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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
Thesis: *Nietzsche and the Ethical Value of Pity*
Supervisor: Joseph Schear
MMathPhil, Mathematics and Philosophy, University of Oxford (First Class) 2008

PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

‘Worlds Collided: Love as Seeing and Seeing-With’
Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics forthcoming
‘Beyond the *Birth*: Middle and Late Nietzsche on the Value of Tragedy’
Inquiry 66 (7): 1283–1306 2023
‘Value Realism and Idiosyncrasy’ (runner-up for the Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics) 2023
Oxford Studies in Metaethics 18: 24–46
‘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

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES, CRITICAL COMMENTARIES, AND BOOK REVIEWS

* = invited; † = peer reviewed

- Review of Mattia Riccardi, *Nietzsche's Philosophical Psychology****
Journal of Nietzsche Studies 54 (2): 203–209 2023
- ‘Nietzsche and “We Knowers”’: Comments on Reginster’s *The Will to Nothingness***
(book symposium) *
European Journal of Philosophy 31(2): 509–515 2023
- 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 Andrew Huddleston, *Nietzsche on the Decadence and Flourishing of Culture****
Mind 132(525): 243–251 2023
- ‘Nietzsche’s Ethics’** * †
Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy, <https://iep.utm.edu/nietzsches-ethics/> 2022
- ‘Iris, Edited’: Review of Peter J. Conradi, *Iris Murdoch – A Writer at War****
Oxonian Review 12(4) 2010

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Monograph: ‘Nietzsche’s Critique of Pity’**
Under contract with Cambridge University Press for ‘Cambridge Elements’ series
- ‘The Guise of the Good and the Agential Perspective on Action’**
Committed to edited collection in honor of Joseph Raz
- ‘Normativity from the First-Person Perspective’**
Commissioned for edited collection on normative realism, eds. P. Boghossian and C. Peacocke
(under contract with Oxford University Press)
- Paper on deliberation and value realism**
Under review

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND PRIZES

- Nominee for Junior Researcher of the Year** 2023
College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities nominee for Clemson’s university-wide award
- Teagle Fellowship** 2022–2023
Clemson University, Teagle Transformative Texts program (internal fellowship, \$1000 funding)
- Nominee for National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend** 2021
Won Clemson University internal competition for nomination
- Runner-up for the Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics** 2021
Marc Sanders Foundation. Awarded for paper ‘Value Realism and Idiosyncrasy’
- Humanities Hub Lightsey Fellowship** 2021
Clemson University (internal fellowship, \$5000 grant)

Graduate Student Prize for Excellence in Teaching Philosophy University of Chicago (departmental award)	2019
Mellon Humanities Dissertation Completion Fellowship Mellon Foundation, University of Chicago (internal fellowship, full funding and stipend)	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’ (\$1250 prize)	2015

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

‘Intentional Action as Interpersonally Constituted’ Southampton-Humboldt Normativity Conference	sched: 2023
‘Art from the Perspective of the Artist’ Panel on Bernard Bolzano, American Society for Aesthetics annual meeting	sched: 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 <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 PRESENTATIONS

‘Realism, Disagreement, and Moral Knowledge’ University of Chicago Practical Philosophy Workshop	sched: 2023
‘Realism, Disagreement, and Moral Knowledge’ University of Illinois at Chicago philosophy department colloquium	2023
‘Love and Desire’ University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee philosophy department colloquium	2023
‘Normativity from the First-Person Perspective’ 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

INTERNAL DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS

University of Chicago:

‘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

University of Oxford:

- ‘Nietzsche: Stoic or Psychologist?’**
Ockham Society, University of Oxford 2011
- ‘Falsehood in the *Sophist*’**
Graduate Colloquium on Late Plato, University of Oxford 2010
- ‘Love and Personal Identity in *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* and Plato’s *Symposium*’**
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 AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- On Paul Katsafanas’s *Philosophy of Devotion: The Longing for Invulnerable Ideals*
Author-meets-critics panel, Pacific APA sched: 2024
- On Andrew Huddleston’s ‘What Is This Thing Called Amor Fati?’
NYU Conference on Issues in the History of Modern Philosophy 2023
- 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
- 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 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'	2011
Nietzsche Research Seminar, University of Oxford, UK	
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

Interviewed by Richard Marshall for 3:16 AM	2021
Interviewed for the <i>Elucidations Philosophy Podcast</i> (episode 134)	2021

TEACHING AND ADVISING

PhD Committee member

Samuel Filby, Northwestern University (ABD): "Self-Knowledge in Ethics and Aesthetics"

Primary Instructor

Northwestern University

Plato on Love and Death (undergrad first-year seminar)	sched: 2024
Introduction to the Philosophy of Art (introductory undergrad class)	sched: 2024
Topics in Moral Philosophy—Love and Friendship (undergrad/grad seminar)	sched: 2024

Clemson University

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

University of Chicago

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

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 one-on-one with over 30

students, helping them to create and refine a thesis topic, find a faculty advisor, and then write and revise the thesis in response to advisor feedback.

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: Oxford University Press, Routledge publishing, <i>British Journal of Aesthetics</i> , <i>Estetika</i> , <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i> (x3), <i>Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism</i> , <i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i> , <i>Journal of Nietzsche Studies</i> , <i>Philosophical Explorations</i> , <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Southern Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Synthesis Philosophica</i> , <i>Utilitas</i>	various
Coordinator, Professional Skills Workshop, Northwestern University	sched: 2024
Speaker Series Committee, Northwestern University	2023-2024
Organizing Committee, Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP) Annual Conference	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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