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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Brown University

Visiting Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2015–present

University of Minnesota

Associate Professor of Philosophy (with tenure), 2007–present

McKnight Land-Grant Professor, 2005–2007

Assistant Professor, 2001–2007

Lecturer (tenure-track), 2000–2001

Harvard University

Fellow, Center for Ethics and the Professions, 2002–2003

EDUCATION

University of Chicago

Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2001

Boston University

B.A., magna cum laude, 1988

B.S., summa cum laude, 1988

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Moral Philosophy (esp. Moral Psychology), Social Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Moral Philosophy, Political Philosophy, Aesthetics

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes

1. *The Moral Psychology of Contempt*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, under contract and forthcoming January 2018.

Articles and Book Chapters

1. "Teach the Children Well: On Virtue and Its Benefits." *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (forthcoming) **-**. .
2. "Contempt as the Absence of Appraisal, Not Recognition, Respect." *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* (forthcoming): **-**. .
3. "Reactive Attitudes and Second-Personal Address," in *Ethical Sentimentalism*, edited by Remy Debes and Karsten Stueber, **-**. New York: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.
4. "Reactivity and Refuge." In *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility Vol. 2*, edited by D. Shoemaker and N. Tognazzini, 143–62. Oxford University Press, 2014.
5. "Moral Psychology." In *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, edited by Hugh LaFollette. Blackwell, 2013. (7000 words)
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781444367072.wbiee740/abstract>
6. "Blame: Taking It Seriously." *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 83, no. 2 (September 1, 2011): 473–81.
7. "On Shamelessness." *Philosophical Papers* 39, no. 3 (November 2010): 401–25.

Reprinted in a revised Italian translation as "Senza Vergogna." In *La Vergogna/Shame*, edited by E. Antonelli and M. Rotili, 229-245. Mimesis Edizioni, 2012.
8. "Aretaic Appraisal and Practical Reasons." *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 44, no. 4 (December 1, 2006): 629–56.
9. "Hume and Humeans on Practical Reason." *Hume Studies* 31, no. 2 (November 1, 2005): 347–78.
10. "Moral Sentiments," in *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd ed. Donald Borchert, ed. (Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan, 2005): 388-393.
11. "Contempt As a Moral Attitude." *Ethics: An International Journal of Social, Political, and Legal Philosophy* 113, no. 2 (January 1, 2003): 234–72.
12. "Moral Prejudice and Aesthetic Deformity: Rereading Hume's 'of the Standard of Taste.'" *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 59, no. 1 (2001): 59–71.

Short Encyclopedia Entries

1. "Reactive Attitudes." In *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, edited by Hugh LaFollette. Blackwell, 2013. (3000 words)
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781444367072.wbiee110/abstract>
2. "Aristotle." In *The Encyclopedia of Positive Psychology*, edited by Shane J. Lopez, 63-64. Wiley-Blackwell, 2009. Co-authored with Valerie Tiberius.
3. "Eudaimonia." In *The Encyclopedia of Positive Psychology*, edited by Shane J. Lopez, 351–355. Wiley-Blackwell, 2009. Co-authored with Valerie Tiberius.

Book Reviews

1. Review of Gabriele Taylor, *Deadly Vices*. *Mind* 117, no. 467 (2008): 742–44.
2. Review of Richard Kraut, *What is Good and Why: The Ethics of Well-Being*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* November 17, 2007, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/23251/>.
3. Review of Christine Swanton, *Virtue Ethics: A Pluralistic View*. *Ethics* 115, no. 2 (2005): 430–34.
4. Review of Anne Jaap Jacobson (ed.), *Feminist Interpretations of David Hume*. *Hume Studies* 27, no. 1 (2001): 181–85.
5. Review of Knud Ejler Logstrup, *The Ethical Demand*. *Ethics* 109, no. 2 (1999): 446–48.
6. Review of Simon Blackburn, *Ruling Passions*. *Hume Studies* 24, no. 2 (1998): 367–71.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Books

1. *Valuing Persons: A Philosophical Inquiry*
Proposal invited and under review, Peter Momtchiloff, Oxford University Press

Articles and Book Chapters

1. "How to Share a Beloved's Ends" (24 page draft)

2. "On Owing, to Another, Nearly Nothing" (18 page draft)
3. "Love's Moral Import." For *Routledge Handbook of Love in Philosophy*, edited by Adrienne Martin. New York: Routledge, under contract.
4. "Introduction," for *The Moral Psychology of Contempt*, edited by Michelle Mason. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, under contract for volume forthcoming January 2018.
5. "Contempt at the Limits of Reactivity," *The Moral Psychology of Contempt*, edited by Michelle Mason. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, under contract for volume forthcoming January 2018.
6. "'In some way splendid and in some way one's own': Resuscitating Pride as a Virtue," for *Neglected Virtues*, edited by Glen Pettigrove and Christine Swanton.
7. "Good Readers and Bad Characters: On Narrative Art, Empathy, and (Merciful) Moral Vision," for *The Philosophy of Martha Nussbaum* (Library of Living Philosophers), edited by Randall E. Auxier and Lewis E. Hahn. Chicago: Open Court, article completed for publication currently on hold.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Program in Ethical Inquiry Grant, Brown University, 2016 (\$2,500)

Dean's Grant, Brown University, 2016 (\$2,000)

Cogut Center for the Humanities Grant, Brown University, 2016 (\$500)

Imagine Fund Award, University of Minnesota, 2012-13 (\$5,000)

Global Programs and Strategy Alliance Travel Grant, 2011 (\$1,500)

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, Summer 2011 (\$6,000)

Single Semester Research Leave, University of Minnesota, Fall 2011

Residential Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota, Fall 2010

Imagine Fund Award, University of Minnesota, 2010-11 (\$4,000)

Imagine Fund Award, University of Minnesota, 2009-10 (\$3,000)

Visiting Scholar, American Academy in Rome, 2008-2009

McKnight Land-Grant Professorship, University of Minnesota, 2005-2007
(\$60,000)

Office of International Projects Travel Grant, University of Minnesota, 2007
(\$1,000)

CLA Scholarly Events Fund, University of Minnesota, 2006 (\$3000)

Single Semester Research Leave, University of Minnesota, Spring 2005

Faculty Fellow in Ethics, Harvard University Center for Ethics and the
Professions, 2002-2003 (half salary)

CLA Research Fellowship Supplement, University of Minnesota, 2002 (half
salary)

Single Semester Research Leave, University of Minnesota (declined), 2002

Research Grant Supplement, University of Minnesota Department of Philosophy,
2002

Office of International Projects Travel Grant, University of Minnesota, 2002
(\$1,000)

Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, University of Minnesota College of Liberal
Arts, 2001 (summer salary)

Research Grant Supplement, University of Minnesota Department of Philosophy,
2001

Office of International Projects Travel Grant, University of Minnesota, 2001
(\$1,000)

“Thank a Teacher” Teaching Award, University of Minnesota, 2001

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1999-2000

PRESENTATIONS

2017

TBA, Wake Forest University, February 2017.

2016

“Contempt at the Limits of Reactivity,” Brown University, April 2016.

“On Owing, to Another, Nearly Nothing,” CUNY Graduate Center, March 2016.

Cowling Lecturer: “On Owing, to Another, Nearly Nothing,” Carleton College, February 2016.

Cowling Lecturer: undergraduate seminar on the topic of my work on love, Carleton College, February 2016.

2015

“On Owing, to Another, Nearly Nothing,” Boston University Ethics Seminar, December 2015.

Keynote Address: “Are the Kids (of Virtue) Alright?” “Neglected Virtues” Conference in Honor of Rosalind Hursthouse, University of Auckland, New Zealand, August 2015.

“Good Readers and Bad Characters: On Narrative Art, Empathy, and (Merciful) Moral Vision,” Conference on Ethics and Aesthetics, Philosophy Department, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, May 2015.

“For Reasons of Love,” CUNY Lehman, March 2015.

“Fleeing the Superbs: Conceptualizing Contempt as a Reactive Attitude,” APA Central Division Meeting, Saint Louis, February 2015.

2014

“Reactive Attitudes and Second-Personal Address,” Philosophy Department, College of the Holy Cross, November 15, 2014.

“On Owing, to Another, Nearly Nothing,” MPLS Theory Workshop, October 3, 2014.

“How to Care for One’s Own Well-Being: Comments on Dana Howard,” APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, 2014.

“Reactivity and Refuge,” University of Minnesota Law School, MPLS Theory Workshop, March 2014.

2013

“Reactivity and Refuge,” Carleton College/St. Olaf Joint Philosophy Colloquium, November 2013.

“Love, Benevolence, and How to Share a Beloved’s Ends,” Northwestern University, May 2013.

“Humean Characters: How Complex?” University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, May 2013.

“Parfit, Profound Problems, and Practical Predicaments (Comments on William Smith),” APA Central Division Meeting, New Orleans, 2013.

2012

“Love, Benevolence, and the Sharing of Ends,” University of Minnesota Law School, MPLS Theory Workshop, October 2012.

“We Make no Presumptions,” University of Minnesota Law School, Robina Institute on Criminal Law, May 2012.

2011

“Just Say No? An Actional Account of Refraining (Comments on Brandon Johns),” APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, 2011.

“Strawson, Scanlon, and Blame as a Reactive Attitude,” 7th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Milan, Italy, 2011.

2010

Keynote Address: “Hume’s Pride,” Antwerp University, Belgium, 2010.

“Capturing all that’s Vital about Blame,” Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 2010.

2009

“A Promiscuous Pride?” University of Rome “La Sapienza,” Italy, 2009.

2008

“A Peculiar Pride,” Hume Society Conference, University of Akuyreri, Iceland, 2008.

2007

“Hercules at the Crossroads,” Minnesota I.C.E. Conference, 2007.

2006

“Toward a Moral Demand of Caveat Emptor,” Association for Legal and Social Philosophy Annual Conference, University College, Dublin, 2006.

“Toward a Moral Demand of Caveat Emptor,” International Conference on Ethics and Demandingness, University of Dundee, Scotland, 2006.

Comments on Eva Dadlez, “Hume’s Ethics in the Work of Jane Austin,” 33rd International Hume Conference, University of Koblenz, 2006.

“Genetic Contributions to Anti-social Behavior: Moral Implications,” Panel discussion, Psychology Department “Research Day”, University of Minnesota, 2006.

2005

Précis of Current Research, Regents Academy Luncheon, University of Minnesota, 2005.

2004

“Living Well and Faring Well,” Claremont McKenna Department of Philosophy, 2004.

“Living Well and Faring Well,” Vassar College Department of Philosophy, 2004.

“Living Well and Faring Well,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Philosophy, 2004.

“Living Well and Faring Well,” University of Arizona Department of Philosophy, 2004.

“Living Well and Faring Well,” Bowling Green State University Department of Philosophy, 2004.

“Living Well and Faring Well,” Rocky Mountain Virtue Ethics Summit, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2004.

“Shamelessness,” Minnesota I.C.E. Conference, 2004.

Comments on George Sher, “What Blame is Not,” Minnesota I.C.E. Conference, 2004.

Comments on Julia Driver and Nancy Shauber (Panel on Responsibility), Rocky Mountain Virtue Ethics Summit, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2004.

2003

“Is Aretaic Appraisal Reason Entailing?” M.I.T. Department of Philosophy, 2003.

“Moral Responsibility and Desert,” Harvard University Center for Ethics and the Professions, 2003.

“Shamelessness,” Sapientia Lecture, Dartmouth Department of Philosophy, 2003.

“Is Aretaic Appraisal Reason Entailing?” Brown Department of Philosophy, 2003.

“Shamelessness,” Harvard University Center for Ethics and the Professions, 2003.

Comments on Bob Emmons, “Counting Blessings versus Burdens” Minnesota Interdisciplinary Workshop on Well-Being, 2003.

Comments on Julien Deonna, “The Transparency of Emotions: The Case of Empathy,” APA Eastern Division Meetings, Washington, 2003.

Comments on Amber Carpenter: “(Im)Moral Psychology and Intentionless Evil,” Franklin and Marshall College Moral Psychology Conference, 2003.

2002

“Contempt as a Moral Attitude,” New York University Department of Philosophy, 2002.

“Shamelessness as a Vice,” APA Central Division Meetings, Chicago, IL 2002.

“Shamelessness as a Vice,” Aristotelian Society, University of Glasgow, Scotland, 2002.

“Shamelessness as a Vice,” Virtue Ethics Conference, Christchurch, New Zealand, 2002.

“Humean Reasons and Human Virtues,” Hume Society Group Meeting, APA Eastern Division Meetings, 2002.

2001

“Responsibility for ‘What One Is,’” Conference on Value Inquiry, Tulsa, OK, 2001.

“Contempt as a Moral Attitude,” Royal Institute of Philosophy, Manchester, UK, 2001.

“Contempt as a Moral Attitude,” British Society for Ethical Theory, University of Glasgow, Scotland, 2001.

“Virtue’s Reasons,” Minnesota Philosophical Society, St. Joseph, MN, 2001.

Comments on Jeffrey Brand-Ballard, “Contractualism and Agent-Centered Restrictions,” Minnesota Philosophical Society, St. Joseph, MN, 2001.

Comments on Chrisoula Andreou, “Reasons Without Rationally Required Ends,” APA Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta, GA. Dec. (in absentia), 2001.

2000

“Contempt as a Moral Attitude,” Minnesota Philosophical Society, St. Paul, MN, 2000.

Comments on Joy Laine, “Time and the Degradation of Moral Responsibility,” Minnesota Philosophical Society, St. Paul, MN, 2000.

“The (Normative) Moral Psychology of Contempt,” Department of Psychology Personality Group, University of Minnesota, 2000.

Comments on Valerie Tiberius, "Perspective: A Prudential Value," APA Central Division Meetings, Chicago, IL 2000.

1999

"Moral Prejudice and Aesthetic Deformity in Hume's 'Of the Standard of Taste'," APA Pacific Division Meetings, Berkeley, CA, 1999.

1998

"Moral Prejudice and Aesthetic Deformity: Re-reading Hume's 'Of the Standard of Taste'," American Society for Aesthetics 56th Annual Meeting, Bloomington, IN, 1998.

"Innocent Peculiarities and Real Deformities: The Problem of Prejudice in Hume's Moral Aesthetics," 25th Hume Society Conference, Stirling, Scotland, 1998.

TEACHING

Brown University

Undergraduate

1. PHIL0500: Moral Philosophy
2. PHIL0990I: Self-Respect
3. PHIL1100E: The Moral Emotions

Graduate

4. PHIL2190G: Recent work on Moral Obligation

University of Minnesota (*multiple times)

Undergraduate

1. PHIL1003w: Introduction to Ethics*
2. PHIL1995w: Freshman Seminar (The Ethics of Attitudes; Ethics and the Emotions)
3. PHIL3311w: Introduction to Ethical Theory*
4. PHIL3302w: Moral Problems of Contemporary Society*
5. PHIL4330w: Contemporary Moral Theories*
6. PHIL4321w: Theories of Justice*
7. PHIL4320w: Intensive Study of a Historical Moral Theory

24 Senior Projects supervised since 2010

4 Directed Studies supervised since 2010

Graduate

8. PHIL8310: Seminar on Moral Virtue and Reasons for Action
9. PHIL8310: Seminar on Reasons, Responsibility, and Character
10. PHIL8310: Seminar on Virtue and Well-being
13. PHIL8310: Seminar on Virtue Ethics
14. PHIL8310: Seminar on Love
15. PHIL8310: Seminar on The Moral Emotions
16. PHIL8310: Seminar on Valuing Persons
17. PHIL8310: Seminar on Moral Obligation

3 Ph.D. Dissertations Advised:

1. Jovana Davidovic. *International Law and Global Justice: Why Institutional Features of International Law Matter to Discussion of Global Justice* (2011). Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Iowa.
2. Ian Stoner. *The Reward of Virtue: An Essay on the Relationship between Character and Well-Being* (2011). (Co-advisor with Valerie Tiberius.) Adjunct faculty, University of Minnesota.
3. Marilea Bramer. *Taking Relationships Seriously: The Place of Personal Relationships in Kantian Moral Theory* (2008). (Co-advisor with Sarah Holtman.) Associate Professor of Philosophy, Minnesota State University.

9 Ph.D. Dissertations (including 1 in Psychology) served as Member

SERVICE

To the Profession

American Philosophical Association

Member, Committee on Inclusiveness in the Profession, 2016 – 2019

Member, APA Central Division 2018 Program Committee

Occasional Session Chair for Division Meetings (most recently 1/2016)

American Philosophical Association Graduate Studies Task Force, 1999-2002

Editorial Positions

Associate Editor, *Ethics*, 2013–present

Review Board, *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, 2010-2013

Editorial Board, *Ethics*, 2007-2013

Occasional referee for: *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Blackwell*, *Ethics*, *Hume Studies*, *Hypatia*, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *The Journal of Ethics*, *McGraw-Hill*, *Mind*, *Oxford University Press*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*

The National Endowment for the Humanities

NEH Fellowship Philosophy Panel, July 2013

Conference Organization

Workshop on the Moral Psychology of Contempt, Brown University, 2016

Minnesota Interseasonal Conference in Ethics, University of Minnesota, 2003-2004, 2007

To the University of Minnesota

Organizer and Convener for MPLS (Moral, Political, Legal, Social Philosophy) Interest Group, 2014-16

Faculty Representative, Council on Liberal Education, 2014-16

Mark and Judy Yudof Graduate Fellowship Review Committee, 2011, 2013

McKnight Land-Grant Professorship Award Committee, 2010, 2012

NEH Summer Stipend Internal Review Committee, 2009

Student Technology Fee Award Review Committee, 2009-2011

Community Representative, Restorative Justice Program, Central City Neighborhoods Partnership (CCNP), 2005-2007

Faculty mentor, McNair Research Scholars Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, 2006

Guest lecturer, University Honors Program, 2001

To Brown University Department of Philosophy

Panelist, Diversity Roundtable, Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy (SIPP), Brown University, July 2016

To University of Minnesota Department of Philosophy

Standing Search Committee 2013-2015

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2012-2015

Chair, ad hoc Curriculum Renewal Committee, Fall 2012

Committee on Committees, 2011

Graduate Admission and Aid Committee, 2010-2011

Salary Committee, 2007-2008, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2014-2015

Colloquium Committee, 2000-2001, 2005-2006, 2010-2011

Ad hoc 7.12 Committee, 2009

On-site Placement Coordinator, Eastern APA Meetings 2005-2006

Placement Committee, 2004-2005, 2008-2009

Philosophy Website Committee Chair, 2003-2004

Woodbridge Scholarship Review Committee, 2001-2002

Other Community Service

Volunteer Host Family for Italian High School Student, American Field Service, 2010-2011

Guardian ad Litem, Ramsey County, MN, 2007-2008

Volunteer Community Representative, Restorative Justice Community Action, 2005-2007

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association

Society for the Philosophy of Emotion

Behavioral and Brain Sciences Associates

REFERENCES

Nomy Arpaly, Professor
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