

Daniel I. Shussett

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Positions:

Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar in Science, Technology, and Society (STS)

North Carolina State University

Principal Investigator: Veljko Dubljević PhD, DPhil (Philosophy and Religious Studies; STS)

Team Member: [NeuroComputational Ethics Research Group](#)

Affiliations: [Center for AI in Society and Ethics](#); Philosophy and Religious Studies

Affiliated Researcher

The Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University

Education:

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Philosophy

Villanova University; degree conferred May 2025

Dissertation Defense passed April 22, 2025; Dissertation Proposal Defense passed Spring 2023

Dissertation: “The Social Ontology of Smart Cities: Implications and Applications”

Chair: Georg Theiner PhD

Committee: Sally Scholz PhD, Brett Frischmann JD, and Bennett Helm PhD (external reader)

Master of Arts (MA) in Philosophy

Villanova University; degree conferred May 2022

Qualifying Portfolio Exam passed Fall 2022; Language Exam passed Summer 2020

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Philosophy

Gettysburg College; degree conferred May 2019

Magna cum laude; Philosophy departmental honors

Minors: Political Science, Peace and Justice Studies

Publications:

Shussett, Daniel and Veljko Dubljević. 2025. “Applying the Agent-Deed-Consequence (ADC) Model to Smart City Ethics.” *Algorithms*, 18 (10): 625. <https://doi.org/10.3390/a18100625>

Shussett, Daniel and Shaun Respass. 2025. "Extended Will, Epistemic Care, and Motivational Barriers to Care." *American Journal of Bioethics - Neuroscience* 16 (3): 181-183.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/21507740.2025.2519456>

Shussett, Daniel. 2024. "Group Agency." In M. Sellers & S. Kirste (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*. Springer.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-007-6730-0_1151-1

Shussett, Daniel. 2023. "A Review of Gulson, Sellar, and Webb's *Algorithms of Education*." *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective* 12 (5): 8–13. <https://wp.me/p1Bfg0-7LI>

Conferences, Talks, Etc.:

Presenter: "Micro Climate Activism: Seeding Solidarities" (with Sally Scholz) at *The Philosophy of Climate Activism* edited volume workshop, March 2026, Frankfurt Germany

Presenter: "Using Smart City Technologies to Create City-Sized Group Agents" at Philosophy of the City-Busan, October 2025, Pusan National University

Presenter: "A Scoping Review of Participatory Design Methods for Ethical Autonomous Vehicles" (with JT Lee) at Ethics and Autonomous Vehicles Workshop, October 2025, North Carolina State University

Presenter: "Action Research for Responsible AI: Advancing Ethical Human-Machine Teaming in the Design and Development of Autonomous Vehicles" (with Meghan Manfra and JT Lee) at Ethics and Autonomous Vehicles Workshop, October 2025, North Carolina State University

Presenter: "An Enactivist Approach to Intersubjective Trust in Superintelligent Social Robots" (with Shaun Respass) at Enactive Approaches to LLM and Human Interaction Conference, October 2025, University of Bucharest

Presenter: "Ethical Algorithmic Decision-Making in Smart Cities" at 2025 Artificial Intelligence Conference, September 2025, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Panel Organizer: "The State of AI Ethics" at 2025 Artificial Intelligence Conference, September 2025, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Presenter: "Cities as Group Agents for Environmentalism" at Society for Social Studies of Science, September 2025, Seattle USA

Presenter: “Common Knowledge, Smart Cities, and Climate Change” at International Association for the Study of the Commons, June 2025, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Invited Speaker: “Knowledge Commons and Group Agents” at Governing Knowledge Commons Convergence Conference: Emerging Scholars Panel, May 2025, Villanova University

Invited Speaker: “The Social Ontology of Smart Cities: Implications and Applications” at DELTALAB: Center for Urban Transition, Architecture, and Urbanism at the University of Rijeka, April 2025

Presenter: “Common Knowledge, Smart Cities, and Climate Change” at International Sustainability Conference, October 2024, Villanova University

Participant: “Collective Intelligence for Sustainable Development Goals,” September 2024, The Brookings Institution, <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/its-time-for-collective-intelligence/>

Presenter: “The Social Ontology of Smart Cities: Implications and Applications” at International Social Ontology Society, July 2024, Duke University

Invited Speaker: “The Social Ontology of Smart Cities: Implications and Applications” at the Smart Cities: Data, Tech, Institutions, and Trustworthy Governance Series, supported by the Knight Foundation, October 2023

Presenter: “‘Pollutants’ and Boyd’s Natural Kind Theory” at International Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology, July 2023, Buenos Aires Argentina

Presenter: “Rousseau’s Stag Hunt: Common Knowledge and the Transition to Trust” at International Social Ontology Society, August 2022, Vienna Austria

Participant: “The History and Philosophy of the Concepts of Scientific Law and Probability” at Central European University Summer University, directed by Dr. Barry Loewer, July 2022, Budapest Hungary

Presenter: “Unlocked Agency: Transhuman Nudging for the Posthuman Age” at Society for Social Studies of Science, October 2021, online due to COVID-19

Panel Organizer: “Nudging/Libertarian Paternalism” at Society for Social Studies of Science, October 2021, online due to COVID-19

Presenter: “Contradictory Elements and Partial Objects: Dostoevsky, Deleuze, and Guattari on the Self, Madness, and Salvation” at Rutgers Graduate Student Conference in German Studies, March 2021, online due to COVID-19

Presenter: “Re-Examining Body Politic and Group Agency for 21st Century Political Concerns” at International Social Ontology Society, July 2020, online due to COVID-19

Participant: First Annual Deleuze Seminar, “Difference and Repetition at Fifty,” October 2018, Gettysburg College

Presenter: “David Foster Wallace’s Politics of Presence” at The Fifth Annual David Foster Wallace Conference, June 2018, Illinois State University

Presenter: “An Examination of Thomas Aquinas on Predestination and Human Freedom” at University of Scranton Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, February 2018

Teaching:

Instructor of Record, Science, Technology, and Society 214 (Introduction to Science, Technology, and Society), Spring 2026, North Carolina State University (1 section)

Instructor of Record, Integrative Humanities and Social Sciences 201 (Environmental Ethics), Spring 2026, North Carolina State University (1 section)

Instructor of Record, Integrative Humanities and Social Sciences 201 (Environmental Ethics), Fall 2025, North Carolina State University (2 sections)

Instructor of Record, Philosophy 1000 (Knowledge, Reality, Self), Spring 2025, Villanova University

Instructor of Record, Philosophy 1000 (Knowledge, Reality, Self), Fall 2024, Villanova University

Teaching Intern, Philosophy 4610 (Philosophy of Mind), Dr. Davey Tomlinson, Spring 2022, Villanova University

Teaching Intern, Philosophy 1000 (Knowledge, Reality, Self), Dr. Norman Ajari, Fall 2021, Villanova University

Teaching Intern, Moderns 1000 (Augustine and Culture Seminar), Dr. Gregory Hoskins, Spring 2021, Villanova University

Service:

Managing Editorial Assistant, *Social Epistemology: A Journal of Knowledge, Culture and Policy*, Fall 2023-Summer 2024

Reviewer, *Social Epistemology: A Journal of Knowledge, Culture and Policy*

Research Assistant, "Reading Platonism: Toward a Genealogy of Texts on Plato," Dr. Justin Humphreys, Fall 2020, Villanova University

Tutor, Villanova University Writing Center, Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Associations:

Member, International Social Ontology Society

Member, The International Association for the Study of the Commons

Member, Society for Social Studies of Science

Grants and Awards:

John G. Tich Memorial Award for Excellence in Research, Villanova University Philosophy Department, 2025

Villanova University Graduate College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Graduate Studies Travel Award, 2024

Villanova University Graduate College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Graduate Studies Travel Award, 2023

Villanova University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Summer Professional Development Grant, 2022

Villanova University Graduate College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Graduate Studies Travel Award, 2022

Eisenhower Institute of Public Policy Undergraduate Fellow, 2018-2019

Frederick Mahan Fellow of Philosophy at Gettysburg College, 2018

Gettysburg College Presidential Merit Scholarship, 2015-2019

Languages:

English, native proficiency

German, limited working proficiency

French, limited reading proficiency