

## Aidan Elise Kestigian

### University Address

Department of Philosophy  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Pittsburgh, PA, USA 15213  
(412) 268-8148

### Online

Email: [akestigian@cmu.edu](mailto:akestigian@cmu.edu)  
Website: [aidankestigian.wordpress.com](http://aidankestigian.wordpress.com)

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social & Political Philosophy (especially Democratic Theory), Applied Ethics, Voting Theory

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Normative Ethics, American Electoral Behavior, Logic

### EDUCATION

*Doctorate of Philosophy*, Logic, Computation, and Methodology Expected May 2018  
Department of Philosophy  
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA  
Dissertation Title: “Democratic Voting and the Common Good”  
Dissertation Committee: Dr. Danielle Wenner (CMU; Chair), Dr. Alex John London (CMU),  
Dr. Victoria Shineman (UPitt)

*Master of Science*, Logic, Computation, and Methodology January 2015  
Department of Philosophy  
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA  
Thesis Title: “Voting in Epistemic Democracies”  
Thesis Committee: Dr. Kevin Zollman (CMU; Chair), Dr. Danielle Wenner (CMU)

*Bachelor of Arts*, Philosophy and Mathematics, *summa cum laude* May 2012  
Wheaton College, Norton, MA, USA  
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Departmental Honors in Philosophy  
Awards: Grace F. Shepard Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship, Holcombe M. Austin Prize in Philosophy

### PUBLICATIONS

Kestigian, Aidan. “Blogging as Practice in Applied Philosophy.” Forthcoming in *Teaching Philosophy*.

Kestigian, Aidan, and Alex John London. “Adversaries at the Bedside: Advance Care Plans and Future Welfare.” *Bioethics* 30.8 (2016): 557-567.

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Freedom as Non-Domination in Behavioral and Biomedical Research” (under review)  
“Sequential Voting in Epistemic Democracies”

## PRESENTATIONS

- “Using Blogs in the Political Theory Classroom” February 2017  
Conference: American Political Science Association Teaching & Learning Conference  
Location: Long Beach, CA, USA
- “Voting to Promote the Common Good” November 2016  
Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
Location: Boston, MA, USA
- “Blogging as Practice in Applied Philosophy” October 2016  
Conference: Carnegie Mellon University Teaching & Learning Summit  
Location: Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- “(In)Equality in the American Political System: A Case Study in Group Blogging”  
1. Seminar: Exploring Educational Technologies and Their Pedagogical Applications March 2016  
Organized by the Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence  
Location: Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA  
2. Technology-Enhanced Learning (TEL) Summer School May 2016  
Location: Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- “Freedom as Non-Domination in Behavioral and Biomedical Research” March 2016  
Conference: American Philosophical Association Central Meeting 2016  
Location: Chicago, IL, USA
- “Reliable Decision Making in Epistemic Democracies” June 2015  
Conference: Decisions, Games, and Logic  
Location: London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK
- “Adversaries at the Bedside: Present Choice and Future Welfare”  
1. Conference: University of Miami Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy October 2014  
Location: University of Miami, Miami, FL, USA  
2. Conference: BGSU Graduate Workshop in Applied Philosophy November 2014  
Location: Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, USA
- “Rational Decision Making in Deliberative Democracies” November 2014  
Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
Location: Boston, MA, USA

## ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Response to Zoë Johnson King, “Trying is Good” April 2016  
Conference: Pitt-CMU Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy  
Location: University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Response to Jian Shen, "Gradual Revelation: A Signaling Model" March 2014  
Conference: Pitt-CMU Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy  
Location: University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Course Instructor*, Carnegie Mellon University  
Introduction to Philosophy Spring 2017  
Ethics and Global Economics Fall 2016  
Ethical Judgments in Professional Life Summer 2016  
Social Structure, Public Policy, and Ethics Spring 2016  
Introduction to Ethics Summer 2014, Fall 2015  
Introduction to Political Philosophy Summer 2013

*Teaching Assistant/Grader*, Carnegie Mellon University  
Ancient Philosophy Fall 2014  
Ethical Theory Spring 2014  
Environmental Ethics Fall 2013  
Social Structure, Public Policy, and Ethics Spring 2013

### PEDAGOGICAL AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

*Workshop on Teaching and Learning, Special Emphasis on Inclusive Pedagogy* February 2017  
Organized by American Association of Philosophy Teachers  
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

*Graduate Teaching Fellows Program* December 2016-present  
Description: Working alongside Eberly Center staff to provide classroom observations, teaching consultations, and other pedagogy resources to graduate student TAs and instructors.  
Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence and Educational Innovation  
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

*Virginia Tech Future Faculty Program* January 2017  
Description: Invited to participate in program that aims to create a network of scholars and prepare graduate students for faculty life.  
Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA, USA

*2016 Seminar on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy* July 2016  
American Association of Philosophy Teachers Biennial Workshop/Conference on Teaching Philosophy  
Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw, MI, USA

*Future Faculty Program* Completed Spring 2016  
Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence and Educational Innovation  
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

*Digital Humanities Literacy Workshop* Completed Summer 2015

Description: A one-week introduction to theory and practice of digital humanities.  
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

*Technology-Enhanced Learning Summer School*

Completed Summer 2015

Description: A one-week course that prepares educators in the humanities to make effective design choices around educational technologies.

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

### DEPARTMENTAL AND DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

Reviewer, *Teaching Philosophy* 2016-present

Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter, Carnegie Mellon University

Position: Chapter member

Spring 2016-Present

Position: Co-Chair

Fall 2013-Spring 2016

Pitt-CMU Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy Organizing Committee

Position: Committee Member

Fall 2013-Fall 2014

Position: Committee Chair

Fall 2014-Fall 2015

Philosophy Department Job Search Committee

Position: Committee Member

Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Position: Committee Member

Fall 2014-Spring 2015

Philosophy Department Graduate Admissions Committee

Position: Committee Member

Fall 2014-Spring 2015

### MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association

American Association of Philosophy Teachers

American Political Science Association

Northeastern Political Science Association