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Areas of Specialization

Moral Philosophy; Political Philosophy; Applied Ethics

Areas of Competence

Ethics and Technology; Philosophy of Law; Bioethics; Feminist Philosophy of Language

Areas of Teaching Interest

Logic; Philosophy of Action; History of Early Modern Philosophy; Philosophy of Religion

Employment

University of Arkansas	August 2023 -
Assistant Professor of Philosophy	
Harvard University	August 2021 - July 2023
Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy; Embedded EthiCS Program	
Clemente Course in the Humanities Faculty, Boston	September 2022 -

Education

University of California, Los Angeles, Ph.D., philosophy	June 2021
Dissertation: <i>A Deliberative Conception of Moral Complicity</i>	
Committee: A. J. Julius (chair), Seana Shiffrin, Pamela Hieronymi, Barbara Herman, Katrina Elliott	
Law and Philosophy Specialization	
University of California, Los Angeles, M.A., philosophy	2015
University of Notre Dame, M.Ed.	2012
University of Notre Dame, B.A., philosophy (with honors) and B.S., mathematics	2010
<i>magna cum laude</i>	

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

UCLA Humanities/Fine Arts Nominee for the 2021-22 CGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award

Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2020-2021
Competitive university award given annually to support select graduate students as they complete their dissertation

Robert M. Yost Prize for Excellence in Teaching, UCLA Philosophy Department, 2017
Department prize awarded annually for excellent performance as a teaching assistant

Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2015-2016

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Grant, UCLA Graduate Division, 2014

Mellon Summer Funding Award, 2014

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship of Distinction Award, 2013-2014

Publications and Articles Under Review

- “A Deliberative Conception of Moral Complicity” (Under Revision for Resubmission)
- “Click-Gap, Paternalism, and Tech Giants’ Relationship with their Users” (Under Review)
- “Silence as Complicity and Action as Silence” (Under Review)
- “What Makes Manipulation Distinctively Wrong?” (Under Review)
- “When is it Unreasonable to be Unsurprised?” (Under Review)
- “All You Can Say Is That You Plan on Being Finished Soon’: Doctoral Student Mothers During the COVID-19 Pandemic”, *American Educational History Journal, Special Issue: Snapshots of History: Portraits of the 21st Century Pandemic*, Shirley Marie McCarther, ed. (Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, 2022): 233-240; co-authored with Jasmine L. Blanks Jones, Ivanna Richardson, Jordan Conley, and Caroline Loomis
- Book Review of Barbara H. Fried, *Facing Up to Scarcity: The Logic and Limits of Nonconsequentialist Thought*, solicited by *Faith and Philosophy: Journal of Christian Philosophers* 38(2): 274-79. 2021.
- Book Review of Jorgensen and Newlands, eds., *New Essays on Leibniz’s Theodicy*, co-authored with Sean Greenberg, *Philosophy in Review* 35(3): 149-152. 2015

Work in Progress

- “The Scylla and Charybdis of Paternalism and Moral Complicity” (draft available upon request)
- “Moral Complicity and Institutional Solutions to Health Care Complicity Conflicts: A Framework Shift” (abstract available upon request)
- “Individual Responsibility and Climate Change” (abstract available upon request)
- “Moral Responsibility isn’t Zero Sum” (abstract available upon request)

Presentations (* indicates refereed)

- “The Scylla and Charybdis of Paternalism and Moral Complicity”:
Philosophy in the Ozarks (University of Arkansas Graduate Student Conference), 2023
Talk-Shop, Harvard University Department of Philosophy, 2023
WOGAP (Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, M.I.T. Department of Philosophy and Linguistics), 2023
- “Click-Gap, Paternalism, and Tech Giants’ Relationship with their Users”:
Dartmouth Workshop on Ethics and Information Technology, 2022
Harvard/MIT Conference on Ethics of Computing & AI, 2022
Cyberethics Forum Works in Progress Group, 2022
- ~~“Creating Classroom Community with Unfamiliar Students and Limited Time”:
American Association of Philosophy Teachers 2022 Conference: (Re)Newing Communities (missed presentation due to contracting COVID)*~~
- “Teaching Responsible Computing, An Interdisciplinary Approach”: MozFest 2022
as part of a panel on “Teaching Ethical and Humanistic Thinking in Computer Science” at the Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting, 2022

- “Silence as Moral Complicity”: Research Talk, University of Arkansas, 2022
Research Talk, Butler University, 2022
Ethics Workshop, UCLA, 2020
- “Acting as Though: Demonstrating through Conduct that ϕ is Morally Permissible”:
Central APA Symposium, 2021*
UCLA Prospectives Week Presentation, 2019
Ethics Workshop, UCLA, 2018
- “Adopting Active-Learning Strategies for Remote Instruction”:
American Association of Philosophy Teachers 2020 Conference: *Anti-Racist and Pandemic Pedagogies, Pandemic Pedagogies Panel**
- “The Need for Deliberative Complicity”: Job Market Seminar, UCLA, 2020
- “The Scope of Deliberative Complicity”: UCLA Albritton Society, 2020
- “Expressive Action and our Duty of Care to the Mental Contents of Others”:
Ethics Workshop, UCLA, 2019
- “What Makes Manipulation Distinctively Wrong?”: Central APA Colloquium, 2019*
UCLA Albritton Society, 2019
- “When is it Unreasonable to be Unsurprised?”: Pacific APA Colloquium Speaker, 2018*
Grad Slam Competition, UCLA, 2016
UCLA Albritton Society, 2014
- “Is it Possible to Facilitate Autonomy While Avoiding Complicity with Wrongdoing?”:
UCLA Albritton Society, 2017
- “Referral as Complicity”: Ethics Workshop, UCLA, 2017
UCLA Proposition Series, 2016
- “Kant on the Permissibility of Breastmilk Sale”: UCLA Albritton Society, 2016

Commentator

- “On the Site of Predictive Justice” by Seth Lazar & Jake Stone; Philosophy, AI, and Society
Work-in-Progress Workshop
- “Agency and Genius” by Kenneth E. Walden; APA Eastern Division Meeting symposium session, 2021

Teaching at Harvard

Module Instructor:

- Reinforcement Learning* (Fall 2022): Developed and taught Embedded EthiCS module centering on reward functions in reinforcement learning algorithms, their ethical implications, and the priority of the least well off in Rawlsian justice
- Advanced Computer Vision* (Fall 2021): Developed and taught Embedded EthiCS module centering on contractualism and bias in facial recognition

Teaching at UCLA

Lead Instructor:

Medical Ethics (Summer 2020): Designed Syllabus; Sole Responsibility for Course Content; Changed Format to Online; Supervised a Teaching Assistant

Biotechnology and Moral Complicity (Spring 2019; Spring 2018): Designed Syllabus; Sole Responsibility for Course Content; Sole Instructor

Introduction to Ethical Theory (Summer 2018): Designed Syllabus; Sole Responsibility for Course Content; Supervised a Teaching Assistant

Teaching Associate or Fellow:

Upper Division:

Topics in Metaphysics: Identity: through Time and across Worlds (Sp 2020, Katrina Elliott)

Political Philosophy—Rawlsian Liberalism and its Critical Alternatives (F 2019, Seana Shiffrin)

Kant (W 2018, Tyler Burge)

Truth-Telling and Promising (W 2017, Seana Shiffrin)

Kant's Ethics (F 2017, Barbara Herman)

Poverty and Obligations of Aid (F 2016, J. Bradley McHose)

Lower Division:

Historical Introduction to Philosophy (Su 2017, Milo Crimi; Su 2016, Greg Antill)

Introduction to Political Philosophy (W 2016, Gavin Lawrence)

Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (Sp 2017, Joshua Armstrong)

Introduction to Philosophy of Science (Sp 2020, Katrina Elliott; W 2015, Sheldon Smith)

Introduction to Logic (F 2018, Steven Levy)

History of Modern Philosophy, 1650-1800 (Sp 2015, John Carriero)

Advising

Karalyn Joseph; Harvard University Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis, 2021-2022

Adam Park; Harvard University Undergraduate Senior Honors Thesis, 2022-2023

Professional Service

American Association of Philosophy Teachers, Teaching and Learning Committee (member, 2021-present)

Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Pacific Division of the APA (Becko Copenhaver), 2016-2020
Colloquium Session Chair, APA Pacific Division Meeting, 2017

Department and University Service

Climate Working Group: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, UCLA Department of Philosophy (2020-21)

Resource Person for the Transition to Remote Learning, UCLA Department of Philosophy (2020)
Panel, Teaching Advice to Graduate Students Training to Teach, UCLA Department of Philosophy (2020, 2017, 2016)

Research Assistant, summarizing research materials and copyediting
for Seana Shiffrin (2016-2020)
for Gavin Lawrence (2016-2019)

for Katrina Elliott (2013-2014)
Practice Interview Coordinator, UCLA Department of Philosophy (2017-2019)
Graduate Student Representative, UCLA Department of Philosophy (2015-2016)
UCLA/USC Graduate Student Conference Coordinator (2014-2015)

Professional Development

American Association of Philosophy Teachers 2020 Conference: *Anti-Racist and Pandemic Pedagogies*, Participant
2020 Summer Sessions Bootcamp, UCLA Center for Advancement of Teaching TA Training Program (pedagogy resources regarding remote teaching, ungrading, and inclusive classrooms)
2018 Summer Sessions Bootcamp, UCLA Center for Advancement of Teaching TA Training Program (pedagogy resources regarding course design and inclusive classrooms)

References

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