

# Ashley Lauren Feinsinger, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vitae

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## PERSONAL HISTORY

Department of Medicine  
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA  
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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy  
University of California, Los Angeles, 2016

M.A., Philosophy  
University of California, Los Angeles, 2008

B.A., Philosophy with a minor in Linguistics, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa  
University of California, Los Angeles, 2006

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Adjunct Assistant Professor  
– David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles, 2017 – Present  
– Department of Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 2017 – Present

Assistant Professor  
– Department of Philosophy, University of San Diego, 2016 – 2017

Visiting Instructor  
– Department of Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, Spring 2016

## PUBLICATIONS

**Feinsinger, A.** The Variation Problem. *Philosophical Studies*, forthcoming (2020).  
DOI: [10.1007/s11098-020-01433-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-020-01433-y)

**Feinsinger, A.,** Friedell, D. Medicalization and Linguistic Agency. *Ratio*, online (2020).  
DOI: [10.1111/rati.12264](https://doi.org/10.1111/rati.12264)

Campelia, G.D., **Feinsinger, A.** Creating Space for Feminist Ethics in Medical School. *HEC Forum* 32, 111–124 (2020).  
DOI: [10.1007/s10730-020-09403-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10730-020-09403-x)

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award (UCLA's university-wide teaching award), 2014  
Yost Prize (Philosophy departmental teaching award), 2010  
Kalish Award (Philosophy departmental award for intellectual excellence), 2004

## **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

NIH R01 BRAIN Initiative NeuroEthics, Co-PI, 2020 – Present  
– NeuroEthics of Non-Therapeutic Invasive Neurophysiologic Research

NIH U01 BRAIN Initiative Supplement, Co-I (Pouratian, PI)  
– Supplement to understand the ethical complexities of altruistic motivations in participating in invasive, non-therapeutic, clinical neuroscience trials in humans, 2019 – Present

NIH/National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, UL1TR001881, Co-I, (Dubinett, PI)  
2019-2020  
– UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute Intramural Award to fund “Interdisciplinary Research Ethics Symposium: The Emerging Field of NeuroEthics”

## **INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

### *Pediatric Research Ethics*

–Pediatric Fellows College, at UCLA DGSOM, 2020

### *Ethics and the Brain*

– Fiat Lux Seminar: Pleasure, Pain and Bionic Brains, at UCLA, Spring 2019

### *Neuroscience, Technology, and Ethics*

– Fiat Lux Seminar: UCLA Centennial Initiative: Neurobionics - Past, Present, and Future, at UCLA, Fall 2019

### *Foundations of Ethics and Communication*

– DNP Language and Communication Course, at UCLA School of Nursing, Fall 2018

### *Ethics of Infant Cochlear Ear Implants*

– Pediatric Interest Group Ethics Workshop, at UCLA DGSOM, 2018

### *Teaching Ethics in Systems Based Healthcare*

– New Faculty Orientation for SBH, at UCLA DGSOM, 2018

### *Ethics, Doctoring, and Patient Centered Communication*

–Introduction to Doctoring 1, at UCLA DGSOM, 2018

### *Race and Racism in Medicine*

– Faculty Development Doctoring 2, at UCLA DGSOM, 2018

*Language and Microaggressions*

– Faculty Development Doctoring 1, at DGSOM, 2017

*Applying to Graduate School*

– Everthinker’s Club Workshop on graduate school in philosophy,  
at USD, San Diego, 2017

*Applying to Philosophy Graduate School (and being underrepresented)*

– Everthinker’s Club, at USD, San Diego, 2017

*Language, Facts, and Truth*

– Humanities and the New Political Landscape series at USD, San Diego, 2017

*Making Words*

– Job Talk Symposium at USD, San Diego, 2016

*The Metaphysical and Social Foundations of Public Words*

– Job Talk series, at UCLA 2015

*Possible and Impossible Words*

– Syntax and Semantics Seminar, at UCLA Linguistics, 2012

*On Words*

– Philosophy of Language Workshop, UCLA, 2010

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

*Suspending the Ethic? Moral Impartiality and the Conscientious Ethics Professional*

– American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, Baltimore, October 2020 (Upcoming)\*

*Ethics of Non-Therapeutic Invasive Neuroscience Research*

– Advancing Bioethics Through Interdisciplinary Collaboration Symposium, at UCLA, 2019

*Altruism and Non-Therapeutic Invasive Neuroscience Research*

– NIH Lab Roots Conference, online, 2019

*The Variation Problem*

– The Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto, 2017

*Everyone’s Afraid of Slurs*

– Comments at Pacific session of the American Philosophical Association, Seattle, 2017

*Existing, Possible, and Impossible Words*

– California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Conference, UCSD, San Diego, 2012

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### COURSES (\* SOLE INSTRUCTOR)

#### University of California, Los Angeles

- \*Medical Ethics, Phil 155A, Spring 2020
- Bioethics Selective, DGSOM, co-chair, 2018 – 2020
- \*Directed Study Biomedical Research, Philosophy, Winter 2019
- \*Directed Undergraduate Research, Phil 99, Spring 2019
- Systems Based Health Care, DGSOM, 2018-2019
- Bioethics Selective Instructor, DGSOM, 2017-2018
- \*Medical Ethics, Phil 155A, Winter 2018
- \*Medical Ethics: Topics in Health and Society, Phil 155B, Spring 2018
- \*Philosophy of Language and Communication, Phil 172, 2016, 2012
- \*Philosophy of Language, Phil C127A, 2013
- \*Directed Undergraduate Research, Phil 99, 2010

#### University of San Diego

- \*Introduction to Philosophy, Phil 110, 2017
- \*Philosophy of Language, Phil 414, 2017
- \*Introduction to Philosophy, Phil 110, 2016

### CURRICULUM

- Doctoring 1 Curriculum Team, DGSOM 2018 – Present
- Ethics Content Lead, DGSOM Curriculum Redesign, 2020 – Present

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Scholarly Oversight Committee Member, Cristina Farkas, Peds Nephrology Fellow, 2019 – Present
- Organizer, *Advancing Bioethics Through Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Research Symposium*, UCLA 2019
- Faculty mentor, Bioethics Student Interest Group, DGSOM, 2018 – Present
- Faculty lead, Bioethics Career Opportunities Workshop, Philosophy department, UCLA, 2018
- Faculty Facilitator for Redesign Working Groups, DGSOM, 2018
- Faculty Facilitator for Medical Education Retreat, UCLA 2018
- Participant in the *Mentoring the Mentors Workshop* at Pacific American Philosophical Association, 2017
- USD search committee Philosophy of Race, 2017
- Reviewer for *Mind and Language*, 2017 – Present
- Reviewer for *Ergo*, 2017 – Present
- Faculty at UCSD's *Summer Program for Women in Philosophy*, 2017
- Mentor for *Junior Faculty Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy*, 2016

## COMMITTEE SERVICE

- LCME Medical Education Program and Curriculum Subcommittee, 2020
- DGSOM Foundations of Practice Curriculum Redesign Committee, 2019 – 2020
- Curriculum Redesign Steering Committee, DGSOM, 2018 – Present

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Philosophical Association, 2012 – Present

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, 2017 – Present

International NeuroEthics Society, 2018 – Present

NIH Research on Humans NeuroEthics Working Group 2019 – Present