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*Curriculum Vitae*

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## Education

Ph.D. December 2012, University of California, Berkeley, Philosophy.  
B.A. 2005, McMaster University, Honours Philosophy and Mathematics.

## Employment

July 2012 – present: Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto,  
Scarborough  
July 2012 – present: Graduate appointment: Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto

## Research Interests

Ethics, Political Philosophy, Practical Reason

## Awards, Fellowships and Grants

SSHRC Insight Grant, \$99,700	2017-2021
Halbert Network Fellowship (with Sergio Tenenbaum and Arthur Ripstein), \$45,000	2016-2019
Connaught New Researcher Award, \$10,000	2014
SSHRC Institutional Grant (SIG), \$1,328	2014
SSHRC Institutional Grant (SIG), \$1,500	2013
UC Berkeley Graduate Division Summer Grant	Summer 2011
UC Berkeley Dean's Normative Time Fellowship	2010-2011
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship	2008-2009
UC Berkeley Academic Progress Award	Spring 2008
UC Berkeley Ralph W. Church Fellowship	2005-2006

## **Publications**

“Consumer Choice and Collective Impact”, in *The Oxford Handbook of Food Ethics*, Ed. Anne Barnhill, Mark Budolfson and Tyler Doggett. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018): 267-286.

“How You Can Help, Without Making a Difference”, *Philosophical Studies* (2016). doi:10.1007/s11098-016-0808-y

"Fairness, Participation, and the Real Problem of Collective Harm", *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics*, Volume 5. Ed. Mark Timmons (Oxford University Press, 2015): 245-271.

“Consequentialism and the Problem of Collective Harm: A Reply to Kagan.” *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 39 (2011): 364 – 395.

## **In Progress** (drafts available)

“Collective Harm and Individual Inefficacy”, forthcoming pending review in *Philosophy Compass*.

“Extended Agency and the Problem of Diachronic Autonomy” (co-written with Sergio Tenenbaum).

“Global Warming, Individual Obligations and the Inefficacy Problem: the Need for an Imperfect View”.

## **Selected Presentations (R= refereed, I = invited)**

Halbert Network Workshop, University of Toronto, February 7, 2018, “Global Warming, Individual Obligations and the Inefficacy Problem: the Need for an Imperfect View”. (I)

Oxford-UCLA-Toronto Colloquium in Legal, Political and Moral Philosophy, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, June 23, 2017, Comments on Calvin Normore’s “Fundamental Anarchism”. (I)

Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Ryerson University, Toronto, May 31, 2017, “Acting Wrongly Without Making a Difference: An Imperfect View.” (R)

Invited Symposium on Causal Inefficacy and Moral Responsibility, Pacific APA, Seattle, April 13, 2017, “Acting Wrongly Without Making a Difference: An Imperfect View”. (I)

Business Ethics Speaker Series, Ryerson University, Rogers School of Management, March 22, 2017, “One Burger Won’t Make a Difference: Consumer Choice in a Collective Impact World”. (I)

UC Berkeley Workshop in Moral, Political and Legal Theory, March 3, 2017, “Consumer Choice and Collective Impact”. (I)

2016 Bled Conference on Ethics, Bled, Slovenia, June 2016, “What Am I Obligated to Do When It Won’t Make a Difference?” (I)

Political Philosophy Workshop, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 2016, “Individual Consumption and Collective Impact.” (I)

Duke University, March 2016, “Extended Agency and the Problem of Diachronic Autonomy” (paper co-written with Sergio Tenenbaum). (I)

Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto, Ethics at Noon Talk, March 2016, “Individual Consumption and Collective Impact.” (I)

York University, Department Colloquium, November 2015, “Individual Consumption and Collective Impact”. (I)

The Mentoring Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy, Amherst, MA, June 2015, “Extended Agency and the Problem of Diachronic Autonomy” (paper co-written with Sergio Tenenbaum) (R)

St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, St. Louis, Missouri, May 2015, “Extended Agency and the Problem of Diachronic Autonomy”, with Sergio Tenenbaum (R)

Pacific APA, Invited Symposium on Moral Overdetermination, Vancouver, BC, April 2015, “How You Can Help, Without Making a Difference” (I)

New York University, Colloquium in Legal, Political, and Social Philosophy, December 2014, “How You Can Help, Without Making a Difference” (I)

Carleton University, February 2014, “Fairness Participation, and the Real Problem of Collective Harm” (I)

Arizona Normative Ethics Workshop, January 2014, “Fairness Participation, and the Real Problem of Collective Harm”(R)

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2013, “How You Can Help, Without Making a Difference” (R)

Joint CfE-CRÉUM Conference, University of Montreal, April 2013, “Fairness Participation and the Real Problem of Collective Harm” (I)

Centre for Ethics Graduate Associates Conference, University of Toronto, March 2013, Commentator on Panel “Agency and Responsibility – Individual and Collective” (I)

McMaster University, March 2013, “How You Can Help, Without Making a Difference” (I)

## **Teaching and Supervision**

### **Graduate Seminars:**

War and Terrorism (MA Seminar), Fall 2015

Rationality Across Time and Persons, Fall 2013, with Sergio Tenenbaum

The Morality of Collective Harm, Fall 2012

### **Undergraduate Courses:**

Introduction to Ethics, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2016

Social Issues, Fall 2016

Ethical Theory, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2016

Advanced Seminar in Ethics: Morality and War, Spring 2016 and Spring 2017

Advanced Seminar in Ethics: the Morality of Collective Harm, Spring 2014

### **Doctoral Committee Member:**

Jeremy Davis (“War and National Partiality”)

Eric Mathison (“Asymmetries and Ill-Being”)

Johanna Thoma (“Advice for the Stead: Decision Theory and the Requirements of Instrumental Rationality”); completed March 2017.

### **Research Assistant Supervision:**

Hamish Russell, Summer 2016

### **Departmental Service**

*Search Committee, CLTA in Applied Ethics, UTSC Philosophy Department, Summer 2017*

*Search Committee for Chair of the Department of Philosophy, UTSC, Spring 2017*

*Graduate Executive Committee, 2016-2017, 2017 – 2018*

*Colloquium Committee, University of Toronto Philosophy Department, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017*

*Workload Committee, UTSC Philosophy Department, 2015-2016*

*Advancement Committees for Sessional Lecturers, UTSC Philosophy Department, Fall 2015*

*Search Committee (Moral and Political), UTSC Philosophy Department, 2013-2014*

*Search Committee (Moral and Political), St. George Philosophy Department, 2012-2013*

### **Professional Service**

Faculty Mentor for the Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy, 2015-2016

Referee for:

*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*

*Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*

*Ethics*

*Ethics and Global Politics*

*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*

*Les Ateliers de l'éthique/The Ethics Forum*

*Moral Philosophy and Politics*

*Philosophers' Imprint*

*Philosophical Studies*

*Social Theory and Practice*