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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023-now	Research Fellow Discipline of Philosophy, University of South Africa, South Africa
2023-now	Adjunct Professor of Philosophy Lone Star College-Kingwood & Houston Community College, USA
Spring 2023	Lecturer of Philosophy University of Houston, USA
2020-2021	Visiting Research Fellow Centre de Recherche en Éthique (CRÉ), Canada
2017-2019	Lecturer of Philosophy University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), Tanzania
2016-2017	Postdoctoral Research Fellow University of Johannesburg, South Africa
Fall 2016	Adjunct Professor of Philosophy Lone Star College-Tomball, USA
2016-2017	Visiting Scholar Rice University, USA

EDUCATION

May 2016	Doctor of Philosophy, Philosophy Rice University, USA Thesis: <i>The Wrongness of Killing</i> Committee: George Sher (chair), Baruch Brody, and Cary Wolfe
Dec. 2014	Master of Arts, Philosophy Rice University, USA
Jun. 2009	Diplom (≈ BSc + MSc), Physics Heidelberg University, Germany

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Applied Ethics, Moral Theory,
Social and Political Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics, Epistemology, Logic,
Critical Thinking

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED PHILOSOPHY JOURNALS

- "Is Daniel a Monster? Reflections on Daniel A. Bell and Wang Pei's 'Subordination without Cruelty' Thesis" (with Valéry Giroux, Angie Pepper & Kristin Voigt), *Les ateliers de l'éthique/The Ethics Forum* 17 (2022), pp. 31-45
- "Being a World Unto One's Self: A Phenomenal Consciousness Account of Full and Equal Moral Status," *Zeitschrift für Ethik und Moralphilosophie* 5 (2022), pp. 179-202
- "Question-Begging Arguments as Ones That Do Not Extend Knowledge," *Philosophy and Progress* 65 (2021), pp. 125-144
- "Ethics after Darwin: Completing the Revolution," *Bangladesh Journal of Bioethics* 11 (2020), pp. 43-48
Translated and reprinted in French:
"L'éthique après Darwin: Achever la Révolution," *L'Amorce* (1 February 2021)
- "Are humans more equal than other animals? An evolutionary argument against exclusively human dignity," *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel* 48 (2020), pp. 1807-1823
- "Mental-Threshold Egalitarianism: How Not to Ground Full Moral Status," *Social Theory and Practice* 44 (2018), pp. 75-93
- "Good to die," *Diacrítica* 27 (2013), pp. 139-156
- "The Concept of Human Dignity in German and Kenyan Constitutional Law" (with Reginald M. J. Oduor), *Thought and Practice: A Journal of the Philosophical Association of Kenya* 4 (2012), pp. 43-73
- "Innocent Threats and the Moral Problem of Carnivorous Animals" (with Tibor R. Machan), *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 29 (2012), pp. 146-159

EDITED BOOKS

- Rainer Ebert & Anteneh Roba (eds.), *Africa and Her Animals: Philosophical and Practical Perspectives* (Pretoria: University of South Africa Press, 2018)
- Rainer Ebert et al. (eds.), *Tierrechte – Eine interdisziplinäre Herausforderung* (Erlangen: Harald Fischer Verlag, 2007)

BOOK CHAPTER

- "The African university and the moral status of non-human animals" (with Workineh Kelbessa), in: R. Ebert & A. Roba (eds.), *Africa and Her Animals* (Pretoria: University of South Africa Press, 2018), pp. 67-81

TRANSLATION

- Carl Cohen, "Haben Tiere Rechte?", in: R. Ebert et al. (eds.), *Tierrechte* (Erlangen: Harald Fischer Verlag, 2007), pp. 89-104

BOOK REVIEWS

"Review of Kurt Remele's *Die Würde des Tieres ist unantastbar: Eine neue christliche Tierethik*," *The Journal of Animal Ethics* 9 (Spring 2019), pp. 113-114

"Review of Alasdair Cochrane's *Animal Rights Without Liberation*," *The Journal of Animal Ethics* 5 (Spring 2015), pp. 114-116

"Review of Fritz Mauthner's *Die Sprache*," *Copula: Jahangirnagar University Studies in Philosophy* 30 (June 2013), pp. 65-67

SELECTED OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"Mohandas K. Gandhi and Tom Regan: Advocates for Animal Rights," *Gandhi Marg Quarterly* 38 (2017), pp. 395-403

"On What a Good Argument Is, in Science and Elsewhere," *Dhaka University Journal on Journalism, Media and Communication Studies* 1 (May 2011), pp. 17-26

"Weierstrass meets Enriques" (with Andreas P. Braun, Arthur Hebecker & Roberto Valandro), *Journal of High Energy Physics* 2010 (February 2010), pp. 1-28

More than 70 travel articles and columns on contemporary moral, social, and political issues in print and online newspapers in Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Denmark, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Germany, Ghana, India, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, the UK, and the USA

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Are human beings more equal than other animals? An evolutionary argument against exclusively human dignity"

Nov. 2019 Twentieth Asian Bioethics Conference (ABC20), Bangladesh

"Africa and her animals"

Sep. 2019 3rd Africa Animal Welfare Conference, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Headquarters, Ethiopia

"What Makes Killing Wrong?"

Oct. 2016 Philosophy Spring Colloquium, Wits University, South Africa

"The Wrongness of Killing Animals"

Mar. 2016 12th Annual Essays of Significance Conference, University of Windsor, Canada

May 2015 *La libération animale, quarante ans plus tard*, Université Rennes 2, France

Jan. 2015 3rd Minding Animals Conference, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

"Good to Die"

May 2013 IV Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, Portugal

“Innocent Threats and the Moral Problem of Carnivorous Animals”

- Jul. 2012 2nd Minding Animals Conference, Utrecht University, the Netherlands
Oct. 2011 2nd Annual European Conference for Critical Animal Studies, Charles University, Czech Republic
Apr. 2011 Animal Ethics Graduate Student Conference (“Ignored Perspectives in Animal Ethics”), Colorado State University, USA

INVITED DEPARTMENT TALKS

“The Moral Urgency of Reducing Meat-Eating, and Why Making People Allergic to Meat Isn’t the Answer”

- Nov. 2025 Discipline of Philosophy, University of South Africa

“Pills and Principles: Navigating Animal Ingredients in Medicine”

- Jan. 2025 Department of Philosophy, Jagannath University, Bangladesh
Aug. 2024 Discipline of Philosophy, University of South Africa

“The dignity of subjectivity account of full and equal moral status”

- Jul. 2022 Department of Philosophy, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh
Mar. 2021 Centre de Recherche en Éthique, Canada

“Ethics after Darwin”

- Jul. 2020 Department of Philosophy, Lagos State University, Nigeria
Nov. 2018 Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Nairobi, Kenya
Jan. 2018 Department of Psychology, Jagannath University, Bangladesh

“How to Think Critically About Issues of Morality”

- Aug. 2017 Department of Philosophy, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh

“Killing People and Killing Animals”

- Aug. 2017 Dev Centre for Philosophical Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
Aug. 2017 Department of Islamic History & Culture, Jagannath University, Bangladesh
Aug. 2017 Department of Philosophy, Jagannath University, Bangladesh

“What Makes Killing Wrong?”

- Sept. 2016 Department of Philosophy, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

“The Wrongness of Killing Animals”

- Jan. 2015 Hindu College, University of Delhi, India
Jan. 2015 Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, India

“An Introduction to the Philosophy of Animal Rights”

- Jan. 2015 Department of Psychology, Jagannath University, Bangladesh

“Why Animals Have Rights”

- Aug. 2013 Department of Anthropology, Jagannath University, Bangladesh
Jul. 2013 Department of Philosophy, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh

“The Value of Death”

Jul. 2012 Department of Philosophy, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh

“Human Dignity in Contemporary Law, and as a Measure of Human Development”

Jan. 2012 Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

“The Concept of Human Dignity in German Constitutional Law”

Oct. 2011 UNESCO Chair on Philosophy and Critical Thinking, Mohammed V University at Agdal, Morocco

“Is Human Dignity an Obstacle to Moral Progress?”

Jul. 2011 Center for Human Rights and Peace, University of Nairobi, Kenya

“Why Reliabilism Is Doomed to Fail”

Jul. 2009 Center for Excellence, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

SELECTED OTHER PRESENTATIONS

“Animal Rights and the Concept of Dignity”

Jul. 2021 Roundtable discussion with Pablo Gilabert & Will Kymlicka, Groupe de Recherche en Éthique Environnementale et Animale (GRÉEA) & Centre de Recherche en Éthique, Canada

“The Wrongness of Killing”

Apr. 2016 Central Texas Philosophy Workshop, Texas State University, USA

“Ethics after Darwin: Completing the Revolution”

Mar. 2016 Work in Progress Series, Department of Philosophy, Rice University, USA

“The Concept of Human Dignity in German Constitutional Law”

Aug. 2012 South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies (SAILS), Bangladesh

“The Moral Problem of Carnivorous Animals”

Mar. 2010 Café Philosophie, Stuttgart, Germany

“The History of Animal Ethics”

Apr. 2006 Interdisciplinary Lectures on Animal Rights, Heidelberg University, Germany

Several presentations on string theory, ethics, epistemology & social work at Houston Community College, James Madison High School in Houston, Anushandhitshu Chokro, the UDSM Philosophy Club, the Humanities Journal Club at Heidelberg University, and St. Bonifatius in Heidelberg

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2024	Research Grant to organize a conference at the University of South Africa Culture & Animals Foundation
2019	Bangladesh Bioethics Society Award “In appreciation of efforts to promote bioethics in Bangladesh”
2016-2017	Global Excellence and Stature (GES) Fellowship University of Johannesburg
2010-2015	Graduate School Fellowship Rice University
2010	Travel Grant to attend the UVU Animal Ethics Conference Culture & Animals Foundation

Nine travel grants from Rice University’s HRC, GSA, and Department of Philosophy

TEACHING

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

LONE STAR COLLEGE-TOMBALL, LONE STAR COLLEGE-KINGWOOD & HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, USA

Spring, Summer & Fall 2025	Introduction to Philosophy (8 courses) Introduction to Ethics (3 courses)
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Spring, Summer & Fall 2024	Introduction to Philosophy (8 courses) Introduction to Ethics (2 courses)
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Fall 2023	Introduction to Philosophy (3 courses) Introduction to Ethics
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Fall 2016	Introduction to Philosophy
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DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, USA

Spring 2023	Contemporary Moral Issues (2 courses)
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DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

2018/19	Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science Applied Ethics Philosophy of Religion Social Ethics and Political Ethics (graduate level)
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2017/18	Applied Ethics Business Ethics Methods of Philosophy Social Ethics and Political Ethics (graduate level)
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VOLKSHOCHSCHULE HEIDELBERG, GERMANY

2006/07	Abiturvorbereitung Mathematik Leistungsfach (2 courses)
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TEACHING ASSISTANT

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, RICE UNIVERSITY, USA

Spring 2015 Social and Political Philosophy (George Sher)

Fall 2011/12/13 Contemporary Moral Issues (Gwen Bradford & George Sher)

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY, GERMANY

WS 2007 & SS 2008 Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Miriam Wildenauer)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2017-2019 Postgraduate Coordinator, Master of Arts program in Ethics of Governance and Public Service, University of Dar es Salaam

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP ORGANIZING

Jun. 2025 Organizer (with J. Hossain), *Bottola Conversations* on personal identity, love, animal ethics, and the ethics of climate change, Pathak Shamabesh

Dec. 2024 Initiator & Organizer (with M. Khosi & K. Bopape), *Humans and Other Animals: Rattling the Paradigm*, University of South Africa

Dec. 2021 Initiator & Organizer (with V. Giroux & K. Voigt), *Ethics of Change International Student Conference*, Centre de Recherche en Éthique

Dec. 2019 Organizer, *Tom Regan Workshop*, Jagannath University

2008-2010 Organizer, *Humanities Journal Club*, Heidelberg University

Jul. 2008 Organizer, *Libertarianism Workshop* with Tibor R. Machan (including a public talk on human rights issues in Germany), Department of Philosophy, Heidelberg University

2005-2006 Initiator & Co-organizer, *Interdisciplinary Lecture Series on Animal Rights* (received €6,200 in grants), Heidelberg University

REFEREEING, EDITING & COMMENTARY

Jun. 2025 Discussant, "AI in Bangladesh," *National Seminar of the Bangladesh Philosophical Society*

2016-2017 & 2025 Guest editor for three special issues on animal ethics, *Bangladesh Journal of Bioethics* (vol. 7, issue 3, vol. 8, issue 1 & vol. 16, issue 3)

2010-now Referee for the *Journal of Value Inquiry*, the *Bangladesh Journal of Bioethics*, *Diametros*, the *South African Journal of Philosophy*, and *Bioethics*

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

2021-now	Collaborator, Groupe de Recherche en Éthique Environnementale et Animale (GRÉEA)
2019-now	International Research Associate, UDSM
2016-now	Member, Minding Animals
2015-now	International Life Member, Bangladesh Bioethics Society
2012-2025	Associate Fellow, then Fellow (2018), Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics
2005-2007	Founding Chairman, Interdisziplinäre Arbeitsgemeinschaft Tierethik, Heidelberg University Organized more than twenty public lectures and two panel discussions with speakers from six countries

VOLUNTEER SERVICE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Jun. 2025	Live 30-minute TV interview about the value of philosophy, <i>Jamuna TV</i>
2019-now	Tanzania Animal Welfare Society (TAWESO) Advising TAWESO on effective fundraising and maintaining their website
May 2016	Judge, Madison High School Science Fair
2016-now	Coach & Judge, Houston High School Ethics Bowl
Jan. 2015	Live 1-hour radio interview about veganism, <i>Radio Shadhin 92.4 FM</i>
Dec. 2014	30-minute TV interview about animal ethics & vegetarianism, <i>SA TV</i>
2013-2018	Sneha Foundation Raised \$20,000 for children orphaned by the 2013 Rana Plaza collapse & contributed as a consultant to educational projects in Bangladesh
2013-now	Gorai Students Forum (GSF)/Smile in Life Raised around \$3,000 and consulted for rural development, education & health initiatives in Kushtia in western Bangladesh
2009-2015	Children's Village Haluaghat Worked with the Ekmattara Society to provide housing & education to street children in Dhaka & raised \$10,000 for the construction of the Ekmattara-DBBL Academy, a children's village in northern Bangladesh
Several interviews in newspapers in Bangladesh, Germany, and India	

REFERENCES

George Sher

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