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### EMPLOYMENT

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, Fall 2017-  
Research Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Core Faculty Member in the UNC/Duke Program in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

### EDUCATION

**University of Arizona**  
Ph.D., Philosophy, 2017

**Brandeis University**  
M.A., Philosophy, 2010

**Wheaton College** (Norton, MA)  
B.A., Philosophy, 2009

### AREAS OF INTEREST

AOS Ethics, Metaethics

AOC Metaphysics, Epistemology, Political Philosophy, Applied Ethics

### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Winner, Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics, 2017

Visiting Fellow, Harvard University, 2017

Emil R. Riesen and Austin H. Riesen Graduate Prize for Best Essay, 2016

Templeton Research Assistant Fellowship, 2015–2016

William H. Fink Prize for Overall Outstanding Graduate Student, 2015

Thomas W. Smith Fellowship, 2014–2015

### PUBLICATIONS

“Fitting Love and Reasons for Loving,” in *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics*, vol. 8, ed. Mark Timmons (Oxford University Press, provisionally forthcoming).

“The Fundamentality of Fit,” in *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, vol. 14, ed. Russ Shafer-Landau (Oxford University Press, forthcoming). *Winner of the Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics*.

“Fittingness,” commissioned by *Philosophy Compass*.

“Review of *Expressing Our Attitudes: Explanation and Expression in Ethics, Volume II*, by Mark Schroeder,” *Ethics* 127, no. 3 (2017).

“Transparency and the Ethics of Belief,” *Philosophical Studies* 173, no. 5 (2016).

“In Defense of the Wrong Kind of Reason,” *Thought* 5, no. 1 (2016).

“Descriptive Names and Singular Thought” (with Marga Reimer), in *Mental Files and Singular Thought*, ed. Rachel Goodman (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

## PRESENTATIONS

### *Talks*

- “Fitting Love and Reasons for Loving”  
Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics 1/2018  
Chapel Hill Value Theory Workshop 8/2017  
Humboldt-Southampton Normativity Conference, Southampton 6/2017
- “Weighing Epistemic and Practical Reasons for Belief”  
SHAPE, MIT 5/2017  
Centre de Recherche en Éthique, Université de Montréal 4/2017  
Talk-Shop, Philosophy Department, Harvard University 4/2017
- “The Fundamentality of Fit”  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop 9/2017  
Stanford University, Philosophy Department Colloquium 2/2017  
British Society for Ethical Theory Conference, Cardiff University 7/2016  
Edinburgh Foundations of Normativity Workshop 6/2016  
Nebraska Practical Reason and Metaethics Conference 4/2016  
Southampton Conference on Epistemic and Practical Normativity 9/2015  
Arché, Visiting Speaker, University of St. Andrews 6/2015
- “Wrong Kind of Reason Skepticism and the Transmission of Reasons”  
Eastern APA, Colloquium Session, Washington, D.C. 1/2016
- “In Defense of the Wrong Kind of Reason”  
USC-UCLA Graduate Conference, UCLA 3/2015  
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress VII, UC-Boulder 8/2014  
Understanding Value III, University of Sheffield 7/2014
- “Transparency and the Ethics of Belief”  
Graduate Epistemology Conference, University of Edinburgh 6/2014  
Northwestern-Notre Dame Epistemology Conference 4/2014
- “Many-Worlds and the Principal Principle”  
Society for Exact Philosophy, McMaster University 5/2015  
Central APA, Colloquium Session, Chicago, IL 2/2014
- “Mental Agency Doesn’t Matter: A Defense of Metaethics”  
Conference on Reasons and Reasoning, Georgetown University 4/2013

### *Commentary*

- Comments on Garrett Cullity’s “Reasons and Fit”  
St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality 5/2016
- Invited Commentator-At-Large  
Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference 11/2015
- Comments on Jeremy Schwartz and Joel Velasco’s “The Hypothetical Imperative as a Rule of Practical Inference”  
St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality 5/2015

Comments on Ulrike Heuer's "Two Kinds of Wrong Reasons"  
Southampton Workshop on Epistemic and Practical Normativity 1/2015

## TEACHING

### Instructor

Capstone Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics: (In)equality, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Fall 2017  
Bioethics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Fall 2017  
Contemporary Moral Problems, University of Arizona, Summer 2016  
The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation, University of Arizona, Summer 2015  
Neuroethics, University of Arizona, Fall 2014  
Moral Thinking, University of Arizona, Summer 2014  
Philosophy of Happiness, University of Arizona, Summers 2012, 2013

### Teaching Assistant/Fellow

Ancient Ethics and Modern Morality (Doyle), Harvard University, Spring 2017  
Philosophical Perspectives on the Individual (Nichols), University of Arizona, Fall 2015  
The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation (Wall), University of Arizona, Spring 2014  
Philosophical Perspectives on the Individual (Nichols), University of Arizona, Fall 2013  
Contemporary Moral Problems (Gill), University of Arizona, Spring 2013  
Philosophical Perspectives on the Individual (Nichols), University of Arizona, Fall 2012  
Personal Morality (Timmons), University of Arizona, Fall 2011  
Topics in Ethical Theory: Sources of Normativity (Smiley), Brandeis University, Fall 2010  
War and Morality (Smiley), Brandeis University, Spring 2010  
Introduction to Ethics (Smiley), Brandeis University, Fall 2009

## EDITORIAL WORK

Editorial Assistant, *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics*, vols. 5 & 7.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

Referee for *Philosophical Studies* (x4), *Philosophical Papers* (x2), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*  
Research Assistant, Selim Berker, Harvard University Spring 2017  
Invited Participant, Summer Seminar in Moral Phenomenology, CEU June 2015  
Events Coordinator, Center for the Philosophy of Freedom 2014-2015  
Co-founder, Graduate Student Climate Committee, University of Arizona 2014  
Co-founder, Normativity Research Group, University of Arizona 2014  
Graduate Student Representative, University of Arizona 2013-2014  
Co-organizer, Brandeis University Graduate Philosophy Conference 2010

## REFERENCES

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