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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Moral Psychology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Meta-Ethics, Political Philosophy, Cognitive Science

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy	2018 - present
Postdoctoral Fellow-in-Residence, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University	2017-2018

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2011-2017
Dissertation: *Joint Practical Deliberation*	
Committee: Kieran Setiya (chair), Stephen Darwall, Sally Haslanger, Julia Markovits, Bradford Skow	
B.A. in Cognitive Science, *summa cum laude*, Yale University	2006-2011

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

"Promises as Proposals in Joint Practical Deliberation"	2020
Noûs, 54(1): pp. 204-232.	
"Moral Psychology as Accountability" (with Stephen Darwall)	2014
In *Moral Psychology and Human Agency: Philosophical Essays on the Science of Ethics*, edited by Justin D'Arms and Daniel Jacobson, pp. 40-83. Oxford: Oxford University Press.	
"The Addict in Us All" (with Richard Holton)	2014
Frontiers in Psychiatry, 5(139): pp. 1-20.	

"No Sign of Quitting: Incidental Exposure to 'No Smoking' Signs Ironically   2013
Boosts Cigarette-Approach Tendencies in Smokers" (with Brian Earp,
Jennifer Harris, Joshua Ackerman, & John Bargh)
    Journal of Applied Social Psychology, 43(10): pp. 2158-2162.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Moral Thinking, Fast and Slow*, by Hanno Sauer   2019
    Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, May 2019.
Review of *Reasoning: A Social Picture*, by Anthony Simon Laden   2016
    Philosophical Review, 125(3): pp. 435-439.

WRITING FOR A PUBLIC AUDIENCE

"People are dying because we misunderstand how those with addiction think"   2018
    Vox.com
    One of 5 winners of the 2019 APA Public Philosophy Op-Ed Contest
"Can I make the world a better place?"   2017
    Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Blog, 'For the Record'

AWARDS AND GRANTS

APA Public Philosophy Op-Ed Prize (for "People are dying because   2019
    we misunderstand how those with addiction think")
Connaught New Researcher Award, University of Toronto   2018-2019
Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship   2016-2017
Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (declined)   2016
Arthur Twining Hadley Prize, Yale University   2011
Yale Philosophy Review Essay Prize, 1st Place   2010
Hart Lyman Prize, Yale University   2009
Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology, Yale University Chapter   2009
Phi Beta Kappa, Yale University Chapter   2008

PRESENTATIONS

Comments on Benjamin Eidelson, "Colorblindness, Respect, and Treating   2019
    People as Individuals"
    Symposium on Discrimination and Subordination, University of Toronto
"What Makes Reasons Moral?"   2019
    Queen's University Colloquium

"What Makes Reasons Moral?" 2019
    Oxford University, Moral Philosophy Seminar
 "Distinguishing Directed Obligation" 2019
    Toronto-Oxford-UCLA Colloquium on Legal, Moral, and Political Philosophy
Comments on Pamela Hieronymi, "Fairness, Sanctions, and Condemnation" 2019
    Toronto-Oxford-UCLA Colloquium on Legal, Moral, and Political Philosophy
Comments on Michael Bukoski, "Two Arguments from Akrasia to Internalism 2017
    about Practical Deliberation"
    APA Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland
"Assertion as a Proposal in Joint Doxastic Deliberation" 2016
    Penn-Rutgers-Princeton Social Epistemology Workshop, Rutgers
    University
"Homunculi Without the Fallacy" 2016
    Me, the Self, and I Graduate Conference, University of Milan, Italy
"Demystifying Uncaused Causes" 2016
    Agency, Causality, and Free Will Conference, Institute of Philosophy,
    Zagreb, Croatia
"Standing to Demand" 2015
    Northern Illinois University Graduate Philosophy Conference
"Self-Regulation: A Recipe Book" (with and presented by Tamar Szabó 2015
    Gendler)
    Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference, Duke University
"Inquiring Together"
    Bled Social Epistemology Conference, Bled, Slovenia 2013
Comments on Rae Langton, "Moral Realism and the Plasticity of Mind" 2013
    MITing of the Minds, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

TEACHING

University of Toronto

PHL 407, Seminar: Ethics in Personal Relationships Spring 2020
PHL 375, Doing Good: Consequentialism in Ethics Spring 2020
PHL 244, Human Nature Fall 2019
PHL 2132, Graduate Seminar: Morality and Accountability Fall 2019
PHL 407, Seminar: Lying Spring 2019
PHL 376, Doing Good: Consequentialism in Ethics Spring 2019
PHL 244, Human Nature Fall 2018

PHL 1111, PhD Proseminar (with Thomas Hurka)   Fall 2018

MIT

Ethics in Your Life (with Sally Haslanger and Patricia Weinmann)   Spring 2015
Problems in Philosophy (TA)   Fall 2014
Moral Psychology (TA)   Spring 2014
Justice (TA)   Spring 2013
Logic I (TA)   Fall 2012

SERVICE

Referee for *Erkenntnis*, *Ergo*, European Journal of Philosophy, Journal of the APA, *Noûs*,
     Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Quarterly, and Theoria
Placement Committee, University of Toronto Philosophy   2019-2020
Graduate Executive Committee, University of Toronto Philosophy   2019-2020
Graduate Admissions Committee, University of Toronto Philosophy   2018-2019
University of Toronto Cognitive Science Program Advisory Committee   2018-2019
New England Public Philosophers Workshop on Writing Public Philosophy,   2017
     Co-organizer (with Lawrence Blum)
MIT Ethics Reading Group, Co-organizer   2013-2015
MATTI Graduate Student Workshop, Organizer   2013-2014
MIT Philosophy Colloquia, Co-organizer   2012-2013
Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference, Co-organizer   2012

PUBLIC OUTREACH

"The Goodness and Badness of Human Beings"   2019
     Interview on podcast "The nth Dimension"
"Addiction and Philosophy"   2019
     Café Bioethics, University of Toronto
"Addiction and Philosophy"   2018
     SMART Recovery Facilitator Forum, Boston, MA