

# 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

Interim Associate Dean of Academic Assessment and Curriculum, Principia College

Associate Professor, Principia College Summer 2021 - present

Assistant Professor, Principia College Fall 2012 – Summer 2021

Visiting Faculty, Principia College, Fall 2010

Graduate Instructor, University of Missouri, 2009-2011

Teaching Assistant, University of Missouri, 2007-2009

## Publications

1. "The Ethics of Killing Zoo Animals," *Journal of Animal Ethics* 18 (2018): 93-102.
2. "Liability and Narrowly Targeted Wars," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 19 (2016): 209-223.

## Presentations

1. "Is Ukraine Justified in Trying to Regain All Occupied Territories," July 2023, International Society for Military Ethics 2023 Conference.
2. "The Justice of Unconventional Causes for War," September 2020, Just Wars in an Unjust World, Manchester Center for Political Theory Workshop.
3. "Rights, Risks, and Human-Animal Chimeras," co-presented with Joseph Orttung, October 2019, Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, Missouri
4. "A Framework for Resolving Everyday Teaching Dilemmas," November 2017, Association for Moral Education, St. Louis, Missouri.
5. "Muggers, Soldiers, and Inept Analogies," October 2017, Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, Missouri.

6. "Secession and Just Cause for War," October 2016, Central States Philosophical Association, Lincoln, Nebraska.
7. "Gender-Neutral Standards for Combat Training," January 2016, International Society for Military Ethics, Annapolis, Maryland.
8. "Territorial Integrity and Just Cause," October 2015, The Theory of Just War: Behind the jurisprudential defense of (abstaining from) military action, Warsaw, Poland.
9. "Secession and Just Cause," April 2015, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, British Columbia.
10. "Animal Euthanasia and the Moral Responsibility of Zoos," American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, February 2015, St. Louis, Missouri.
11. "Secession and Just Cause," October 2014, International Society for Military Ethics, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana.
12. "Animal Euthanasia and the Moral Responsibility of Zoos," October 2014, Central States Philosophical Association, Evanston, Illinois.
13. "The Virtues of Due Care," October 2013, International Society for Military Ethics, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana.
14. "Liability, Assassination, and Narrowly Targeted Wars," September 2013, Central States Philosophical Association, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
15. "Justifying War and the Boundaries of Territorial Defense," September 2012, Central States Philosophical Association, Columbia, MO.
16. "Individual Rights and the Restrictive Force of Just Cause – a Response to Jeff McMahan," April 2012, Pacific APA, Seattle, Washington.
  - a. 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.

## **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)  
 Philosophy Program Chair (Fall 2018-2021)  
 Led the Philosophy Program Review Process (Fall 2019)  
 Religion/Philosophy Department Chair (Fall 2019-2021)

Committee for the Assessment of Student Learning (CASL) (Spring 2019-present)  
Program Review Coordinator (2021-present)  
Interim Associate Dean of Academic Assessment and Curriculum (2023-2024 AY)

### **Grants and Awards**

Philosophy Department Prize for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching (2011)  
Kline Fellowship (2010)  
Kline Fellowship in Ethics (2008)  
Kline Fellowship in Metaphysics (2007)

### **Courses Taught**

At Principia College

Introduction to Ethics  
Critical Thinking  
Contemporary Moral Problems  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Ethical Theory  
Business Ethics  
Ethics of War  
Ethics of WWI  
Environmental Ethics  
Global Ethics  
Integrated Learning Course (part of a Freshman Experience Program)  
Seminar in Philosophy: Ethics of War  
Seminar in Philosophy: Ethics of Emerging Technologies  
Seminar in Philosophy: Feminist Philosophy  
Seminar in Philosophy: Animal Rights  
Ethics of Inequality  
Capstone in Philosophy  
Feminist Philosophy

University of Missouri (Graduate Instructor)

Introduction to Ethics  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Bioethics  
Contemporary Moral Issues  
Introduction to Logic  
Environmental Ethics

### **Professional Memberships**

American Philosophical Association  
Women in Philosophy (APA group)  
International Society for Military Ethics