

# Jesse Hamilton

## Curriculum Vitae

Blavatnik School of Government  
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### AREAS

#### Specialization

Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Ethics

#### Competence

History of Modern Philosophy, Environmental Philosophy

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2024- **Departmental Lecturer in Philosophy and Public Policy**, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

### EDUCATION

- 2024 **Ph.D. in Philosophy**, University of Pennsylvania  
*Dissertation*: "Public Reason, Values in Science, and Democracy"  
*Committee*: Michael Weisberg (supervisor), Sigal Ben-Porath, Kok-Chor Tan  
*Certificates*: Public Philosophy; College and University Teaching
- 2022 **M.A. in Philosophy**, University of Pennsylvania
- 2007 **B.S. in Finance and Marketing**, La Salle University

### PUBLICATIONS

- 2026 **Hamilton, J.** & Roberts, S. "Outcome Compression: The case against wholesale transfer of autonomous weapon systems from the military to police" in D. Koditschek, C. Finkelstein, V. Tobias & L. Titus (eds), *Advancing Ethical and Legal Discussions of AI and Autonomy in Defense Systems*. Oxford University Press. (Forthcoming)
- 2025 **Hamilton, J.** & Wallis, J. "Embedded Ecology for Integrating Local Expertise: Organizing the Conceptual Underpinnings of the Galápagos Education and Research Alliance," *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*.
- 2024 Vickers, P., Adamo, L., Alfano, M., Clark, C., Cresto, E., Cui, H., Dang, H., Dellsén, F., Dupin, N., Gradowski, L., Graf, S., Guevara, A., Hallap, M., **Hamilton, J.**, Hardey, M., Helm, P., Landrum, A., Levy, N., Machery, E., Mills, S., Muller, S., Sheppard, J., N. K., S., Slater, M., Stegenga, J., Strandin, H., Stuart, M. T., Sweet, D., Tasdan, U., Taylor, H., Towler, O., Tulodziecki, D., Tworek, H., Wallbank, R., Wiltsche, H., & Mitchell Finnigan, S. "Development of a novel methodology for ascertaining scientific opinion and extent of agreement," *PLoS One*.
- 2023 **Hamilton, J.** "Recruiting, Training, and the Permissible Bounds of Preventing and Mitigating Moral Injury in the U.S. Military," in J. McDaniel, E. Seamone, & S. Xenakis (eds), *Preventing and Treating the Invisible Wounds of War: Combat Trauma, Moral Injury, and Psychological Health*. Oxford University Press.
- 2020 Weisberg, D.S., Landrum, A.R., **Hamilton, J.**, & Weisberg, M. "Knowledge about the nature of science increases public acceptance of science regardless of identity factors," *Public Understanding of Science*.

### POLICY BRIEFS

- 2023 **Hamilton, J.** & Anderson, L. "Workshop on Global Climate Finance Proceedings Report," *Perry World House and Wharton Climate Center*. University of Pennsylvania.
- 2022 Koditschek, D.E., Titus, L.M., & **Hamilton, J.** "Report on the ICRA '22 Workshop on Lethal Autonomous Weapons," *GRASP Laboratory*. University of Pennsylvania.

### PUBLIC WRITING

- 2025 Brown, K., Gould, J., & **Hamilton, J.** "Preventing a Flash War: AI-Driven Escalatory Behavior on the Battlefield," *The Rule of Law Post*.
- 2022 **Hamilton, J.** "What is morally distinctive about 'stolen valor'?" *The Hill*.
- 2021 **Hamilton, J.** "How military veterans contribute to academic philosophy," *Daily Nous*.
- 2021 **Hamilton, J.** & Xenakis, S. "Afghanistan withdrawal: Warfighters' déjà vu," *The Hill*.
- 2021 **Hamilton, J.** "The military's allegiance to the Constitution should comfort Americans," *Tampa Bay Times*.
- 2020 **Hamilton, J.** "A pandemic ethics book club with the general public," *Daily Nous*.

- 2019 **Hamilton, J.** & Xenakis, S. “The shame of abandoning their Kurdish allies will haunt our troops for years. We’ve betrayed them, too,” *Newsweek*.
- 2019 Govern, K. & **Hamilton, J.** “Pardoning service members under Article II can undermine the rule of law,” *The Rule of Law Post*.

## UNDER SUBMISSION

Vickers, P., Cowie, S., **Hamilton, J.**, McMahon, S., & Finnigan, S. M. [Empirical study examining scientific agreement about claims of extraterrestrial life]

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Vickers, P., Dang, H., **Hamilton, J.**, Jubber, R., & Towler, O. [Paper exploring the normative and practical case for an Institute for Ascertaining Scientific Consensus (IASC)]

**Hamilton, J.** & Gould, J. [Paper on autonomous weapon systems as protectors of human rights]

Cusimano, C. & **Hamilton, J.** [Empirical study examining the moral psychology of honor]

**Hamilton, J.** [Paper on the political philosophy of science education]

**Hamilton, J.** [Paper on epistemic monopolies]

**Hamilton, J.** & Weisberg, M. [Paper on AI and scientific practice]

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

\* = *Refereed*, † = *Invited*

“Just War Principles and Civil-Military Relations”

- *2nd International Congress on Political Theory*, University of Passau, 2026\*
- *16th Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy*, University of Minho, 2026\*
- *International Society for Military Ethics in Europe Annual Conference*, Amsterdam, 2026\*
- *Facts and Principles in the Ethics of War and Peace*, University of Southampton, 2026†

“A Philosophy Book Club with the General Public”

- *Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain Annual Conference*, Oxford, 2026\*

“Epistemic Monopolies”

- *15th Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy*, University of Minho, 2025\*

“Science Without Borders? Political Legitimacy When Scientific Agreement Fractures”

- *10th STS Italia Conference*, Polytechnic University of Milan, 2025\*

“Shaping the Moral Battlefield”

- *International Society for Military Ethics Annual Conference*, Colorado Springs, 2025\*
- *Military-Civilian Transition Office at the Department of Defense*, Online, 2025†

“Preventing a Flash War: AI-Driven Escalatory Behavior on the Battlefield”

- *Uniformed Services University*, Online, 2025†
- *Uniformed Services University*, Online, 2024†

“Public Reason, Values in Science, and Democracy”

- *Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Conference*, New Orleans, 2024\*
- *Philosophy of Science: Past, Present and Future*, University of Minnesota, 2024\*
- *Science and Democracy*, University College Dublin, 2024\*
- *MANCEPT Workshop on Theories of Public Reason*, University of Manchester, 2024\*
- *Science, etc: Explanation, Technology and Communication*, University of Washington, 2023\*

“Public Reason and Values in Science: Theoretical Challenges and Solutions”

- *Centre for Humanities Engaging Science and Society Seminar Series*, Durham University, 2024†
- *Knowledge, Science, and Society*, University of California, San Diego, 2024\*
- *Revitalizing Science and Values*, University of Pittsburgh, 2024\*
- *Science, Politics, and Understanding in Climate Science Workshop*, Cambridge University, 2024†

“Mass Human Shields”

- *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2024\*
- *14th Summer School on the Ethics of War*, University of Minho, 2024\*
- *International Society for Military Ethics Annual Conference*, Colorado Springs, 2024\*

“Global Public Reason and Values in Science”

- *British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference*, York, 2024\*

“Defensive Autonomous Weapon Systems, Humanitarian Intervention, and the Golem of Prague”

- *Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law Workshop*, University of Pennsylvania, 2024†
- *Rethinking Just War in the 21st Century*, Princeton University, 2023\*

“Embedded Ecology for Integrating Local Expertise”

- *Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Conference*, Pittsburgh, 2022\*

“Responsibility to Protect: Simple in Theory, Complex in Practice”

- *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, 2022†
- *University of Pennsylvania*, Philadelphia, 2021†

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## COMMENTS

- 2024 On R. Korf & C. Torsell’s, “Transparency as a Social Norm in Science.” *Knowledge, Science, and Society*  
2021 On K. Mintz-Woo & J. Lane’s “Why and Where to Fund Carbon Capture.” *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*

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## AWARDS

- 2023 Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching by Graduate Students  
2021 Penn Prize for Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Students

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## TEACHING

**Departmental Lecturer**, *University of Oxford*

- 2025- Military Leadership and Judgment Programme  
2026 Policy Challenge II (Simulation)  
2025 Foundations (Political Philosophy)

**Primary Instructor**, *University of Pennsylvania*

- 2023 Environmental Ethics

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, *University of Pennsylvania*

- 2023 Repairing the Planet: Tools for the Climate Emergency (Michael Weisberg)  
2022 The Social Contract (Kok-Chor Tan)  
2021 Introduction to Philosophy (Daniel Singer)  
2020 Global Human Rights (Eileen Doherty-Sil)

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## GUEST LECTURES

- 2023 “The Discovery of Global Warming.” *Repairing the Planet: Tools for the Climate Emergency*, University of Pennsylvania  
2023 “Why (and for Whom) Are We Ethically Obligated to Act?” *Repairing the Planet: Tools for the Climate Emergency*, University of Pennsylvania  
2021 “Skepticism about Science.” *Global Climate Change*, University of Pennsylvania

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## RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT

- 2025- **Assistant Director**, *Military Leadership and Judgment Programme*, University of Oxford  
2023- **Researcher & Strategist**, *Institute for Ascertaining Scientific Consensus*, Durham University  
2024-25 **Visiting Researcher**, *Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science*, London School of Economics and Political Science  
2021-23 **Graduate Associate**, *Perry World House*, University of Pennsylvania  
2021-23 **Instructor**, *Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Innovation*, University of Pennsylvania  
2019-23 **Program Manager**, *Galápagos Education and Research Alliance*, University of Pennsylvania  
2019-23 **Research Associate**, *Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law*, University of Pennsylvania

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## SERVICE

- 2025- **Undergraduate Student Mentor**, *Service To School*  
2024- **Co-organizer**, *Philosophy of Science Association Office Hour*  
2023- **Referee**, *European Journal of Philosophy of Science*, *Journal of Business Ethics*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Public Understanding of Science*  
2022-25 **Graduate Student Mentor**, *University of Pennsylvania*  
2026 **Panel Co-organizer**, *16th Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy*  
2026 **Conference Co-organizer**, *International Society for Military Ethics Annual Conference*  
2025 **Invited Debater**, *Exeter Debating Society*

- 2025 **Panelist**, *Central and Eastern Europe Security Forum*
- 2021-24 **Advisory Board Member**, *Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute PTSD Study*
- 2024 **Symposium Organizer**, *Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Conference*
- 2024 **Session Chair**, *Science and Democracy*
- 2024 **Session Chair**, *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*
- 2024 **Symposium Organizer**, *British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference*
- 2024 **Session Chair**, *British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference*
- 2024 **Panelist**, *14th Summer School on the Ethics of War*
- 2020-23 **Team Mentor**, *International Strategic Crisis Negotiation Exercise*
- 2023 **Session Chair**, *Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference*
- 2023 **Session Chair**, *Epistemology of Science Communication Workshop*
- 2023 **Judge**, *Philadelphia High School Ethics Bowl*
- 2022 **Co-Organizer**, *Ethics of Autonomous Weapon Systems Reading Group*
- 2022 **Guest Editor**, *The Rule of Law Post*
- 2021 **Lead Organizer**, *Philosophy Reading Group with the General Public*

## MEDIA

- 2021 "APA Member Interview: Jesse Hamilton." *Blog of the American Philosophical Association*
- 2021 "Veterans at Penn." *Penn Today*
- 2020 "Science, politics, and vaccine acceptance." *Penn Today*
- 2020 "Can Galápagos businesses be eco-friendly and profitable at once?" *Penn Today*

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Philosophical Association, Aristotelian Society, British Society for the Philosophy of Science, International Society for Environmental Ethics, International Society for Military Ethics, Philosophy of Science Association, Public Philosophy Network

## NONPROFIT EXPERIENCE

### Chief of Staff

Leadership team member of a community service organization that focuses on understanding and improving the social determinants of health in a city of over one million residents. Primary advisor to the Executive Director. Researched problem areas and developed policy proposals.

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

### Management Consultant

Mapped global processes and implemented a consistent investment management framework across three international sites. Led a seven-person global team to develop, plan, and execute a division-wide innovation program. Coordinated the launch of employer's military veterans employee resource group.

### Bond Trader

Managed over three billion dollars in client assets across five fixed income funds. Independently executed hundreds of multi-million dollar trades per month in a dynamic, competitive securities market. Partnered with internal human resources and non-profit organizations to create employment opportunities for military veterans.

### Financial Advisor

Educated and advised clients on financial markets, investing principles, investment vehicles, and asset allocation models. Formally recognized for department-leading performance in asset retention.

## MILITARY EXPERIENCE

### Foreign Army Advisor

Operated in a leadership position normally given to individuals with eight years more experience. Advised Iraqi counterparts on counterinsurgency tactics and planning and executing combat operations in Fallujah. Awarded the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious service and the Army Commendation Medal for valor.

### Drill Sergeant

Solely responsible for the supervision, training and welfare of fifty U.S. Army recruits over a series of nine week periods. Supervised and trained soldiers in team building, leadership development, physical training, first aid, unarmed combat, and rifle marksmanship. Named Brigade Drill Sergeant of the Year.

### Artilleryman

Soldier on a team responsible for artillery coordination. Developed and implemented a training program to prepare soldiers for the U.S. Army Air Assault School.

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## REFERENCES

**Michael Weisberg**

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