



Max Kasun

Research Professional, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Bio

BIO

Max Kasun works in the Roberts Ethics Lab and Kim Ethics Lab at Stanford, which use empirical methods to help anticipate, clarify and resolve ethical issues in modern biomedical research. He received his BA in 2016 from the University of Wisconsin. He has interests in empirical and normative thought dedicated to increasing scientific understanding and societal appreciation of the nature and prevalence of mental disorders and well-being, as well as in moral philosophy (e.g. Kantian ethics, justice, action, ethical naturalism, and pragmatism), cognitive and affective sciences, and philosophy of mind (e.g. embodiment and personhood). He has co-authored scientific, peer-reviewed articles and other scholarly work investigating ethical issues in research (e.g. authentic voluntarism in informed consent), medical education, public health, and neuroscience. He is currently working on a project investigating ethical issues encountered in development and clinical integration of artificial intelligence, including how environmental and cognitive factors shape appraisals of AI tools, clinical judgments, trust, and health decision-making.

Max is a co-author of several chapters in APA's Study Guide to DSM-5-TR (2024) including the chapters on bipolar and related disorders and personality disorders. He has provided editorial support for the peer-reviewed journal *Academic Medicine* and for two works on the subject of trauma and related interventions (United Nations, Springer). Previously, he served on leadership teams for the Stanford Mental Health Technology and Innovation Hub and Neurodiversity Project.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison (2016)

Professional

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

moral philosophy

empirical and normative ethics

cognitive sciences

philosophy of mind

aesthetics

public humanities

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- Member, International Neuroethics Society (2019 - present)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Academic machine learning researchers' ethical perspectives on algorithm development for health care: a qualitative study.** *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association : JAMIA*
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