

# Amanda Askill

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## Employment and Professional Roles

- 2018 - Present      Research Scientist (Policy & Ethics) at OpenAI
- 2019 - Present      Co-Chair of Partnership on AI's Safety-Critical AI Working Group

## Education

- PhD in Philosophy*, New York University (2011 - 2018)  
Pareto Principles in Infinite Ethics, Cian Dorr (advisor), David Chalmers, Shelly Kagan
- BPhil in Philosophy*, University of Oxford (2009 - 2011)
- MA (Hons) in Philosophy*, University of Dundee (2005 - 2009)

## Areas of Specialization

- AI Policy and Ethics
- Formal Ethics
- Decision Theory

## Publications

- AI safety needs social scientists, with Geoffrey Irving, *Distill*, 2019.
- Evidence Neutrality and the Moral Value of Information, *Effective Altruism: Philosophical Issues*, H. Greaves and T. Pummer (Editors), Oxford University Press, 2019.
- Prudential Objections to Atheism, *The Blackwell Companion to Atheism and Philosophy*, G. Oppy (Editor), Wiley-Blackwell, 2019.
- Epistemic Consequentialism and Epistemic Enkrasia, *Epistemic Consequentialism*, K. Ahlstrom-Vij and J. Dunn (Editors), Oxford University Press, 2018.

## Reports and Pre-Prints

- Release Strategies and the Social Impacts of Language Models, Solaiman et al., arXiv preprint, *arXiv:1908.09203*, Aug 2019.
- The Role of Cooperation in Responsible AI Development, with Miles Brundage and Gillian Hadfield, arXiv preprint, *arXiv:1907.04534*, Jul 2019.

## Selected Presentations

Having our cake and eating it too: How to develop AI competitively without falling victim to collective action problems, *Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University, 2019*

American Leadership in the Age of Artificial Intelligence Panel, with Michael Horowitz, Kara Frederick, Elsa B. Kania & Ashley J. Llorens, *CNAS National Security Conference 2019*

AI Safety Needs Social Scientists, *EA Global: London 2018 & San Francisco 2019*

Coordinated Approaches to AI Development, *EA Global: London 2018*

Moral Offsetting (with Tyler John), *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress: St Louis 2017*

The Moral Value of Information, *Effective Altruism Global: Boston 2017*

## Teaching

TA, Ethics and Society, New York University, Spring 2014, Lecturer: Barry Maguire

TA, Philosophy of Religion, New York University, Spring 2013, Lecturer: Dan Greco

## Selected Academic Awards & Scholarships

Young Ethicists Prize (with Tyler John), Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, 2017

Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in Philosophy 2016 - 2017

Henry M. MacCracken PhD Fellowship 2011 - 2016

AHRC Research Preparation Masters Scholarship 2009 - 2011

## Public Engagement

Given talks for AI events such as the AI Salon at Stanford AI Laboratory and Girl Geek X

Guest on podcasts like Rationally Speaking and The 80,000 Hours Podcast