

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

09/2005 - 05/2007 BA, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

09/2009 - 05/2011 MA, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

09/2011 - 05/2018 PhD, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING AND FELLOWSHIP APPOINTMENTS:

07/2020 - 08/2021 Clinical Ethics Fellow, Alden March Bioethics Institute, Albany Medical College, Albany, NY

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS:

08/2018 - 05/2020 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

09/2021 - Present Assistant Professor, Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities, Institute for Health and Equity, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

HOSPITAL AND CLINICAL ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

09/2020 - Present Clinical Ethicist, Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, 920 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53226

AWARDS AND HONORS:

05/2007 - Present BA with High Distinction, University of California Berkeley

09/2022 - Present Outstanding Graduate School Educator, Medical College of Wisconsin

MEMBERSHIPS IN HONORARY AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

2018 - Present Society for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry (AAPP)

2020 - Present American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH)

EDITORSHIPS/EDITORIAL BOARDS/JOURNAL REVIEWS:

Journal Review

Philosophy of Science

BMC Medical Ethics

Ethical Theory and Moral Practice

Philosophical Studies

Synthese

Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting

Medicine, Health Care, & Philosophy

Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology

Frontiers in Psychology

Conference Review:
American Society for Bioethics and Medical Humanities Annual Meeting
Journal of Medical Ethics

LOCAL/REGIONAL APPOINTED LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

09/2021 - Present Member, Ethics Committee, Milwaukee County Behavioral Health
09/2021 - Present Member, Ethics Committee, Bioethics Network of the Upper Midwest
06/2023 - Present Member, Wisconsin Department of Health and Human
Services/Division of Care and Treatment Services Committee on Resident Deaths (CORD)
(BENUM)
Division

INVITED LECTURES/WORKSHOPS/PRESENTATIONS:

International

G. Leder, T. Zawidzki, 'The Skill of Mental Health: Towards a New Theory of Mental Health and Disorder',
Philosophy of Psychiatry Talk Series, University of Granada, Spain (Hybrid), 09/20/2022 - Present
G. Leder, 'Medical or Moral Kinds? Personality Disorders and Skilled Self-Regulation', Human Abilities &
Inductive Metaphysics Workshop: Mental Disorders and Modal Properties, Humbolt-Universität,
Berlin, Germany, 06/13/2023 - Present

Local

G. Leder, 'Overriding a MOLST: Examining a health care agent's attempt to override an incapacitated
patient's medical orders', Ethics Case Conference, Albany Medical College, Albany, NY, 02/18/2021 -
Present
G. Leder, 'Examining a patient's potential right to engage in 'risky' behavior while in the hospital', Ethics Case
Conference, Albany Medical College, Albany, NY, 05/20/2021 - Present
G. Leder, 'The Metaphysics of Mental Disorder and Why it Matters: What is 'Mental Disorder'', Bioethics
Grand Rounds, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, 04/19/2022 - Present
G. Leder, 'ECMO Ethics', Milwaukee School of Engineering Perfusion Program, Milwaukee, WI,
10/13/2022 - Present
G. Leder, 'What is Mental Disorder? Examining Different Conceptions of 'Mental Disorder' and Why They
Matter', Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, 01/18/2023 -
Present
G. Leder, 'Philosophical Foundations of Biomedical Research', ASPIRE/SURE Programs, Medical College
of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, 06/01/2023 - Present
G. Leder, 'ECMO Ethics', Milwaukee School of Engineering Perfusion Program, Milwaukee, WI, 11/09/2023
- Present
G. Leder, 'Medical or Moral? The Role of Values in the Diagnosis and Treatment of the Cluster B
Personality Disorders', Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI,
04/03/2024 - Present
G. Leder, '(Some) Ethical Issues in Surrogate Decision-Making', Hospitalist Business Meeting, Medical
College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, 04/10/2024 - Present
G. Leder, 'Philosophical Foundations of Biomedical Research', ASPIRE/SURE Programs, Medical College
of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, 05/30/2024 - Present
G. Leder, 'Decision-Making Capacity and the Right to Object', Ethics Case Conference, Albany Medical
Center, Albany, NY, - 12/17/2020

PEER REVIEWED WORKSHOPS/PRESENTATIONS:

International

G. Leder, 'Cognition, emotion, and causes: Questioning the theoretical foundations of cognitive behavioral
therapy', The Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Ottawa, Canada,
06/01/2015 - Present
G. Leder, 'The Social Impact of the Metaphysics of Mental Health', Philosophy of Social Science
Roundtable, Vancouver, Canada, 05/20/2017 - Present
G. Leder, T. Zawidzki, 'Mental Illness, Brain Disorders, and Metacognitive Skill', Understanding Mental
Disorders: Networks, Variables, and Causal Modeling, Saarbrücken, Germany (Hybrid), 04/20/2021 -

Present

G. Leder, T. Zawidzki, 'Medical or Moral? Are Personality Disorders Medical Conditions or Moral Failings?', Mental health and normativity: Metaphysics and (in)justice, University of Granada (Hybrid), 10/06/2023 - Present

National

G. Leder, 'Know thyself? Questioning the theoretical foundations of cognitive behavioral therapy', The Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Durham, NC, 06/03/2015 - Present

G. Leder, 'What does it mean to have a meaning problem? Meaning, control, and the mechanisms of change in psychotherapy', The Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry The Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry, Atlanta, GA, 05/15/2016 - Present

G. Leder, 'Values and the Concept of Mental Disorder', Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology, University of Texas, Dallas, 05/23/2019 - Present

G. Leder, 'A Plurality of Effective Treatments: What to Communicate to Patients about the Common-Efficacy Findings in Psychotherapy', American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference, Online, 10/17/2020 - Present

G. Leder, 'CBT and "Common Sense"', The Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry, Online, 04/18/2021 - Present

G. Leder, 'Determinations of Decisional Incapacity and the Patient's Right to Object: A Morally Problematic Asymmetry Between the Treatment of Psychiatric and Non-Psychiatric Patient Populations', American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference, Online, 10/15/2021 - Present

G. Leder, 'Determinations of decisional incapacity and the patient's right to object: A morally problematic asymmetry between the treatment of psychiatric and non-psychiatric patient populations', WMU Medical Humanities Conference, Kalamazoo, MI, 09/22/2022 - Present

G. Leder, 'Invoking 'conscience' rather than 'futility': Why appeals to conscience should replace most appeals to futility and inappropriateness in medicine', MacLean Conference on Clinical Medical Ethics, Chicago, IL, 10/28/2023 - Present

G. Leder, A. R. Derse, 'ECMO, 'inappropriate treatment', and conscience: Grounding and justifying a policy on "futile" treatment', 4th International Conference on End of Life: Law, Ethics, Policy, and Practice, Salt Lake City, UT, 03/08/2024 - Present

G. Leder, 'ECMO, Futility, Conscience, and 'Inappropriate Treatment': Grounding and Justifying a Policy on 'Futile' Treatment', American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, 09/19/2024 - Present

COMMITTEE SERVICE:

Hospital

07/2020 - 08/2021 Member, Ethics Review Committee, Albany Medical Center

07/2020 - 08/2021 Member, Complex Case Review, Albany Medical Center

07/2020 - 08/2021 Member, NICU Ethics, Albany Medical Center

07/2020 - 08/2021 Member, Renal Transplant Committee, Albany Medical Center

09/2021 - Present Member, Froedtert Hospital Ethics Committee

09/2021 - Present Member, Children's Wisconsin Ethics Committee

01/2024 - Present Ad Hoc Member, Pharmacogenomics (PGx) Oversight Committee

MCW

MCW TEACHING ACTIVITIES:

Medical Student Education

03/2023 - 04/2023 Course Director - M4 Ethical Issues in the ICU's (MCW)

09/2023 - Present Session Instructor - The Good Doctor (Ethical Theory, Decision-Making Capacity, Ethics of Charting, Reproductive Ethics, End of Life Ethics, Psychiatric Ethics)

03/2024 - 04/2024 Course Director - M4 Ethical Issues in the ICU's (MCW)

Graduate Student Education

01/2022 - 05/2022 Course Director - Ethics at the End of Life (MCW)

01/2022 - 05/2022 Course Director - Research Ethics Discussion Series (MCW)

01/2022 - 05/2022 Course Director - Master's Consultation (MCW)
01/2022 - 05/2022 Course Director - Ethics and Integrity in Research (MCW)
05/2022 - 08/2022 Course Director - Ethical Issues in Mental Health (MCW)
05/2022 - 08/2022 Course Director - Ethics and Integrity in Research (MCW)
09/2022 - 12/2022 Course Director - Ethics and Human Reproduction (MCW)
09/2022 - 12/2022 Course Director - Philosophical Bioethics (MCW)
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05/2024 - 08/2024 Course Director - Master's Consultation (MCW)

Continuing Medical Education

06/2022 - Present Organizer and Presenter - Summer Bioethics Conference, Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities, Medical College of Wisconsin, 'Overriding Incapacitated Patients: The Ethics of Treating Incapacitated Patients Against Their Will', June 6, (Online)
06/2024 - Present Organizer and Presenter - Summer Bioethics Conference, Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities, Medical College of Wisconsin, 'Anorexia Nervosa, Involuntary Treatment, and Decision-Making Capacity: Ethical and Legal Issues', June 14, (Online)

EXTRAMURAL TEACHING:

Continuing Medical Education

Medical Humanities:

What is Mental Health? (2x), College of Charleston
Freud and Human Nature, University of British Columbia
Biomedical Ethics (5x), College of Charleston
Biomedical Ethics (3x), Western Michigan University

Cognitive Science:

Minds & Machines (Lower Division), University of British Columbia
Minds & Machines (Upper Division), University of British Columbia

Sex and Gender:

Philosophy of Sex & Gender, College of Charleston

Ethics and Applied Ethics:

Contemporary Moral Issues (2x), College of Charleston
Introduction to Value Theory, University of British Columbia
Animal Ethics, Western Michigan University

Introduction to Philosophy:

Introduction to Philosophy (3x), College of Charleston

Medical School Education

Preceptor - Health, Care, and Society I (Albany Medical College)

Preceptor - Health, Care, and Society II (Albany Medical College)

Preceptor - Health, Care, and Society III, Psychiatric Ethics (Albany Medical College)

Undergraduate Education (Course Director):

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Refereed Journal Publications/Original Papers

1. Leder G. Know Thyself? Questioning the Theoretical Foundations of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Review of Philosophy and Psychology. 1 June 2017;8(2):391-410.
2. Leder G. Psychotherapy, placebos, and informed consent. J Med Ethics. 2020 Aug 20;47(7):444-7. PMID: PMC8257553
3. Leder G. What does it mean to have a meaning problem? Meaning, skill, and the mechanisms of change in psychotherapy Philosophy, Psychiatry and Psychology. September 2019;26(3):E-35-E-50.
4. Leder G. How to obtain informed consent for psychotherapy: a reply to criticism. J Med Ethics. 2021 Jan 17.
5. Leder G, Derse AR. Alzheimer's Disease and the Invisible Person: The Missing Patient Voice. Am J Bioeth. 2022 Jul;22(7):87-90.
6. Garson Leder, Tadeusz Zawidzki. The skill of mental health: Towards a new theory of mental health and disorder Philosophy and the Mind Sciences. .
7. Leder G. On Normothermic Regional Perfusion. Hastings Cent Rep. 2024 Sep;54(5):35-36.
8. Leder G, Zawidzki T. The skill of mental health Towards a new theory of mental health and disorder Philosophy and the Mind Sciences. 11 April 2023;4.