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Academic Employment

2022–present Academic-Year Lecturer, Santa Clara University

2020­–present Adjunct Lecturer, Tulane University

Areas of Specialization

Moral Responsibility & Agency, Ethics, Applied Ethics

Areas of Competence

Social & Political Philosophy, Moral Psychology

Education

2020 Ph.D. in Philosophy, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

2011 M.A. in Applied Philosophy, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

2009 M.A. in Philosophy, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

2006 B.A. in Philosophy, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA

Publications

Forthcoming. “Strawson’s Underappreciated Argumentative Structure.” *European Journal of Philosophy*. doi:10.1111/ejop.12815.

Forthcoming. “Strawsonian Incompatibilism.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly*

2022. “Engineering Responsibility.” *Ethics & Information Technology* 24(3), article 32.

2022. “Incapacity, Inconceivability, and Two Types of Objectivity.” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 103(1), 76–94.

2021. “Retrospective Attitudes and Non-Identity.” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 37(2), 187–202.

2019. “One Reactive Attitude to Rule Them All.” In Bradford Cokelet and Corey Maley (eds.), *The Moral Psychology of Guilt* (pp. 171–191). London: Rowman & Littlefield.

Teaching Experience (\* = multiple sections)

*Instructor of Record*:

Santa Clara University

Informal Logic (PHIL 17)

Ethics in the Digital Age (PHIL 22)\*

Tulane University

Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 101)\*

Elementary Symbolic Logic (PHIL 121)\*

Ethics in Business (PHIL 260)\*

Bowling Green State University

Introduction to Ethics (PHIL 102)

Medical Ethics (PHIL 242)

Western Michigan University

Introduction to Ethics (PHIL 201)\*

Critical Reasoning (PHIL 220)\*

Deductive Logic (PHIL 225)

Environmental Ethics (PHIL 314)

Conference Participation

*Refereed Presentations*:

“Attitudes and Ethics of Forgiveness”

* SCP Mercy and Forgiveness Conference, Bowling Green, OH, Nov. 11–12, 2022

“Why the Strawsonian Reactive Attitudes Do Not Constitute a Theory of Moral Responsibility”

* APA Annual Meeting, Pacific Division, San Diego, CA, March 28–April 1, 2018

“Reactive Attitudes and Non-Identity”

* APA Annual Meeting, Eastern Division, Savannah, GA, Jan. 3–6, 2018
* Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO, Aug. 10–13, 2017

“Pereboom, Pain, and Punishment”

* APA Annual Meeting, Central Division, Chicago, IL, March 2–6, 2016

“Answerability and Criminal Responsibility”

* APA Annual Meeting, Pacific Division, Seattle, WA, April 4–7, 2012

“On Answerability in the Realm of Criminal Responsibility”

* York University Philosophy Graduate Student Association Conference, May 5–6, 2011
* Intermountain West Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, April 7–9, 2011

“A New Interpretation of Plato’s *Crito*”

* International Conference on Philosophy, Athens, Greece, May 31–June 2, 2010
* University of Toronto Graduate Conference in Philosophy, May 14–15, 2010

“Ought an Environmental Engineer Adopt an Environmental Ethic?”

* Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Annual Meeting, March 5–8, 2009
* International Applied Ethics Conference, Sapporo, Japan, Nov. 21–23, 2008

Honors, Grants, and Awards

Finalist, Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2018–19

Research Assistantship, Murphy Institute, 2017–20

Summer Merit Fellowship, School of Liberal Arts, Tulane University, 2017, 2019

Student Travel Grant, Graduate Studies Student Association, Tulane University, 2017

Center for Ethics and Public Affairs Graduate Fellowship, Murphy Institute, 2016–17

APA Student Travel Grant, 2016, 2018

Land Fund Research Grant, School of Liberal Arts, Tulane University, 2016, 2018

School of Liberal Arts Fellowship, Tulane University, 2014–15

Social Policy and Philosophy Center Scholar Grant, BGSU, 2010, 2011

Funding for Professional Development Grant, BGSU Graduate Student Senate, 2010, 2011

Travel Grant, University of Toronto Philosophy Department, 2010

Graduate Research and Creative Scholar Award, Western Michigan University, 2009

Graduate Student Travel Grant & International Travel Stipend, Western Michigan University, 2008

Travel Grant, Center for Applied Ethics and Philosophy, Hokkaido University, 2008

Graduate Assistant Mentor, Western Michigan University, 2008–2009 (selected by Department Chair)

Professional Service and Development

Summer CELT/ILC Online Teaching Training, Tulane University, 2020

Coach, BGSU Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Team, 2010 (qualified for national competition)

Assistant Coach, BGSU Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Team, 2009

Organizing Committee, Human Enhancement & Nanotechnology Conference, March 2009

Organizing Committee Chair, 2008 Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference

Assistant Coach, WMU Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Team, 2008–2009 (qualified for national competition)