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CURRENT POSITION

2018 **University of Toronto**, Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

2017 **University of Toronto**: PhD Philosophy
Area of Specialization: Ethics
Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Law, Bioethics
Supervisor: Thomas Hurka
External Examiners: Sarah Stroud
Readers: Sergio Tenenbaum, Amy Mullin, Andrew Sepielli

2009-2011 **University of Toronto**, Masters of Arts Philosophy

2005 – 2009 **University of Victoria**, Bachelor of Arts Philosophy

THESIS “The Ethics of Enmity: Partiality’s Negative Analogue”

An examination of the moral parallels between our negative relationships (e.g. victimization or enmity) and their positive analogues (e.g. friendship, family, or nationality). This thesis defends the position that the victim of wrongdoing acquires *personalized* reasons for discounting the interests of a perpetrator. The extent to which negative relationships are asymmetrical with their positive counterparts is also explored and explained; for example, positive relationships typically generate obligations to promote a person’s interests, but negative relationships only intuitively generate permissions for discounting the perpetrator’s interests. The dissertation is completed by an application of the positions defended to the topic of forgiveness.

AWARDS

2017 **Teaching Excellence Award (Finalist)**: An award recognizing teaching excellence among TAs at the University of Toronto. Candidates must be nominated by multiple students and at least one faculty member: 12 finalists are selected from the group of approximately 6000 TAs at the University of Toronto.

- 2015 **Sanders Graduate Award:** “The annual Sanders Graduate Student Awards are three prizes awarded to each of the three best papers in mind, metaphysics, epistemology, or ethics submitted for the annual APA Eastern Division meeting by graduate students, as chosen by the Eastern Division program committee.”
- 2010-2013 **Ontario Graduate Scholarship (Ontario-wide competition)**
- 2009-2010 **SSHRC (Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship):** Canada- wide competition for Masters students

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 **Conference:** Canadian Philosophical Association (June 2018)
- 2016 **Conference:** American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division)
- 2015 **Conference:** Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress
- 2015 **Conference:** Canadian Philosophical Association
- 2014 **Conference:** Western Philosophical Association
- 2013 **Conference:** Canadian Philosophical Association

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- 2018 “Negative Partiality” (under review)

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2017-2018 **Assistant Professor** (one-year appointment), University of Toronto
5 courses in Ethics and Applied Ethics
- 2017 **Course Instructor**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Ethics and the law” (PHL 271)
- 2017 **Tutorial Leader/Head TA**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Introduction to Ethics” (PHL A11)
- 2017 **Essay Clinician**, University of Toronto
- 2016 **Tutorial Leader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Ethics and the Law” (PHL 271)
- 2016 **Grader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Issues in Moral Philosophy” (PHL 375)

- 2016 **Tutorial Leader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Biomedical Ethics” (PHL B09)
- 2016 **Grader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Freedom and Determinism” (PHL 241)
- 2015 **Tutorial Leader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Introduction to Ethics” (PHL A11)
- 2015 **Tutorial Leader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Law and Morality” (PHL 271)
- 2014 **Grader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Philosophy of Human Sexuality” (PHL 243)
- 2014 **Tutorial Leader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Law and Morality” (PHL 271)
- 2013 **Tutorial Leader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Introduction to Ethics” (PHL 275)
- 2012 **Grader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Ethics, Genetics, and Reproduction” (PHL 384)
- 2011 **Tutorial Leader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Introduction to Ethics” (PHL 275)
- 2011 **Grader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Happiness and Freedom” (PHL B07H3)
- 2011 **Grader/Writing Assistant**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Business Ethics” (PHL 395)
- 2010 **Grader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Happiness and Freedom” (PHL B07)
- 2009 **Grader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Topics in Early Modern Philosophy: Rationalism” (PHL 35H3)
- 2009 **Grader**, University of Toronto
Course title: “Minds and Machines” (PHL 342)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2015
2010–12

University of Toronto Graduate Conference Chair
Philosophy Union Representative

GRADUATE COURSES

- 2009-10 **HPS1104H**: “Topics in Philosophy of Science: Models, Truth & Representation”
 PHL 1111H: “Pro-seminar in Philosophy” (Modal Metaphysics and Philosophy of Language)
 PHL 2145H: “Topics in Ethics” (Taxonomy and Meta-Taxonomy in Ethics)
 PHL2133H: “Topics in Ethics” (Theories of the Good)
 PHL2145H: “Bioethics” (Global Health-Care Ethics)
 PHL2195H: “Philosophy of Biology”
- 2010-2011 **PHL2195H**: “Seminar in Greek Philosophy” (Post-Aristotelian Ethics)
 HPS1105H: “Philosophy of Medicine”
 PHL2128H: “Seminar in Philosophy of Religion” (Philosophy of Judaism)
 PHL 2054H: “Hume” (Seminar on *A Treatise of Human Nature*)
 PHL 2063H: “Kant’s Ethics”
 PHL2143H: “Social Philosophy”