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Employment

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

Areas of Specialization

Normative Ethics, Metaethics

Areas of Competence

Political Philosophy, Epistemology, Applied Ethics

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy (distinction), University of Arizona, 2017
M.A., Philosophy, Brandeis University, 2011
B.A., Philosophy, Wheaton College (Norton, MA), 2009

Publications

- "Fitting Love and Reasons for Loving"
Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics, vol. 8, forthcoming
- "The Fundamentality of Fit"
Oxford Studies in Metaethics, vol. 14, forthcoming
*Winner of the Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics
- "Normativity: Some Current Issues and Perspectives" (with Alex Worsnip)
Introduction to *Philosophical Studies* special issue, forthcoming
- "Fittingness"
Philosophy Compass, forthcoming
- "Review of Mark Schroeder's *Expressing Our Attitudes*"
Ethics 127, no. 3, 2017
- "In Defense of the Wrong Kind of Reason"
Thought 5, no. 1, 2016
- "Transparency and the Ethics of Belief"
Philosophical Studies 173, no. 5, 2016

Edited Collections

Selected Papers from the 2019 Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop
Special issue of *Philosophical Studies* (co-edited with Alex Worsnip), forthcoming

Honors and Fellowships

Teaching Recognition, Office of Undergraduate Retention, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2018
For “support and dedication” in undergraduate teaching

Visiting Fellow, Harvard University, 2017

Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics, 2017

\$10,000 prize for winning essay competition open to scholars within fifteen years of receiving a PhD; essay appears in *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*

Emil R. Riesen and Austin H. Riesen Prize, University of Arizona, 2016

\$1,500 prize for “best essay by a graduate student”

William H. Fink Prize, University of Arizona, 2015

\$1,500 prize awarded to the “overall outstanding graduate student”

Presentations

“The Politics of Envy”

Third Annual PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 3/2019

“Consequentialism and Constraints”

Junior Metaethics Workshop, Shenandoah, VA, 11/2018

Chapel Hill PPE Workshop, 8/2018

“Fitting Love and Reasons for Loving”

Invited Talk, Boston University Ethics Seminar, 4/2018

Invited Talk, Durham University, 3/2018

Invited Talk, University of Leeds, 2/2018

Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics (WiNE), 1/2018

Humboldt-Southampton Normativity Conference, 6/2017

“Weighing Epistemic and Practical Reasons for Belief”

SHAPE, MIT, 5/2017

Invited Talk, Université de Montréal, 4/2017

Talk-Shop, Philosophy Department, Harvard, 4/2017

“The Fundamentality of Fit”

12th Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop, 9/2017

Invited Talk, Stanford University, 2/2017

British Society for Ethical Theory Conference, 7/2016

Edinburgh Foundations of Normativity Workshop, 6/2016

Nebraska Practical Reason and Metaethics Conference, 4/2016

Southampton Normativity Conference, 9/2015

Arché, Visiting Speaker, University of St. Andrews, 6/2015

“Wrong Kind of Reason Skepticism and the Transmission of Reasons”
Eastern APA, Colloquium, 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, 6/2015
Northwestern-Notre Dame Epistemology Conference, 4/2014

“Mental Agency Doesn’t Matter: A Defense of Metaethics”
Conference on Reasons and Reasoning, Georgetown, 4/2013

Comments

Invited Participant-At-Large
Workshop in Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis, 10/2018

Garrett Cullity, “Reasons and Fit”
St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, 5/2016

Hrishikesh Joshi, “What’s the Matter with Huck Finn?”
Pacific APA, Colloquium, San Francisco, CA, 3/2016

Invited Commentator-At-Large
Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference, 11/2015

Jeremy Schwartz and Joel Velasco, “The Hypothetical Imperative as a Rule of Practical Inference”
St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, 5/2015

Ulrike Heuer, “Two Kinds of Wrong Reasons”
Southampton Normativity Workshop, 1/2015

Teaching

Morality and Business, Fall 2018, UNC (introductory undergraduate)

Bioethics, Fall 2018, UNC (introductory undergraduate)

Capstone Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics: Inequality, Spring 2018, UNC
(advanced undergraduate)

Philosophical Perspectives on Justice, Spring 2018, UNC (intermediate undergraduate)

Bioethics, Fall 2017, UNC (introductory undergraduate)

Capstone Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics: Inequality, Fall 2017, UNC
(advanced undergraduate)

Contemporary Moral Problems, Summer 2016, Arizona (intermediate undergraduate)

The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation, Summer 2015, Arizona (intermediate
undergraduate)

Neuroethics, Fall 2014, Arizona (advanced undergraduate)

Moral Thinking, Summer 2014, Arizona (intermediate undergraduate)

Professional Activities, Outreach, and Service

Referee (often multiple times) for *Philosophical Review*; *Mind*; *Ethics*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*; *Synthese*; Humboldt-Southampton Normativity Conference

Assistant Coach and Consultant, North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl, Fall 2018-

Co-organizer, Junior Metaethics Workshop, Fall 2018

Discussion Group Leader, Carol Woods Retirement Community, Chapel Hill, NC, Fall 2018-

Volunteer Editor Assistant, Diversity Reading List in Philosophy, Spring 2018-

LGBTQ+ Safe Zone Ally Training, UNC-Chapel Hill, Spring 2018

Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl, UNC-Chapel Hill, Spring 2018

Co-organizer, Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop, UNC-Chapel Hill, Spring 2018, 2019

Research Assistant, Selim Berker, Harvard University, Spring 2017

Events Coordinator, Center for Philosophy of Freedom, University of Arizona, 2014-2015

Co-founder, Graduate Student Climate Committee, University of Arizona, Fall 2014

Graduate Student Representative, University of Arizona, 2013-2014

References

Available on request