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Academic Appointments

Australian Catholic University, Institute for Religion & Critical Inquiry
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2016-

Universität Stuttgart, Institut für Philosophie
VolkswagenStiftung Postdoctoral Fellow, 2015-2016

Education

Washington University in St. Louis
Ph.D. Philosophy, August 2015
Dissertation: *Bound to Aim at Good Generally: A Sidgwickian Argument for Rational Impartialism*
Committee: Julia Driver (chair), Eric Brown, Anne Margaret Baxley, Charlie Kurth, Roger Crisp

University of Missouri-St. Louis
M.A. Philosophy, December 2008
Thesis: *In Defense of the Control Principle* (passed with distinction)
Committee: John Brunero (chair), Anna Alexandrova, Eric Wiland

Truman State University
B.A. Philosophy & Religion, English, May 2006

Scottsdale Community College
A.A. General Studies, December 2003

Areas of Specialization

Ethical Theory, History of Ethics, Moral Psychology

Areas of Competence

History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Epistemology, Applied Ethics

Publications

Edited Book

Kantian and Sidgwickian Ethics: The Cosmos of Duty Above and the Moral Law Within, (with Tim Henning),
Routledge (forthcoming).

Journal Articles

True in Word and Deed: Plato on the Impossibility of Divine Deception, (with Nicholas Baima), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (forthcoming).

Of Providence and Puppet Shows: Divine Hiddenness as Kantian Theodicy, *Faith and Philosophy* (forthcoming).

Intrinsic Valuing and the Limits of Justice: Why the Ring of Gyges Matters, (with Nicholas Baima), *Phronesis* (forthcoming).

God's Awful Majesty Before Our Eyes: Kant's Moral Justification for Divine Hiddenness, *Kantian Review* 22:1 (2017) 133-157.

Rational Beings with Emotional Needs: The Patient-Centered Grounds of Kant's Duty of Humanity, *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 32.4 (2015) 353-376.

Sometimes Psychopaths Get it Right: A Utilitarian Response to 'The Mismeasure of Morals', *Utilitas* 26:2 (2014) 178-191.

Book Chapter

Beneficent Governor of the Cosmos: Kant and Sidgwick on the Moral Necessity of God, *Kantian and Sidgwickian Ethics*, T. Paytas and T. Henning eds. Routledge (forthcoming).

Book Reviews

Review of *The Cosmos of Duty: Henry Sidgwick's Methods of Ethics*, by Roger Crisp, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 12:2 (2018) 233-236.

Review of *Preferences and Well-Being*, edited by Serena Olsaretti, *Journal of Value Inquiry* 43:2 (2009) 273-279.

Presentations (* = refereed conference presentation)

Sidgwick's Critique of Deontology: Scrupulous Fairness or Serpent-Windings?

*APA Eastern Division Meeting, comments by David Phillips, Savannah, 2018

*Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Adelaide, 2017

*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress IX, comments by Peter Zuk, University of Colorado, 2016

Be Not Afraid: Reclassifying Fear as Vice

ANU School of Philosophy Seminar, Canberra, 2018

*APA Eastern Division Meeting, comments by Tim Kwiatek, Baltimore, 2017

ACU School of Philosophy Seminar, Melbourne, 2017

Philosophy Colloquium, Universität Stuttgart, 2016

The Cosmos of Reasons: Sidgwickian Ethics and Non-Moral Consequentialism

15th Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies (Invited Sidgwick Panel), Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, 2018

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress X (Invited Sidgwick Symposium), University of Colorado, 2017

Philosophy Colloquium, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, 2017

Of Providence and Puppet Shows: Divine Hiddenness as Kantian Theodicy

ACU IRCI Interdisciplinary Seminar, Melbourne, 2018

Workshop on Divine Hiddenness, Oklahoma State University, 2017

Beneficent Governor of the Cosmos: Kant and Sidgwick on the Moral Necessity of God

Philosophy Colloquium, Murdoch University, 2018
ACU International Conference on Moral Epistemology, Melbourne 2018
Philosophy Colloquium, Oklahoma State University, 2017
Kant-Sidgwick Workshop, Universität Stuttgart, 2016

Intrinsic Valuing and the Limits of Justice: Why the Ring of Gyges Matters

ACU Institute for Religion & Critical Inquiry Seminar, Melbourne, 2018
*APA Central Division Meeting, comments by Daniel Hagen, Chicago, 2014

Between Scylla and Charybdis: Sidgwick's Axioms and the Partial Dualism of Practical Reason

*APA Central Division Meeting (Symposium), comments by Kate Walsh and Yujia Song, Kansas City, 2017
ACU Workshop on Egoism and Altruism, Melbourne, 2017
*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress VIII, comments by Peter Zuk, University of Colorado, 2015
Philosophy Colloquium, Washington University in St. Louis, 2015

Rational Beings with Emotional Needs: The Patient-Centered Grounds of Kant's Duty of Humanity

*APA Pacific Division Meeting, comments by Mavis Biss, Vancouver, 2015
*Pacific Study Group of the North American Kant Society, Stanford University, 2012.
*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress V, comments by Geraldine Ng, University of Colorado, 2012

God's Awful Majesty Before Our Eyes: Kant's Moral Justification for Divine Hiddenness

*British Society for the Philosophy of Religion 11th Conference, Oriel College, Oxford, 2015
*North American Kant Society Midwest Study Group Meeting, Washington University, 2014
*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress VII (poster), University of Colorado, 2014
*APA Pacific Division Meeting, comments by Glenn Ross, San Diego, 2014
*UK Kant Society Annual Conference, Heythrop College, University of London, 2013

Partial Dualism and the No Self-Favoring View

*13th Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Yokohama National University, 2014

Duty, Love, and the *Summum Bonum*: A Kantian Response to the Alienation Objection

*APA Central Division Meeting, comments by Ian Blecher, New Orleans, 2013

I'm Sorry I Cared: The Relationship Between Agency and Apology

18th Annual Graduate Research Symposium (poster), Washington University, 2013
*Florida State University Graduate Conference on Free Will and Moral Responsibility, comments by Taylor Cyr, Tallahassee, 2012

How Should We Feel about Nursing Homes and Camel Thefts?

*Central States Philosophical Association Conference, comments by Phil Zema, University of Missouri, 2012

In Defense of Scalar Consequentialism

*APA Central Division Meeting, comments by Robert Card, Chicago, 2012
*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress IV (poster), University of Colorado, 2011
*Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference, comments by Vincent Herzog, University of Florida, 2011
16th Annual Graduate Research Symposium (poster), Washington University, 2011

Sometimes Psychopaths Get It Right: A Utilitarian Response to ‘The Mismeasure of Morals’

- *12th Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, New York University, 2012
- *38th Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (poster), University of Colorado, 2012

You Really Ought to Use a Cleaver to Kill Jones: The Underspecification of Practical *Oughts*

- *Syracuse University Graduate Philosophy Conference, comments by Travis Timmerman, 2012
- *14th Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, comments by Spencer Case, University of Colorado, 2012

Locating Normativity in Human Rights: A Defense of Naturalistic Theories

- *Central States Philosophical Association Conference, comments by Mark Navin, Wayne State University, 2010

Denying the Independent Moral Significance of Wrongdoing

- *36th Conference on Value Inquiry, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, 2010

Are There Involuntary Sins?

- *St. Louis University Graduate Conference in Philosophy, comments by David Bauman, 2009

The Evolution of an Illusion: How Darwinism Supports Moral Skepticism

- *Society for Student Philosophers Panel at APA Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, 2009
- *St. Louis University Graduate Conference in Philosophy, comments by James McCollum, 2008

An Irreplaceable Delusion: In Defense of Beattie’s Consolation Argument

- *Society for Student Philosophers Panel at APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, 2009
- Philosophy Colloquium, Lincoln University of Missouri, 2008

Acknowledged Desire Fulfillment Theory

- *Group Meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World at APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, 2008
- *34th Conference on Value Inquiry, Adrian College, Michigan, 2007

In Defense of the Harm Principle

- *Society for Student Philosophers Annual Conference, University of Texas, Austin, 2008
- Philosophy Colloquium, University of Missouri – St. Louis, 2008

Can We Desire Future Agony? A Response to Parfit’s Critique of Desire Theories

- *Annual Meeting of the Ohio Philosophical Association, Denison University, Granville, 2008
- *35th Conference on Value Inquiry, College of New Jersey, 2008

Invited Commentaries

Jonathan Wolff, Beyond Good and Evil: Moral Disagreement, Social Policy, and Harm Reduction, ACU Seminar on Moral Disagreement, Rome, 2018

Samuel Asarnow, Internal Reasons and the Boy Who Cried Wolf, Saint Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, 2015

Per-Erik Milam, At Enmity with Unreality: Is Abolitionism Self-Defeating?, APA Central Division Meeting, St. Louis, 2015

Errol Lord, Bad for Herself and for Others: The Vices of a Consequentialist Character, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress VII, University of Colorado, 2014

Aaron Elliot, Reasons Without Persons: The Commitments of Non-Ontological Status, Central States Philosophical Association Conference, Tulsa, 2013

E.M. Dadlez, Make-Believe Wickedness v. Wicked Making-Believe, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress VI, University of Colorado, 2013

Brian Hedden, Options and the Subjective *Ought*, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress IV, University of Colorado, 2011

Mihailis E. Diamantis, Moral Gambling: Solving The Problem of Moral Luck, The Ohio State University Philosophy Graduate Conference, Columbus, 2008

Honors and Awards

- VolkswagenStiftung Workshop Grant (8,500 €): 2016
- Pacific APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend: 2014, 2015
- North American Kant Society Regional Graduate Essay Prize: 2014 (Midwest), 2012 (Pacific)
- International Society for Utilitarian Studies Travel Bursary: 2014
- Central APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend: 2012, 2013, 2014
- Helen Stenner Memorial Essay Prize (best graduate student essay), Department of Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis: 2012 (1st prize), 2013 (runner-up)
- Analysis Trust Bursary for UK Kant Society Presentation: 2013
- 2nd Prize, Graduate Research Symposium (Humanities), Washington University in St. Louis: 2011
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award (inaugural award), Department of Philosophy, UM-St. Louis: 2008
- 1st Prize, Graduate Research Fair (Humanities), UM-St. Louis: 2008
- President's Honorary Academic Scholarship, Truman State University: 2004-2006
- Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll: 2005
- All-Academic Award (Football), Scottsdale Community College Athletics Department: 2003

Teaching Certificates and Honors

- Teaching Citation, The Teaching Center at Washington University: 2014
- Certificate in University Teaching, UM-St. Louis Center for Teaching and Learning: 2008
- Ben Floyd-Clapman Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Philosophy, Washington University: 2013
- Senior Teaching Assistant Nomination, UM-St. Louis Center for Teaching & Learning: 2007, 2008

Teaching

Washington University in St. Louis

Primary Instructor

Environmental Ethics
Business Ethics (two sections)
Biomedical Ethics
Problems in Philosophy
Present Moral Problems

Teaching Assistant

Philosophy of Language, with Gillian Russell
Environmental Ethics, with Brian Talbot
Introduction to Logic, with John Heil
Philosophy of Mind, with Elizabeth Schechter
Present Moral Problems, with Julia Driver
Biomedical Ethics, with Emily Crookston
Present Moral Problems, with David Speetzen
Biomedical Ethics, with John Doris

Johns Hopkins University – Center for Talented Youth

Primary Instructor

Logic: Principles of Reasoning
Philosophy (two sections)
Ethics
Bioethics (two sections)

Teaching Assistant

Ethics, with Vahé Shirikjan
Philosophy, with Karl Hein

Lindenwood University (St. Charles, MO)

Primary Instructor

Ethics (two sections)

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Primary Instructor

Major Questions in Philosophy
Business Ethics (two sections - online)
Approaches to Ethics
Significant Figures in Philosophy (two sections - online)

Teaching Assistant

Philosophy of Religion, with Irem Kurtsal Steen
Major Questions in Philosophy, with Andrew Black
Logic and Language, with Stephanie Ross

Professional Service

- Referee: *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Society for Student Philosophers
- Volunteer Instructor: PEiPL “Adventures in Ideas” philosophy workshops for 7th graders, La Trobe University: 2018
- Organizer, Institute for Religion & Critical Inquiry reading group, Australian Catholic University: 2017-present
- Organizer, ACU International Conference on Moral Epistemology, Australian Catholic University: 2018
- Organizer, The Cosmos of Duty Above and the Moral Law Within: A Workshop on Sidgwick and Kant, University of Stuttgart: 2016
- Student Representative, Committee of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies: 2014-2016
- Bioethics Curriculum Mentor, Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth: 2011-2016
- Graduate Council Representative, Arts & Sciences: Washington University: 2014-2015
- Organizer, metaethics reading group, Washington University: 2014-2015
- Organizer, North American Kant Society Midwest Study Group Meeting: 2014
- Graduate Student Association President, Philosophy Graduate Program, Washington University: 2012-2013
- Peer Mentor, Philosophy Graduate Program, Washington University: 2011-2012
- Editorial Assistant, *The Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*: 2009-2011

Affiliations

Australasian Association for Philosophy
American Philosophical Association
International Society for Utilitarian Studies
North American Kant Society

References

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