

Curriculum Vitae Nomy Arpaly

Personal Information

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Education

Ph.D., Stanford University (1998) Philosophy
BA., Tel Aviv University (1992) Philosophy and Linguistics, Magna Cum Laude

AOS: Ethics, Moral Psychology
AOC : Action theory, Free Will

Appointments

2015 – Present: Professor
2006 –2015: Associate Professor
2003 – 2006: Brown University –Assistant Professor
1999 – 2003: Rice University – Assistant Professor
1998 – 1999: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor - Visiting Assistant
Professor

Fellowships

Harvard University, Center for Ethics and the Professions – invited to be a visiting fellow for the 2001/2 academic year
Australian National University, ANU School of Philosophy, the Centre for Moral, Social and Political Theory. Harsany Fellowship. June 14-August 10th 2019

Publications

Books:

In Praise of Desire Oxford University Press (with Timothy Schroeder). 2014
Merit, Meaning, and Human Bondage –an Essay on Free Will Princeton University Press, 2006
Unprincipled Virtue: an Inquiry into moral Agency Oxford University Press, 2003

Invited Articles

“Partiality in Friendship” (with Anna Brinkerhoff), forthcoming in Aydan McGlynn and Jennifer Lackey (eds), *Oxford Handbook on Social Epistemology*, Oxford University Press
“Quality of Will and (Some) Unusual Behavior” in Josh May and Matt King (eds,), *Agency in Mental Disorders*, Oxford University Press 2022 14-32

"Desire and Meaning in Life", in *Oxford Handbook on Meaning in Life*, Oxford University Press

"Three Dogmas of Agency Theory" in *Routledge Handbook of Practical Reasoning*, Routledge, 2020

"On Benevolence" *Aristotelian Society Supplementary Volume* 92 (1):207-223. 2018

"It Ain't Necessarily So" *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 13, 2018

"Why Epistemic Partiality is Overrated" (with Anna Brinkerhoff), *Philosophical Topics* 46 (1):37-51 2018

"What is it Like to have a Crappy Imagination" in John Schwenkler, *Themes in Transformative Experience*, Oxford University Press

Book Forum on *In Praise of Desire*, Oxford University Press, 2013: Précis of *In Praise of Desire*" and "Response to Swanton and Badwar" *Journal of Value Inquiry* 50 (425-432)

"Moral Psychology's Drinking Problem", Iskra Fileva, *Character: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Oxford University Press. 2016

"Moral Worth and Normative Ethics". *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics* (based on refereed abstract) vol. 5 86-106 2015

"Huckleberry Finn Revisited: Inverse Akrasia and Moral Ignorance". Randolph Clark, Michael McKenna and Angela Smith, *The Nature of Moral Responsibility*, Oxford University Press 2015

"A Causal Theory of Acting for Reasons" (with Timothy Schroeder). *American Philosophical Quarterly* 52:2 103-115 2015 (based on refereed abstract).

"The Reward Theory of Desire and Moral Psychology", in Justin D'Arms and Daniel Jacobson, *Moral Psychology and Human Agency*. Oxford University Press 2014 (with Timothy Schroeder)

"Reply to Critics" (part of a symposium on my book with Timothy Schroeder, *In Praise of Desire*) *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 89 (2):490-495 (with Timothy Schroeder)

"Duty, Desire, and The Good Person: Towards a non-Aristotelian Account of Virtue". *Philosophical Perspectives* 28 (1):59-74 2014

"Addiction and Blameworthiness" (with Timothy Schroeder) in Levy, Neil *Addiction and Self Control*, Oxford University Press 2013

Commentary on Susan Wolf's "Meaning in Life and Why it Matters", in *Meaning in Life and Why It matters*, Princeton University Press 2010

"Review: Reply to Harman, Stroud, and Mason" (in a symposium on my book *Unprincipled Virtue*) *Philosophical Studies* 134 (3) 457-465 2007

"Reply to Pippin" *Philosophical Explorations* 10 (3) 303-307 2007

How it is not "Just Like Diabetes": Mental Disorders and the Moral Psychologist1. *Philosophical Issues* 15 (1), 282-298 2005

Complex Theories of Autonomy, in Taylor, James, *Personal Autonomy*, Cambridge University Press 2004

Refereed Articles

"Deliberation and Acting for Reasons" (With Timothy Schroeder) *Philosophical Review* 121:2 109-139 (2012)

"Open-Mindedness as a Moral Virtue" *American Philosophical Quarterly* 48:1 2011

Which Autonomy", in Campbell, O'Rourke and Shier, *Freedom and Determinism*, MIT press 2004

"Moral Worth", *Journal of Philosophy* 99, May 2002, 223-245 (also chosen for *Philosopher's Annual*, 2003 as one of the best 10 philosophy papers of 2002)

"On Acting Rationally Against One's Best Judgment". *Ethics* 110/2 April 2000 488-513

"Hamlet and the Utilitarians" *Philosophical Studies* 99 45-57 2000 (based on refereed APA paper)

"Alienation and Externality" (with Timothy Schroeder) *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 29/3 September 1999 371-388

"Praise, Blame, and the Whole Self" (with Timothy Schroeder) – *Philosophical Studies*,

"Hamlet and the Utilitarians" *Philosophical Studies* 99 45-57 2000 (a refereed APA paper asked for by the journal)

Book Reviews and Contributions to Book Symposia

"Comments on Concern, Respect and Cooperation by Garret Cullity", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 104:2 502-504 2022

"Comments on Talking to Ourselves by John Doris" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 97 (3):753-757 2018

"Comments on Emotions, Values and Agency by Christine Tappolet" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 97 (2) 2018

Neil Sinnhababu, Humean Nature, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews 2018

Neil Levy, Consciousness and Moral Responsibility, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 4:93 829-831 2015

Andrew Sneddon, Autonomy, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews 2014

Richard Kraut, Against Absolute Goodness, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2013

Chrisoula Andrews and Mark White, The Thief of Time *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2011

Christine Korsgaard, The Constitution of Agency *Philosophical Review* 120 (4) 607-609 2011

Lee Overton and Sarah Buss, Contours of Agency, *Mind*, 2006

Comments on Lack of Character by John Doris, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 71 (3): 643-647. 2005.

Edna Ulman-Margalit, Reasoning Practically, *Ethics* 112 2002

Ruth Chang, Incommensurability, Incomparability and Practical Reason, *Mind* 109 864-866 2000

Other Publications

"The Utilitarian's Song", *Utilitas* 14 (01):1-2002

"Response to Bloom" *The Boston Review* September 2014

The View from the Owl's Roost – a Philosophy Blog (which I hope to start again).

Work in Progress

Working on getting a book project on normative ethics together. Working title: On Benevolence.

Working on a longer paper based on "Epistemology: Notes from a Baffled Action Theorist"

Talks at Conferences

Fall 2022, Mental Disorder, Culpability and Criminal Law, Bergen, Norway. "Why Depressed People are not Lazy – a Study in Agency"

Spring 2022, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, "Two Kantian Myths".

Summer 2019, Depths of the Self, Wurzburg, Germany "Why We don't Know what We Want"

Summer 2019, Workshop on The Work of Nomy Arpaly, Sydney, Australia "Deliberation and Fetish"

Summer 2019, British Society for Ethical Theory, Glasgow, United Kingdom, "Deliberation and Fetish"

Spring 2019, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Meeting, Vancouver: comments on Joshua May's *Reason in the Moral Mind*

Winter 2019, American Philosophical Association, Central Meeting, Denver: Comments on Gwen Bradford's *Achievement*

Fall 2018 Ethics Workshop at Washington University, St Louis, "Deliberation and Fetish"

Summer 2018 Joint Sessions of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, Oxford, UK, "On Benevolence".

Summer 2018 Perspectives on Transformative Experience, Gothenburg, Sweden, "What is it Like to Have a Crappy Imagination"

Summer 2018, Stockholm Workshop in Philosophy, "Epistemology and the Baffled Action Theorist"

Spring 2018, Workshop on Moral Epistemology, Princeton University, "Deliberation and Fetish".

Spring 2018, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, "Reason and Virtue"

Spring 2018, Responsibility and Mental Disorder, University of Alabama, Birmingham, "Quality of Will and Peculiar Behavior".

Summer 2017, Normativity and Reasoning, University of Southampton (United Kingdom) "Epistemology and the Baffled Action Theorist"

Spring 2017, Comments on David Shoemaker's and Manuel Vargas, "Moral Torch Fishing".

Spring 2017, Pre-Conference on Transformative Experience, Chicago (at the APA meeting), "What is it Like to have a Crappy Imagination"

Spring 2016 Michigan Colloquium on Epistemic and Non-Epistemic Normativity, University of Michigan, "Epistemology: Notes from A Baffled Action Theorist".

Spring 2016, Normativity and Reasoning, NYU, "Epistemology and the Baffled Action Theorist

Spring 2016 Reassessing Responsibility, Cambridge, United Kingdom), "Quality of Will and Involuntary Things"

Spring 2016 Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, Northwestern University, "In Defense of Benevolence".

Summer 2016, Workshop on Transformative Experience, University of St. Andrews (Scotland), "What is it Like to have a Crappy Imagination".

Summer 2016, Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference (RoME), university of Colorado, "In Defense of Benevolence"

Fall 2016 UNC Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop (CHil-Meta"), UNC Chapel Hill, "It Ain't Necessarily SO"

Spring 2015: Moral Responsibility: the Epistemic Dimension, VU Amsterdam, keynote address

Spring 2014, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Meeting, San Diego. "Desire and Virtue" (with Timothy Schroeder).

Spring 2014 Arizona Workshop on Normative Ethics, Tucson. "Moral Worth and Normative Ethics".

Spring 2013 Society for Philosophy and Psychology, "Desire and Virtue"

Fall 2012 Chapel Hill Colloquium, Comments on Tamar Schapiro's paper "On the Relationship Between Wanting and Willing"

Summer 2012 Moral Psychology and Human Agency Workshop, University of Michigan "The Neuroscience of Desire" (with Timothy Schroeder)

Spring 2012 American Philosophical Association, Pacific Meeting, as part of an invited symposium, "Will Power".

Practical Reason and Metaethics, University of Nebraska "Acting for reasons"

St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, "Acting and believing for reasons" (with Timothy Schroeder).

Spring 2010 Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, "Deliberation and Acting for Reasons" (with Timothy Schroeder)

Summer 2009 Conference on Inverse Akrasia, Tubingen, Germany: "Inverse Akrasia"

Fall 2007 Commentary on a Tanner Lecture at Princeton: "Meaning in Life and Why It Matters"

Fall 2007 Chapel Hill Colloquium In Philosophy, invited talk: "Open Mindedness".

Spring 2006 American Philosophical Association, Central Division: an Author Meets Critics session on my book *Unprincipled Virtue*

Fall 2004 American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division meeting: Invited Participant in an Author Meets Critics session for Candice Voegler

Spring 2003 American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting; Invited participant in Author Meets Critics session for John Doris

Spring 2001 Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Moscow, Idaho: "Which Autonomy?"

Spring 1999 American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Berkeley
"Hamlet and the Utilitarians"

Fall 1999 American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting,
Philadelphia, "Alienation and Externality" (With Timothy Schroeder)

Spring 1996 - American Philosophical Association, Pacific Meeting, Seattle; "Gibbard on Norms and Rationality"

Other Presentations:

"Deliberation and Fetish", Oxford University Moral Philosophy Seminar, June 2022

I have given talks at Australian National University, Brandeis University, Boston University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Florida State University, Georgia State University, Miami University, MIT, New York University, Northwestern University, Oberlin College, Ohio State University, Princeton University, Rice University, Rutgers University, SUNY Albany, Temple University, University of Adelaide, University of Amsterdam, University of Calgary, University of Chicago, University of Colorado, University of Massachusetts (Amherst), University of Melbourne, University of Miami, University of Michigan, University of Pittsburgh, University of Richmond, University of Syracuse, Union College, University of Toronto, Washington University, Yale University, York University

Summer 2009 5 day graduate seminar, University of Oslo, Norway.

Service to the Profession

Series editor (with Sanford Goldberg) of Cambridge Studies in Philosophy

In the past, on the editorial board of *Mind* and of *American Philosophical Quarterly*

I have refereed University Press Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, *Ethics*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Philosophical studies*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Philosophical Review*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Ethics Social and Political Philosophy*, *Thought and Mind*