for a New Contractualism,” APA Pacific Division, Vancouver,

 CA.

2009 “An Antirealist Defense of Moral Intuitions,” presented as part of a panel

 discussion on experimental philosophy at The South Carolina Society for

 Philosophy Annual Meeting, Student Essay Prize Winner. Winthrop

 University.

2008 “The Case for a New Contractualism,” The Western Canadian Philosophical

 Association, Edmonton, AB.

2008 “Deliberative Democracy and the Problem with Procedure,” presented with

Kevin Elliott as part of a talk titled “Philosophical Debates about Policy

Making and Public Perceptions of Risk,” Communicating Health and

Safety Risks on Emerging Technologies in the 21st Century, North Carolina

State University.

2008 “Ethical Theory for Engineers: Avoiding Caricature and Informing Intuitions,”

 American Society for Engineering Education Conference & Exposition,

 Pittsburgh PA.

2007 “Seeing as Touch-Like: The Enactive Model of Perception as a Feminist

 Epistemology,” South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Coastal Carolina

 University.

**Testimonies:**

2018 Testimony in FDA Committee Hearing on the new drug application for

lofexidine.

2018 Testimony on behalf of SB702, “Behavioral Health Assessments, Services, and

Treatment for Patients Provided Opioids,” in the Maryland Senate.

2018 Testimony on behalf of HB1344, “Behavioral Health Assessments, Services, and

Treatment for Patients Provided Opioids,” in the Maryland House.

**GRANTS RECEIVED**

2018-2023:

Co-investigator of an R25 from NIH/NHGRI, “Enhancing Diversity Among Future ELSI Researchers.” PI: Debra Mathews. $496,219

2019-2021:

Co-investigator of an R34 from NIH, “HEALthy ORCHARD: Developing plans for a Baltimore site of the HEALthy BCD.” PI: Daniele Fallin. $191,453

2019-2021:

Co-PI on a JHU Discovery Award, “Enabling Machines to Reason Over Potential Harms to Humans.” PI: Ariel Greenberg and Travis Rieder. $100,000

2017-2020:

Co-investigator on the Global Food Ethics and Policy Program, Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation. PI: Jess Fanzo. $3,195,000.

2017-2018:

Co-PI on the JHU Exploration of Practical Ethics grant, “Ethical Robotics: Implementing Value-Driven Behavior in Autonomous Systems.” $67,500.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

**Excellence in Teaching** (Terms 1 and 2, 2015; Term 2, 2016; Summer and Term 1,

2017; Terms 1 and 2, 2018; Term 3, 2019): Awarded by the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health on the basis of student evaluations.

**Kennedy Institute of Ethics Bioethics Fellowship** (2012-2014): Awarded by the

 faculty of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics.

**Outstanding Teacher Award** (April 2009): Awarded to one philosophy graduate

 student annually, on the basis of faculty and peer evaluation.

**CAORC Critical Language Scholarship** (Summer 2007): Awarded by the

 Department of State, Bureau of Education for the purpose of supporting the

 study of critical need languages. Scholarship was used for a two month

 intensive study of Turkish in Ankara, Turkey.

**Graduate School Fellowship** (2006-2009): Awarded by the graduate school on the

 basis of a university-wide competition.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2015 – Present **Research Scholar, Johns Hopkins University**

1. 700.801: Master of Bioethics Thesis Seminar, Term 4 2016, Term 3 2018, 2019, 2020
2. 700.602: Hot Topics in Bioethics, Term 2 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019
3. 700.603: Introduction to Ethical Theory, Term 1 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
4. 700.606: Critical Reasoning for Bioethics II, Term 2 2019

2015 – Present **Adjunct Professor, Johns Hopkins University**

1. AS.150.479: The Ethics of Making Babies, Spring 2015, 2017

2011 – 2015 **Georgetown University**

1. PHIL105: Introduction to Bioethics, Fall 2014
2. Introduction to Bioethics MOOC, Spring 2014
3. PHIL102 Ethics: Making People, Spring 2013
4. PHIL150 Logic: Introduction to Logic, Fall 2012
5. PHIL149 Ethics: Life Choices, Spring 2012, Summer 2012
6. PHIL134 Ethics: Reasons and Persons, Fall 2011
7. PHIL109 Ethics: Defending Morality, Summer 2011

2008 – 2009 **University of South Carolina**

1. PHIL101M: Philosophy Through Film, May 2009
2. PHIL321: Engineering Ethics, Fall 2008, Spring 2009

**MENTORSHIP**

**Postdocs**

2019-2021 Brian Hutler, JD, PhD, Hecht-Levi Postdoctoral Fellow, Berman Institute of Bioethics

2019-2020 Allie Dunham, MD, Resident, Orthopedic Surgery PGY-3 (Primary Advisor: Casey Jo Humbyrd, MD)

2018-2020 Justin Bernstein, PhD, Hecht-Levi Postdoctoral Fellow, Berman Institute of Bioethics

2016-2017 Elizabeth Fox, PhD, Hecht-Levi Postdoctoral Fellow, Berman Institute of Bioethics

2016-2017 Shauna Downs, PhD, Hecht-Levi Postdoctoral Fellow, Berman Institute of Bioethics

**Master of Bioethics Students**

2020 Casey Humbyrd, MD, MBE, Berman Institute of Bioethics

2020 Vivian Altiery, MD, MBE, Berman Institute of Bioethics

2020 Isaac Wright, MBE, Berman Institute of Bioethics

2019 Margot Kelly-Hedrick, MBE, Berman Institute of Bioethics

2019 Emily Farmer, MBE, Berman Institute of Bioethics

2019 Christen Paradissis, MBE, Berman Institute of Bioethics (Second Reader)

2019 Sarah Thompson, MD, MBE, Berman Institute of Bioethics

2018 Robert Stenzel, MBE, Berman Institute of Bioethics

2018 Matthew Morgan, MBE, Berman Institute of Bioethics

2018 Cerra Antonacci, MBE Berman Institute of Bioethics (Second Reader)

2017 Iris Coates McCall, MBE, Berman Institute of Bioethics

2017 Cameron Okeke, MBE, Berman Institute of Bioethics

2017 Farnoosh Faezi-Marian, MBE, Berman Institute of Bioethics

2017 Diana Mendoza-Cervantes, MBE, Berman Institute of Bioethics

**Undergraduate Students**

2018 Benjamin Sterns, Johns Hopkins University

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Acting Editor-in-Chief**: *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* for Spring 2020

**Faculty Mentor:** for *AMA Journal of Ethics* Theme Issue, “Opioids and Public Health” (editor Hunter Smith, MD, MPH, MBE), August 2020

**Co-Organizer:** Robert H. Levi Symposium on Ethics, Opioids, and Orthopedic Surgery, 2019

**Invited Book Referee:** Routledge, Bloomsbury Publishing

**Invited Journal Referee**: *AJOB Empirical Bioethics, Philosophers’ Imprint, Health Affairs, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *Bioethics*, *Utilitas, Philosophical Quarterly, Journal of Applied Philosophy, Erkenntnis*

**IRB Member**: Georgetown University, Biomedical Sciences Committee B, 2013-2014

**Conference Referee**: Indiana Philosophical Association, 2015; Georgetown University Philosophy Conference 2013; SSP Annual Conference, 2009.

**Workshop Moderator**: Georgetown University Philosophy Conference, 2013

**Session Chair**: TRiP Conference 2011; APA Pacific, SSP Meeting, 2009; WCPA

Annual Conference, 2008.