

# Matthew Xavier Etchemendy

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## EDUCATION

- 9/09 – 6/16 **Ph.D. Philosophy, Stanford University**, Stanford, CA.  
Areas of study include philosophy of law, metaethics, and ethics. (GPA: 4.0/4.0.)
- 8/08 – 6/12 **J.D., Stanford Law School**, Stanford, CA.  
*Honors:* Gerald Gunther Awards for Outstanding Performance in Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, Federal Courts, Legal Ethics, Modern American Legal Thought, Property, and Torts; Pro Bono Distinction. (GPA n/a.)
- 9/02 – 6/06 **B.S. Symbolic Systems, Stanford University**, Stanford, CA.  
Major studies include computer programming, mathematical logic, complexity theory, psychology, and formal linguistics. (GPA 4.1/4.0; degree conferred with distinction.)
- 9/02 – 6/06 **B.A. Philosophy, Stanford University**, Stanford, CA.  
Major studies include philosophy of mind, metaphysics, formal logic, and medieval philosophy. (GPA 4.1/4.0; degree conferred with departmental honors and distinction.)

## LAW JOURNALS

- 9/10 – 6/11 **Senior Editor**, *Stanford Law Review*.  
9/09 – 9/10 **Editor**, *Stanford Law Review*.  
9/08 – 6/09 **Editor**, *Stanford Technology Law Review*.

## EXPERIENCE

- 8/17 – present **Associate, Vinson & Elkins LLP**, Washington, DC.
- 7/16 – 6/17 **Law and Philosophy Fellow, University of Chicago Law School**, Chicago, IL.
- 7/13 – 7/14 **Law Clerk to Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, Supreme Court of the United States**, Washington, DC.
- 7/12 – 7/13 **Law Clerk to Chief Judge Merrick B. Garland, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit**, Washington, DC.
- 5/09 – 7/09 **Summer Associate, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati**, Palo Alto, CA.
- 4/07 – 5/08 **Community Architect, Coghead Inc.**, Redwood City, CA.
- 11/06 – 3/07 **Director of Analytics and Personalization, Overstock.com**, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 7/06 – 11/06 **Marketing Analyst, Overstock.com**, Salt Lake City, UT.

## PUBLICATIONS

- "American Realism,"** *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*, M. Sellers & S. Kirste eds. (2017).
- "Naturalism in Legal Philosophy,"** co-authored with Brian Leiter, *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Summer 2017 Edition), Edward N. Zalta ed.
- "New Directions in Legal Expressivism,"** *Legal Theory* 22 (2016): 1–21.
- "Speculum animae: Richard Rufus on Perception and Cognition,"** co-authored with Rega Wood, *Franciscan Studies* 69 (2011): 53–140.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

**“Legal Realism and Legal Reality”** (in progress).

**“The Hazards of Influence”** (in progress).

**“Why (and How) Legal Expressivism”** (in progress).

## PRESENTATIONS

5/15/17

**“Legal Realism and Legal Reality,”** Law and Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago Law School.

4/28/17

**“The Hazards of Influence,”** Practical Philosophy Workshop, Northwestern University.

12/13/16

**“Why (and How) Legal Expressivism,”** Workshop on Legal Philosophy, Stanford University.

10/12/16

**“The Hazards of Influence,”** Analytic Philosophy Writing Group, University of Chicago.

6/13/15

**“Notes on the Future of Legal Expressivism,”** Varieties of Agency Research Workshop, Stanford Humanities Center.

5/13/11

**“Bracton and the Foundations of Common Law Jurisprudence”** (with Rega Wood), Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University.

## TEACHING

9/16 – 6/17

Co-Instructor, **Law and Philosophy Workshop** (University of Chicago Law School)

3/15 – 6/15

TA, **Introduction to Philosophy** (Stanford University, Department of Philosophy)

9/14 – 9/14

TA, **Summer Honors College – Ethics in Society, Philosophy, and Religious Studies** (Stanford University)

9/11 – 12/11

TA, **Mind, Matter, and Meaning** (Stanford University, Department of Philosophy)

7/11 – 7/11

TA, **Supreme Court History** (Gilder Lehrman Summer Seminar, Stanford Law School)

1/11 – 3/11

TA, **Constitutional Law** (Stanford Law School)

1/11 – 3/11

TA, **Metaphysics** (Stanford University, Department of Philosophy)

9/10 – 12/10

TA, **Introduction to Moral Philosophy** (Stanford University, Department of Philosophy)

## AREAS OF INTEREST

**Law:** Administrative law, constitutional law, contracts, criminal law, federal courts, jurisprudence, legal realism.

**Philosophy:** Jurisprudence, legal theory, metaethics, normative ethics.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland, 2015; District of Columbia, 2017; U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, 2017.

## LANGUAGES

Intermediate skill in classical and medieval Latin, with experience in paleography.