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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Areas of specialization** Value theory (ethics, metaethics, aesthetics), Nietzsche  
**Areas of competence** Philosophy of mind, Plato

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

**Assistant Professor of Philosophy**, Northwestern University 2023-present  
**Assistant Professor of Philosophy**, Clemson University 2020-2023  
**Postdoctoral Preceptor**, MA Program in the Humanities, University of Chicago 2019-2020

## EDUCATION

**PhD**, Philosophy, University of Chicago 2019  
Dissertation: *Value Realism and the First-Person Perspective*  
Committee: Agnes Callard, David Finkelstein, Brian Leiter, Candace Vogler  
**BPhil**, Philosophy, University of Oxford (Distinction) 2011  
**MMathPhil**, Mathematics and Philosophy, University of Oxford (First Class) 2008

## PUBLICATIONS

\* = invited; † = peer reviewed

### ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

**‘Normativity from the First-Person Perspective’** \* †  
In *New Essays on Normative Realism*, eds. P. Boghossian and C. Peacocke, OUP forthcoming  
**‘The Guise of the Good and the Agential Perspective on Action’** †  
In *Engaging Raz*, eds. K. Brownlee, D. Enoch, and A. Marmor, OUP 2025  
**‘Worlds Collided: Love as Seeing and Seeing-With’** †  
*Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics* 14: 183–202 2024  
**‘How to Decide What to Do: Why You’re Already a Realist About Value’** †  
*European Journal of Philosophy* 32 (3): 847–859 2024  
**‘Value Realism and Idiosyncrasy’** (runner-up for the Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics) †  
*Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 18: 24–46 2023

- ‘Beyond the *Birth*: Middle and Late Nietzsche on the Value of Tragedy’ †**  
*Inquiry* 66 (7): 1283–1306 2023
- ‘Pulling Oneself Up by the Hair: Understanding Nietzsche on Freedom’ †**  
*Inquiry* 61 (1): 82–99 2017
- ‘Why Sibley is (Probably) Not a Particularist After All’ †**  
*British Journal of Aesthetics* 51 (2): 201–212 2011

#### SYMPOSIUM PIECES

- ‘Identification, Alienation, and Devotion’** (Symposium on Paul Katsafanas’ *Philosophy of Devotion*) †  
*Journal of Moral Philosophy* pre-print online access 2024
- ‘Nietzsche and “We Knowers”’: Comments on Reginster’s *The Will to Nothingness*’ \***  
*European Journal of Philosophy* 31 (2): 509–515 2023

#### ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

- ‘Nietzsche’s Ethics’ \* †**  
*Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <https://iep.utm.edu/nietzsches-ethics/> 2022

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Guy Elgat, *Being Guilty: Freedom, Responsibility, and Conscience in German Philosophy from Kant to Heidegger* \***  
*Ethics* 133 (4): 620–625 2023
- Review of Mattia Riccardi, *Nietzsche’s Philosophical Psychology* \***  
*Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 54 (2): 203–209 2023
- Review of Andrew Huddleston, *Nietzsche on the Decadence and Flourishing of Culture* \***  
*Mind* 132 (525): 243–251 2023
- ‘Iris, Edited’: Review of Peter J. Conradi, *Iris Murdoch – A Writer at War* \***  
*Oxonian Review* 12 (4) 2010

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

***Nietzsche’s Critique of Pity***, Cambridge Elements series on Nietzsche  
 Under contract with Cambridge University Press (under contract; manuscript submitted and under review)

#### ***Value Is Real***

Under contract with Oxford University Press

#### **“An impossible book”: Nietzsche’s Attempt at Self-Criticism’**

Commissioned for *The Cambridge Critical Guide to Nietzsche’s The Birth of Tragedy*, eds. M. Forster and J. Porter

#### **‘Capturing Disagreement from the First-Person Perspective’**

Committed for presumptive publication in *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*

#### **‘Evaluative Disagreement and Knowing the Good’**

Committed for presumptive publication in a special issue of *Philosophical Studies*

### **‘Nietzsche’s Ethics of Friendship’**

Committed for presumptive publication in a special issue of *Inquiry*

## RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

<b>Kaplan Faculty Fellowship</b> (teaching release fellowship) Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University	2025–26
<b>Nominee for Junior Researcher of the Year</b> College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities nominee for Clemson’s university-wide award	2023
<b>Nominee for National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend</b> Won Clemson University internal competition for nomination	2021
<b>Runner-up for the Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics</b> Marc Sanders Foundation. Awarded for paper ‘Value Realism and Idiosyncrasy’	2021
<b>Humanities Hub Lightsey Fellowship</b> Clemson University (internal fellowship, \$5000 grant)	2021
<b>Mellon Humanities Dissertation Completion Fellowship</b> Mellon Foundation, University of Chicago (internal fellowship, full funding and stipend)	2016-2017
<b>Lee Family Graduate Essay Prize in Philosophy</b> University of Chicago. Awarded for paper ‘Pulling Oneself Up by the Hair: Understanding Nietzsche on the Freedom of the Will’ (\$1250 prize)	2015

## INVITED TALKS

<b>‘Evaluative Disagreement and Knowing the Good’</b> NYU Ethics Workshop	sched: 2025
<b>‘Nietzsche’s Ethics of Friendship’</b> International Society for Nietzsche Studies annual workshop, UChicago	2025
<b>‘Nietzsche’s Ethics of Friendship’</b> Chicago-Area Consortium in German Philosophy	2025
<b>‘Nietzsche’s Ethics of Friendship’</b> (presented online) Houston Colloquium in German Philosophy	2025
<b>‘Evaluative Disagreement and Knowing the Good’</b> University of Tennessee at Knoxville philosophy department colloquium	2024
<b>‘Realism, Disagreement, and Moral Knowledge’</b> University of Chicago Practical Philosophy Workshop	2023
<b>‘Realism, Disagreement, and Moral Knowledge’</b> University of Illinois at Chicago philosophy department colloquium	2023
<b>‘Love and Desire’</b> University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee philosophy department colloquium	2023
<b>‘Normativity from the First-Person Perspective’</b> Workshop for edited collection on normative realism, New York University	2022

- ‘How to Decide What to Do’**  
University of South Carolina philosophy department colloquium 2021
- ‘The First-Person Perspective for Moral Philosophers’** (presented online)  
University of Cambridge ‘Meet the Researcher’ seminar 2020

#### PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- ‘Evaluative Disagreement and Knowing the Good’**  
Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop 2025
- ‘Capturing Disagreement from the First-Person Perspective’**  
Madison Metaethics Workshop (‘MadMeta’) 2024
- ‘Intentional Action as Interpersonally Constituted’**  
Southampton-Humboldt Normativity Conference 2023
- ‘Art from the Perspective of the Artist’**  
Panel on Bernard Bolzano, American Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting 2023
- ‘The Guise of the Good and the Agential Perspective on Action’**  
Conference in honor of Joseph Raz, Columbia Law School, NY 2023
- ‘The Guise of the Good and the Normative Structure of Intentional Action’**  
St Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality (‘SLACRR’) 2023
- ‘Worlds Collided: Love as Seeing and Seeing-With’**  
Workshop in Normative Ethics (‘WiNE’), University of Arizona 2023
- ‘Akrasia, Testimony, and the Apprehension of Value’** (presented online)  
Apprehending Value Conference, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit,  
Utrecht, the Netherlands 2022
- ‘Worlds Collided: Love and Value’**  
Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association (Open Session),  
University of St Andrews, UK 2022
- ‘After *Birth*: Middle and Late Nietzsche on the Value of Tragedy’**  
International Society of Nietzsche Studies Annual Workshop, University of Oxford, UK 2022
- ‘Worlds Collided: Love and Value’**  
Interpersonal Relations Conference, University of Birmingham, UK 2022
- ‘How to Decide What to Do: An Argument for Value Realism’** (presented online)  
Southampton–Humboldt Normativity Conference 2021
- ‘Value Realism and Idiosyncrasy’**  
Madison Metaethics Workshop (‘MadMeta’) 2021
- ‘Arguing With the Moral Skeptic’** (presented online)  
LVI Reuniones Filosóficas: Varieties of Anti-Skepticism, Universidad de Navarra, Spain 2021
- ‘Moral Disagreement and Getting Something Right’** (presented online)  
Workshop on the Ethics of Conversation and Disagreement 2021
- ‘Value Realism and Idiosyncrasy’** (presented online)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cyprus Metaethics Conference 2021

<b>‘Sympathy for the Devil? The Guise of the Good Remastered’</b> (presented online) Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association (Open Session)	2021
<b>‘Sympathy for the Devil? The Guise of the Good Remastered’</b> (presented online) New Mexico – Texas Philosophical Society Annual Meeting	2021
<b>‘Pulling Oneself up by the Hair: Understanding Nietzsche on the Freedom of the Will’</b> International Society for Nietzsche Studies Annual Workshop, University of Chicago	2017
<b>‘Beyond the Birth: Nietzsche’s Later Thoughts on Tragedy’</b> ( <i>unable to present due to illness</i> ) 6th Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Georgia	2016
<b>‘Plato’s Cave and Nietzsche’s Workshop’</b> Myth and Literature in Ancient Philosophy, University of Cambridge, UK	2011

#### INVITED PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND SYMPOSIA

<b>‘Nietzsche’s Critique of Pity’</b> Panel on Nietzsche on the emotions, North American Nietzsche Society annual conference, Albuquerque, NM	2024
<b>‘Identification, Alienation, and Devotion’</b> Comments on Paul Katsafanas’s <i>Philosophy of Devotion: The Longing for Invulnerable Ideals</i> Author-meets-critics panel, Pacific APA	2024
<b>‘Williams on Contingency and Authenticity’</b> Comments on Miranda Fricker’s ‘The Perpetual Recreation of Ethical Life: Bernard Williams’ Dynamic Historicism’ Lindner Lecture on Ethics author-meets-critics panel, College of Wooster	2023
<b>‘Comments on Mattia Riccardi’s <i>Nietzsche’s Philosophical Psychology</i>’</b> Book launch symposium (online)	2021

#### INTERNAL DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS

##### University of Chicago:

<b>‘The Metaethical Significance of the First-Person Perspective’</b> Graduate Research Symposium, University of Chicago	2019
<b>‘Metaethical Realism and the Idiosyncrasy of the Practical’</b> Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago	2018
<b>‘Deliberation, Normative Realism, and the First-Person Perspective’</b> Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago	2017
<b>‘Pulling Oneself up by the Hair: Understanding Nietzsche on the Freedom of the Will’</b> German Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago	2016
<b>‘Going Wrong by One’s Own Lights: Why Metaethical Constructivism Doesn’t Work’</b> Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago	2014

University of Oxford:

<b>‘Nietzsche: Stoic or Psychologist?’</b> Ockham Society, University of Oxford	2011
<b>‘Falsehood in the <i>Sophist</i>’</b> Graduate Colloquium on Late Plato, University of Oxford	2010
<b>‘Love and Personal Identity in <i>Hedwig and the Angry Inch</i> and Plato’s <i>Symposium</i>’</b> Philosophy of Art Discussion Group, University of Oxford	2010
<b>‘Does Skepticism Keep You Awake at Night? A Kantian Response to the Skeptic’</b> Socrates Society, University of Oxford	2010

INVITED COMMENTS

On Alex King’s ‘Cultural Appropriation and the Objectification of the Other’ American Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting	2024
On Elliot Salinger’s ‘Genuine Disagreement’ Chapel Hill Normativity Conference, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2024
On Andrew Huddleston’s ‘What Is This Thing Called Amor Fati?’ NYU Conference on Issues in the History of Modern Philosophy	2023
On Quinn White’s ‘Paying It Forward’ Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics annual conference	2023
On Andrew Huddleston’s ‘Abstracting the Divine: The Rothko Chapel’ Southern Aesthetics Workshop IV, College of Charleston	2022
On Rachel Achs and Oded Na’aman’s ‘It Isn’t Always Fitting to Value Valuable Things’ Chapel Hill Normativity Conference, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2022
On Alexander Horne’s ‘Too Many Cooks’ (presented online) Bernard Williams Workshop, University of Cambridge, UK	2022
On Jason Yonover’s ‘Freedom as Self-Expression in Spinoza, Nietzsche, and Salomé’ North American Nietzsche Society Annual Meeting, Georgia State University, Atlanta	2021
On Kenneth Brewer’s ‘“We Know You Better Than You Know Yourself”: Aesthetic Taste and Recommender Systems’ New Mexico – Texas Philosophical Society Annual Meeting	2021
On Joshua Knobe’s ‘Teleology and the Self’ Strangers to Ourselves: Conference on German Philosophy and Cognitive Science, University of Chicago	2017
On John Richardson’s ‘Nietzsche’s Psychology’ Nietzsche Research Seminar, University of Oxford, UK	2011
On Patrick Wotling’s ‘“Who Are We Anyway?”: Nietzsche and the Displacement of the Philosophical Problematic’ Nietzsche Research Seminar, University of Oxford, UK	2011

On Tom Bailey's 'Nietzsche the Kantian'	2011
Nietzsche Research Seminar, University of Oxford, UK	
On Ken Gemes's 'Nietzsche, Nihilism, and the Paradox of Affirmation'	2010
Post-Kantian European Philosophy Seminar, University of Oxford, UK	

## PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

<a href="#"><u>Interviewed by Richard Marshall for 3:16 AM</u></a>	2021
<a href="#"><u>Interviewed for the <i>Elucidations</i> Philosophy Podcast</u></a> (episode 134)	2021

## PEDAGOGY FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND TRAINING

<b><i>Mission: Accessible Canvas Wall of Fame</i></b>	2024
In recognition of inclusivity and accessibility of my Canvas sites, Northwestern University	
<b>Nominee for Most Innovative Course Site, Canvas Hall of Fame</b>	2024
Student-nominated university-wide award, Northwestern University	
<b>Teagle Fellowship</b>	2022-2023
Clemson University, Teagle Transformative Texts program (internal fellowship, \$1000 funding)	
<b>Graduate Student Prize for Excellence in Teaching Philosophy</b>	2019
University of Chicago (departmental award)	

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

### PhD Committee member for:

<b>Samuel Filby</b> , Northwestern University (ABD): "Self-Knowledge in Ethics and Aesthetics"
<b>Isaac Shur</b> , Northwestern University (ethics, metaethics)
<b>Bella Braxton</b> , Northwestern University (ethics, metaethics)

### Courses taught (as primary instructor)

<u>Northwestern University</u>	
Nietzsche's <i>Genealogy of Morality</i> (grad seminar)	in progress: 2025
Contemporary Virtue Ethics (undergrad/grad seminar)	in progress: 2025
Plato on Love and Philosophy (undergrad first-year seminar)	2025
Introduction to the Philosophy of Art (introductory undergrad class)	2025
Professional Skills Workshop (graduate job placement workshop)	2024
Topics in Moral Philosophy: Love and Sex (undergrad/grad seminar)	2024
Plato on Love and Death (undergrad first-year seminar)	2024
Introduction to the Philosophy of Art (introductory undergrad class)	2024
<u>Clemson University</u>	
Nietzsche (upper-level undergrad seminar)	2023
Plato and Aristotle (undergrad independent study)	2022
Plato's <i>Republic</i> (undergrad independent study)	2022
Ancient Philosophy (upper-level undergrad class) x2	2021–2022

Introduction to Philosophy (introductory undergrad class) x4	2020–2023
Introduction to Ethics (introductory undergrad class)	2021
<u>University of Chicago</u>	
Death and the Meaning of Life (class for incoming first-generation undergrads)	2020
Knowing the Good (undergrad/grad seminar)	2020
Human Being & Citizen I (undergrad Humanities Core class)	2019
Nietzsche’s <i>On the Genealogy of Morality</i> (undergrad/grad seminar)	2019
Foundations of Interpretive Theory (co-instructor; grad class)	2019
The Immorality of Art (advanced undergrad seminar)	2018
What is Moral Skepticism? (advanced undergrad seminar)	2016

## SERVICE AND ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES

Reviewed for: Oxford University Press, Routledge publishing, <i>British Journal of Aesthetics</i> (x2), <i>Estetika</i> , <i>Ethics</i> , <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i> (x3), <i>Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism</i> , <i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i> (x2), <i>Journal of Nietzsche Studies</i> , <i>Philosophical Explorations</i> , <i>Philosophical Psychology</i> , <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Southern Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Synthesis Philosophica</i> , <i>Utilitas</i>	
Reviewed conference submissions for: Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics (x2), Saint Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality (SLACRR), Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics Annual Conference (NUSTEP) (x2)	
Organizing Committee, Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP) Annual Conference	2023-present
Speaker Series Committee, Northwestern University	2023-2024
Departmental Search Committee (Lecturer hire), Clemson University	2023
Chair Review Committee, Clemson University	2022-2023
Departmental Chair’s Advisory Committee, Clemson University	2022-2023
Student advising, Clemson University	2021-2023
Supervisor for the William T. Howell Pre-Law Society, Clemson University	2020-2023
Departmental Search Committee (Tenure-Track hire), Clemson University	2021-2022
Departmental Curriculum Committee, Clemson University	2020-2022
Graduate Representative on Departmental Search Committee, University of Chicago	2015-2016
Coordinator, Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago	2014-2016
Co-organizer, Prospective Students Visiting Week, University of Chicago	2014-2015
Co-founder, Departmental Pedagogy Program Committee, University of Chicago	2013
Convenor, Plato’s <i>Symposium</i> reading group, University of Chicago	2011
Organizer, Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Nietzsche and Literature, Oxford University	2011
Convenor, Philosophy of Art Discussion Group, Oxford University	2010

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