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AOS: Applied Ethics, Professional Ethics **AOC:** Bioethics, Philosophy of Law, Political Philosophy

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (expected August 2026)

Dissertation: “*The Ethics of Professional Discretion: Trust, Gatekeeping, and Moral Responsibility in Law and Medicine*”

Committee Chair: Dr. Elena Marsh

M.A., Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2019

Thesis: “*Paternalism, Autonomy, and the Limits of Informed Consent*” (Applied Ethics)

B.A., Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2017, Graduated with Honors GPA 3.91

RELATED GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Cross-registered coursework in Legal Ethics and Jurisprudence, University of Tennessee College of Law, 2023–2024, through the Department of Philosophy–College of Law credit-sharing arrangement that also supports UTK’s dual JD/M.A. (Law–Philosophy) program.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville — Spring 2026

PHIL 244: Professional Responsibility (undergraduate)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville — 2019–2025

PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy; PHIL 252: Contemporary Moral Problems

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Goodwin, V. (forthcoming). Corporate complicity and the ethics of silence in global supply chains. *Journal of Global Ethics*.

Book Chapters

Goodwin, V. (2025). Autonomy, trust, and the ethics of professional gatekeeping. In M. Alvarez & T. Whitfield (Eds.), *Professional Ethics in an Age of Distrust* (pp. 118–139). Oxford University Press.

Book Reviews

Goodwin, V. (2024). Review of *Duties Without Borders*, by R. Ashcombe. *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 58(2), 331–335.

Goodwin, V. (2022). Review of *The Discretion Problem*, by K. Faris. *Teaching Philosophy*, 45(3), 289–293.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCE MEETINGS AND SEMINARS

Goodwin, V. (2025, February). Professional discretion and the ethics of gatekeeping. Paper presented at the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Goodwin, V. (2024, February). Corporate silence and complicity in global supply chains. Paper presented at the Southeast Philosophy Congress, Clayton State University, Morrow, GA.

Goodwin, V. (2023, March). Trust, testimony, and the professional-client relationship. Paper presented at the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH.

Goodwin, V. (2022, November). Tennessee Value and Agency (TVA) Conference, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Commentator on “Agency and Moral Repair.”

Goodwin, V. (2021, February). Paternalism and the limits of informed consent. Paper presented at the Southeast Philosophy Congress, Clayton State University, Morrow, GA.

Goodwin, V. (2019, February). Professional discretion as a moral category. Paper presented at the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) 28th Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.

GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITY

Denbo Center for Humanities and the Arts Graduate Student Research Fellowship, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2025–2026, awarded

Full-year dissertation fellowship with release from teaching, awarded to ABD Ph.D. students in affiliated humanities departments.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (Applied, 2025, not awarded)

National competition supporting the final year of dissertation writing on ethical or religious values in the humanities and social sciences.

Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville Fall 2024

Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GSS) Travel Award, University of Tennessee, Knoxville Spring 2023

Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville Spring 2022

RECOGNITIONS

- 2025 Karen M. T. Muskavitch Award for Graduate Work in Practical Ethics, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics 2025
- 2025 Nominee, Jimmy and Ileen Cheek Graduate Student Medal of Excellence, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2024 Nominee, Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association (APA)

Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE)

Society for Applied Philosophy

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- 2023-24 President, Philosophy Graduate Student Club, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2023-2025 Co-Organizer, Department of Philosophy Graduate Speaker Series, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2024 Graduate Student Member, Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2023 and 2024 Panelist, "Sustainable Writing Habits for Graduate Research," New Graduate Student Orientation, The Graduate School, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2023 Reviewer, Best Graduate Student Paper Competition, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) Annual Conference

MENTORING

2024-25 **Undergraduate Research Mentor**, Department of Philosophy

Advised an undergraduate philosophy major on literature review and annotated bibliography methods for an honors thesis on moral status and emerging biotechnology; mentee's essay was recognized in the department's Mark and Inge Moore Undergraduate Essay Competition (2025).

2025 **Mentorship Training, Graduate School**

Recognized with Tier 1 status for completing three sessions of CIMER (Center for the Improvement of Mentored Experiences in Research) Training, The Graduate School, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2024-2025 Informed Consent and Confidentiality Toolkit for Volunteer Clinicians, Kim Health Center, Knoxville, TN

Team member on an interdisciplinary project with Dr. Elena Marsh and colleagues from the College of Nursing, developed in partnership with the Kim Health Center (a Knoxville nonprofit clinic affiliated with the University of Tennessee Medical Center serving uninsured working adults). Co-drafted plain-

language informed consent materials and a confidentiality protocol for the clinic's volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners, and student volunteers.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2026 Dissertation Writing Retreat, Judith Anderson Herbert Writing Center, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

2025 Grant Writing Bootcamp for Graduate Students, The Graduate School, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

2025-2026 Chandler Seminar Series Participant, Denbo Center for Humanities and the Arts, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

2024 Vols 2 Vols Wellness Coaching, Center for Health Education and Wellness, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

REFERENCES

Dr. Elena Marsh, Professor of Philosophy (Dissertation Chair), Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville * emarsh@utk.edu * (865) 555-0142

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