

# Tina Rulli

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## Employment

University of California, Davis,  
Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2020–  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2014–2020

Purdue University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2013-2014  
National Institutes of Health, Clinical Center, Department of Bioethics Postdoctoral Fellow,  
2011-2013

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## Education

Yale University, Philosophy Department  
Ph.D. (2011); M.Phil. (2008); M.A. (2006)  
Dissertation: *The Duty to Adopt*  
Advisor: Stephen Darwall

University of Denver  
B.A. Philosophy and German, *summa cum laude* (2003)

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## Areas of Specialization

Moral Philosophy: Normative Ethics, Bioethics

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## Scholarly Publications

\* denotes first author; \*\* denotes equal authorship

Rulli, T. "On Value Dependence and Meliorative Projects," *Inquiry*, Invited Symposium on Samuel Scheffler's *Why Worry About Future Generations* (Online, May 2020).

Rulli, T. "Conditional Obligations," *Social Theory and Practice* Vol 46, No. 2 (April 2020): 365-390.

Rulli, T. "Reproductive CRISPR Does Not Cure Disease," *Bioethics* 33 (2019): 1072-1082.

Rulli, T. "CRISPR and the Ethics of Gene Drive," in *The Handbook of Philosophy and Public Policy*, ed. David Boonin, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2018, pp. 509-521.

Rulli, T. & Mackay, D.\*\* "The Duty to Rescue and Investigators' Obligations," *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* Vol. 27, no. 1 (2017): 71-106.

Rulli, T. "The Mitochondrial Replacement 'Therapy' Myth," *Bioethics* Vol. 31, no. 5 (2017): 368-374.

Rulli, T. "For Dog's Sake, Adopt!" in *Pets and People: The Ethics of Our Relationships with Companion Animals*, edited by Christine Overall, Oxford University Press, 2017, pp. 172-186.

## Publications, continued

Rulli, T. "The Ethics of Procreation and Adoption," *Philosophy Compass* 11/6 (2016): 305-315.

Rulli, T. "What is the Value of Three-Parent IVF?" *Hastings Center Report* Volume 46, Issue 4, July/August 2016: 38-47.

Rulli, T. & Worsnip, A.\*\* "IIA, Rationality, and the Individuation of Options," *Philosophical Studies* 173.1 (2016): 205-221.

Rulli, T.\* & Wendler, D. "The Duty to Take Rescue Precautions," *Journal of Applied Philosophy* Volume 33, Issue 3, 2016: 240-258 (Published Online, March 2015).

Rulli, T. "Preferring a Genetically-Related Child," *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 13 (2016): 669-698. (Online November 2014).

Rulli, T.\* & Millum, J. "Rescuing the Duty to Rescue," *Journal of Medical Ethics* 42 (2016): 260-264. (Published Online, 2014).

Rulli, T. "The Unique Value of Adoption," in *Family Making: Contemporary Ethical Challenges*, eds. Françoise Baylis and Carolyn McLeod, Oxford University Press, 2014.

Rulli, T. & Wendler, D., Letter of Response to William Smith on "The Moral Duty to Buy Health Insurance," *Journal of the American Medical Association* 308/16 (2012): 1629.

Rulli, T.\* Emanuel, E. & Wendler, D. "The Moral Duty to Buy Health Insurance," *Journal of the American Medical Association* 308/2 (2012): 137-138.

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## Book Reviews

Review of Andrew Chignell, Terence Cuneo, and Matthew C. Halteman, *Philosophy Comes to Dinner: Arguments About the Ethics of Eating*, Routledge, 2016. For *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2016.

Review of Judith Lichtenberg, *Distant Strangers: Ethics, Psychology, and Global Poverty*, Cambridge UP, 2014. For *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2014.

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## Work in Progress

Book: *The Duty to Adopt* (In progress)

"Taking Back 'Transracial'" (In Progress)

"A Weaker Reason to Create Happy People" (In progress)

"Who Counts?" for *The Oxford Handbook of Normative Ethical Theory*. Oxford University Press (In progress)

Co-Editor, with David Copp and Connie Rosati, *The Oxford Handbook of Normative Ethical Theory*. Oxford University Press, (under contract, delivery 2023)

## Public Engagement

- “Using CRISPR to Edit Eggs, Sperm, and Embryos Doesn’t Save Lives,” *STAT News*, Oct 15, 2019
- Blog Entry, *Harvard Law and Policy Review*, The Moral Foundations of the Insurance Mandate, Mar 2017
- Rulli, T. “We Should Adopt Rather than Procreate,” *The Philosophers’ Magazine*, Fourth Quarter, 2016
- Blog Entry, *Philosoph-HER*, featured philosopher, Nov 2015  
<http://politicalphilosopher.net/2015/11/20/featured-philosoph-her-tina-rulli/>
- Bibliography, “Adoption in Philosophy,” *Adoption & Culture* 4, 2014, with Sally Haslanger, Frances Latchford, Mianna Lotz, Shelley Park, and Charlotte Witt
- Article, “Philosophy and Adoption Activism,” *Alliance for the Study of Adoption & Culture Newsletter*, 2010
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## Presentations

- “A Duty to Adopt,” Cosumnes River College & Sacramento State University, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Ethics Symposium on the Ethics of Having Children, Sacramento, CA, Nov 2019
- “Reproductive CRISPR Does Not Save Lives,” American Society of Cell & Gene Therapy, Ethical Perspectives, Washington D.C. Nov 2019
- “A Weaker Reason to Create Happy People,” Northern New England Ethics & Epistemology Conference, University of Vermont, Oct 2019
- “A Weaker Reason to Create Happy People,” Princeton Workshop on Population and Procreation Ethics, Princeton University, May 2019
- “A Weaker Reason to Create Happy People,” Kansas State University, Philosophy Department, Apr. 2019
- “Taking Back ‘Transracial’,” Diversity Lecture, College of Arts and Sciences, Kansas State University, Apr. 2019
- Keynote Speaker, “Reproductive CRISPR Doesn’t Save Lives,” Undergraduate Women’s Conference, Metro State University, Denver, Apr. 2019
- “Creating Happy People,” Symposium: Ethics of Procreation and Parenting, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Denver, Feb. 2019
- “What Does It Mean to be Asian in Philosophy?” Panel: Diversity, Minority, and Inequality: Challenges for Asian and Asian-American Philosophers—and Everyone Else, APA Committee on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Denver, Feb. 2019
- Comments on Sara Rachel Chant’s “The Puppy Adoption Fallacy,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, Aug. 2018.
- “Taking Back ‘Transracial’,” Annual Congress, Canadian Philosophical Association, Université du Québec à Montréal, Jun. 2018
- “Framing Chimeras,” Deliberating Promissory Technologies, Panel Presentation and Discussion, UC Davis 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Policy and Ethics Symposium, UC Health System, May 2018
- “Looking Back: The Duty to Buy Health Insurance,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, Feb. 2018
- “The Ethics of Gene Drive,” American Association for the Advancement of Science Pacific Division Conference, Waimea, Hawaii, Jun. 2017
- “The Mitochondrial Replacement ‘Therapy’ Myth,” MAP Conference, Stanford University, May 2017
- “The Mitochondrial Replacement ‘Therapy’ Myth,” University of California, Merced, Nov. 2016

## Presentations, continued

- “On Conditional Obligations: Understanding Surfaxin-Style Cases,” California State University, Sacramento, Nov. 2015
- “What is the Value of 3-Parent IVF?” California State University, Sacramento, Nov. 2015
- “On the Ethics of Mitochondrial Replacement IVF: Medical Resources, Relative Risk, and the Way Forward,” American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting, Panel Presentation, Houston, Oct. 2015
- “Conditional Obligations: Understanding Surfaxin-Style Cases,” Ira W. DeCamp Bioethics Seminar, Princeton University Center for Human Values, Mar. 2015
- “Defending Conditional Obligations,” University of California, Davis, Philosophy Department, Feb. 2014
- “The Duty to Rescue in Clinical Research,” Responsible Conduct of Clinical Research, Medical Scientist Training Program, Indiana University/Purdue University, Jan. 2014
- “The Duty to Take Rescue Precautions: Defending the Health Insurance Mandate,” Ethics, Policy, and Science Lecture, Purdue University, Sep. 2013
- “Ethics of Animal Research,” National Institutes of Health, Bioethics Department, Jun. 2013
- “Conditional Obligations,” Yale Working Group in Moral Philosophy, April 2013
- “Conditional Obligations,” National Institutes of Health, Bioethics Department, Works in Progress, Mar. 2013
- “The Duty to Buy Health Insurance,” American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., Oct. 2012
- “Challenges to the Duty to Rescue in Bioethics,” National Institutes of Health, Bioethics Department, Works in Progress, Oct. 2012
- “On Making Needy People Happy Rather Than Making Happy People,” via webcast, Kansas State University Philosophy Club, Oct. 2012
- “The Value of Adoption,” Ethics of Family Making Workshop, Dalhousie University, sponsored by Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Apr. 2012
- “The Duty to Buy Health Insurance,” National Institutes of Health, Bioethics Department, Works in Progress, Feb. 201s
- “On Making Needy People Happy Rather Than Making Happy People,” Bowling Green State, Philosophy Department, January 2011
- “On Making Needy People Happy Rather Than Making Happy People,” Purdue University, Philosophy Department, January 2011
- “Conflicts Between Creating and Rescuing Lives,” Yale Working Group in Moral Philosophy, Nov. 2010
- “Preferring a Child of One’s Own,” Yale Law School, Yale Environmental Law Association, Nov. 2010
- “Expanding the Circle of Concern: Preferring a Child of One’s Own,” Marymount University, Arlington, VA, Virginia Philosophical Association, Oct. 2010
- “May We Prefer Our Own Children?” Washington and Jefferson College, Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Oct. 2010
- “Expanding the Circle of Concern: Preferring a Child of One’s Own,” Poster Presentation as top qualifier in first round for Emerging Scholar Prize, University of Memphis, Spindel Conference, Empathy and Ethics, Oct. 2010
- “Preferring a Child of One’s Own,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture, May 2010
- “Preferring a Child of One’s Own,” Yale Working Group in Moral Philosophy, April 2010

## Teaching

**PHI 214: Graduate Seminar in Ethics**, Instructor, UC Davis  
*The Moral Status of Animals*, Fall 2019  
*The Ethics of Future People*, Fall 2018  
*The Ethics of Killing*, Instructor, Winter 2017  
*Population Ethics*, Instructor, Winter 2016  
*Limiting the Demands of Morality*, Fall 2014  
**PHI 121: Bioethics**, Instructor, UC Davis, Winter 2016, 2017, 2019  
**PHI 116: Ethical Theories (Normative Ethics)**, Instructor, UC Davis, Fall 2015, 2016, 2017, Winter 2019  
**PHI 015: Bioethics**, Instructor, UC Davis, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019  
**MDS 428: Foundations of Bioethics**, Co-Facilitator, UC Davis, Summer 2015  
**PHIL 270: Biomedical Ethics**, Instructor, Purdue, Spring 2014  
**PHIL 111: Introduction to Ethics**, Instructor, Purdue, Spring 2014  
**PHIL 111: Introduction to Ethics**, Instructor, Purdue, Fall 2013  
**PHIL 114: Global Moral Issues**, Instructor, Purdue, Fall 2013

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## Advising

Dissertation Advisor, N. Joshi-Richard 2017-present  
Dissertation Committee Member, T. Houk (2018); J. Velasquez (2018); R. Morris (2019); K. Adams (2019)  
External Dissertation Reader, for V. Arsirardam, Western University, 2018  
Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor, 2 students (2016); 3 students (2018); 3 students (2019)

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## Conference Organization

Princeton Workshop in Population Ethics, May 2019, with Johann Frick

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## Scholarships & Awards

Hellman Fellow, \$24,000, Hellman Fellows Fund, 2017-2018  
Individual Research Grant, \$4,000, UC Davis Institute of Social Sciences, 2016-2017  
Yale University Dissertation Fellowship, 2009-2010  
Yale University Fellowships, 2005-2009  
Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society, 2009—  
Richard J. Franke Fellowship, Yale University, 2005-2007  
Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies Finalist, 2005  
*Phi Beta Kappa*, 2003—

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## Professional Service

Job Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy, 2015-2016  
Referee, *Philosophical Studies*; *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Social Theory and Practice*; *Journal of Applied Philosophy*; *Journal of Medical Ethics*; *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*; *Res Philosophica*; *Bioethics*; *Journal of Value Inquiry*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Analysis*; *Medicine, Healthcare & Philosophy*  
Invited Panel Speaker, Purdue @ the Intersection, Purdue College of Liberal Arts 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, April 2014  
Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Purdue University, 2013—2014

## **Professional Service, cont.**

**Faculty Advisor, Ethics, Policy, and Science Lectures, Purdue University, 2013–2014**  
**Consultant, "Effectively Engaging Engineers in Ethical Reasoning About Emerging Technologies," P.I. Andrew Brightman at Purdue University, Ethics Education in Science and Engineering Grant, National Science Foundation, 2012–2014**  
**Co-Founder/Organizer, Working Group in Moral Philosophy, Yale 2008-Present**  
**Member, Yale Society for Diversity in Philosophy, 2007-2009**  
**Organizer, recruitment efforts for Yale prospective graduate students, 2009**

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## **Selection of Departmental and University Service (UC Davis)**

**Davis Senate Committee on Public Service, 2019-2020**  
**Member, Davis Ethics Commons, 2015-present**  
**DaGERS Ethics Reading Group organizer 2017-present; member 2014-present**  
**Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) faculty advisor, 2017-2018, 2019-2020**  
**Bioethics Club faculty advisor, 2017-present**  
**Letters & Sciences Assembly Representative, 2019-2020**  
**Search Committee Member, Ethics & Cognitive Science, 2019-2020**  
**Search Committee Member, Metaethics, 2018-2019**  
**Search Committee Member, Metaethics Visiting Professor, 2017-2019**  
**Search Committee Member, Philosophy of Mind, 2014-2015**  
**Job Placement Advisor, 2018-2019**  
**Graduate Admissions Committee, 2017-2019 (3 years)**

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## **Professional Development**

**Write to Change the World, OpEd Project, University of California, May 2016**  
**Mentoring Workshop for Early Career Women, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, June 2015**  
**Bioethics Consultation Service, National Institutes of Health, 2012-2013**  
**Elective: Ethics of Animal Research, National Institutes of Health, 2012-2013**  
**Animal Care and Use Committee Member Training, National Institutes of Health, 2012**  
**Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Clinical Research, National Institutes of Health, Fall 2011**  
**Bioethics Seminar, National Institutes of Health, 2012**  
**Fundamentals of Texts: Humanities and Social Sciences, Yale Teaching Center, 2007**