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Academic Appointments

Australian Catholic University, Dianoia Institute of Philosophy

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*

Committee: John Brunero (chair), Anna Alexandrova, Eric Wiland

Truman State University

B.A. Philosophy & Religion, English, May 2006

Areas of Specialization

Ethics, History of Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Religion, Epistemology, Applied Ethics

Publications

Books

Plato's Pragmatism: Rethinking the Relationship between Ethics and Epistemology (with Nicholas Baima), Routledge (under contract).

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

Articles and Chapters

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

'Righteous Ruler of the Cosmos: Kant and Sidgwick on the Moral Necessity of God', *Kantian and Sidgwickian Ethics*, T. Paytas and T. Henning eds. Routledge (forthcoming).

‘Of Providence and Puppet Shows: Divine Hiddenness as Kantian Theodicy’, *Faith and Philosophy* 36:1 (2019) 56-80.

‘Intrinsic Valuing and the Limits of Justice: Why the Ring of Gyges Matters’, (with Nicholas Baima), *Phronesis* 64:1 (2019) 1-9.

‘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 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.

Selected Presentations (* = refereed conference presentation)

Blame and De-Moralizing Ethical Theory (with Roger Crisp and Richard Rowland)

KIT Philosophy Research Seminar, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, 2019
Dianoia Rome Seminar on De-Moralizing Ethics, ACU Rome Campus, 2019

Non-Moral Consequentialism

Ethical Impartialism: Contemporary Perspectives, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, 2019
*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XII, comments by Robbie Kubala, University of Colorado, 2019

Be Not Afraid: Reclassifying Fear as Vice

KIT Philosophy Colloquium Series, 2019
Melbourne Postgraduate Philosophy Workshop (keynote lecture), University of Melbourne, 2019
ANU School of Philosophy Seminar, Canberra, 2018
*APA Eastern Division Meeting, comments by Tim Kwiatek, Baltimore, 2017

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

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

Righteous Ruler 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

Of Providence and Puppet Shows: Divine Hiddenness as Kantian Theodicy

ACU Philosophy-Religion Interdisciplinary Seminar, Melbourne, 2018
Workshop on Divine Hiddenness, Oklahoma State University, 2017

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

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
*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

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

How Should We Feel about Nursing Homes and Camel Thefts?

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

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

Selected Commentaries

Christopher Woodard, *Taking Utilitarianism Seriously*, Erlangen Consequentialism Workshop, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, 2019

Julia Annas, ‘Virtuous People and Moral Reasons’, Dianoia Rome Seminar on De-Moralizing Ethics, ACU Rome Campus, 2019

Jonathan Wolff, ‘Beyond Good and Evil: Moral Disagreement, Social Policy, and Harm Reduction’, Dianoia Rome Seminar on Moral Disagreement, ACU Rome Campus, 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

Grants and Awards

- Australia-Germany Joint Research Co-operation Grant, “The Philosophical History of Ethical Impartialism” (\$17,400): 2018
- VolkswagenStiftung Workshop Grant, “The Cosmos of Duty Above and the Moral Law Within” (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)
- 2nd Prize, Graduate Research Symposium (Humanities), Washington University in St. Louis: 2011
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Department of Philosophy, UM-St. Louis: 2008
- 1st Prize, Graduate Research Fair (Humanities), UM-St. Louis: 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

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

Public Engagement

‘Vegan activists using direct action should rethink their approach’, *ABC News* (Australia), 2018,
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-07-08/vegans-turning-aussies-off-veganism/9944244>

‘Is it time for Australia to be more open about research involving animals?’, *The Conversation*, 2018,
<https://theconversation.com/is-it-time-for-australia-to-be-more-open-about-research-involving-animals-103439>

Interview on ABC Radio National, *The Philosopher’s Zone*, 2 Dec 2018, ‘The vice of fear’,
<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/philosopherszone/the-vice-of-fear/10566464>

Interview on ABC Radio National, *God Forbid*, 15 Jul 2018, ‘Are animals friends or food?’,
<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/godforbid/past-programs/subjects/index=animal-welfare>

Professional Service

- Referee: *Analysis*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *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
- Co-organizer, Ethical Impartialism: Contemporary Perspectives, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology: 2019
- Organizer, Dianoia Rome Seminar on De-Moralizing Ethical Theory, ACU Rome Campus: 2019
- Organizer, Institute for Religion & Critical Inquiry reading group, Australian Catholic University: 2017-2019
- Co-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
- Co-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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Teaching References

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