## Mel Andrews

Research Areas

- AOS Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence, History & Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of the Cognitive and Neurosciences.
- AOC AI Ethics, Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Applied Mathematics, Philosophy of Mind.

- Work

Current **Predoctoral Research Associate**, Department of Machine Learning (MLD), Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.

#### Education

Current PhD, Philosophy of Science, University of Cincinnati.

- 2014 2018 Bachelor of Science Tufts University, Psychology & Cognitive & Brain Sciences.
  - Fellowships, Grants, & Awards
  - 2023 Visiting Scholar, Philosophy Department, Australian National University.
  - 2023 Racial Equity in Technology Policy Accelerator.
  - 2022 Fellow, Oxford & Czech Academia of Sciences, Principles of Intelligent Behaviour in Biological & Social Systems, \$10,000 USD.
  - 2021 Visiting Scholar, University of Pittsburgh, Department of History & Philosophy of Science.
  - 2019 Graduate Dean's Excellence Scholarship, University of Cincinnati, \$3,000 USD.

Teaching

- 2023, Spring Co-Instructor, Carnegie Mellon University, MLG-10721 | Philosophical Foundations of Machine Intelligence, Graduate Seminar on Philosophy of Machine Learning & Artficial Intelligence for graduate students in the school of computer science.
- 2022, Spring Teaching Assistant, University of Cincinnati, PHIL-1000 | Introduction to Philosophy.
  - 2021, Fall Instructor, University of Cincinnati, PSYCH-1006 | PHIL-1006 | Introduction to Cognitive Science.

2021, Instructor, University of Cincinnati, PSYCH-1006 | PHIL-1006 | Introduction to Cog-Summer nitive Science.

- 2021, Spring Instructor, University of Cincinnati, PHIL-2029 | Medical Ethics: Moral Issues in Medical AI.
  - 2020, Fall **Teaching Assistant**, University of Cincinnati, PHIL-1025 | **Contemporary Moral Is**sues.
- 2020, Spring **Teaching Assistant**, University of Cincinnati, PSYCH-1006 | PHIL-1006 | Introduction to Cognitive Science.
  - 2019, Fall Teaching Assistant, University of Cincinnati, PHIL-1000 | Introduction to Philosophy.
    2018, Co-Instructor, Binghamton University, Topics in Theoretical Biology & Philosophy
    Summer of Biology.
- 2018, Spring Teaching Assistant, Tufts University, CSHD-0051 | Intellectual Development.
- 2018, Spring Co-Instructor, Binghamton University, Topics in Theoretical Biology & Philosophy of Biology.

# 2017, Fall Co-Instructor, Binghamton University, Topics in Theoretical Biology & Philosophy of Biology.

#### Publications

Andrews, M. (2022), Making Reification Concrete: A Response to Bruineberg et al. Brain and Behavioural Sciences.

Andrews, M. (2021), The Math is Not the Territory: Navigating the Free Energy Principle. Biology & Philosophy. 36(3), 1-19.

Feldman, D. H. & Andrews, M. (2017), Parenting Talented Children, in *Handbook of Parenting*, (3rd ed.) (ed. Bornstein), Psychology Press.

### Forthcoming & Under Review

Andrews, M. (*Under Review*), The Immortal Science of ML: Machine Learning & the Theory-Free Ideal.

**Andrews, M.** (*Forthcoming*), Towards an Applied Philosophy of Mathematics, in Currie, A., & Veigl, S. (Eds.) Philophy of Science: A User's Guide. The MIT Press.

Fawkes, J., Fishman, N., Andrews, M., Lipton, Z. (*Under Review*), The Fragility of Fairness: Causal Sensitivity Analysis for Assessing the Robustness of Fair Machine Learning.

#### Invited Talks & Workshops

Andrews, M. (2023), Machine Learning & The Theory-Free Ideal Workshop on Philosophy of AI in Science, Cambridge University, Cambridge, U.K.

Andrews, M. (2023), The Devil in the Data: Assessing the Atheoreticity of Scientific Machine Learning *Foundations of Computation Workshop*, presented at the Department of Philosophy, Australian National University, Canberra, A.U.

Andrews, M. (2022), Workshop on the Free Energy Principle as Model Structure or Model Template, presented at the Department of Philosophy, Universität Wien, Wien, A.T.

Andrews, M. (2022), Workshop on role of mathematics in theorising in the cognitive and brains science, presented at the Nencki School of Ideas in Neuroscience, Warsaw, P.L.

Andrews, M. (2022), Workshop on metascience and theorising, Leiden, N.L.

Andrews, M. (2022), *Reification in ML & the FEP* "The Free Energy Principle: Science, Tech and Philosophy" Conference, The Berlin School of Mind and Brain, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin, D.E.

Andrews, M. (2021), Recognising & Rectifying Reification: Machine Learning & Model-Target Misidentification Keynote Presented at COGNITIO 2021, Université du Québec à Montréal, Québec, C.A.

Refereed Talks & Workshops

**Andrews, M.** (2023), Machine Learning & The Theory-Free Ideal Conference Philosophy of Science of ML, Tübingen, D.E.

Andrews, M. (2021), Assessing the FEP in Scientific Practice Talk Presented at the 5th International Conference on Interactivity, Language & Cognition: Integrating Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in the Cognitive and Language Sciences, Warszawa, P.L.

Andrews, M. (2021), Machine Learning in Scientific Practice: Normative & Descriptive Aims Presented at the CUNY Graduate Center Graduate Conference on Artificial Intelligence, N.Y., N.Y. U.S.A.

Andrews, M. (2021), Machine learning & the scientific method: the case of the Free Energy *Principle* Presented at Digital Studies of Digital Science, Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, B.E. Andrews, M. (2018), A Theory of Representation with Error in Deacon & Bickhard Presented at The Peripatetic Conference for Cognitive Systems Modeling, Małe Ciche, P.L.

Andrews, M. (2018), Mind the (Informational) Gap: Mind, Machine, & the Space in Between Presented at a workshop on Machine Learning and Explanation in Cognitive Science hosted by the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, C.Z.

**Andrews, M.** (2018), Life-mind (dis-)continuities: bridging biological selfhood and biosemiosis. Presented at The 18th Annual Biosemiotics Gathering, Berkeley, C.A.

Andrews, M. (2018), On the subject of evolution: towards a biological basis of subjectivity, selfhood, and agency. Presented at The Science of Consciousness Conference, Tucson, A.Z.

Andrews, M. (2018), Adapting evolution: complexity & culture within a universal Darwinian framework. Presented at The Generalized Theory of Evolution Conference, Düsseldorf, D.E.

Conference Posters

Andrews, M. (2020), Is the FEP Epistemologically Applicable? Presented at POBAM 2020

Andrews, M. (2018), Explanatory limits of blanket assumptions: the free energy principle and Markov blanket models of mind and life. Presented at The Predictive Processing Conference, Medford, M.A.

Feldman, D.H. & Andrews, M. (2018), The dynamic complexity of cultural construction. Presented at the 48th annual meeting of the Jean Piaget Society: The Dynamics of Development: Process, (Inter-)action, & Complexity, Amsterdam, N.L.

Feldman, D. H. & Andrews, M. (2017), Cultural evolution is not evolution. Presented at the Society for the Study of Human Development's 2017 Annual Conference, Providence, R.I.

Andrews, M., Liu, S., & Spelke, E. (2017), Do infants exhibit preferences for rational agents? Presented to the Laboratory for Developmental Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, M.A.

Public Philosophy

Andrews, M. (2023), Philosophy in the Trenches and Laboratory Benches of Science. *The Philosopher.* 

Andrews, M., and Polt, R. (2020), The Philosophers' Touch. ETCetera Journal.

Andrews, M. & Feiten, E. (2018), Conference Report: The Generalized Theory of Evolution, *The Reasoner*, 12(5).

Organization Experience

- 2022 **Conference Co-Organizer**, University of Cincinnati, Machine Learning, Abstract Thought, and the Expanding Reach of A.I.: Ethical and Conceptual Frontiers, Featuring talks by Zachary Lipton, Kathleen Creel, Cameron Buckner, Subbarao Kambhampati, S. Matthew Liao, Mariya Toneva, & Ahmed Elgammal.
- 2019-2021 Organized and ran international reading and working group on mathematical modelling across physics, biology, and neuroscience.
  - 2018 **Conference Co-Organizer**, *Tufts University*, Predictive Processing: A Critical Evaluation of its Prospects, Featuring talks by Daniel Dennett, Lisa Feldman Barrett, Fiery Cushman, Bryce Huebner, Sam Gersham, Krzysztof Dołęga, Rosa Cao, Enoch Lambert, Matteo Colombo, & Philipp Schwartenbeck.
  - 2018 Organizer and Editor with David Sloane Wilson, Special Issue, Reflections on the notion of 'teleology' & 'consciousness' in evolution, Featuring contributions by Massimo Pigliucci, Eva Jablonka & Simona Ginsburg, Lenny Moss, Liane Gabora, Steven Hayes, and Stanley Salthe.

Services to the Field

- 2021-2022 Chair, University of Cincinnati Minorities in Philosophy (MAP) Chapter.
  - 2019 Editor, The Cartesian Semantics of the Port Royal Logic.
  - 2022 Reviewer, The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science (BJPS).
  - 2021 Reviewer, Behavioral & Brain Sciences.
  - 2021 Reviewer, Mind & Language.
  - 2020 Reviewer, Biology & Philosophy.
- $2020,\ 2021,\ {\bf Reviewer},\ Synthese.$

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