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Current Positions

PhD Candidate, Department of Philosophy, University of Washington
Neuroethics Research Assistant, Center for Neurotechnology

Research Areas

Medical Ethics (Neuroethics), Qualitative Research Methodologies

Education

University of Washington Fall 2017-present

PhD, Philosophy, 2023 (expected)

Dissertation: "The Right to be Recognized?: Strategies and Lessons for Participant Self-Determination of Anonymization Standards within Qualitative Research." Committee: Sara Goering (chair), Tim Brown, Carina Fourie, Gina Campelia, Amelia Wirts

MA, Philosophy, 2019

Qualifying Paper: "Reconciling Relational Agency with Accounts of Oppression."

BA, Colorado College, Philosophy, PreMed Track

Fall 2011-Spring 2015

Publications

Versalovic E, Beck A, Brown T. (Forthcoming). Included But Still Invisible?: Considering the Protection-Inclusion Dilemma In Qualitative Research Findings. *American Journal of Bioethics*.

Versalovic E, Klein E, Goering S, Ngo Q, Gliske K, Boulicault M, Specker Sullivan L, Thomas MJ, Widge AS. (Forthcoming). DBS for substance use disorder? An exploratory qualitative study of perspectives of people currently in treatment. *Journal of Addiction Medicine*.

Goering S, Versalovic E, Brown T. (2023). Ambiguous Agency as a Frame on Neural Device User Experience. *AJOB Neuroscience*. 14(1):50-52.

Versalovic E, Goering S, Klein E. (2022). Data, Privacy, and Agency: Beyond Transparency to Empowerment. *American Journal of Bioethics*. 22(7):63-65.

Schönau A, Goering S, Versalovic E, Montes N, Brown T, Dasgupta I, Klein E. (2022). Asking questions that matter – Question prompt lists as tools for improving the consent process for neurotechnology clinical trials. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*. 16:983226.

Goering S, Brown T, McCusker D, Montes N, Schönau A, Versalovic E, Klein E. (2022). Integrating Equity Work throughout Bioethics. *American Journal of Bioethics*. 22:26-27.

Versalovic E, Diamond M, Klein E. (2022). "Re-Identifying Yourself": a qualitative study of veteran views on Implantable BCI for mobility and communication in ALS." *Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology*. 1-8.

Schönau A, Dasgupta I, Brown T, Versalovic E, Klein E, Goering S. (2021). Mapping the Dimensions of Agency. *AJOB Neuroscience*. 12(2-3):172-186. (draft presented at the 2020 International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting)

Versalovic E, Klein E. (2020). "Who Will I Be?": Relational Identity, Living with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, and Future-Oriented Decisionmaking. *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*. 29(4):617-29. (draft presented at the 2020 Feminist Approaches to Bioethics Annual Meeting)

Dasgupta I, Versalovic E, Goering S. (2020). BCI Mediated Action and Responsibility: Questioning the Distinction Between Able-Bodied Recreation and Disability-Related Necessity. *American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience*. 11(1):63-65.

Bollinger JM, Zuk PD, Majumder MA, Versalovic E, Villanueva AG, Hsu RL, McGuire AL, Cook-Deegan R. (2019). What is a Medical Information Commons? *The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*, 47(1), 41–50.

Villanueva AG, Cook-Deegan R, Koenig BA, Deverka PA, Versalovic E, McGuire AL, Majumder MA. (2019). Characterizing the Biomedical Data-Sharing Landscape. *The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*, 47(1), 21–30.

Presentations

Versalovic E, Dasgupta I, Schönau, Brown T, Goering S, Klein E. (Nov 2022). *Ethical considerations regarding the experience and work of BRAIN research participants in long-term, highly interactive studies: a qualitative interview study*. Poster presented at International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting, Virtual.

Versalovic E, Goering S, Klein E. (Oct 2022). *Recurrence & Returning to Treatment: Incidental Findings of the COVID-19 Pandemic's Impact on People with Substance Use Disorders*. Paper presentation at the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.

Versalovic E, Boulicault M, Klein E, Goering S. (Nov 2021). *The risks of borrowed trust: a cautionary case study from a qualitative study exploring the use of DBS for addiction*. Short paper presentation at the International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting, Virtual.

Versalovic E, Klein E. (June 2020). *Negotiating Our Relational Identities Through Change: The Case of ALS and Intimate Others*. Short paper presented at International Network on Feminist Approaches to Bioethics Annual Meeting, Virtual.

Summers T, Versalovic E. (June 2020). *Is It Me or the Device? Reframing DBS patient autonomy concerns in terms of self-trust*. International Network on Feminist Approaches to Bioethics Annual Meeting, Virtual.

Pham C, Versalovic E, MacDuffie K. (October 2019). *Developing a Clinical Conceptions of Mind Scale for Use with End-Users of Deep Brain Stimulation*. Poster presented at International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Villanueva A, Versalovic E, Majumder MA, McGuire AL. (June 2017). *The Data Ecosystem: Current Data-Sharing Policies and Practices*. Presented at the 4th ELSI Congress, Genomics and Society: Expanding the ELSI Universe, Farmington, CT.

Versalovic E, Woods MN, Childress A. (March 2017). *Going 'Off Script': Launching a Storytelling Event within an Academic Medical Center*. Oral presentation given at International Health Humanities Consortium, 'Diversity, Cultures, and Health Humanities,' Houston, TX.

Interdisciplinary Research Programs

Neuroethics Research Assistant, Center for Neurotechnology (Fall 2018-present)

DBS for Addiction Pilot Project (in collaboration with University of Minnesota and Hazelden Clinic)
Founding Member, Critical Humanities in Medical Education (CHIME) Interdisciplinary Research Cluster,
UW Simpson Center (Spring 2020-present)

Mellon Fellow for Reaching New Publics in the Humanities, UW Simpsons Center (Fall 2020-2022)

Honors and Awards

Philosophical Perspectives on Care Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities (Summer 2022)

Mellon Fellow for Reaching New Publics in the Humanities, UW Simpson Center (Fall 2020-2022)

Graduate Research Assistantship, UW Department of Philosophy (April 2019-Present)

Neuroethics Canada Outstanding Abstract Award (Oct 2019)

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, UW Department of Philosophy (2018-March 2019)

Digital Humanities Summer Fellowship, Simpson Center for the Digital Humanities (2018)

Neuroethics Fellowship, Center for Neurotechnology (2017-2019)

GO-MAP Graduate Opportunity Program Research Assistantship Award, UW (2017-2018)

Teaching & Mentorship

Colorado College

Lead Instructor

Introduction to Medical Ethics (Winter 2020)

University of Washington

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Logic w/ Conor Mayo-Wilson (Fall 2019)

Introduction to Philosophy w/ Paul Franco (Winter 2019)

Mentor, Research Experience for Undergraduates, Center for Neurotechnology (2018-present)

Tatianah Summers, "Is It Me or the Device? Reframing DBS patient autonomy concerns in terms of self-trust" (Summer 2019 & 2020) (presented at the 2020 Feminist Approaches to Bioethics Meeting)

Christopher Pham, "Developing a Conceptions of Mind Scale for Use with End-Users of Deep Brain Stimulation" (Summer 2018)

Service

Departmental & Professional Service

Member, Placement Committee (2021-2023)
Graduate Student Representative (2019-2021)
Member, Graduate Library Committee (2018-2019)
Member, Climate Committee (2017-2019)
Co-organizer, Graduate Conference Committee (2017-2018)
Member, University Auto Workers Local 4121 (2017-Present)

Broader Community Service

Big Brother, Big Sister (2021-present)
Mushroom Forager & Educator, El Mercadito South Park Farmer's Market (2021-present)