# Anna Maria Malavisi – Curriculum Vitae

**Department of History, Philosophy, and World Perspectives**
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**Research Interests:** Global/development ethics, environmental philosophy, feminist epistemology, social and political thought, and the ethical, social and environmental implications of AI.

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## EDUCATION

PhD, Department of Philosophy, Michigan State University, May 2015 Dissertation: Global Development and its Discontents: Rethinking the Theory and Practice. Committee: Stephen L. Esquith (chair), Sandra Harding, Judith Andre and Kristie Dotson

Master of Health and International Development, Flinders University of South Australia, 2006 Thesis: A Critical Analysis of the Relationship between Northern NGOs and Southern NGOs in Bolivia

Certificate in Midwifery, Pembury Hospital, Kent, UK, 1991

Bachelor of Applied Science, major in Community Health, La Trobe University, Victoria, Australia, 1989

Registered General Nurse, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Melbourne, Australia, 1984

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy & Humanistic Studies, August 2022 – July 2023; Department of History, Philosophy, and World Perspectives, Western Connecticut State University, August 2023 –

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy & Humanistic Studies, Western Connecticut State University, August 2017- July 2022

Research Associate, The Toolbox Dialogue Initiative, Department of Philosophy, Michigan State University, August 2017 -

Postdoctoral Research Assistant, The Toolbox Dialogue Initiative, Department of Philosophy, Michigan State University, January - August 2017

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Michigan State University, January 2015 – August 2017

Instructor, Department of Public Health & Health Sciences, University of Michigan, Flint, August 2014 - July 2018

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## ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS HELD

Chair, Department of History, Philosophy, and World Perspectives, August 2026 –

Interim Chair, Department of History, Philosophy, and World Perspectives, January 2026 – August 2026

Associate Chair, Department of History, Philosophy, and World Perspectives, August 2023 – January 2026

Department Co-Chair, Department of Philosophy & Humanistic Studies, Western Connecticut State University, August 2020 – August 2023

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## NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

Vice-President, Center for Values in International Development, Washington D.C., July 2020 – January 2025

Field Director, Bolivian/Chilean Programme for International Service, La Paz, Bolivia, 2000 - 2007

Project Manager, Bolivian Programme for International Service, La Paz, Bolivia, 1999-2000

Assistant Coordinator, International Service, Association of NGOs Working in Health, Department of Cochabamba, Bolivia, 1995-99

Health Coordinator/Educator, International Service, Center for Regional Development, Tarata, Cochabamba, Bolivia, 1992-94

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## CERTIFICATES IN DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT

Certificate in Mainstreaming Disability in Development, Overseas Development Group, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK, 2005

Certificate in Development Management, IMA International, Sussex, UK, 2003

Certificate in Planning Health Promotion in Schools, Child-to-Child Trust, Institute of Education, University of London, UK, 1998

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

"Global Development, Ethics, and Epistemic Injustice: Rethinking Theory and Practice," Rowman & Littlefield, 2023

**Book Chapters**

"Life" in Creative Approaches to Climate and Peace Education by Julia Bentz, edited by Marte Skaara**,** Braunschweig: Leibniz Institute for Educational Media | Georg Eckert Institute, 2023. https://urban-peace.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/CreativeApproachesToClimateAndPeaceEducation.pdf

"The Power of Philosophy" with Chad Gonnerman, Graham Hubbs, and Bethany Laursen, in The Toolbox Dialogue Initiative: The Power of Cross-Disciplinary Practice, ed. Graham Hubbs, Michael O'Rourke, and Steven Hecht Orzack, Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, 2020, pp.82-93

"Future directions for the Toolbox Dialogue Initiative" with Sanford D. Eigenbrode, Stephanie E. Vasko, Bethany Laursen, and Michael O'Rourke, in The Toolbox Dialogue Initiative: The Power of Cross-Disciplinary Practice, ed. Graham Hubbs, Michael O'Rourke, and Steven Hecht Orzack, Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, 2020, pp.162-178

"Toolbox workshop case studies" with Graham Hubbs, Michael O'Rourke, Sanford D. Eigenbrode, Marisa Rinkus, in The Toolbox Dialogue Initiative: The Power of Cross-Disciplinary Practice, ed. Graham Hubbs, Michael O'Rourke, and Steven Hecht Orzack, Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, 202, pp.179-202

"Health Ethics and Sustainability" in Walter Leal Filho, Tony Wall, Anabela Marisa Azul, Luciana Brandli, Pinar Gökcin Özuyar Eds.,Good Health and Well-Being

Encyclopedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, pp.1-10, 2019

"Epistemology" in Routledge Handbook of Development Ethics, ed. Jay Drydyk, and Lori Keleher, London: Routledge, 2018, pp. 41-51

"Women, Gender, and Philosophies of Global Development," Sandra Harding & Anna Malavisi in The Routledge Companion to Feminist Philosophy, eds. Ann Garry, Serene Khader & Alison Stone, London: Routledge, 2017, pp.419-31

"Development Ethics: Oxymoron or Real Possibility" in Globality, Unequal Development and Ethics of Duty, ed. Mahmoud Masaeli, London: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2016, pp. 183-205

**Articles**

"The Techniques of Power," with Graham Priest in Voss, Ehler (ed.) 2026. *Social Media | Networks of Division? Words on Contradiction #1*. Bremen: SuUB Bremen, 166-179.

"Dower, Nigel." In: Kassner, J.J., Chatterjee, D.K. (eds) *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2026. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-27828-0_446-1

"Epistemic Issues in Global Development." In: Kassner, J.J., Chatterjee, D.K. (eds) *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2026. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-27828-0_10077-1

"Rethinking the Theory and Practice of Global Development." *Journal of Global Ethics*, October, 2024, 1–8, http://doi:10.1080/17449626.2024.2419583.

"Global Development, Humanitarian Aid, and the Toolbox Dialogue Method," with Michael O'Rourke, *Public Philosophy Journal* 5(1), 2023.**https://doi.org/10.48413/ppj.5.1-2**.

"Tales of Abuse and Negligence: Current Humanitarian Practices and Refugee Children" Mlado Ivanovic and Anna Malavisi, *Journal of Global Ethics*, Special Issue: Global Justice for Children, edited by Gottfried Schweiger and Johannes Drerup, Vol. 15, Issue 3, 2019, 344-360

"The Urgency of the Greening of Ethics," *Australasian Journal of Logic*, Vol.15, No.2, 2018, 41-51

"The Production and Reinforcement of Ignorance in Collaborative Interdisciplinary Research," Zachary Piso, Ezgi Sertler, Anna Malavisi, Ken Marable, Erik Jensen, Chad Gonnerman, Michael O'Rourke, *Social Epistemology*, Vol.30, Issue 5-6, 2016, 643-664

"The need for an effective development ethics," *Journal of Global Ethics*, December 2014, 297-303

"Nigel Dower," *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*," ed. Deen Chatterjee (Springer, 2011), 269-270

"A critical analysis of the relationship between Southern Non-Government Organizations and North ern Non-Government Organizations in Bolivia," *Journal of Global Ethics*, Vol.6, No.1, April 2010, 45-56

"North-South Relationship: Partners or Pawns?" *Development Bulletin* 55 (2001), 54-56 "Power to the People," *The Nursing Times*, 1996, 92(26) 54-55

**Special Issues Edited/Editorial Work**

Section editor: Development Ethics In: Kassner, J.J., Chatterjee, D.K. (eds) Encyclopedia of Global Justice. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2026. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-27828-0_10077-1

Malavisi, Anna, Tom Hilde, and Krushil Watene. 2024. "Special Issue: Climate Justice and the Global Development Crisis." Journal of Global Ethics 20 (2): 127–31. doi:10.1080/17449626.2024.2385045.

Journal of Global Ethics, Volume 15, 2019, Issue 2 Selected papers of the 2018 meeting of International Development Ethics Association & Groupe de Recherche en Economic Theorique et Applique, edited by Jerome Ballet, Anna Malavisi and Laurent Parrot

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**PUBLIC WRITING & COMMENTARY**

"Earth's Manifesto to Humans," Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics, Winter 2026, Vol. 26 no.1 pg.4-5

"Earth's Manifesto to Humans," CT Mirror, May 12, 2026

"On Gaza and Palestine: Lest we forget," CT Mirror, January 28, 2026

"There is something deeply wrong happening in Gaza," CT Mirror, October 2, 2025

"In search of moral clarity (again)," CT Mirror, July 15, 2025

"War on the Environment," Concerned Philosophers for Peace Newsletter, Volume 32, May 2024

"In Search of Moral Clarity," CT Mirror, November 16, 2023

"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance," CT Mirror, May 18, 2023

"Beyond Integrating Local Knowledge in Development Programming," Center for Values in International Development, August, 2022 https://www.centerforvalues.international/beyond-integrating-local-knowledge-in- development-programming%ef%bf%bc/

Wagener, Stephen, Malavisi, Anna and Manoj Misra. "Listen to your parents – clean up the Earth." The News Times – Danbury, 10 April, 2022

"The Greening of No-Self," Center for Values in International Development, November, 2021 https://www.centerforvalues.international/the-greening-of-the-no-self/

"Engaging Philosophy with Global Health Ethics," Health and Human Rights Journal, August 2019

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## WORK IN PROGRESS

"Thinking About Sustainability—From Unsustainability," under review

The Trials of Non-Violence, under review

Alternatives to War and Conflict Through Non-Violent Approaches as a Pathway to Peace and Climate Justice, under review

Book Project: Confronting Dialogues

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## INVITED TALKS

Panelist, "AI as an Enabler of Sustainable Impact," Future Proofing Sustainability Summit, Boehringer International, October 27, 2026

Panelist, "Who Really Wrote This, AI, You and the Line Between," Quinnipiac University, October 1st, 2026

"Digital Immortality," Shandong University, Jinan, June 17, 2026

"The Hidden Harms of Our Tech World," Shandong University, Jinan, June 16, 2026

"Women's Oppression and the Traditional Canons of Philosophy," Shandong University, Jinan, June 5, 2026

"The Hidden Harms of Our Tech World," Climate and Human Civilization Lecture Series, Western Connecticut State University, April 14, 2026

Panelist, AI Discussion, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, Western Connecticut State University, March 4, 2026

"Beyond the Limits of Western Thought," Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan, November 24-25, 2025

"The Greening of Bioethics," Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China, June 27, 2025

"Rethinking the Theory and Practice of Global Development," East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, June 18, 2025

"Epistemic Challenges in Global Development," Shanghai Jiao Tung University, China, June 16, 2025

"War on the Environment," Shandong University, Jinan, China, June 12, 2025

"Rethinking the Theory and Practice of Global Development," Shanxi University, Taiyuan, China, June 9, 2025

"Rethinking the Theory and Practice of Global Development," Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China, June 5, 2025

"Some Inconvenient Truths," Climate and Human Civilization Lecture Series, Western Connecticut State University, April 22, 2025

Panelist, Honors Colloquium Panel: "What is Right, Right Now," Western Connecticut State University, March 3, 2025

"War on the Environment," Center for Global Humanities, University of New England, Biddeford, February 26, 2025

"Power Structures and their Implementation," with Graham Priest, Keynote Address, Exploring Contradictions beyond Contradiction, University of Bremen, February 11- 14, 2025

"War on the Environment," Climate and Human Civilization Lecture Series, Western Connecticut State University, April 2, 2024

"Philosophy and The Climate Crisis," Shandong University, China, July 27, 2023

"Was Philosophy Once a Woman's World?" Shandong University, China, July 20, 2023

"Is Climate Change a Moral Issue?" C.H. Booth Library, Newtown, February 9, 2023

"UN Climate Change Conference Wrap up**,"** with Dr. Manoj Misra, C.H. Booth Library, Newtown, December 1, 2022

"How to Think and Not What to Think," 3rd International Global Forum for Teacher Educators, October 24, 2021, virtual

"The Urgency of the Ethics of Greening," Climate and Human Civilization Lecture Series, April 27,2021, Western Connecticut State University

"Ethics and the Climate Crisis," Newtown Public Library, February 2, 2021

"Development Ethics" Pensamiento Vivo: Ciclo: Desarrollo en Tiempos de Conflicto; Rutas Eticas Hacia la Paz y la Justicia, Pluriverso Narrativo, UNAULA, Universidad Autonoma Latino-americano, Medellin, Colombia, October 9, 2020

"Academics as Allies: Reflecting on Global Development," Scholars in Action: Choices Constrained: Communication Strategies and their (Un)Intended Consequences Panel Discussion, November19, 2019, Western Connecticut State University

"Integrity as an ethical and legal principle to address child migration," Children on the Move: Philosophical Issues in Child Migration, Centre for Ethics and Poverty Research, University of Salzburg, 9 & 10 May, 2019

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**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

"The Environment on War," Concerned Philosophers for Peace, Greencastle, Indiana, October 16-17, 2026

"The Power of Ideology and How to (Re)make the Power," Women and Gender Studies Conference, New Haven, Connecticut, April 17-18, 2026

"A Dialogue on Peace and Non-Peace," Concerned Philosophers for Peace, San Marcos, Texas, October 17-18, 2025

"Understanding (In)Compatibilities Between Religion and Human Rights," as part of a panel presentation at the European Association for South Asia Studies, Heidelberg, October 1-4, 2025

"War on the Environment," Concerned Philosophers for Peace, Birmingham, Alabama, October 18-19, 2024

"The Trials of Non-violence," Radical Philosophy Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 10- 12, 2024

"The Trials of Non-violence," Concerned Philosophers for Peace, Knoxville, Tennessee, October 27-28, 2023

"Integrity as an Institutional Virtue as a Form of Political Responsibility," Development in times of conflict: ethical pathways towards peace and justice, Medellin, Colombia, virtual presentation, July 13-17, 2022

"The Nexus between Global Development and the Climate Crisis," Sustainability and Development Conference, (online) University of Michigan, January 24-28, 2022

"Integrity as an Institutional Virtue as a Form of Political Responsibility" as part of a panel: The Adversities of International Displacement: Refugees, 6th Public Philosophy Network Conference, (online) George Mason University, October 21-23, 2021

"Thinking Sustainability, Thinking Peace," George Arnhold Summer Conference: The Environmental Crisis and Education (virtual), Braunschweig, Germany, August 23-27, 2021

"Understanding the concept of sustainability in the context of justice," Human Development Capabilities Association Conference (virtual), Auckland, New Zealand, June 30 – July 3, 2020

"Engaging philosophy with scholars and development practitioners through structured dialogue," Sociology of Development Conference, South Bend, Indiana, October 17-19, 2019

"Connection as a capability through critical structured dialogue between disciplines and development professionals," Human Development Capabilities Association Conference, London, England, September 9-12, 2019

"TDI Structured Dialogue and Pedagogy of the Oppressed," Science of Team Science 2019 Conference, Lansing, Michigan, May 20-23, 2019

"Beyond the Limits of Dialetheism," What's so Bad about Dialetheism? From Historical, Logical and Philosophical Points of View, Kyoto, December 15-17, 2018

"Tensions and Challenges Between Epistemologies of the South and North," New Political Science Conference and Philosophy Symposium, Havana, Cuba, November 12-16, 2018

"Thinking Towards a Steady State Economy for Sustainable Development," Sustainability and Development Conference, Ann Arbor, November 9-11, 2018

"Using Structured Dialogue to Break Down Disciplinary Silos,"(poster presentation) with Dr. Marisa Rinkus and Dr. Michael O'Rourke, International Conference on Sustainable Development, New York, September 26-28, 2018

"Academics as Allies: Reflecting on Global Development," International Development Ethics Association Conference, Bordeaux, France, 25-27 June, 2018

"Stubborn Realities, Shared Humanity: the State of Humanitarianism Today," with Mladjo Ivanovic, International Development Ethics Association Conference, Bordeaux, France, 25-27 June, 2018

"Reflecting on Global Development: A Toolbox for Development Organizations," Public Philosophy Network, Boulder, Colorado, February 8-10, 2018

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**WORKSHOPS PRESENTED**

"Academics as Allies: Critical Dialogue to Enhance Aid Effectiveness" as part of the 2021 Research for Development Impact Conference, Research for Development Impact Network and The University of Queensland, July 1-2, 2021

"The Toolbox Dialogue Initiative" as part of the pre-conference event: Development Ethics Knowledge Exchange: Practitioners – Students – Researchers, HDCA Conference, London, England, September 8, 2019

"Critical Dialogue to Enhance Effectiveness in the Practice of Sustainable Development" with Dr. Marisa Rinkus and Dr. Michael O'Rourke, Interaction Annual Conference, Washington DC, June1 -13, 2019

"Critical Dialogue to Enhance Effectiveness in the Practice of Sustainable Development" with Dr. Marisa Rinkus and Dr. Michael O'Rourke, Sustainability and Development Conference, Ann Arbor, November 9-11, 2018

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## AWARDS / RESEARCH GRANTS

Reassigned time for Creative Activity, Spring 2026, 3 credits, Western Connecticut State University

Sabbatical Leave, Western Connecticut State University, Fall 2025

Faculty Research Award 2022-2023, Connecticut State Colleges & Universities, Western Connecticut State University

Reassigned time for Creative Activity, AY 2023-24, 6 credits, Western Connecticut State University

Anonymous Was a Woman Environmental Art Grants, June 2022, $20,000 with Ms. Sabrina Marquez and Dr. Christine Hegel-Cantarella, "Andale: Zero Waste 30." Not approved.

Connecticut State University Research Grant, May 2022, $3254, "Global Development, Climate Crisis, and Epistemic Challenges."

Reassigned time for Creative Activity, Fall 2020, 3 credits, Western Connecticut State University.

A. H. Wall Prize for Best Registered Nurse awarded in 1984 by The Royal Melbourne Hospital

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introductory: classes in philosophy and interdisciplinary studies; first year classes

Examples: PHI 100 Introduction to Philosophy; HUM 151 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies

Intermediate: sustainability/environmental philosophy; ethics of health/health care; ethics in computing

Examples: HUM 222 Sustainability; PHI 205 Engaged Philosophy: Peace and Justice Studies: PHI 223 Ethics of Health Care; PHI 226 Environmental Philosophy; PHI 227 Ethics in Computing;

Advanced: global health/global health ethics; peace and justice studies; development/global ethics; social and political philosophy; feminist philosophy/epistemology; history of women philosophers; philosophy and ethics of artificial intelligence

Examples: PHI 339 History of Women in Philosophy; PHI 398: How Do you Know?; Global Health Ethics; PHI 527 Philosophy, Ethics, and Safety of AI

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## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Standards (CUCAS), August 2023 – May 2026,

Chair, August 2024 – May 2025

Strategic Planning Committee: Transparency and Shared Governance, Co-chair, January 2024 – March 2024

Nominations and Elections Committee, October 2022 – May 2025

WCSU – AAUP Council Member, August 2022 – May 2026

Program Review Committee, MSAS, August 2021- May 2023

General Education Committee, MSAS, August 2021- May 2024 (Co-chair, AY 2023-24)

Planning Committee, MSAS, August 2019-2021

Mediation Committee, WCSU, August 2019

Second Ad hoc committee on Signature Programs, WCSU, May 2019

UndocuAlly task force, WCSU, September 2017 - , Coordinator, Spring 25

UndocuAlly eboard, and coordinator of the Curriculum, Outreach and Advising Committee, WCSU, August 2018 -

Jane Goodall Center, January 2018 -

Racial Justice Coalition, August 2020 -

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Board member of the International Development Ethics Association (IDEA), July 2022 –

Moderator: Development ethics in times of conflict, (pre-conference event for the IDEA conference held in Medellin, Colombia, July, 2022), September 15, 2021

Conference Convener/Organizing Committee for the IDEA conference held in Medellin, Colombia, July, 2022

Vice-President, Center for Values in International Development, May 2020 – January 2025

Executive Board of the International Development Ethics Association (IDEA), Position: Secretary, July 2014 – July 2022

Board member of the International Development Ethics Association (IDEA), December 2010 – July 2014

## LANGUAGES

English, native speaker; Spanish, fluent; Italian, satisfactory; Chinese, beginner

## REFERENCES

Available upon request

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