

# **Dr. Crystal Allen Gunasekera**

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## **Education**

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Missouri, May 2012

M.A., Philosophy, University of Missouri, May 2009

B.A. with highest honors, Environmental Studies, Principia College, June 2005

Dissertation title: *Justifying War: An Account of Just and Merely Justifying Causes for War*

Committee Members: Peter Vallentyne (Director), John Kultgen, Robert Johnson

## **Employment**

Assistant Professor, Principia College, beginning in Fall 2012

Visiting Faculty, Principia College, Fall 2010

Graduate Instructor, University of Missouri, 2009-2011

Teaching Assistant, University of Missouri, 2007-2009

## **Areas of Specialization**

Applied Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy

## **Areas of Competence**

Theoretical Ethics

## **Courses Taught**

At Principia College (Assistant Professor)

Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Sp 2015, Sp & Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Fall 2019)

Critical Thinking (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Sp & Fall 2015, Sp 2017, Sp 2018, Sp 2019, Sp 2020)

Contemporary Moral Problems (Fall 2012, Sp 2014, Fall 2017)

Introduction to Philosophy (Sp 2013, Sp 2014, Fall 2015)

Ethical Theory (Sp 2013, Sp 2016, Fall 2017)

Business Ethics (Fall 2013, Sp 2015, Sp 2017, Fall 2018, Sp 2020)

Ethics of War (Sp 2014, Fall 2016)

Ethics of WWI (Fall 2014, Fall 2016)

Environmental Ethics (Fall 2015, Sp 2018)

Global Ethics (Sp 2016, Sp 2017)

Integrated Learning Course (part of a Freshman Program) (Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Fall 2019)

Seminar in Philosophy: Ethics of War (Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Fall 2018)

Seminar in Philosophy: Ethics of Emerging Technologies (Fall 2017, Fall 2019)  
Seminar in Philosophy: Feminist Philosophy (Sp 2018)  
Ethics of Inequality (Sp 2019, Sp 2020)  
Capstone in Philosophy (Sp 2020)

At Principia College (Visiting Faculty)  
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2010)  
Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2010)

University of Missouri (Graduate Instructor)  
Introduction to Ethics (Summer 2009)  
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2009)  
Bioethics (Sp 2010)  
Contemporary Moral Issues (Summer 2010)  
Introduction to Logic (Sp 2011)  
Environmental Ethics (Sp 2012)

Teaching Assistant (University of Missouri)  
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2007)  
Bioethics (Sp 2008)  
Introduction to Logic (Fall 2008)  
Introduction to Ethics (Sp 2009)  
Philosophies of War and Peace (Fall 2011)

### **Service**

January/May Term Exploratory Group (2013-2014)  
Daily Schedule Working Group/ad hoc committee (Spring 2015)  
Chemistry Search Committee (Spring 2016)  
Promotion Committee (Spring 2016-Spring 2020)  
Admissions Committee (2016-2017)  
Scholastic Committee (Fall 2018)  
Committee for the Assessment of Student Learning (CASL) (Spring 2019-present)  
Philosophy Program Chair (Fall 2018-present)  
Led the Philosophy Program Review Process (Fall 2019)  
Religion/Philosophy Department Chair (Fall 2019-present)

### **Grants and Awards**

Phi Alpha Eta Award (Principia College, 2005)  
Kline Fellowship in Metaphysics (2007)  
Kline Fellowship in Ethics (2008)  
Kline Fellowship (2010)  
Philosophy Department Prize for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching (2011)

## **Publications**

“Liability and Narrowly Targeted Wars,” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 19 (2016): 209-223.

“The Ethics of Killing Zoo Animals,” *Journal of Animal Ethics* 18 (2018): 93-102.

## **Conferences/Presentations**

“Rights, Risks, and Human-Animal Chimeras,” co-presented with Joseph Orttung, October 2019, Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, Missouri

“A Framework for Resolving Everyday Teaching Dilemmas,” November 2017, Association for Moral Education, St. Louis, Missouri.

“Muggers, Soldiers, and Inept Analogies,” October 2017, Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, Missouri.

“Secession and Just Cause for War,” October 2016, Central States Philosophical Association, Lincoln, Nebraska.

“Gender-Neutral Standards for Combat Training,” January 2016, International Society for Military Ethics, Annapolis, Maryland.

“Territorial Integrity and Just Cause,” October 2015, The Theory of Just War: Behind the jurisprudential defense of (abstaining from) military action, Warsaw, Poland.

“Secession and Just Cause,” April 2015, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, British Columbia.

“Animal Euthanasia and the Moral Responsibility of Zoos,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, February 2015, St. Louis, Missouri.

“Secession and Just Cause,” October 2014, International Society for Military Ethics, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana.

“Animal Euthanasia and the Moral Responsibility of Zoos,” October 2014, Central States Philosophical Association, Evanston, Illinois.

“The Virtues of Due Care,” October 2013, International Society for Military Ethics, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana.

“Liability, Assassination, and Narrowly Targeted Wars,” September 2013, Central States Philosophical Association, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

“Justifying War and the Boundaries of Territorial Defense,” September 2012, Central States Philosophical Association, Columbia, MO.

Participant in the Third and Fourth Annual ELAC Workshop on War, Oxford University,  
Oxford, England (August 2011, 2012)

“Individual Rights and the Restrictive Force of Just Cause – a Response to Jeff McMahan,”  
April 2012, Pacific APA, Seattle, Washington.

Paper also presented at: Central States Philosophical Association, September 2011,  
St. Louis, MO, and the University of Miami Graduate Ethics Workshop, October 2011,  
Miami, Florida.

**Professional Membership**

American Philosophical Association

Women in Philosophy (APA group)

American Association of Philosophy Teachers

International Society for Military Ethics