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Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization

Normative Ethical Theory
Practical Rationality
Metaethics

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Law
Environmental Ethics
Political and Social Philosophy
Applied Ethics
Philosophy of Religion
Logic

Academic Employment

- University of Colorado Boulder, Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, fall 2016 – present
- Ashland University, Instructor, Prison Outreach Program, spring 2017 - present
- University of Colorado Boulder Graduate Part-Time Instructor (as Instructor of Record with full teaching responsibilities), Department of Philosophy, fall 2011 – spring 2016
- Westwood College Online Instructor, fall 2011- spring 2016
- University of Colorado Boulder Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, fall 2007- spring 2008; fall 2010
- Research Assistant, University of Colorado Boulder, for Chris Heathwood, for the chapter “Monism and Pluralism about Value” which appeared in The Oxford Handbook of Value Theory

Education

- Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder, 2016
- Certificate in College Teaching, University of Colorado Boulder, 2015
- M.A. Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder, 2008
- B.A. Philosophy, Religion, Whitworth University, 2005

Dissertation: “Three Kinds of Practical Reason”

My dissertation is about the nature and variety of practical reasons. A practical reason is a fact that counts in favor of an agent performing some action, having some emotion, or having some other non-cognitive attitude. I provide a classification of different kinds of reasons and offer an account of how they determine different kinds of *oughts*. Many philosophers recognize that there is something distinctive about moral reasons and the moral point of view, but just what distinguishes the moral from other normative standpoints is not well understood. On my view, what makes a reason a moral reason is that it is essentially other-regarding: it is a reason to treat other individuals in certain ways, for their own sakes. My account of the nature of the moral competes with some of the most prominent normative theories currently on offer, i.e., utilitarianism, Kantian deontology, and virtue ethics. Non-moral reasons, by contrast, are essentially self-regarding: they are reasons to treat oneself in certain ways, for one’s own sake. I also posit a third kind of reason, relational reasons, which justify giving preferential treatment to those near and dear to us. I close by discussing how morality could be authoritative on my view, and offering a novel account of a moral requirement.

Committee: Professors Chris Heathwood (Chair), Benjamin Hale, Michael Huemer, Alastair Norcross, Graham Oddie

Awards and Fellowships

- Department of Philosophy Dissertation Fellowship, fall 2014. Awarded annually by the Department of Philosophy; one of several competitive, semester-long fellowships based on faculty recommendations.
- Philosophy Student of the Year, Whitworth University, 2004-2005. Awarded annually by the philosophy department to one philosophy student who has done outstanding work.

Publishing

Under Review

- Welfare: Does Thinking Make it So?
- Moral Reasons as Other-Regarding Reasons

Online Publications (non-refereed)

- “(Im)partiality,” in *1000-Word Philosophy*
<https://1000wordphilosophy.wordpress.com/2014/08/18/impartiality/>
- “Introduction to Consequentialism,” in *1000-Word Philosophy*
<https://1000wordphilosophy.wordpress.com/2014/05/15/introduction-to-consequentialism/>
- “Practical Reasons,” in *1000-Word Philosophy*
<https://1000wordphilosophy.wordpress.com/2014/02/20/practical-reasons/>

Presentations

Invited Presentations

- “Moral Reasons of Partiality,” public lecture, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, April 9th, 2015.
- “Moral Reasons as Other-Regarding Reasons,” guest speaker in PHIL 430: Ethical Theories, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, April 9th, 2015.

Conference Presentations

- “Should I Always Do What I Have Most Reason To Do,” 55th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, September 29-30, 2017.
- “Divine Hiddenness and the *Sensus Divinitatis*”
-LSU Philosophy Conference, Louisiana State University, April 11-12, 2008.
-Fifth Annual Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, March 27-29, 2008.

Department Presentations

- “Welfare: Does Thinking Make it So?” Center for Values and Social Policy, February 20th, 2015.
- “Are Philosophers and Lay People Talking About the Same Thing When They Talk About Morality?” Center for Values and Social Policy, April 18th, 2014.
- “The Moral Value of Personal Relationships,” Undergraduate Philosophy Club, December 1st, 2017.

Commentaries

- “The All or Nothing Problem,” Joe Horton, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder, August 11-14, 2016.
- “Promises and the Backward Reach of Uptake,” Hallie Liberto, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder, August 6-9, 2015.
- “Doing What You Think is Right,” Matthew Talbert, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder, August 8-11, 2013.
- “Moore’s Paradox and Expressivism,” Jack Woods, Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado Boulder, April 15-16, 2011.
- “A Defense of Agent-Centered Restrictions,” Alex Sinha, Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado Boulder, April 4-5, 2008.

Presentations on Teaching

- “Teaching Contentious Topics,” Graduate Teacher Program Fall Intensive, University of Colorado Boulder, August 21-23, 2013.
- “Pedagogical Methods Beyond Lecture and Whole-Class Discussion for Use In Philosophy Courses,” presented to philosophy graduate students at the University of Colorado Boulder, April 20th, 2013.

Courses Taught

University of Colorado Boulder Graduate Part-Time Instructor (Instructor of Record)

- Ethical Theory (PHIL 3100), fall 2017
- Philosophy and Law (PHIL 2220), fall 2015
- Introductory Logic (PHIL 1440), summer 2015
- Major Social Theories (PHIL 2200), spring 2015
- Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 1000), spring 2014, spring 2013, spring 2012
- Environmental Justice (PHIL 2140), spring 2013
- Introduction to Ethics (PHIL 1100), fall 2013, summer 2012, spring 2012
- Contemporary Social Problems (PHIL 1200), fall 2011, spring 2016
- Contemporary Social Problems for CU’s Continuing Education program, fall 2017-present

Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 1000), Bradley Monton, fall 2010
- Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 1000), Sheralee Brindell, spring 2008
- Philosophy and Society (PHIL 1200), David Boonin, fall 2007

Professional Service

- Lead Graduate Teacher, Fall 2012-spring 2013. As a paid appointee in the Graduate Teaching Program, selected by the philosophy department, the Lead Graduate Teacher helps fellow graduate students become better teachers by organizing pedagogy workshops, working through classroom problems, and thinking about ways to improve their teaching of philosophy. The Lead Graduate Teacher also assists graduate teachers in earning the University’s Certificate in College Teaching.
- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress Conference Referee, 2013-2015.
- “Think! Talks” Assistant Organizer, University of Colorado Boulder, 2013-2016. “Think! Talks” are public lectures sponsored by the Center for Values and Social Policy at CU. They explore philosophical topics and are intended for a general audience.
- Peer Mentor, University of Colorado Boulder, Fall 2012-spring 2016
- Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference Referee, 2011.
- Philosophy Outreach Program of Colorado (POPCO), University of Colorado Boulder, 2006-2008, 2010-2012. The POPCO program provides opportunities for graduate students to visit high schools and middle schools in order to expose students to various philosophical ideas.

Graduate Coursework

- Seminar: Welfare, Chris Heathwood
- Seminar: Metaethics, Alastair Norcross
- Seminar: Environmental Philosophy, Benjamin Hale
- Aquinas, Robert Pasnau
- Independent Study: Metaethics, Chris Heathwood
- Philosophy of Law, Adam Hosein
- Plato, Mitzi Lee

- Philosophy of Language, David Barnett
- Epistemology, Michael Tooley
- Identity in 17th Century Philosophy, Dan Kaufman
- Philosophy of Law, David Boonin
- Ethics, Chris Heathwood
- Aesthetics, John Fisher
- Philosophy of Religion, Wes Morriston
- Metaphysics, Carol Cleland

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