

Curriculum Vitae – D. A. Holiday

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EMPLOYMENT

Nancy Schaenen Visiting Ethics Scholar, the [Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics](#), 2024-present.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, DePauw University, 2024-present.
Director, the Center for Ethical Leadership, Washington and Jefferson College, 2021-2024.
Director, the [Jackson Family Center for Ethics & Values](#), Coastal Carolina University, 2018-2021.
Post-doctoral Ethics Fellow, Coastal Carolina University, 2015-18.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Chicago (2015)
Dissertation “Moral Incapacity: the Shadows Cast by Character”

M.S. in Philosophy, Edinburgh University (2005)
Thesis “Determinacy of Sense in Frege and Wittgenstein”

B.A. in Psychology & Philosophy, Oxford University (2002)
Thesis: “Examples and Approaches in Modern Ethics”

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Normative Ethics; Action Theory; History of Moral Philosophy; Philosophy of Human Rights;
Ethical Leadership.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Applied Ethics (broad expertise); Non-Western Ethics (African communitarianism); Early Analytic.

PUBLICATIONS

“Win to play, don’t play to win! A Kantian take on the ethics of sporting competition.” *Sport, Ethics and Phil.* 1–15. [DOI](#)
“Forgiveness, Revenge, and the Remaking of Moral Community”, *Holocaust Studies*. Vol 32 (2), 2026: 231-253. [DOI](#)
“Folly’s Interpersonal Dimension”, *The Journal of Ethics*, Vol 26, 2022: 295–317. [DOI](#)
“Moral Incapacities of Vice”, *Res Philosophica*, Vol. 98, Issue 3, 2021: 403-427. [DOI](#)
“On the irreducibility of moral incapacity”, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 58, 2020: 401-430. [DOI](#)
“When Doing the Right Thing is Impossible” (Review), *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, Vol. 17.1, 2020: 99-109. [DOI](#)
“Cordelia’s Moral Incapacity in King Lear”, Chapter in *Philosophers in Depth: Cavell on Aesthetic Understanding* (Ed. Garry L. Hagberg), Palgrave, 2018: 75-108.

WORK UNDER REVIEW / IN PROGRESS

- “King David Syndrome” (*Journal of Business Ethics*)
- “Sempai! Mentorship as ethical leadership in Japanese popular culture” (monograph, in progress)
- “Cartesian Insincerity: A Ghazâlîan Critique of Descartes’ Purported Resolution of Radical Skepticism” (co-authored article, *the Journal of Islamic Philosophy*)
- “Humanizing Indignity and the Morality of Fellowship” (*Journal of Applied Philosophy*)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC LECTURES

- “King Lear, and Cavell and Wittgenstein’s philosophical method” Invited lecture: Kwansei Gakuin University, Nishinomiya, Japan, June, 2026.
- “Humanizing Indignity and the Morality of Fellowship” American Simone Weil Society, April 2026.
- “King David Syndrome” Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, March 2026.
- “A Plea for Revenge” Indiana Philosophical Society Conference, October 2025.
- “Win to play, don’t play to win!” Midwest Ethics Symposium, DePauw University, Apr. ‘25.
- “Forgiveness and Revenge” Invited lecture, Coastal Carolina University, March 2025.
- “Assessing Ethics Education” Association for Practical & Professional Ethics conference, Feb., ‘25.
- “Taking Moral Action” Author Meets Critics panel, Assoc. for Practical & Prof Ethics, Feb., ‘25.
- “Humanizing Indignity & the Morality of Fellowship” – Concerned Philosophers for Peace, Oct. ‘24.
- “Ethical Reasoning Pedagogy” faculty development workshop, W&J College, October, 2024.
- “Four Ethical Perspectives on Deception” CPE training, Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Oct. ‘23.
- “Aristotle on Friendship and Ethical Mentoring” CPE training (accountants), Pittsburgh, Nov. ‘22.
- “My approach to moral philosophy and research work” Invited lecture: Kwansei Gakuin University, Nishinomiya, Japan, June, 2023.
- “Humanizing indignity and the morality of fellowship.” Center for Ethics, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic, October 2020.
- “Humanizing indignity and the morality of fellowship.” Converse College, March 2020.
- “Folly as a Vice” Presidential Address, South Carolina Society for Philosophy, March 2018.
- “Forgiveness, Revenge and the Limits of Community” South Carolina Soc. for Phil., Feb 2017.
- “Torture: Contemporary Issues” Public lecture, Coastal Carolina University, February 2015.

TEACHING

DePauw University:

- A Relational Moral Theory* (T. Metz), (Reading Course), Fall 2026.
- Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2024 & ‘26.
- Ethical Theory, Fall 2025 & ‘26.
- Ethical Perspectives for Leadership (300 level), Spring 2025 & ‘26, Fall ‘26.
- Global Justice: Human Rights, Responsibilities, and Dignity (300 level), Spring 2026.
- Gyekye & Wiredu: founding voices of modern African Philosophy (Reading course), Spring 2026.
- Ubuntu: A Comparative Study...* (Ed. Nnodim and Okigbo), (Reading course), Fall ‘26.
- Philosophical Topics: Forgiveness and Revenge (300/400 level), Spring 2025.

Washington and Jefferson College:

- Introduction to Ethical Reasoning, Fall 2023, Spring 2024.
- Human Rights in Theory and Practice, Spring 2023.
- Moral Philosophy, Fall 2022 & ‘23.

Coastal Carolina University:

- “LBGTQIA+ rights as human rights” (BA thesis), Spring 2021.
- “Contemporary Moral Issues: Human rights, theory & practice” (300 level), Spring 2016, ’20, & ’21.
- “Intersectionality, Complex Social Identities & the Ethics of Privilege” (BA thesis), SP’20.
- “Kant on Dignity and Education” (independent study, BA thesis), Spring 2019.
- “Business Ethics”, Spring 2016.
- “Capstone Seminar: Leadership Ethics” Fall 2018, ’19, ’20 and Spring 21 (4 sections).
- “Spinoza’s Ethics” (independent study), Fall 2017.
- “Ethical Theory” (upper division), Spring 2017-19 (3 sections).
- “Contemporary Moral Issues: Topics in applied ethics”, Fall 2015-20 (6 sections).
- “Introduction to Ethics”, Fall & Spring 2015-20 (11 sections).

The University of Chicago (as full instructor):

- “Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights” (foundation course for HR minor), Spring ’14.
- “Torture & Contemporary Moral Thought” Tave Teaching Fellowship (Humanities), Winter ’12.
- “Philosophical Perspectives I” (Humanities Core - Ancient ethics and literature), Fall 2011.
- “Torture” Junior and Senior tutorial (Course for philosophy Honors students), Winter 2010.

EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

Nancy Schaenen Visiting Scholar, the Prindle Institute for Ethics and **Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy**, DePauw University, 2024-present.

The Prindle Institute is a nationally-recognized leader in ethics education at all levels (K-12, collegiate, academic, professional and continuing). As Schaenen Visiting Scholar, I conduct an original program of research and engage the DePauw community with it. Other responsibilities include: student intern mentorship; supporting the editor of the “Prindle Post” (our publication in public philosophy); supporting the Institute’s Director in screening proposals for ethics reading courses and other funding requests; administering the high school ethics bowl (Midwest regionals) and supporting DePauw’s intercollegiate ethics bowl team; offering workshops and trainings in ethical frameworks, analysis and other ethical reasoning skills; and advising DePauw faculty on ethics education across the curriculum. I also serve as primary instructor for three undergraduate courses each year for the philosophy department and allied programs such as Peace and Conflict Studies and the college’s new Leadership minor.

Director of the Center for Ethical Leadership, Washington and Jefferson College, 2021-2024.

Primary responsibility: design, implementation and administration of the College’s unique and ambitious Ethical Leadership Program. This is a four year program of education and developmental experiences in the practice of ethical leadership (competencies in ethical reasoning, collaboration and individual leadership), which is a graduation requirement for all degree-seeking students. Other responsibilities included: 1:1 teaching load in philosophy; student advising; design of a minor program in ethical leadership studies; chairing the planning committee for the annual “Symposium on Democracy” program; supporting ethics education across the academic curriculum (incl. professional programs such as nursing); supervision of ethical leadership fellowship program for students and faculty/staff; and organizing the Center’s program of ethics lectures and panels; managing budget; etc..

Director of the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values, Coastal Carolina, 2018-2021.

Responsibilities include: oversight of the Jackson Scholar program, a 2-year, selective undergraduate scholarship in ethics and leadership (marketing, recruitment, retention, academic and career advising, leadership skills coaching, course instruction); coached CCU's ethics bowl team; organized the Center's annual program of public lectures and panel discussions; directed community outreach, service and engagement projects in collaboration with on - & off-campus partners; supervised an administrative assistant; budget management; etc. As philosophy faculty taught a 2:2 load in theoretical and applied ethics.

Ethics Fellow, the Jackson Family Center for Ethics & Values, Coastal Carolina, 2015-2018.

Taught a 3:3 load in philosophy, with a focus on theoretical and applied ethics and including two upper division courses. Supported Center Director in organizing public lectures, community outreach efforts, and recruitment and supervision for the Jackson Scholars program. Coached CCU's team for APPE's Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (an applied ethics debate competition).

LANGUAGES

- Japanese – fluent speaker, intermediate literacy.
- German, French, Latin, and ancient Greek – basic reading skills for purposes of research.

OTHER SERVICE, TRAINING & ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Reviewer for *Philosophia*
- Reviewer for *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy* (Journal of the British Philosophy of Sport Association)
- Member of the American Philosophical Association (Central Div.).
- Member of Concerned Philosophers for Peace, and annual conference organizer (Fall 2026)
- Member of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.
- Member of the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum.
- Chair of [Symposium on Democracy](#) Planning Committee (W&J College, 2022-2024).
- SAFE Zone Retraining, Washington and Jefferson College, 2023 (original training CCU, 2016).
- Affiliated Faculty for Conflict and Resolution Studies, and International Studies (W&J College, 2023).
- Graduate Faculty (Coastal Carolina University, 2019).
- Affiliated Faculty, Women and Gender Studies program (Coastal Carolina University, 2019).
- Dialogue Fellow - facilitator for campus and community social justice dialogues (Coastal 2018-2020).
- Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop (Coastal Carolina University, 2019).
- President, South Carolina Philosophical Society 2018-19 (Conference: USC Columbia).
- Vice President, South Carolina Philosophical Society 2017-18 (Organized joint conference with N.C.Society).
- “Navigating Difficult Dialogues” facilitator training for social identity/social justice dialogues (CCU, 2016).

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Assistant Prof. Jeremy Anderson - *Philosophy department chair, DePauw University.*

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Prof. Nils Rauhut – *Philosophy dept. Coastal Carolina University, former Director of Jackson Family Center.*

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