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EMPLOYMENT

- 2018- Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2016-2018 Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy and Law, Department of Philosophy and School of Law, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2015-2016 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Simon Fraser University.
- 2013-2015 SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy, McGill University.

EDUCATION

- 2008-2013 Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Toronto
Dissertation Title: *The Relationship of Right: a Constitutive Vindication of Human Rights* [Committee: Arthur Ripstein (Chair), Jennifer Whiting, Paul Franks; Leif Wenar (external referee)]
- 2003-2005 B.A., Philosophy and Politics, Oxford University
- 1998-2003 B.A. (Hons.), University of Winnipeg

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics and Metaethics, Legal and Political philosophy, and Immanuel Kant

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Action, Moral Psychology, Latin American Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- In Contract *Dignity and Rights: The Deontic Structure of Agency*. Under contract with Cambridge University Press for the Cambridge Elements in Philosophy of Law, ed. by G. Postema, G. Pavlakos, and K. Ehrenberg.

2008 *La Educación Intercultural como Ejercicio de Derechos Humanos (Intercultural Education as Human Rights Practice)*, Lima: APRODEH.

ARTICLES

Forthcoming 'Rights and the Good', *Philosophical Quarterly*

2023 'The Relational Wrong of Poverty', *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 26: 303–319

2022 'Moral Rights Without Balancing', *Philosophical Studies*, 179: 549–569.

2021 'Relational Primitivism', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 102:401–422.

2018 'Humanity without Equality', Special Issue on Andrea Sangiovanni's *Humanity without Dignity*, *Philosophy and Public Issues*, ed. P. Maffettone 8(2): 63–75.

2018 'The Relational Structure of Human Dignity', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 96:4, 738–752.

2017 'Two Second-Personal Conceptions of the Dignity of Persons', *European Journal of Philosophy*, 25:4, 921–943.

2017 'The Indivisibility of Human Rights', *Law and Philosophy*, 36 (4):389–418.

2016 'Human Rights, Categorical Duties: A Dilemma for Instrumentalism', *Utilitas* 28:4, 368–395.

2016 'Why Human Rights? Because of *You*', *Journal of Political Philosophy* 24:3, 321–343.

2016 'Human Rights and the Rights of States: A Relational Account', *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 46:3, 291–317.

2016 'Human Dignity', *Philosophy Compass* 11:4, 201–210.

2016 'The Public Form of Law: Kant on the Second-Personal Constitution of Freedom', *Kantian Review* 21:1, 101–126.

2014 'The Very Thought of (Wronging) You', in J. Conant and S. Rödl (eds.), *Philosophical Topics*, special issue on the second person, 42:1, 153–175.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Forthcoming 'The Will as a Causal Power', in C. McLear and C. Marshall (eds.), *Kant's*

Fundamental Assumptions, under contract with Oxford University Press. (with comments by Sebastian Rödl)

2023 'Bread as Freedom: Kant on the State's Duties to the Poor', in D. Heide and E. Tiffany (eds.), *Kantian Freedom* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

2014 'Kant's Juridical Idea of Human Rights', in A. Føllesdal and R. Malik (eds.), *Kantian Theory and Human Rights* (New York: Routledge), 27-51.

BOOK REVIEWS

2022 Review of Colin Bird, *Human Dignity and Political Criticism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

2015 Review of Stephen Darwall, *Honor, History, and Relationship: Essays in Second-Personal Ethics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013) *Ethics* 125:3

WORK IN PROGRESS

Contemporary:

A paper on the nature of value and of rights (R&R)

A paper on the nature of moral equality (under review)

A paper on authority (under review)

A paper on metanormative constitutivism

A paper on lying

A paper on action

Kant:

A paper on Kant's account of moral obligation (under review)

A paper on Kant's theory of action

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

2021 'Vaccine Mandates Protect us All', *Times Union Editorial*, Nov. 21

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2023 Individual Development Award (UUP) (\$2000)

2022, 2023 Grant Submitted to Templeton Foundation for a multi-year project on the nature and ethics of love. Project co-leader with Prof. Monika Betzler, Chair of Practical Philosophy and Ethics, LMU (Germany). (approximate value US\$230,000)

2020-2021 Visiting Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies, LMU Munich, to collaborate on Research Project on Relational Normativity, with Monika Betzler, Chair of Practical Philosophy and Ethics, LMU.

- 2020 University Auxiliary Services, Conference Award (\$900), University at Albany, SUNY
- 2019 Conference Award Support (\$2185), University at Albany SUNY
- 2019 University Auxiliary Services, Conference Award (\$700), University at Albany, SUNY
- 2016-2018 Law and Philosophy Postdoctoral Fellowship, UCLA.
- 2016 Conference Grant, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (\$1500)
- 2015-2016 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Dept. of Philosophy, SFU
- 2013-2015 SSHRC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (\$81,000)
- 2013 Chancellor Jackman Graduate Fellow in the Humanities, Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto.
- 2011-2012 SIAS Summer Institute, *The Second Person: Comparative Perspectives*, National Humanities Center and Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin.
- 2009-2012 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, (Canada's most prestigious graduate scholarship, valued at \$150,000).
- 2008 Martha Lile Love Award (for best essay submitted in 2008-2009 competition), University of Toronto.
- 2008-2013 Philosophy Doctoral Fellowship, University of Toronto.
- 2003-2005 Rhodes Scholarship, Rhodes Trust, Oxford, United Kingdom.
- 2003 University Silver Medal, Awarded for the Second Highest Standing in Arts (Honours Course), University of Winnipeg.
- 2003 University Gold Medal, Awarded for Achievement in an Honours Course (Philosophy), University of Winnipeg.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 'Dignity, Recognition, and the Illusions of Entitlement'
Workshop on Dignity, McGill and Concordia Universities.
- 2023 'Action as Deed'
Kant's Doctrine of Right: A Conference at the University of Chicago
- 2023 'A Dispositional Theory of Rights'
University of Toronto
- 2023 Panel with Tom Christiano, APA Eastern

- 2022 MANCEPT Workshop on Human Rights, Manchester, UK.
- 2022 'Moral Equals'
Workshop on 'Relations and Relationships: Themes from the philosophy of R. Jay Wallace', LMU, Munich, Germany.
- 2022 'Social Action'
Workshop on Relational Normativity, Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2022 'Rights, the Good, and Constitutivism'
APA (Eastern)
Workshop: Moral Equality at the Margins (Manchester), Jan.
Colloquium Talk: Binghamton Philosophy Department, Feb.
- 2021 'The Will as a Causal Power'
Workshop on forthcoming volume, *Kant's Fundamental Assumptions* (OUP). Comments by Sebastian Rödl, Universität Leipzig. August
- 2021 'The Deontic Structure of Human Action'
Philosophy Colloquium, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU), July 2021
- 2021 'Rights Constitutivism'
Workshop on Human Rights and Equality, part of the REAL project (on Rights and Egalitarianism), hosted by Adina Preda, Trinity College Dublin, June 7-8, 2021.
- 2020 'The (Unequal) Distribution of Personhood
MANCEPT, Workshop on Human Rights
Conference on Kant and Poverty, in preparation for special volume for *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*
- 2020 'Realist Constitutivism'
University of Toronto (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2020 'Rights and Action in Kant'
University of Chicago (postponed due to COVID-19)
- 2020 'Action and Relation'
Keynote: LMU-Zürich Early Career Conference on Relational Normativity (postponed due to COVID-19)
- 2019 Social Agency, Group Agency, and Relational Normativity, University of Vienna, Austria
- 2019 'Moral Rights without Balancing'
Dignity, Equality, and Social Status, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
- 'Dependent Beings'

- 2019 Kant and Poverty, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany
- 2018 ‘The Claim of Sincerity’
Ethics and Epistemology Workshop, Fordham University
- 2018 ‘Causal Power and Moral Obligation in Kant’
NAKS 4th Biennial Meeting, Symposium on Obligation, with Barbara Herman
and Stephen Darwall
- 2018 ‘Authority as Extended Agency’
Legal Philosophy Workshop, Rutgers
- 2017 Legal Philosophy Workshop, UCLA
- 2017 ‘Rights as Relational Reasons’
Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo.
- 2017 ‘The Relation of Respect: the Relational Source of Moral Norms’
Moral Philosophy Workshop, UCSD, March
- 2017 Philosophy Department, University at Albany, SUNY
- 2017 Philosophy Department, Columbia University
- 2017 Ethics Workshop, UCLA, January
- 2016 The Direction of Moral Duties, Simon Fraser University, May
- 2016 Philosophy Colloquium, Simon Fraser University, February
- 2016 ‘The Organic Unity of the State: Kant on Life, Rights, and the State’
Oxford University, September
- 2016 ‘The Bounds of Rights’
Philosophy Department, Stirling University, June
- 2015 ‘Human Dignity: A Dilemma for Darwall’s Second-Personal Approach’
APA Pacific, April
- 2016 ‘The Indispensability of Human Dignity’
Philosophy Department, Indiana University, February
- 2015 Philosophy Department, University of Maryland, Baltimore
County, February
- 2014 Philosophy Department, Stirling University, December
- 2014 Speaker Series, Philosophy Department, University of Manitoba,
- 2014 Workshop on Human Rights, McGill University, November.
- 2014 ‘Bread as Freedom: Kant on the State’s Duties to the Poor’
Conference on *Kantian Freedom*, Simon Fraser University, October
- ‘The Juridical Epigenesis of Reason: Kant on Life, Dignity, and the Second
Person’

- 2014 Practical Philosophy Workshop and Human Rights Workshop, University of Chicago, February.
- 2014 'The Public Form of Law: the Second-Personal Constitution of Freedom'
German Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, June.
- 2014 APA Pacific, April
- 2013 Workshop on Kant's Doctrine of Right, University of Leipzig, June.
- 2014 'Matters of International Concern: On the Interdependence of Human Rights and State Sovereignty'
Department of Philosophy, Harvard University, January
- 2013 Department of Government, Harvard University, November.
- 2012 Political Theory Research Workshop, University of Toronto,
- 2012 'Bread as Freedom: A Defense of the Human Right to Food'
Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto, December
- 2012 Commentary on "The Complete Object of Practical Knowledge", by Stephen Engstrom (Pittsburgh).
University of Toronto's CPAMP Workshop in Hylomorphism,
- 2012 'The Very Thought of (Wronging) You'
Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, SIAS Summer Institute on the Second Person, July
- 2012 McMaster University, Graduate Conference for Legal Theory,
- 2012 'The Kantian Idea of Human Rights'
Princeton University, Annual Graduate Conference in Political Theory.
- 2012 University of Toronto Philosophy Department, Graduate Forum,
- 2011 University of Toronto, Centre for Ethics, November
- 2010 'Fichte's Principle of Right and Other Persons Skepticism',
Western Canadian Philosophical Association, October
- 2010 Commentary on "Making up your Mind and the Activity of Reason", by Matthew Boyle (Harvard).
University of Toronto's CPAMP Workshop "Perceiving oneself (and one another) perceiving in the Platonic-Aristotelian tradition," April
- 2009 'Agency, Self-knowledge and Functionalism',
University of Toronto Graduate Conference, April.

TEACHING

Graduate Seminars

- 2023 PHI 580: Seminar in Metaethics

- 2022 PHI 634: Seminar in Philosophy of Law: Dignity, Status, and Rights
- 2021 PHI 412/512 Metaphysics
- 2020 PHI 441/541 Rights
- 2020 PHI 441/541 Practical Reason, Morality, and Modernity
- 2019 PHI 441/541 The Unity of Kant's Practical Philosophy, UAlbany
- 2018 PHI 580, Seminar in Metaethics: Constitutivism, UAlbany.
- 2017 PHIL 257/LAW 687 Seminar in Legal Philosophy: Authority and Human Rights, Dept of Philosophy, UCLA.
- 2016 PHL 435-4 / 822-5 Honors and Graduate Seminar, Topics in Ethics: The Direction of Moral Duties, Dept of Philosophy, SFU

Undergraduate

- 2024 PHI314: 19th Century Philosophy
- 2023 PHI 240 Introduction to Latin American Philosophy
- 2022, 2021 PHI230 Human Freedom and Human Action
- 2019- 2023 PHI 325, Philosophy of Law, UAlbany.
- 2019-2023 PHI114, Morals and Society, UAlbany.
- 2018 PHIL 120W, Philosophy of Law, UCLA
- 2016/2017 LAW 217 Legal philosophy, School of Law, UCLA.
- 2015 PHL 120W Introduction to Moral Philosophy, Dept of Philosophy, SFU
- 2006 PHL 015.120 L01 Introduction to Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Manitoba
- 2005-6 PHIL 35.2302/6 Logic
PHIL 35.1301/6 Introduction to Logical Reasoning, Philosophy, University of Winnipeg

SUPERVISION

Graduate: Nick Boles (Ph.D. Advisor: Metaphysics of Rights – 2021-present); Alex Quellhorst (MA, Committee Member: Moral Psychology, the trust game); Sean Chung (MA, Committee Member: Moral Psychology, Gratitude); Raphael Moser (PhD Committee Member: Moral Psychology, Forgiveness – 2021- 2022); Elizabeth Gray (PhD Committee Member: Political Philosophy: Justice in Non-Ideal Conditions— 2021-present); Nick Jacobson (PhD Committee Member: Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics: Compatibilist Freedom – 2021-2022); Will Kidder (PhD Committee Member: Moral Psychology, Empathy – 2019-2021).

Undergraduate: Berenice Reyes (Independent Study: The Metaphysics of Freedom, 2023); Christopher Moller (Supervisor, Honors Thesis: Political Philosophy: Animal Rights, 2021); Sierra Whitney (Supervisor, Honors Thesis: Metaethics: Constructivism, 2019).

LANGUAGES

Spanish (reading, writing, oral)

French (reading, basic writing, basic oral)

German (reading, basic writing, basic oral (reached Goethe Institute’s B2.2))

Latin (reading)

SERVICE

DEPARTMENT

2023 - Chair, Colloquium Committee

2019 - Chair, Committee for Law and Philosophy Minor, UAlbany.

- Steered the Law and Philosophy Minor from its inception in 2018.
- The minor has grown every year. Fall 2018: 0 students; F2019: 64 students; F2020: 102 students; F2021: 131 students; F2022: 148 students
- Developed and strengthened our department’s relationship to Albany Law, organizing visits, talks, and symposia for our students.
- Created and got approved the “Get a Taste of Law” option for the minor – students can take a course at Albany Law during their senior year and count it towards the minor.

2019-2022 Committee Member, Graduate Studies Committee

- In addition to standard duties, I helped the chair of the committee steer through various departmental votes and through the administration a comprehensive streamlining of our MA program.

2019-2022 Chair, Exams Committee

- Supervised the composition and carrying out of PhD Comprehensive Exams for three years and provided guidance to PhD students throughout the academic year, including the design of a new orientation session on the exam.

UNIVERSITY

2022-2023 Department Senator, University Senate

2022-2023 University Life Committee (ULC), Member.

2021- LLC (Living Learning Community), World of Law, Ethics, and Philosophy

- With my colleague Jason D’Cruz and at the request of Student Engagement, we’ve created the World of Law, Ethics, and Philosophy. The 1-credit hour seminar navigates basic philosophical questions about the law, introduces students to philosophy and to university life more generally, and exposes freshmen to the various pre-law paths at UAlbany. We also serve as mentors to these students throughout their college path.

PROFESSION

2021 **Organizer of Workshop on Practical Reason** (with David Owens, Hille Paakkunainen, Tamar Schapiro, and Michael Smith) Department of Philosophy, University at Albany

2019 **Organizer of Workshop on Constitutivism** Department of Philosophy, University at Albany, SUNY. <http://www.arielzylberman.com/constitutivism-workshop-2019.html>

2016 **Co-Organizer of Workshop on The Direction of Moral Duties**, with Sam Black, Department of Philosophy, SFU. <http://directedduties2016.weebly.com>

REVIEWING

Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Ergo, Ethics, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, European Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Social Philosophy, Jurisprudence, Kantian Review, Monist, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophy Compass, Philosopher’s Imprint, Philosophical Studies, Southern Journal of Philosophy.