Justis Koon
Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics (including Bioethics and AI Ethics), Metaethics, Epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Biology

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Teaching Professor, Iowa State University — 2025 – Present

Visiting Assistant Professor, Texas Tech University — 2023 – 2025

Visiting Assistant Professor, Trinity College (Connecticut) — 2022 – 2023

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Amherst
Ph.D. in Philosophy — 2022
Dissertation: "Higher-Order Evidence and Human Evolution"
Committee: Sophie Horowitz (chair), David Christensen, Hilary Kornblith

Tufts University
M.A. in Philosophy — 2015

Hamline University
B.A. in Psychology — 2010

PUBLICATIONS

"Moral Responsibility and Proper Function," *The Journal of Philosophy.* — Forthcoming

"Recalibrating Evolutionary Debunking," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 108(2): 456-478. — 2024

"The Medical Model, With a Human Face," *Philosophical Studies* 179(12): 3747-3770. — 2022

"The Epistemology of Evolutionary Debunking," *Synthese* 199(5-6): 12155-12176. 2021

"Options Must Be External," *Philosophical Studies* 177(5): 1175-1189. 2020

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Some titles in this section and the next are redacted to protect blind review.

Paper on moral anti-realism. Under review.

Paper on AI alignment and mechanocracy. In progress.

Paper on the relationship between science and moral realism. In progress.

Paper on evolutionary debunking arguments. In progress.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Alignment and Mechanocracy," presentation at the Iowa Philosophical Society. 2026

Paper on moral anti-realism, colloquium presentation at the APA Central Division. 2025

Paper on evolutionary debunking, colloquium presentation at the APA Eastern Division. 2023

"Moral Responsibility and Proper Function," colloquium presentation at the APA Central Division. 2022

"On the Self-Undermining Objection to Evolutionary Debunking Arguments," symposium presentation at the APA Eastern Division. 2022

"A Defense of the Medical Model," colloquium presentation at the APA Central Division. 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As sole instructor:

Ethics of Computing and AI (or similar class)	8 times, most recently in 2026
Introduction to Ethics (or similar class)	5 times, most recently in 2026
Biomedical Ethics (or similar class)	9 times, most recently in 2025
Seminar in Metaethics (graduate level)	Spring 2025
Introduction to Political Philosophy	Fall 2024
Metaethics	Spring 2024
Seminar in Epistemology (graduate level)	Fall 2023
Epistemology (or similar class)	2 times, most recently in 2023
Environmental Philosophy	Spring 2023
Introduction to Philosophy	2 times, most recently in 2022
Existentialism	Spring 2022

Business Ethics	Spring 2019

As teaching assistant:

Introduction to Ethics	4 times, most recently in 2022
Medical Ethics	2 times, most recently in 2020
Existential Philosophy	3 times, most recently in 2018
Justice, Equality, and Liberty	Spring 2013

AWARDS

Department Dissertation Fellowship	2020
Herbert Heidelberger Prize for Outstanding Paper	2017
John Robison Prize for Excellence in Teaching	2017
Puryear Fellowship	2015

SERVICE

Referee for: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy, The Journal of Philosophy,* and *Philosophical Studies*

Socrates Prize Committee	2025 – 2026
Recruitment and Retention Committee	2025 – 2026
Treasurer for Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), UMass Chapter	2021 – 2022
Graduate Student Senator	2018 – 2019

REFERENCES

Sophie Horowitz (UMass Amherst)
Associate Professor of Philosophy
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Hilary Kornblith (UMass Amherst)
Distinguished Professor of Philosophy
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Todd Ryan (Teaching Reference, Trinity College)
Thomas C. Brownell Professor of Philosophy
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David Christensen (Brown University)
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