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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Southern California August 2015
Dissertation: The Mental States First Theory of Promising

B.A. in Philosophy, The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) May 2008

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Southern Methodist University Fall 2021 – present

Assistant Professor, Southern Methodist University Fall 2018 – Summer 2021

Assistant Professor, University of Indianapolis Fall 2016 – Spring 2018

Postdoctoral Fellow, Rotman Institute of Philosophy, Western Univ. (Ontario) Fall 2015 – Summer 2016

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics (Normative Ethics, Practical Reasoning, and Bioethics)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Meta-Ethics; Applied Ethics; Feminist Philosophy; Philosophy of Law

PUBLICATIONS

1. “The Mental States First Theory of Promising.” (forthcoming) *dialectica*
2. “Sexual Exclusion.” (forthcoming). *Palgrave Handbook of Sexual Ethics* ed. David Boonin.
3. “For Better or For Worse: When Are Uncertain Wedding Vows Permissible?” (forthcoming). *Social Theory and Practice*.
4. “I Feared For My Life”: Police Killings, Epistemic Injustice, and Social Distrust.” (forthcoming 2021). *Social Trust* ed. Kevin Vallier and Michael Weber. Routledge.
5. “Consequentialism and Promises.” (2020). *Oxford Handbook of Consequentialism* ed. Douglas Portmore. 289 – 309.
6. “Permissible Promise-Making Under Uncertainty.” (2019). *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 5.4: 468–486.
7. ““But I Voted for Him for Other Reasons!?: Moral Permissibility and a Doctrine of Double Endorsement.” (2019). *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics* ed. Mark Timmons. Vol. 9: 138–160.
8. “On the Rationality of Vow-Making.” (2019). *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*. 100.3: 881–900.

9. “Medical Crowdfunding, Political Marginalization, and Government Responsiveness: A Reply to Larry Temkin.” (2019). *Journal of Practical Ethics* 7.1: 40–48.
10. “Disability, Sex Rights, and the Scope of Sexual Exclusion.” (2018). *Journal of Medical Ethics* 44.4: 253–256.
11. “Wrongness, Responsibility, and Conscientious Refusal in Health Care.” (2017). *Bioethics* 31: 495–504.
12. “Effective Altruism and Christianity: Possibilities for Productive Collaboration.” (2017). *Essays in Philosophy* 18.1.
13. “Philosophers Folding Origami: Illustrating Essential Strategies for Learner-Centered Teaching” (with Jennifer Mulnix). (2017). *Teaching Philosophy* 40.4: 437–462. (Equal co-authors.)
14. “Reconsidering Resolutions.” (2016). *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*. 10.2.
15. “Commitment: Worth the Weight” (with Mark Schroeder). (2016). *Weighing Reasons*, ed. Errol Lord and Barry Maguire, Oxford University Press: 104–120. (Equal co-authors.)
16. “A Promise Acceptance Model of Organ Donation.” (2015). *Social Theory and Practice* 41.1: 131–148.

BOOK REVIEWS

1. Review of *Constructivism in Practical Philosophy*. Ed. James Lenman and Yonatan Shemmer *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 12.4: 557 – 560. (2015).
2. Review of *Shaping the Normative Landscape* by David Owens *Ethics*. 124.1: 201 – 205. (2013).
3. Review of *Morality in a Natural World: Selected Essays in Metaethics* by David Copp *The Journal of Value Inquiry*. 44.1: 127 – 136. (2010).

WORKS IN PROGRESS/UNDER REVIEW

1. “Unavoidable Harms: Everyday Moral Distress and the COVID-19 Pandemic” (Under review)
2. “Obligation and the Ethics of Non-Hindrances” (Under review)
3. “Reasonability and Police Use of Force: Ethical and Epistemic Flaws in the *Graham v. Connor* Standard” (Draft in progress)

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Obligation and the Ethics of Non-Hindrances

1. Eastern APA Annual Meeting, January 2020
2. Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2019
3. Mentoring Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy, June 2019

Food Ethics, Obligation, and Non-Hindrances

4. Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy: Feminism and Food; October 2019

In Defense of “Slacktivism” as Moral Solidarity

5. North American Society for Social Philosophy; July 2019

Patient Values, the Pursuit of Health, and the Ethics of Non-Hindrances

6. Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology (lightning talk), UT Dallas, May 2019

7. Meeting of the North Texas Bioethics Network (invited discussant), May 2019

Incarceration and the Ethics of Non-Hindrance

8. Moral and Political Philosophy at the Border, UT El Paso, April 2019

"I Feared For My Life": Ignorance Bolstering as Epistemic Injustice

9. Young Philosophers Lecture Series, Prindle Institute, DePauw U.; November 2018
 10. Radical Philosophy Association; November 2018
 11. Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress; August 2018
 12. Bowling Green Workshop in Applied Ethics & Public Policy: Social Trust; April 2018

"But I Voted for Him for Other Reasons!": Moral Responsibility and the Doctrine of Double Endorsement

13. Ninth Annual Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics; January 2018

For Better or For Worse: How to Permissibly Make Uncertain Promises and Unconditional Vows

14. The Business Ethics and Social Philosophy of Weddings, U Penn; November 2017

Why Self Promises are Problematic

15. Central APA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL; February 2018
 16. Indiana Philosophical Association Annual Meeting; November 2017

Conjugal Visits and Skype Calls from Prison: The Moral Importance of Maintaining Special Relationships in Prison

17. North American Society for Social Philosophy; July 2017
 18. Great Lakes Philosophy Conference: Ethical Intersections; March 2017

Disability, Sex Rights, and the Scope of Sexual Exclusion

19. Indiana Philosophical Association Annual Meeting; November 2016

Effective Altruism and the Ethics of Christian Giving

20. Second Annual Theistic Ethics Workshop; October 2016

On the Rationality of Vow-Making/ Understanding Vows

21. St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality; May 2016
 22. Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting; May 2016

Wrongness, Responsibility, and Conscientious Refusal in Health Care

23. Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress; August 2016 (Winner of Young Ethicist Prize)
 24. Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics; May 2016

On Promising the Uncertain: Are Campaign Promises Permissible to Make?

25. Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Reston, VA; February 2016

Holton Might Want to Reconsider His View of Resolutions

26. Society for Exact Philosophy Annual Meeting, Cal-Tech, Pasadena, CA; June 2014

Linking Principles and Narrow Scope

27. Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado-Boulder; August 2011

The Domain Relativity of Norms of Strength of Will

28. Pacific APA Annual Meeting, San Diego, California; April 2011

Understanding Strictness: Can Normative Requirements Conflict?

29. Gateway Graduate Conference, University of Missouri-St. Louis; March 2010
 30. Felician Ethics Conference, Felician College, Lodi, NJ; April 2010

Family vs. Individual Decision Making About Posthumous Organ Donation

31. APRU Doctoral Students Conference, Tsinghua University, Beijing; July 2011
 32. Association of Practical and Professional Ethics, Cleveland, Ohio; March 2011

33. Stephen L. Weber Graduate Conference in Ethics, San Diego State; April 2011

A Communicative-Deterrent Theory of Criminal Punishment

34. Graduate Conference in Moral & Political Philosophy, Univ. of Albany; April 2010

Refereed conference presentations about teaching:

Strategies for Successful Student Reading Reflections

1. American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT) Biennial Conference, postponed until 2021

Cultivating Classroom Conversation in a Culture of Quiet

2. American Association of Philosophy Teachers Biennial Conference, July 2018

Practicing a Craft: A Hands-On Illustration of Essential Strategies for Learner-Centered Teaching

3. AAPT Group Session, Central APA: February 2018

4. AAPT Biennial Conference, July 2018 (co-presented with Jennifer Mulnix)

INVITED TALKS

1. *Obligation and the Ethics of Non-Hindrances*, Texas Ethics Workshop, February 2020
2. *Reasonability and Police Use of Force: Why Graham v. Connor is Flawed*, SMU Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, April 2019
3. *Confederate Monuments, the N.F.L., and Louis C.K.: When is an Endorsement Ethical?* TCNJ, February 2018
4. *On The Rationality of Vow-Making*, Tulane University, February 2018 and SMU, February 2018
5. *Wrongness, Responsibility, and Conscientious Refusal in Medicine*, UT-San Antonio, February 2016
6. *On Promising the Uncertain: Are Campaign Promises Permissible to Make?* University of Indianapolis, March 2016 and University of Richmond, February 2016
7. *The Mental States First Theory of Promising*, Bowling Green State, February 2015

INVITED CONFERENCE COMMENTARY

1. Commentary on Angela Sun, "Can Consent Be Irrevocable?", Central APA, February 2020 (online)
2. Chair (including commentary) on Michael Bratman, "Self-Reinforcing Planning Agency": St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, May 2014
3. Commentary on Nicholas Smith, "Bernard Williams, Ground Projects, and the Possibility of Rational Agency": USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference, February 2012
4. Commentary on Hrafn Asgeirsson, "Vagueness and Legal Reasons": Stephen L. Weber Graduate Conference in Ethics, San Diego State, April 2011

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Publications:

1. "Summer of Protest" (2020). *The Philosophers' Magazine* 19.4: 33 – 39.

Public talks:

1. "Confederate Monuments, Problematic Politicians, and Sexist Art: When is Endorsement Morally Permissible?" Philosophy Speaker Series, Texas A&M Univ. – Commerce, November 2020 (online)
2. "A Promise Acceptance Model of Organ Donation," California State University, Center for Applied Ethics Speaker Series, April 2014

Blog posts

1. "Women in Philosophy: When is it Ethical to Consume Sexist Art?" *Blog of the APA*, January 2019
2. "Getting Sex Rights Wrong: Improving our Conversations about Sexual Exclusion and Disability" Blog of the *Journal of Medical Ethics*, April 2018

3. “Wellness at Work: Are Employer Wellness Programs Really Win-Win?” *Fit is a Feminist Issue*, 2015

Public panel discussions

At Southern Methodist University

1. Exploring Cancel Culture: An Uncancelled Conversation (Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute, March 2021)
2. When “Great” Works Aren’t “Good”: A Roundtable on Teaching Problematic Works of Art, Literature, and Film (International Film Festival, February 2019)

At the University of Indianapolis

3. The Ethics and Politics of Gun Control (organizer and moderator); April 2018
4. 13th, Mass Incarceration, and Ethics (moderator); November 2017
5. DACA/Sanctuary Campuses (panelist); February 2017 and March 2017
6. To Vote or Not to Vote? The Ethics of Voting (panelist); November 2016

At the University of Southern California

7. Hobby Lobby: The Ethics of Healthcare between Corporation, Church, and State (Zygo Series on Ethics in Medicine, October 2014)
8. Mindless Meat; (Levan Institute, October 2013)
9. Are We Responsible for Government Gridlock? (Levan Institute, March 2013)
10. Self-Knowledge: A Perilous Pursuit? (Levan Institute, September 2011)
11. Past and Distant People: What Are Our Obligations to the Dead? (Levan Institute, April 2010)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

1. Teacher of the Year Finalist, University of Indianapolis, Spring 2018
2. Young Ethicist Prize, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), Summer 2016
Awarded to the top conference paper written by an untenured philosopher
3. Non-tenured Professor, Lecturer, Sessional Faculty Essay Prize, Spring 2016
Awarded to the top paper at the Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting
4. Order of Areté, USC, Spring 2015
Highest honor given to graduate students upon degree completion, recognizing depth and scope of responsibility in campus or community leadership
4. Irving and Jeanne Glovin Endowed Scholarship, USC 2012 – 2013
Competitive scholarship awarded to work on a dissertation about good human conduct
5. General Education Teaching Assistant Award, USC Fall 2011
Competitive, university-wide teaching award given annually to four teaching assistants
6. Provost’s Ph.D. Fellowship, USC Fall 2008 – Spring 2013
Competitive, university-wide five-year funding granted to 100 outstanding incoming Ph.D. students annually on the basis of departmental nominations.
7. Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society – Inducted 2008, TCNJ

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Southern Methodist University

- *Contemporary Moral Problems* (general education course): 5 sections
- *Bioethics* (upper level course): 3 sections
- *Topics in Moral Philosophy: Feminist Philosophy* (upper level course)

University of Indianapolis:

- *Introduction to Ethics* (general education course): 7 sections

- *Medical Ethics* (general education course): 4 sections
- *Advanced Ethical Theory: Meta-ethics* (upper-level major course)
- *Honors Ethics: Forgiveness* (general education honors course)
- *Feminist Philosophy* (general education course)

University of Western Ontario:

- *Introduction to Ethics and Value Theory* (undergraduate major course)
- *Philosophy of Gender and Race* (graduate course; co-instructor with Carolyn McLeod)

Nine courses at USC, as assistant to the primary instructor (full list available on request)

INSTRUCTION TO EDUCATORS

AAPT (American Association of Philosophy Teachers) Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop

1. Harper College, August 2019: Workshop facilitator (pedagogy)
2. Indiana University, September 2017: Workshop lead facilitator and co-designer

AAPT Teaching and Learning Workshop

3. MIT and Boston University, April 2018: Workshop facilitator (assessment)
4. Salem State University, April 2017: Workshop facilitator (pedagogy)
5. University of Michigan, January 2017: Workshop facilitator (learning objectives)
6. Western University, April 2016: Local host; shadowed a workshop facilitator

Teaching Assistant Fellow at the Center for Excellence in Teaching, USC, 2012 – 2015

Organized workshops:

1. Controversy in the Classroom, March 2014
2. Diversity and Communication Styles, April 2014
3. Classroom Culture and Student Anxiety, November 2014

Presented workshop: Active Learning: The Whys and Hows, September 2012

PEDAGOGICAL EDUCATION

AAPT online workshops on anti-racist pedagogy and pandemic pedagogy, July 2020

AAPT Pre-Conference Workshop on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, July 2018

ESL Faculty Professional Development Working Group, University of Indianapolis, 2016 – 17
Met monthly to address strategies for supporting English language learners

AAPT (American Assoc. of Philosophy Teachers) Workshop Facilitator Training, July 2016
Workshop to prepare faculty developers to lead teaching and learning workshops

AAPT Seminar on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy, July 2012
Highest level of teacher training available through the APA

AAPT Effective Pedagogy Workshop, July 2011, Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles

Graduate Seminar on Teaching Ethics, March 2011: Association for Practical and Professional Ethics

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

USC Dornsife College 2020 Genocide Resistance Research Cluster: Graduate Assistant
Research group focusing on what enables the resistance of genocide and mass violence
Fall 2010 – Spring 2014

USC Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics: Graduate Intern: Fall 2009 – Spring 2014
 Institute aimed at encouraging moral discernment among undergraduates
 USC Saks Institute for Mental Health, Law, Policy, and Ethics: Student Scholar
 Theme: the use of drugs in the treatment of the mentally ill
 Fall 2011 – Spring 2012

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

For the Dornsife 2020 Genocide Resistance Research Cluster:

1. *Third Annual Resisting the Path to Genocide International Workshop*: Sept. 27 – 28, 2013
 Focus: Genocide resistance at the state and societal level
2. *Second Annual Resisting the Path to Genocide International Workshop*: Sept. 7 – 8, 2012
 Focus: Genocide resistance at the group level
3. *First Annual Resisting the Path to Genocide International Workshop*: May 6 – 7, 2011
 Focus: Genocide resistance at the individual level
4. *USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy*: February 27, 2010
 Received University Graduate Student Professionalization Funding Award

ADDITIONAL SERVICE WORK

Director, University of Indianapolis Ethics Center, Spring 2018

Mentor, The Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy, Fall 2018

Co-chair of Minorities and Philosophy Chapter, USC, Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

Referee for *Mind*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Ergo*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *dialectica*, *Res Philosophica*, *Res Publica*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Essays in Philosophy*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, and the AAPT Biannual Workshop

REFERENCES

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