

# PER-ERIK MILAM

## Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy: University of California, San Diego 2014  
B.A. Philosophy: Pomona College 2005

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, philosophy of action (agency, responsibility, free will), social and political philosophy

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Moral psychology, applied ethics, technology ethics, engineering ethics, business ethics

## EMPLOYMENT

University of Gothenburg, Researcher 2019 - 2023  
Lewis and Clark College, Adjunct Professor Fall 2022  
Ethics Consultant, XPRIZE Foundation, Inc. 2019  
University of Twente, Assistant Professor 2017 - 2019  
University of Gothenburg, Postdoctoral Fellow 2015 - 2017  
Oakland University, Visiting Assistant Professor 2014 - 2015  
University of California, San Diego, Lecturer Winter 2014

## PUBLICATIONS

\* indicates fully collaborative and equal authorship for coauthored work, † indicates I'm lead author and main contributor, ‡ indicates I'm a secondary author and contributor.

[17] (forthcoming). "Letting Go of Blame." *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. [with Luke Brunning\*]

[16] (forthcoming). "Process Forgiveness" in the *Routledge Handbook of Forgiveness*. Eds. Robert Enright and Glen Pettigrove. Routledge.

[15] 2022. "Forgiving and Ceasing to Blame" in *Conflict and Resolution: The Ethics of Forgiveness, Revenge, and Punishment*. Eds. Paula Satne and Krisanna Scheiter. Springer.

[14] 2022. "Forgiveness" in the *Oxford Handbook of Moral Responsibility*. Eds. Dana K. Nelkin and Derk Pereboom. Oxford University Press.

[13] 2021. "The Case against Non-Moral Blame." *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics* 11: 199-222. [with Benjamin Matheson\*]

[12] 2021. "Get Smart: Outcomes, Influence, and Responsibility." *The Monist* 104.4: 443-457.

- [11] 2021. “What it’s like to be a \_\_\_\_\_: Why it’s (often) unethical to use VR as an empathy nudging tool.” *Ethics and Information Technology* 23, 527-542. [with E.J. Ramirez and M. Elliott ‡]
- [10] 2020. “Regularized Political Apology.” *Public Affairs Quarterly* 34.3, 245-270. [with Allison Don ‡]
- [9] 2019. “Permission, Blame, and Forgiveness.” *Australasian Philosophical Review* 3.3, 324-329.
- [8] 2019. “Reasons to Forgive.” *Analysis* 79.2, 242-251.
- [7] 2019. “[Harmful Internet Use: Part II: Impact on Society](#).” European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS). PE 624.269. [with Philip Brey and Stéphanie Gauttier\*]
- [6] 2018. “Oppression, Forgiveness, and Ceasing to Blame.” *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 14.2, 143-178. [with Luke Brunning\*]
- [5] 2018. “Against Elective Forgiveness.” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 21.3, 569-584.
- [4] 2017. “In Defense of Non-Reactive Attitudes.” *Philosophical Explorations* 20.3, 294-307.
- [3] 2017. “How is Self-Forgiveness Possible?” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 98.1, 49-69.
- [2] 2016. “Reactive Attitudes and Personal Relationships.” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 46.1, 102-122.
- [1] 2012. “The Immediate and Delayed Cardiovascular Benefits of Forgiving.” *Psychosomatic Medicine* 74, 745-50. [with B.A. Larsen, R.S. Darby, C.R. Harris, D.K. Nelkin, N. Christenfeld ‡]

## BOOK REVIEWS

- (2022). “Review of Andrew I. Cohen, *Apology and Moral Repair: Rights, Duties, and Corrective Justice*.” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.
- (2016). “Review of Mariam Thalos, *A Social Theory of Freedom*.” *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 12 November 2016.

## PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- “Forgiveness.” The Free Will Show, March 2023 (invited interview with T. Cyr and M. Flummer)
- “Forgiveness and Its Reasons.” *Legal-Phi*, 5 March 2019 (invited interview with Lucas Miotto)
- “[The Case for Regular Political Apology](#).” The War Blog: Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace, 8 February 2019 (invited blog post; co-authored with Allison Don)
- “[Forgiving Hate Crimes: The Case of Dylann Roof](#).” International Network for Hate Studies, 8 March 2017 (invited blog post; co-authored with Luke Brunning)
- “[Should we forgive ourselves?](#)” *A2Ethics*, 8 November 2016 (invited podcast interview)
- “The Science and Philosophy of Forgiveness.” Science Slam, Gothenburg International Science Festival, 15 April 2016
- “What is forgiveness and why is it good for us?” Science Roulette, Gothenburg International Science Festival, 15 April 2016
- “What is Forgiveness?” Philosophical Society, University of Gothenburg, 17 March 2016
- “[Is tobacco control a “best buy” for the developing world?](#)” *Giving What We Can*, 7 Sept. 2015
- “Global Citizenship and Effective Altruism.” *Go Make A Difference*, UCSD, 13 April 2013
- “Duties to the Distant Needy.” San Diego Philosophy Forum, 26 June 2013

## AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Riksbankens Jubileumsfond research project grant for “The Limitations of Blame” (3 years, 2.603.00 SEK/\$235,000)	2023-2025
Swedish Research Council research project grant in humanities and social sciences for “The Limits of Forgiveness” (3 years, 2.235.000 SEK/\$246,000)	2019 - 2022
Concept Lab (University of Oslo), Visiting Fellow (3 months, 60.000 NOK)	2018
Kungsliga Vetenskaps- och Vitterhets-Samhället (KVVS), research stipend	2016
Arts and Humanities Initiatives Award, UC San Diego	2011 - 2012
Chancellor’s Interdisciplinary Collaboratories Fellowship, UC San Diego “The Nature of Forgiveness and Its Role in Cardiovascular Health”	2010 - 2012
Tuition Waiver; Central European University, Summer University	2009

## PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Forgiveness, Mercy, and Pluralism <i>Society of Christian Philosophers Midwestern Conference: Mercy and Forgiveness</i>	2022
What kind of change is forgiveness? <i>Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, University of British Columbia</i>	2022
Panel Discussion: The Limits of Blame <i>72nd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference</i>	2021
Forgiveness as Change <i>American Philosophical Association (Central Meeting)</i>	2020
The Case for Non-Moral Blame <i>Workshop in Normative Ethics, University of Arizona</i>	2020
The Special Obligations of Engineers <i>Society for Philosophy and Technology, Texas A&amp;M University</i>	2019
Oppression, Forgiveness, and Ceasing to Blame <i>A Theory of Social Punishment, Descartes Lectures, Tilburg University</i>	2018
Nudging and Design for Responsibility <i>Nudging and Moral Responsibility Workshop, VU Amsterdam</i>	2018
Challenges to the Empirical Study of Forgiveness <i>European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions, Madrid</i>	2017
National Apology <i>European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, University of Oslo</i>	2017
Forgiveness as Change <i>91<sup>st</sup> Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, Edinburgh</i>	2017
Reasons to Forgive <i>Forgiveness, Apology, and Reconciliation Workshop, University of Manchester</i>	2017
<i>Filosofidagarna (Philosophy Days), Uppsala University</i>	2017
Against Elective Forgiveness <i>Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU Boulder</i>	2016
Forgiveness: Personal and Political <i>Workshop on Emotions and Conflict, University of Pisa</i>	2016

Forgiving the Dead <i>Henry Janssen Memorial Conference in Philosophy, San Diego State University</i>	2015
At Enmity with Unreality: Is Abolitionism Self-Defeating? <i>American Philosophical Association (Central Meeting)</i>	2015
Between Humanity and Intelligence: Abolitionism and Personal Relationships <i>Free Will Conference: Center for Cognition and Neuroethics</i>	2014
Excluding the Forces of Ruin: A Defense of Analogue Attitudes <i>American Philosophical Association (Pacific Meeting)</i>	2014
<i>Georgetown University Philosophy Conference</i>	2014
Self-Forgiveness and Quality of Will. <i>American Philosophical Association (Eastern Meeting)</i>	2012
<i>12<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia/NYU Graduate Conference in Philosophy</i>	2012
Forgiveness, Letting Go, and Excusing <i>Society of Philosophy and Psychology</i>	2011

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Pluralism about Forgiveness <i>Philosophy Colloquium, University of Neuchatel</i>	2022
<i>Thumos Seminar, University of Geneva</i>	2021
Letting Go of Blame <i>Speaker Series on Moral Responsibility, University of Zurich</i>	
<i>Colloquium Series, Lewis and Clark College</i>	2021
An Act Consequentialist Account of Moral Responsibility <i>Workshop on Moral Conversations, University of Oslo</i>	
<i>Colloquium, University of Zagreb</i>	2019
Fairness and Inequality (panelist) <i>Workshop on the Ethics and Policy Implications of Algorithms and Big Data</i>	
<i>Hacıoğlu Data Science Institute &amp; the Institute for Practical Ethics, UC San Diego</i>	2019
The Case for Non-Moral Blame <i>Forward-Looking Accounts of Moral Responsibility Workshop, Vrije Universiteit</i>	2018
National Apology <i>Workshop on Apology and Compensation, Stockholm University</i>	2018
Letting Go of Blame <i>Workshop on Blame and Forgiveness, University of Oslo</i>	2017
Forgiveness in the Clinical Ethical Context of Professional-Patient Interaction <i>Addressing Ethical Obstacles to Person-Centred Care, University of Gothenburg</i>	2016
Institutional Forgiveness: Adapting the Practice to Law and Forensic Psychiatry <i>CELAM (Center for Ethics, Law, and Mental Health; University of Gothenburg)</i>	2016
Responsibility and Forgiveness <i>Linköping University, Högre Seminarier</i>	2016
<i>Oakland University, Colloquium Series</i>	2016

## MEMBERSHIPS & NETWORKS

Lund Gothenburg Responsibility Project	2015 - present
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American Philosophical Association 2009 - present

## WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

Ethics and Nicotine: Moral Dimensions of Harm Reduction in Tobacco Control  
Brocher Foundation Summer Academy in Population-Level Bioethics: 2018

Workshop in Experimental Philosophy of Free Will, Yale University 2011

Summer Seminar: Aspects of Responsibility, Central European University 2009

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

Discussant/Commentator/Panelist 2017 - present

M.C. Castro, "Unilateral Forgiveness," LATAM seminar, Uni. de los Andes 2021

A.I. Cohen, *Apologies and Moral Repair*, APPE 2021

J. Schönherr, "Forgiveness: Forswearing and Overcoming Resentment, APA 2021

C. McCammon, "Moralization, Norm-Dependence, and Domination, APA 2020

L. Chae, "Hoping for Peace," NUSTEP 2017

Journal referee (5-10 completed reviews/year) 2010 - present

Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Bioethics, Dialectica,  
Dialogue, Ergo, Ethics, Erkenntnis, Philosophical Quarterly, Ethical Theory  
and Moral Practice, European Journal of Philosophy, Journal of the APA,  
Journal of Ethics, Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, Journal of  
Applied Philosophy, Philosophia, Philosophical Imprints, Philosophical  
Psychology, Philosophical Studies, Ratio, Religious Studies, Res Publica

## ADMINISTRATION

Co-organizer, Gothenburg Responsibility Project Summer Workshop 2017

Co-organizer, Gothenburg Responsibility Project Conference 2016

Co-organizer, Gothenburg Responsibility Project Spring Workshop 2016

Organizer, Gothenburg Responsibility Project Reading Group 2016 - 2017

Co-founder, Peer Research Workshop 2015 - 2016  
Oakland University, CETL Learning Community

Co-organizer, Science and Engineering Ethics Outreach Project 2014  
NASA Hawai'i Space Exploration Analog and Simulation

Philosophy Colloquium and Workshop Co-coordinator, Oakland University 2014 - 2015

Philosophy Essay Contest Co-organizer, Oakland University 2014 - 2015

Winter Semester Commencement Escort, Oakland University 2014 - 2015

Co-organizer of Ethics in the Public Sphere: Peter Singer on Effective Altruism 2014  
University of California, San Diego

Co-organizer of Ethics in the Public Sphere: Duties to Distant Needy Persons 2012  
University of California, San Diego

Co-organizer of Graduate Workshop on Global Justice, San Diego State University 2012

Co-organizer of Giving What We Can UCSD Inaugural Lecture 2011  
University of California, San Diego

Organizer of UCSD Graduate Philosophy Symposium	2010
Graduate Student Representative, UCSD Philosophy Department	2008 - 2009

## **PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING**

PIL 201: Supervision in Postgraduate Education, University of Gothenburg	2021
Mentoring for Emerging Faculty, Center for Teaching and Learning, Oakland University	2014 - 2015
MCWP 500: Apprentice Teaching, University of California, San Diego	2007 - 2010

## **TEACHING** (\* denotes ethics teaching in another discipline's course)

### **Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Lewis and Clark College**

Introduction to Philosophy	Fall 2022
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### **Researcher in Practical Philosophy, University of Gothenburg**

Children and Moral Responsibility (masters level, tutorial)	Fall 2022
Blame and Forgiveness (Liberal Arts 160)	Spring 2022
Instrumentalism about Moral Responsibility (doctoral level)	Fall 2021
Free Will and Determinism (masters level, tutorial)	Fall 2020

### **Visiting Fellow, Concept Lab, University of Oslo**

Blame and Forgiveness	Fall 2018
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### **Assistant Professor, University of Twente**

Philosophy of Engineering: Ethics	Quartile 2, 2018-19
Ethics and Technology I (masters course)	Quartile 2, 2018-19
*Mechanical Engineering (WB, module 2)	Quartile 2, 2018-19
*Communications Science (CW, module 11)	Quartile 3-4, 2018
*Mechanical Engineering (WB, modules 3 and 7)	Quartile 3, 2018
*International Business Ethics (IBA, module 11)	Quartile 3, 2018
Academic Integrity (TBG, online doctoral course)	continuing 2018-19
Philosophy of Engineering: Ethics	Quartile 2, 2017-18

### **Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Gothenburg**

Agency and Responsibility (Doctoral Course)	Fall 2016
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### **Visiting Assistant Professor, Oakland University**

Political Philosophy	Winter 2015
Introduction to Ethics	Winter 2015
Introduction to Philosophy	Fall 2014
Introduction to Ethics for Science and Engineering	Fall 2014

### **Lecturer, University of California, San Diego**

Introduction to Philosophy	Winter 2014
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### **Associate Instructor, University of California, San Diego**

Introduction to Ethics	Summer 2012, Summer 2013, Fall 2013
Introduction to Philosophy	Fall 2012
Philosophy of Action	Summer 2011

### Teaching Assistant, University of California, San Diego

Law and Society	Spring 2014
Philosophy and the Environment	Spring 2013
Philosophy of Science	Winter 2008
Logic	Spring 2007
Ethics and Society	Fall 2006, Winter 2007, Summer 2009

### Instructor, UC San Diego, Muir College Writing Program

World Poverty and the Ethics of Assistance	Winter, Spring 2010
The Ethics of Animal Welfare	Fall 2009
Animals and Action	Winter, Spring 2009

## REFERENCES

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