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Academic Appointments

2018 - Associate Professor of Philosophy, Syracuse University
2011- 2018 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Syracuse University
2014-15 External Faculty Fellow, Center for Ethics and Public Affairs at the Murphy Institute, Tulane University

Education

2011 PhD, Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh
2003 MA (Scottish 4-year undergraduate degree, first class honors), Philosophy, University of Glasgow, UK

Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Action

Areas of Competence

Political Philosophy, History of Ethics

Publications

Edited Book:

1. *Internal Reasons: Contemporary Readings*, with Kieran Setiya. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2012.
<https://mitpress.mit.edu/books/internal-reasons>

Articles:

2. Doubts about “Genuinely Normative” Epistemic Reasons. In *Metaepistemology*, ed. Whiting, D., Way, J. & McHugh, C. Oxford: Oxford University Press (2019).
<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/metaepistemology-9780198805366?cc=us&lang=en&>
3. Doing Away with the “Shmagency” Objection to Constitutivism. *Manuscripto* 41 (4):431-480 (2018). Special issue on Agency & Rationality, ed. Sergio Tenenbaum & David Horst.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1590/0100-6045.2018.v41n4.hp>
4. The “Just Too Different” Objection to Normative Naturalism. *Philosophy Compass* 13 (2):1-13 (2018). <https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12473>
5. Internalism and Externalism about Reasons. In *The Oxford Handbook of Reasons and Normativity*, ed. Daniel Star. Oxford: Oxford University Press (2018).
<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-oxford-handbook-of-reasons-and-normativity-9780199657889?cc=us&lang=en&>
6. Can There Be Government House Reasons for Action? *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 12:56-93 (2017). <https://doi.org/10.26556/jesp.v12i1.213>

7. Normativity and Agency. In *Routledge Handbook of Metaethics*, ed. Tristram McPherson & David Plunkett. Routledge (2017). <https://www.routledge.com/The-Routledge-Handbook-of-Metaethics/McPherson-Plunkett/p/book/9781138812208>
8. Vindicating Practical Norms: Metasemantic Strategies. *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, Vol. 9, ed. Russ Shafer-Landau. Oxford: Oxford University Press (2014). <http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780198709299.001.0001/acprof-9780198709299>

Book Reviews:

9. Review of Skorupski, J. *The Domain of Reasons* (Oxford University Press). *Utilitas* 26: 480-483 (2014).
10. Review of *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, Vol. 7, ed. Russ Shafer-Landau, Oxford: Oxford University Press. *Ethics* 123: 784-789 (2013).

Papers in Progress

1. 'Metanormative Constructivism as Non-Reductive Perspectivalism' (R&R)
2. 'Justification-Generating Inferences' (R&R)
3. 'Practical Inferences', invited contribution to a *Festschrift* on Risto Hilpinen's work, eds. Paul McNamara, Mark Brown, and Andrew Jones. Springer, *Synthese Library - Studies in Epistemology, Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science*.
4. 'What Ryle's Regress Does and Doesn't Show'
5. 'What is Normative Authority?'
6. 'Against the Humean Theory of Motivation'
7. Review of *The Value of Rationality* by Ralph Wedgwood (for *The Journal of Philosophy*)

Book in Progress

1. *Natural Reasons through Virtue*. Argues that normative reasons for action can be naturalized, because what it is to be such a reason is to be a certain kind of premise in virtuous deliberation, where virtue is naturalistically understood.

Presentations

1. 'Natural Reasons through Virtue', Symposium on Normative Naturalism, Central APA 2019. Invited.
2. 'Natural Reasons through Virtue', Colloquium talk at Tufts, Boston. Feb 2019. Invited.
3. Comments on Ben Lennertz, 'Probabilism without Arguments,' Creighton Club, Nov 2018.
4. Comments on Ritwik Agrawal, "'Pain is Bad' Cannot Save Moral Realism', Central States Philosophical Association, Oct 2018. Invited.
5. Comments on *Contrastive Reasons*, 35-minute commentary at Author-Meets-Critics session on Justin Snedegar's *Contrastive Reasons* (Oxford University Press), Pacific APA 2018. Invited.
6. 'Justification-Generating Inferences', NYU Abu Dhabi Workshop on Normativity and Reasoning, Jan 2017. Invited.
7. 'Justification-Generating Inferences', SEW (Syracuse Ethics Workshop), Feb 2017.
8. 'Metanormative Constructivism as Non-Reductive Perspectivalism', NOISE (New Orleans Invitational Seminar in Ethics), Feb 2017. Invited.
9. 'Metanormative Constructivism as Non-Reductive Perspectivalism', CNY Ethics Reading Group, University of Rochester, Oct 2016.
10. 'Metanormative Constructivism as Non-reductive Perspectivalism', Dartmouth Workshop

- on Ethics and Practical Reason, April 2016. Invited.
11. 'What Ryle's Regress Does and Doesn't Show', Canadian Society for Epistemology conference, Montreal, Canada, Nov 2015. Submitted.
 12. 'Can There Be Government House Reasons for Action?', SLACRR 2015 (St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality), St. Louis, May 2015. Submitted.
 13. Comments on Justin D'Arms & Dan Jacobson, 'Fittingness for Sentimentalists', NOISE (New Orleans Invitational Seminar in Ethics), March 2015. Invited.
 14. 'Can There Be Government House Reasons for Action?', CEPA Seminar at Murphy Institute, Tulane University, Feb 2015. Invited.
 15. Comments on Andrew Forcehimes, 'Normative Naturalism and the Wrong Type of Reasons Problem', Central APA, Feb 2015. Invited.
 16. 'Can There Be Government House Reasons for Action?', NYU Abu Dhabi Workshop on Normativity and Reasoning, Jan 2015. Invited.
 17. Comments on Ruth Chang, 'Transformative Choices', *Res Philosophica* conference on Transformative Experiences, Saint Louis University, Sep 2014. Invited.
 18. 'Eudaimonistic Virtue Ethics Need Be neither Objectionably Egoistic nor Objectionably Self-Effacing: A Response to Hurka', CNY Ethics Summer Retreat, Aug 2014.
 19. Comments on Kathryn Lindeman, 'Saving Constitutivism (from Constitutivists)', 2014 Midsummer Philosophy Workshop, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, July 2014. Invited.
 20. 'How Constitutivism Works', Princeton Workshop in Normative Philosophy, at Princeton University Center for Human Values, March 2014. Invited.
 21. 'Normativity Can Be Naturalized', Central APA symposium 'Can Normativity Be Naturalized?', Feb 2014. Invited.
 22. Comments on David Papineau, 'Normativity and Epistemic Practice', Epistemic and Practical Normativity Workshop, UNC - Chapel Hill, Nov 2013. Invited.
 23. 'What is Normative Authority?', Colloquium talk at Cornell University, Oct 2013. Invited.
 24. 'What is Categorical Authority?', University of Vermont ethics reading group, July 2013. Invited.
 25. 'What is Categorical Authority?', Internal Keynote for Syracuse University graduate philosophy conference, April 2013. Invited.
 26. 'What is Categorical Authority?', NYU Abu Dhabi workshop on Normativity and Reasoning, Jan 2013. Invited.
 27. 'Vindicating Practical Norms', 9th Annual Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop, Sept 2012. Submitted.
 28. 'How Constitutivism Works', Boston University, ethics reading group, April 2012. Invited.
 29. Comments on Matjaž Potrč and Vojko Strahovnik, 'Moral Reasons and Generalities', 4th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, Aug 2011. Invited.
 30. 'Autonomy and Contingency', Syracuse University, Feb 2011. Invited.
 31. 'Autonomy and Contingency', UCLA, Jan 2011. Invited.
 32. 'Autonomy and Contingency', Dartmouth College, Jan 2011. Invited.
 33. Comments on John Ku & Howard Nye, 'The Internalist Manifesto', Pitt-CMU Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 2006. Invited.
 34. Comments on Chandra Sekhar Sripada, 'The Nature of Moral Norms: A Lewisian Approach', Pitt-CMU Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 2004. Invited.
 35. 'Judgement, Rightness and Reasons: Against Moral Particularism', 12th Annual Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 2004. Submitted.

Awards and Fellowships

1. External Faculty Fellowship at the Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, Murphy Institute, Tulane University, 2014-15.
2. Wihuri Foundation grant (Finnish private foundation supporting Arts & Sciences), 2011. Interrupted August 2011 due to starting work at Syracuse University.
3. Wihuri Foundation grant (Finnish private foundation supporting Arts & Sciences), 2009-10.
4. Departmental Research Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh, 2007-8.
5. Departmental Research Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh, 2005-6.
6. Andrew W. Mellon Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2003-4.
7. James Knox Moral Philosophy Prize, University of Glasgow, 2002.
8. Thomas G. Holt Logic Prize, University of Glasgow, 2002.

Teaching

Graduate:

Courses:

1. Motivation (Syracuse), Spring 2019.
2. Constructivism in Metaethics (Syracuse), Fall 2017.
3. Knowing How (with Kim Frost) (Syracuse), Fall 2015.
4. Autonomy (with Ken Baynes) (Syracuse), Fall 2013.
5. Varieties of Naturalism in Metaethics (Syracuse), Spring 2013.
6. Proseminar in Moral and Political Philosophy (Syracuse), Fall 2012, Spring 2017.
7. Internal Reasons (Syracuse), Fall 2011.

Independent Studies:

1. Practical Identity (Syracuse), Spring 2019. Student: Rose Bell (+Carolyn Garland Audit)
2. Realism v. Anti-Realism in Metaethics (Syracuse), Fall 2018. Student: Joshua Tignor.
3. Ethical Anti-Theory (Syracuse), Spring 2018. Student: Huzeyfe Demirtas.
4. Topics in Metaethics (Syracuse), Spring 2014. Student: Preston Werner.
5. The Nature of Normativity (Syracuse), Fall 2013. Student: Teresa Bruno Nino.
6. Contemporary Topics in Ethics (Syracuse), Spring 2012. Students: Travis Timmerman, Yishai Cohen, Ted Towner.

Undergraduate:

Intermediate / Advanced:

1. Stem Cells & Society (Syracuse), Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019.
2. Contemporary Ethics (Syracuse), Fall 2013, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2018.
3. Epistemology (Syracuse), Fall 2012, Spring 2016, Fall 2018.

Introductory:

1. Introduction to Moral Theory (Syracuse), Spring 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018.
2. Introduction to Ethics (Pittsburgh), Fall 2008, Spring 2009.
3. History of Ancient Philosophy (Pittsburgh), Summer 2009.
4. Introduction to Logic (Pittsburgh), Summer 2005.

As Teaching Assistant:

1. Introduction to Logic (Pittsburgh) Fall 2010, Fall 2006.
2. Introduction to Philosophy (Pittsburgh), Spring 2007, Fall 2004.
3. Political Philosophy (Pittsburgh), Spring 2005.

Graduate Supervision and Mentoring

Dissertation co-chair:

Nicole Dular

Dissertation committees:

David Bzdak, Joel Brown, Aaron Wolf, Ryan Hubbard, Amy Massoud, Kirsten Egerstrom, Travis Timmerman, Sean Clancy, Preston Werner, Teresa Bruno Nino (ongoing).

Clarification committees:

Ryan Hubbard, Kirsten Egerstrom, Amy Massoud, Sean Clancy, Travis Timmerman, Teresa Bruno Nino, Nicole Dular, Ted Towner, Preston Werner, Nikki Fortier

Special Paper advisees:

Sean Clancy, Nicole Dular, Teresa Bruno, Ted Towner, Josh Tignor

Special Paper committees:

Kirsten Egerstrom, Amy Massoud, Nicole Dular, Preston Werner, Ted Towner, Nikki Fortier, Jason Cole Singletary

Teaching mentees:

Kirsten Egerstrom (Spring-Fall 2013, Spring-Fall 2014), Nicole Dular (Spring 2014, Spring 2017), Lorenza D'Angelo (Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017), Thiago DeMelo (Fall 2015), Maddie Eller (Spring 2016), Aaron Arinder (Fall 2016, Spring 2017), Joshua Tignor (Fall 2016), Huzeyfe Demirtas (Fall 2017), Ben Cook (Fall 2017), Stacy Kohls (Fall 2018), Kellan Head (Fall 2018).

Faculty mentor for:

Teresa Bruno Nino, Jags Singh, Stacy Kohls, Kellan Head

Undergraduate Supervision and Mentoring

Undergraduate Thesis committees:

Karina Espino, History

Service to the Department and University

1. Director, Planning Process for the new Integrated Learning Major in Health Humanities. AY 2018-19.
2. Departmental Women's Group mentor, 2011 - present.
3. CNY Ethics Reading Group founder and organizer, 2013 - 2017.
4. Junior Faculty Search Committee member, Philosophy Department, Syracuse University, AY 2017-18.
5. Gutttag Professor of Ethics and Political Philosophy Search Committee member, Syracuse University, 2011-12.
6. SPAWN 2012 (Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network) co-organizer.
7. ABD workshop organizer, Philosophy Department, Syracuse University, AY 2011-12, AY 2016-17, AY 2017-18, AY 2018-19.

8. Departmental Executive Committee member, AY 2012-13, AY 2016-17, AY 2017-18, AY 2018-19.
9. Departmental Colloquium Series co-organizer, Syracuse University, AY 2012-13.
10. Summer Advisor for incoming freshmen, Syracuse University, May-June 2013.
11. Junior Faculty Search Committee member, Philosophy Department, University of Pittsburgh, 2008-9.
12. University of Pittsburgh Graduate Council member, 2006-8.
13. Philosophy Department Representative for the University of Pittsburgh Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Organization (A&S GSO), 2004-7.

Service to the Profession

1. Associate Editor, *The Journal of Ethics* (Nov 2018 -)
2. Associate Editor, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (Jan 2019 -)
3. Occasional referee for:
Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Journal of Social Philosophy, European Journal of Analytic Philosophy, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Oxford Studies in Metaethics, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Quarterly, Res Philosophica, Philosophia, Ethics, Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, Analytic Philosophy, Journal of Value Inquiry, Mind, Noûs, Synthese, Ergo, Philosophical Papers
4. Book proposal referee for Wiley-Blackwell (x1), Oxford University Press (x1)
5. Book manuscript referee for Oxford University Press (x1)
6. Associate editor for PEA Soup blog (2013-present)
7. Member, APA subcommittee for the Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession (2014-15)
8. Invited chair or invited participant at various conferences (e.g. NYU Abu Dhabi Workshop on Normativity and Reasoning, Jan 2019; The Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop, Dec 2017, Dec 2018; The 42nd Oberlin Colloquium in Philosophy, May 2017; The 12th annual Madison Metaethics Workshop, Sep 2017; The 13th Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop, Sep 2018; New Orleans Invitational Seminar in Ethics, Feb 2016, March 2017, Feb 2018; The 3rd Annual Workshop for Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy, Syracuse University, Sep 2015.)