

Erica L. Neely

Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: Ph.D., 2005 (Philosophy)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: M.A., 2000 (Philosophy)
University of Oxford: B.A., 1997 (Mathematical Sciences)

Academic Positions

Ohio Northern University, Associate Professor: August 2015-present
Ohio Northern University, Assistant Professor: September 2008-August 2015
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Visiting Lecturer: August 2005-August 2008

Areas of Interest

Specialization: Philosophy of Technology, Computer Ethics, Social Philosophy, Epistemology,
Philosophy of Language
Competence: Ethics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Mathematics, Logic

Academic Publications

- “Augmented Reality, Augmented Ethics: Who Has the Right to Augment a Particular Physical Space?” *Ethics and Information Technology*. Doi: 10.1007/s10676-018-9484-2 (forthcoming)
- “The Ethics of Choice in Single-Player Video Games.” In D. Berkich and M. V. d’Alfonso (Eds.) *On the Cognitive, Ethical, and Scientific Dimensions of Artificial Intelligence: Themes from IACAP 2016*. Springer. (forthcoming)
- “No Player is Ideal: Why Video Game Designers Cannot Ethically Ignore Players’ Real-World Identities,” *ACM Computers and Society* 47(3), 98-111. doi: 10.1145/3144592.3144602 (2017)
- “The Risks of Revolution: Ethical Dilemmas in 3D Printing from a US Perspective,” *Journal of Science and Engineering Ethics* 22(5), 1285-1297. doi: 10.1007/s11948-015-9707-4 (2016)
- “The Care of the Reaper Man: Death, the Auditors, and the Importance of Individuality.” In J. Held & J. South (Eds.) *Philosophy and Terry Pratchett*. Palgrave MacMillan. (2014)
- “Machines and the Moral Community,” *Philosophy and Technology* 27(1), 97-111. doi: 10.1007/s13347-013-0114-y (2013)
- “Two Concepts of Community,” *Social Philosophy Today* 28, 147-158. doi: 10.5840/socphiltoday20122810 (2012)

Philosophical Works in Progress

- “Adding to the Robot Ethics vs. Machine Ethics Debate” (co-author) (under submission)
- “Come for the game, stay for the cash grab: the ethics of loot boxes, microtransactions, and freemium games”
- “Digitally Disabled: Accessibility and Inclusion in Video Games and Virtual Worlds”
- “Intertwining Identities: Why There is No Escaping Physical Identity in the Virtual World”
- “Moor Food for Thought: 5 Key Issues in Computer Ethics”

Conference Papers

- “Come for the game, stay for the cash grab: the ethics of loot boxes, microtransactions, and freemium games”: ETHICOMP Conference, September 2018
- “Digitally Disabled: Accessibility and Inclusion in Video Games and Virtual Worlds”: The North American Society for Social Philosophy’s Thirty-Fifth International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2018
- “Augmented Reality, Augmented Ethics: Who Has the Right to Augment a Particular Physical Space?”: The International Association for Computing and Philosophy’s Annual Meeting, June 2017
- “No Player is Ideal: Why Video Game Designers Cannot Ethically Ignore Players’ Real-World Identities”: Computer Ethics/Philosophical Enquiry (CEPE)/ETHICOMP Joint Conference, June 2017
- “Video Games, Power, and Social Responsibility”: The North American Society for Social Philosophy’s Thirty-Third International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2016
- “The Ethics of Choice in Single-Player Video Games”: The International Association for Computing and Philosophy’s Annual Meeting, June 2016
- “The Risks of Revolution: Ethical Dilemmas in 3D Printing”: Computer Ethics: Philosophical Enquiry (CEPE)/ETHICOMP Joint Conference, June 2014
- “Intertwining Identities: Why There is No Escaping Physical Identity in the Virtual World”: The International Association for Computing and Philosophy’s Annual Meeting, July 2013
- “Virtuous Salads and Sinful Desserts: How the Rhetoric of Morality Taints our Relationship to Food”: The North American Society for Social Philosophy’s Thirtieth International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2013
- “Machines and the Moral Community”: The Society for the Study of Artificial Intelligence and Simulation of Behavior/The International Association for Computing and Philosophy World Congress 2012, July 2012

“Two Concepts of Community”: North American Society for Social Philosophy’s Twenty-Eighth International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2011

“Pointing Out the Experts”: Ohio Philosophical Association, April 2011

“Knowledge, Authority, and Expertise”: UIUC, September 2003; Illinois Philosophical Association, November 2003

Invited Talks

“Choose Your Own Morality: Using Video Games to Promote Moral Reflection”: University of Minnesota Duluth, March 2018

“Game Design and Real World Identities: A Panel Discussion of Videogame Ethics”: University of Minnesota Duluth, March 2018

“Moor Food for Thought: 5 Key Issues in Computer Ethics”: Invited Symposium, The International Association for Computing and Philosophy’s Annual Meeting, July 2013

Peer Reviews

Article, *Techné*, December 2018

Book Proposal, MIT Press, November 2018

Article, *Journal of Science and Engineering Ethics*, August 2018

Article, *Information Technology & People*, June 2018

Conference paper, Ohio Philosophical Association, February 2018

Conference abstracts, ETHICOMP, January 2018

Article, *Scientometrics*, September 2017

Article, *Journal of Science and Engineering Ethics*, January 2017

Conference paper, Ohio Philosophical Association, January 2017

Article, *Journal of Science and Engineering Ethics*, November 2016

Conference paper, Ohio Philosophical Association, February 2016

Article, *Ethics and Information Technology*, October 2015

Online logic exercises, academic press, August 2015

Textbook, Oxford University Press, August 2014

Article, *Philosophy & Technology*, February 2014

Article, *Philosophy & Technology*, November 2013

Abstracts, IEEE Conference on Ethics, November 2013

Article, *Philosophy & Technology*, September 2013

Article, *Philosophy & Technology*, July 2013

Article, *Philosophy & Technology*, May 2013

Textbook, Oxford University Press, December 2010

Textbook, Oxford University Press, July 2010

Book, MIT Press, May 2010

Dissertation

Title: Competence, Expertise, and Linguistic Communities

Committee: Gary Ebbs (Director), Timothy McCarthy, Steven Wagner, Peter Lasersohn

Academic Honors and Awards

Sara A. Ridenour Endowed Chair in the Humanities, ONU: 2016-2017

Dean's Award, ONU: Summer 2014

Summer Faculty Development Grant, ONU: Summer 2013

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent, UIUC: Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2008

Caton Essay Prize, "Towards a New View of Linguistic Competence," UIUC: 2005

University of Illinois Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UIUC: 2002-2003

Wellington W. Scott and Elizabeth Pigal Scott Fellowship, UIUC: 1998-2000, 2001-2002

Professional Activity and Service

Member, CEPE 2019 Program Committee

Member, ETHICOMP Conference Series Steering Committee, October 2017-present

Chair, "Tracking Individuals," ETHICOMP Conference, September 2018

Chair, "Complications for Health Care Ethics," NASSP Annual Conference, July 2018

Chair, "Metaphysics Session," Ohio Philosophical Association Annual Conference, April 2017

Chair, "Memory and Forgiveness," NASSP Annual Conference, July 2016

Selection Adviser for online exercises to accompany David Kelley's *The Art of Reasoning*, 4th ed., W.W. Norton & Co.

Chair, "Aristotle and Food," NASSP Annual Conference, July 2013

Attendee, APA Conference on Diversity in Philosophy, May 2013

Chair, "Sure the Emperor Has No Clothes, But You Shouldn't Say That": APA Central Division Meeting, February 2013

Chair, "Recognition, Rights, and Global Justice": North American Society for Social Philosophy's Twenty-Eighth International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2011

Chair, "The Semantic Naturalist Fallacy": APA Central Division Meeting, April 2011

Chair, "Restoration and the Sacred": Recreate, Replace, Restore: Exploring the Intersections between Meanings and Environments, April 2009

Chair, "Is Understanding a Species of Knowledge": APA Central Division Meeting, April 2005

Referee, Graduate Student Conference, UIUC: 1998-2005

University, College, and Departmental Service

Member, Committee for Post-Tenure Evaluation, Fall 2018-present

Advisor, Phi Sigma Tau (philosophy honorary), Fall 2009-present

Advisor, Phi Alpha Delta (pre-law honorary), Spring 2012-Fall 2018

Chair, Selection Committee, Sara Ridenour Chair, Spring 2017

Secretary, University Council, Fall 2015-Spring 2017

Member, College of A&S Accommodations Appeal Committee, ONU, Fall 2014-Fall 2017

Member, Search Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Member, Pre-Law Advisory Committee, Fall 2010-Spring 2012; Fall 2015-Spring 2016
Member, Search Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Fall 2014-Spring 2015
Secretary, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Fall 2009-Spring 2015
Advisor, ONU Pulse, Fall 2013-Spring 2015
Co-Chair, Pre-Law Advisory Committee, Spring 2012-Spring 2014
Advisor, Northern Advocates for Gender Equality, Fall 2009-Spring 2013
Advisor, Philosophy Club, Winter 2008-Spring 2013
Interviewer, ONU Distinguished Achievement Scholarship, February 2010

Public Philosophy

Presentation: “Choose Your Own Morality: Using Video Games to Promote Moral Reflection”:
MARCON, May 2018
Panelist, “Is Gaming Addiction Real?”: Windycon, November 2017
Presentation: “No Player is Ideal: Why Video Game Designers Cannot Ethically Ignore Players’
Real-World Identities”:
MARCON, May 2017
Presentation: “Video Games, Power, and Social Responsibility”:
MARCON, May 2017
Article: “Bodies Printed on Demand,” *The Times Literary Supplement*, November 18, 2016
Interview: “Pokémon Go Craze Benefits,” *Noon Edition*, WLIO, September 7, 2016
Interviewed for “Ohio Northern professors study benefits of Pokémon Go”, *Lima News*,
September 3, 2016
Interview on video game ethics, *All Sides with Ann Fisher*, WOSU, July 26, 2016.
Article: “Ethically, must game designers respond to all player requests?” *The Conversation*, July
20, 2016.
Panelist, “Empowering Women to be Comfortable in Gaming”:
MARCON, May 2015
Panelist, “Girls & Gaming”:
MARCON, May 2015
Panelist, “Visions of Freedom in a Science Fiction Future”:
MARCON, May 2015
Chair and Panelist, “Explore the Philosophical Side of Science Fiction”:
Chicon 7, August 2012
Panelist, “The Role of Science Fiction for Teaching Critical Thinking”:
Chicon 7, August 2012
Chair and Panelist, “Ethics and Video Games”:
MARCON, April 2012
Chair and Panelist, “The Nature of Consciousness”:
Confluence, July 2006

Professional Memberships

American Philosophical Association
International Association for Computing and Philosophy
International Society for Ethics and Information Technology
North American Society for Social Philosophy

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