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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 beginning Sept 2023
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Clemson University 2020-present
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
Thesis: *Nietzsche and the Ethical Value of Pity*
Supervisor: Joseph Schear
MMathPhil, Mathematics and Philosophy, University of Oxford (First Class) 2008

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

‘Value Realism and Idiosyncrasy’ (runner-up for the Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics)
Oxford Studies in Metaethics, Vol. 18 forthcoming
‘After the *Birth*: Middle and Late Nietzsche on the Value of Tragedy’
Inquiry forthcoming in print, published online 2023
‘Pulling Oneself Up by the Hair: Understanding Nietzsche on Freedom’
Inquiry, vol 61, pp. 82-99 2017
‘Why Sibley is (Probably) Not a Particularist After All’
British Journal of Aesthetics, vol. 51, pp. 201-212 2011

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES, CRITICAL COMMENTARIES, AND REVIEWS

* = invited; † = peer reviewed

Critical comment on Bernard Reginster’s *The Will to Nothingness: An Essay on Nietzsche’s On the Genealogy of Morality* *
European Journal of Philosophy (author-meets-critics symposium) forthcoming

Review of Guy Elgat, <i>Being Guilty: Freedom, Responsibility, and Conscience in German Philosophy from Kant to Heidegger</i>* <i>Ethics</i>	forthcoming
Review of Mattia Riccardi, <i>Nietzsche's Philosophical Psychology</i>* <i>Journal of Nietzsche Studies</i>	forthcoming
'Nietzsche's Ethics' * † <i>Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy</i> , https://iep.utm.edu/nietzsches-ethics/	2022
Review of Andrew Huddleston, <i>Nietzsche on the Decadence and Flourishing of Culture</i>* <i>Mind</i>	advance online access 2021
'Iris, Edited': Review of Peter J. Conradi, <i>Iris Murdoch – A Writer at War</i>* <i>Oxonian Review</i> 12:4	2010

WORK IN PROGRESS

- 'The Guise of the Good and the Agential Perspective on Action'**
Committed to edited collection in honor of Joseph Raz
- 'Worlds Collided: Love as Seeing and Seeing-With'**
Committed for presumptive publication in *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics*
- 'Normativity from the First-Person Perspective'**
Commissioned for edited collection on normative realism, eds. P. Boghossian and C. Peacocke
- A paper on deliberation and value realism**
Under review

ACADEMIC AWARDS, GRANTS, AND PRIZES

Nominee for Junior Researcher of the Year College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities nominee for Clemson's university-wide award	2023
Nominee for National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Won Clemson University internal competition for nomination	2021-2022
Runner-up for the Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics Marc Sanders Foundation. Awarded for paper 'Value Realism and Idiosyncrasy'	2021
Humanities Hub Lightsey Fellowship Clemson University	2021
Graduate Student Prize for Excellence in Teaching Philosophy University of Chicago	2019
Mellon Humanities Dissertation Completion Fellowship Mellon Foundation, University of Chicago	2016-2017
Lee Family Graduate Essay Prize in Philosophy University of Chicago. Awarded for paper 'Pulling Oneself Up by the Hair: Understanding Nietzsche on the Freedom of the Will'	2015

PhD funding University of Chicago	2011-2016
Arts & Humanities Research Council Full Award: BPhil University of Oxford	2009-2011
Faculty of Philosophy LEQ Grant University of Oxford	2009-2011
Senior Mackinnon Scholarship Magdalen College, University of Oxford	2009-2010
Demyship (Scholarship) Magdalen College, University of Oxford	2005-2008
Tutorial Prize in Mathematics Magdalen College, University of Oxford	2007

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

‘The Guise of the Good and the Agential Perspective on Action’ Conference in honor of Joseph Raz, Columbia Law School, NY	sched: 2023
‘The Guise of the Good and the Normative Structure of Intentional Action’ St Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality (‘SLACRR’)	sched: 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 <i>Birth</i>: 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 rd Cyprus Metaethics Conference	2021

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

INVITED TALKS

‘How to Decide What to Do’ University of South Carolina Colloquium Series	2021
‘The First-Person Perspective for Moral Philosophers’ (presented online) University of Cambridge, ‘Meet the Researcher’ Seminar	2020

WORKSHOPS AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

‘Normativity from the First-Person Perspective’ Workshop for edited collection on normative realism, New York University	2022
‘The Metaethical Significance of the First-Person Perspective’ Graduate Research Symposium, University of Chicago	2019
‘Metaethical Realism and the Idiosyncrasy of the Practical’ Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago	2018
‘Deliberation, Normative Realism, and the First-Person Perspective’ Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago	2017
‘Pulling Oneself up by the Hair: Understanding Nietzsche on the Freedom of the Will’ German Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago	2016
‘Going Wrong by One’s Own Lights: Why Metaethical Constructivism Doesn’t Work’ Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago	2014
‘Nietzsche: Stoic or Psychologist?’ Ockham Society, University of Oxford	2011
‘Falsehood in the <i>Sophist</i> Graduate Colloquium on Late Plato, University of Oxford	2010
‘Love and Personal Identity in <i>Hedwig and the Angry Inch</i> and Plato’s <i>Symposium</i>’ Philosophy of Art Discussion Group, University of Oxford	2010
‘Does Skepticism Keep You Awake at Night? A Kantian Response to the Skeptic’ Socrates Society, University of Oxford	2010

INVITED COMMENTS

- On Andrew Huddleston's (TBA)**
NYU Conference on Issues in the History of Modern Philosophy sched: 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 Mattia Riccardi's *Nietzsche's Philosophical Psychology*** (presented online)
Book launch symposium 2021
- 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'**
Nietzsche Research Seminar, University of Oxford, UK 2011
- On Ken Gemes's 'Nietzsche, Nihilism, and the Paradox of Affirmation'**
Post-Kantian European Philosophy Seminar, University of Oxford, UK 2010

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- [Interviewed by Richard Marshall for *3:16 AM*](#) 2021
- [Interviewed for the *Elucidations Philosophy Podcast*](#) (episode 134) 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor

- Clemson University
Nietzsche (upper-level undergraduate seminar) 2023
Plato and Aristotle (independent study) 2022
Plato's *Republic* (independent study) 2022

Ancient Philosophy (upper-level undergraduate class) x2	2021–2022
Introduction to Philosophy (introductory undergraduate class) x4	2020–2023
Introduction to Ethics (introductory undergraduate class)	2021

University of Chicago

Death and the Meaning of Life (class for incoming first-generation undergraduates)	2020
Knowing the Good (graduate/advanced undergraduate seminar)	2020
Human Being & Citizen I (undergraduate Humanities Core class)	2019
Nietzsche’s <i>On the Genealogy of Morality</i> (graduate/advanced undergraduate seminar)	2019
Foundations of Interpretive Theory (co-instructor; graduate class)	2019
The Immorality of Art (advanced undergraduate seminar)	2018
What is Moral Skepticism? (advanced undergraduate seminar)	2016

Preceptor

University of Chicago

As a Graduate Preceptor (2017-2019) and then a Postdoctoral Preceptor (2019-2020) in the Master of Arts Program in the Humanities, I worked closely with students on thesis topics including the liminality of time in Virginia Woolf’s *To the Lighthouse*, Freudian film theory, and the history of censorship in Japanese art.

Teaching Assistant

University of Chicago

Foundations of Interpretive Theory (Instructor: Hilary Strang) x2	2017, 2018
Metaphysics and Ethics of Death (Instructor: Benjamin Callard)	2015
Faith and Reason (Instructor: Michael Kremer)	2014
Forms of Philosophical Skepticism (Instructor: James Conant)	2014

SERVICE AND ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES

Referee for:

Routledge publishing, *British Journal of Aesthetics*, *Estetika*, *European Journal of Philosophy* (x3), *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Utilitas* various

Departmental search committee, 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, Clemson University	2021-2022
Departmental curriculum committee, Clemson University	2020-2022
Graduate representative on departmental search committee, University of Chicago	2015-2016
Co-ordinator, 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
President, Magdalen Film Society, Oxford University	2006-2008