

# PATRICK BROOKS

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## EMPLOYMENT

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Postdoctoral Fellow 2025  
Clinical Center Department of Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health

## EDUCATION

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Rutgers University 2025  
Ph.D. in Philosophy  
*Democracy in Crisis*  
Alex Guerrero (chair), Liz Camp, Andy Egan, and Robert Talisse (external)

Texas Tech University 2019  
M.A. in Philosophy (Certificate in Linguistics)

Arizona State University 2016  
B.A. in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*

## AREAS

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**Specialization:** Political philosophy, social epistemology, philosophy of science  
**Competence:** Epistemology, philosophy of language, ethics, aesthetics

## PUBLICATIONS

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The Slippery Slope of Conspiracy Theories (with Julia Duetz) *Forthcoming*  
In *The Research Handbook on Conspiracy Theories and Society*. Ed. by David Coady and Melina Tsapos. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing

[Conspiracy Accusations \(with Julia Duetz\)](#) 2024  
*Inquiry* (Online first)

[On the Origin of Conspiracy Theories](#) 2023  
*Philosophical Studies*, 180 (12): 3279–3299

## PAPERS IN PROGRESS

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Whistleblowers and Institutional Trust *Under Review*  
How Bad Gatekeepers Undermine Good Science *Under Review (R&R)*  
Fake Headline New *In Progress*  
Political Paradigms *In Progress*  
Courting Cancellation (with Julia Duetz) *In Progress*

## PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

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Presentations

*The Slippery Slope of Conspiracy Theories* (with Julia Duetz) 2024  
Conspiracy FX, University of Kent

*On the Origin of Conspiracy Theories* 2023  
2nd Int'l Conference on the Philosophy of Conspiracy Theories, VU Amsterdam

*Conspiracy Theories and Democracy* 2021

Conference on the Philosophy of Conspiracy Theories, University College Dublin

**Comments**

Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen, symposium on Virtue and Vice Signaling, Eastern APA	2025
Brandon Warmke, symposium on Virtue and Vice Signaling, Eastern APA	2025
Will Mittendorf, "Epistemic Democracy and Its Enemies," BNU-Zhuhai	2025

**TEACHING**

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**Primary Instructor, Rutgers**

Introduction to Philosophy	Winter 2024
Introduction to Ethics	Fall 2024
Logic, Reason, and Persuasion	Summer 2024
Introduction to Logic	Summer 2023
Theory of Knowledge	Spring 2023
Introduction to Philosophy through Film	Winter 2022

**Teaching Assistant, Rutgers**

Introduction to Philosophy (writing intensive) with Michael Glanzberg	Fall 2022
Introduction to Philosophy (writing intensive) with Karen Bennett	Spring 2022
Introduction to Philosophy (writing intensive) with Stephen Stich	Fall 2021

**Teaching Assistant, Texas Tech**

Introduction to Ethics with Jeremy Schwartz	Spring 2019
Science and Society with Joel Velasco	Fall 2018
Introduction to Logic with Chris Hom	Summer 2018
Introduction to Logic with Joe Gottlieb	Spring 2018
Introduction to Logic with Bruno Whittle	Fall 2017

**FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS**

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Fellow at the Life Worth Living Initiative (\$4500)	2023
Summer teaching fellowship through the Yale Center for Faith and Culture	

**SERVICE**

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**Organizer**

Rutgers Lectures in Philosophy	2022-2024
Texas Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference	2018-2019

**Member/Officer**

TTU Minorities and Philosophy, Treasurer	2018-2019
TTU Philosophy Graduate Student Assoc., President	2018-2019

**Other Service**

Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy	2022-2023
Rutgers graduate event coordinator	2019-2024

**Referee for**

*Social Epistemology, Philosophical Studies*