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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Applied Ethics (Bioethics); Philosophy of Medicine; Philosophy of Mind

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Applied Ethics (Other); Normative Ethics; Cognitive Science; Philosophy of Psychology; Health Policy

EMPLOYMENT

University of Texas at Arlington 2026-present
Associate Professor and Department Chair
Department of Philosophy and Humanities

University of Texas at Arlington 2020-2026
Assistant Professor
Department of Philosophy and Humanities

OTHER ROLES

University of Texas at Arlington 2021-present
Co-Director of Medical Humanities & Bioethics Program

Make Philosophy Lab 2022-present
Founder and Director
Collaborative open pedagogy project designing and distributing
3D-printed philosophy teaching tools (www.makephilosophy.com)

Burnett School of Medicine, Texas Christian University 2023-2026
Affiliated Assistant Professor,
Scholarly Pursuit and Thesis advisor for medical students working on
bioethical issues

University of Miami Miller School of Medicine March 2025
Visiting Researcher
Research in anatomical ethics; clinical and organizational embedding

Cleveland Clinic Center for Bioethics Summer 2023
Visiting Professor
Research in transplant ethics; clinical embedding and shadowing

Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology Summer 2016
Visiting Researcher
Research on decision-making and social cognition in great apes

EDUCATION

- Rutgers University, New Brunswick 2014-2020
Ph.D., Philosophy
Dissertation: *Comparing Capacities* (Chair: Elisabeth Camp)
Graduate Certificate in Cognitive Science
- Carleton University, Ottawa 2012-2014
M.A., Philosophy
- University of Toronto, Toronto 2007-2012
B.A. (Hons), Philosophy, English Literature

PUBLICATIONS

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Shupe, E. (*Forthcoming*). Accepting Bodies. *The Palgrave Handbook on the Philosophy of Death*
- Gibberman, D., & Shupe, E. (2025). Value in a Limitless World. *Synthese*.
- Shupe, E. (2025). Grave Injustice: The Continuing Use of Unclaimed Bodies in American Medicine. *Journal of Medical Ethics*.
- Shupe, E. (2024). Understanding Organ Stewardship. *Hastings Center Report*, 54.
- Shupe, E. (2024). The Irreconcilability of Insight. *Animal Cognition*, 27(1), 1-22.
- Shupe, E., Karim, S., & Sledge, D. (2023). Unclaimed Bodies and Medical Education in Texas. *JAMA*, 330(12), 1189-1190.
- O'Madagain, C., Helming, K. A., Schmidt, M. F., Shupe, E., Call, J., & Tomasello, M. (2022). Great Apes and Human Children Rationally Monitor their Decisions. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, 289(1971), 20212686.
- Shupe, E. (2021). Punishing Moral Animals. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 51(5), 351-366.
- Shupe, E. (2021). Perceiving Deviance. *Synthese*, 198(8), 6955-6967.
- Camp, E., & Shupe, E. (2017). Instrumental Reasoning in Nonhuman Animals. In *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Animal Minds* (pp. 100-108). Routledge.
- Shupe, E. (2016). Transformative Experience and the Limits of Revelation. *Philosophical Studies*, 173, 3119-3132.

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- Shupe, E. (2025). [How human bodies end up on dissection tables without consent](#). *The Washington Post*.
- Shupe, E. (2023). [From morgue to medical school: Cadavers of the poor, Black and vulnerable can be dissected without consent](#). *The Conversation* (syndicated in various online and print outlets, e.g., *Houston Chronicle*, *New York Amsterdam News*, *Texas Observer*, *Milwaukee Independent*, *Yahoo News*).
- Shupe, E. (2021) [In Texas, the cadavers of the poor are used to advance medical science, without their consent](#). *Dallas Morning News*.

CREATIVE WORKS

- Hernandez, V., Chivers, M., Shupe, E. (2023). [The Ship of Theseus \(activity set\)](#). *Make Philosophy*.
- Martinez, I., Chivers, M., Shupe, E. (2023). [A Tale of Two Tubs \(activity set\)](#). *Make Philosophy*.
- Martinez, I., Chivers, M., Shupe, E. (2023). [The Experience Machine \(activity set\)](#). *Make Philosophy*.

Shupe, E. [The Baby Game: A Roleplaying Game About the Consequences of Consequentialism](#), with Teacher's Supplement for Classroom Use. (2022). *Critical-Creative Philosophy Game Jam*.

Martinez, I., Shupe, E. (2022). [The Famous Violinist \(activity set\)](#). *Make Philosophy*.

Shupe, E. (2022). [The David Dilemma \(activity set\)](#). *Make Philosophy*.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Rethinking Third-Party Authorization for Whole Body Donation.
Annual Congress of the IFAA. Melbourne, Australia. Aug 2026.

Rethinking Third-Party Authorization for Whole Body Donation.
The University of Queensland, Integrated Pathology Learning Centre. Aug 2026

The Commercialization of the Unclaimed Dead for Education and Research in the United States: Legal Underpinnings and Ethical Implications (with Laura Johnson).
Anatomy Connected 2026 (American Association for Anatomy Annual Conference).

Rethinking Third-Party Body Donation
Northeastern University. Feb 2026.

Rethinking Third-Party Body Donation.
Emory University. Feb 2026.

Would they have wanted this? Is it ethical to use unclaimed bodies in anatomical education?
Invited talk, American Anatomical Association 'Bioethics Unicorns' group. Dec 2025.

Social Medicine Frontiers Lecture: Grave Injustice: Unclaimed Bodies in Medical Education
Ohio University-Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. Oct 2025.

Without Their Consent: The Continuing Use of Unclaimed Bodies at American Medical Schools
Dialogues in Research Ethics Lecture Series, University of Miami. Mar 2025.

Third-Party Permission for Body Donation: Ethical Questions
West Coast Consortium of Academic Donation Programs Annual Meeting. Feb 2025.

Does 'No' Mean 'Yes' in Body Donation? (Keynote)
East Coast Consortium of Academic Donation Programs Annual Meeting. Oct 2024.

The Use of Unclaimed Bodies in Medical Teaching
School of Public Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology Mar 2024.
Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital (Keynote). Nov 2023.
Texas Christian University (Medical Ethics Elective, Guest Lecture). Dec 2022.
Center for Theory Colloquium Series, University of Texas at Arlington. Nov 2022.
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The Socrates Project for Applied Ethics at the University of Toronto. Mar 2021.

Assessing religious motivations for altruistic living kidney donation
ASBH Annual Conference. Oct 2023.

Understanding Organ Stewardship
Cleveland Clinic Center for Bioethics. Jul 2023.

The Ethics of NRP-cDCD (Normothermic Regional Perfusion with Controlled Donation after Circulatory Determination of Death)
Cook Children's Medical Center, Ethics Committee. Apr 2023
North Texas Bioethics Network. Apr 2023.

Value in a Limitless World (with Daniel Gibberman)
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. May 2022.

Punishing Moral Animals

Bucknell University. 2020.

The University of Nebraska—Lincoln. 2020.

New York University. 2020.

The University of Sheffield. 2020.

The University of Utah. 2020.

Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. 2017.

Comparative Psychology and Cognitive Penetration

Bochum-Rutgers Workshop in Philosophy. 2017.

Transformative Experience and the Role of Revelation

Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. 2015.

Dretske's Sensory Core and Kant's Transcendental Deduction A

9th International Symposium of Cognition, Logic, and Communication. 2013.

COMMENTARIES & PANELS

On "Learning Incommensurate Concepts" by Hayley Clatterbuck.

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division. 2020.

On "Shared Intention is Not Joint Commitment" by Matthew Miller.

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division. 2017.

On "Temptation, Regret, and Risk-Taking" by Johanna Thomson.

Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. 2015.

On "Culturally Unbound" by Natalia Washington.

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. 2014.

GRANTS

2022-2025	\$675,000	Training and Experiential Learning in Biomedical Informatics (TExBioMed) (1R25LM014215-01). National Institutes of Health/National Library of Medicine. Co-Investigator.
2023-2024	\$5000	Developing and Implementing an Interprofessional Module on Disability and Healthcare. CRTLE Research on Teaching and Learning Seed Grant. Co-Investigator.
2021-2022	\$30,000	Revising the Certificate in Medical Humanities (AKA-279368-21). National Endowment for the Humanities. Planning Committee; Faculty Advisory Committee.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2026	University of Texas at Arlington COLA Outstanding Teaching Award for Tenure Track Faculty
2026	APA OUP Teaching with Technology Prize
2025	APA Prize for Excellence in Philosophy Teaching (Finalist)
2024	University of Texas at Arlington COLA Outstanding Research or Creative Activity Award
2024	APA OUP Teaching with Technology Prize (Finalist)
2023	APA Prize for Excellence in Philosophy Teaching (Finalist)

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

Biomedical Ethics, Contemporary Moral Problems, Critical Thinking, Disability Ethics, Healthcare Through Fiction, Introduction to Philosophy, Philosophy and Literature, Philosophy and Science Fiction, Stories of Illness and Care, Transplantation Ethics, Philosophy of Death

SERVICE-LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS

Freedom Hospice Bioethics students serve as volunteers with terminally ill patients and their families.	2022-present
Texas State Hospitals/Texas Health and Human Services Students helped with historical preservation projects at state psychiatric hospitals.	2024
Hospice Plus Bioethics students served as volunteers with terminally ill patients and their families.	2021-2022

PEDAGOGY-RELATED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Maverick Advantage Faculty Engagement Faculty Fellows Program. UTA.	2023-2024
Experiential Learning Faculty Facilitators Program. UTA.	2022
Center for Service Learning Faculty Fellows Program. UTA.	2021

PEDAGOGY-RELATED PRESENTATIONS

Make Philosophy: Digitally Fabricated Thought Experiments (with Morgan Chivers and Violet Hernandez). International Symposium of Academic Makerspaces, UC Berkeley. Aug 2025.	
Make Philosophy: Digitally Fabricated Thought Experiments (with Morgan Chivers and Violet Hernandez). Makerspaces for Innovation and Research in Academics Conference. 2025.	
Make Philosophy: Digitally Fabricated Thought Experiments (with Morgan Chivers). Association of Creative Technologies in Academic Libraries Annual Conference. 2024.	
Maverick Advantage Experiential Learning Panel. UTA Champion's Breakfast. Feb 2024.	
Integrating Hospice Service-Learning into Undergraduate Bioethics Education. ASBH Annual Conference. Oct 2023.	
Make Philosophy: An Open Pedagogy Project. Dallas Philosophers Forum. Sept 2022.	

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORSHIP

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program. Faculty Mentor. (10 students).	
<i>Make Philosophy</i> Lab. Supervisor and Mentor. (6 students).	
Honors College Research Capstone Project. Faculty Mentor. (2 students).	

SERVICE

DEPARTMENT

Philosophy Department Appeals Committee	2023-present
Philosophy Department Curriculum Committee	2023-present
Philosophy Department Development Committee	2023-present
Philosophy Department Lectures Committee	2023-present
Philosophy Department Library Representative	2023-present
Philosophy Department Research Committee (Chair)	2023-present
Philosophy Department Scholarship Committee	2023-present

Philosophy Department Special Advisor (Area: Medicine)	2023-present
Philosophy Department NTT Promotions Committee	2022-present
Philosophy Department Asst. Prof. Search Committee (x2)	2022, 2024
COLLEGE	
College of Liberal Arts Health & Society Asst. Prof. Search Committee	2024-2025
College of Liberal Arts Research Awards Committee	2023-present
Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Hiring Search Committee	2022-2023
UNIVERSITY	
Faculty Senator	2023-2025
Faculty Advisor, Mavericks with Disabilities student organization	2023-present
Faculty Advisor, Mavericks for Medical Humanities student organization	2020-present
Faculty Senate Emeritus Committee	2023-2024
Faculty Advisor for UTA Philosophy Club student organization	2021-2024
Women's and Gender Studies LGBTQ+ Working Group	2020-2021
PROFESSION	
<i>Anatomical Sciences Education</i> Board of Reviewers	2025-present
Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer	
<i>Analysis, Anatomical Sciences Education, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Bloomsbury Press, Dialectica, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Medical Ethics, Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal, Meridians: feminism, race, transnationalism, Mind & Language, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Studies, Synthese</i>	
BROADER BIOETHICS WORK	
American Anatomical Association	2025-present
Ethical Finances in Body Donation Programs Subcommittee	
Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital Ethics Committee	2022-present
Tarrant County Medical Society's Ethics Consortium	2020-present
Academic Body Donation Programs (Various)	2024-present
Ad hoc ethics education and consultation	
Uniform Law Commission	2025-2026
Observer, Post-Mortem Retrieval of Gametes, Safeguards for the Acquisition and Use of Anatomical Material by Non-Transplant Anatomical Organizations, and Protections for Unrepresented Donors Committee	
Cook Children's Medical Center Patient Care Ethics Committee	2022-2026
Hospice Plus	2021-2022
Ad hoc ethics consultation	
COMMUNITY	
Freedom Hospice	2022-present
Direct care volunteer	
Tarrant County	2024
Policy consultation	
Hospice Plus	2021-2022
Direct care volunteer	

Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities
Volunteer judge for Barbara Jordan Media Awards

2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The American Philosophical Association
The American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
The American Association for Anatomy
The Science Fiction and Philosophy Society