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Academic Appointments
Australian Catholic University, National School of Arts
Senior Lecturer, 2021-

Australian Catholic University, Dianoia Institute of Philosophy
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2016-2020

Universität Stuttgart, Institut für Philosophie
VolkswagenStiftung Postdoctoral Fellow, 2015-2016

Education
Washington University in St. Louis
Ph.D. Philosophy, August 2015

University of Missouri-St. Louis
M.A. Philosophy, December 2008

Truman State University
B.A. Philosophy & Religion, English, May 2006

Areas of Specialization
Ethics, History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competence
Political Philosophy, Epistemology

Publications
Books
Plato’s Pragmatism: Rethinking the Relationship between Ethics and Epistemology (with Nicholas Baima), Routledge, forthcoming.

Kantian and Sidgwickian Ethics: The Cosmos of Duty Above and the Moral Law Within (co-edited with Tim Henning), Routledge, 2020.

Articles and Chapters
‘Be Not Afraid: The Virtue of Fearlessness’, Philosophers’ Imprint (forthcoming).

‘Human Rights and Liberal Values: Can Religion-Targeted Immigration Bans be Justified?’, Ethics & Global Politics 14:2, 2021.
‘True in Word and Deed: Plato on the Impossibility of Divine Deception’ (with Nicholas Baima), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 58:2, 2020.

‘Beneficent Governor of the Cosmos: Kant and Sidgwick on the Moral Necessity of God’, *Kantian and Sidgwickian Ethics*, T. Paytas and T. Henning eds. Routledge, 2020.

‘Of Providence and Puppet Shows: Divine Hiddenness as Kantian Theodicy’, *Faith and Philosophy* 36:1, 2019.

‘Intrinsic Valuing and the Limits of Justice: Why the Ring of Gyges Matters’, (with Nicholas Baima), *Phronesis* 64:1, 2019.

‘God’s Awful Majesty Before Our Eyes: Kant’s Moral Justification for Divine Hiddenness’, *Kantian Review* 22:1, 2017.

‘Rational Beings with Emotional Needs: The Patient-Centered Grounds of Kant’s Duty of Humanity’, *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 32.4, 2015.

‘Sometimes Psychopaths Get It Right: A Utilitarian Response to “The Mismeasure of Morals”’, *Utilitas* 26:2, 2014.

Book Reviews

Review of *The Cosmos of Duty: Henry Sidgwick’s Methods of Ethics*, by Roger Crisp, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 12:2, 2018.

Review of *Preferences and Well-Being*, edited by Serena Olsaretti, *Journal of Value Inquiry* 43:2, 2009.

**Selected Presentations** (* = refereed conference presentation)

Blame and De-Moralizing Ethical Theory (with Roger Crisp and Richard Rowland)

KIT Philosophy Research Seminar, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, 2019

Dianoia Rome Seminar on De-Moralizing Ethics, ACU Rome Campus, 2019

Non-Moral Utilitarianism

Ethical Impartialism: Contemporary Perspectives, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, 2019

*R* Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XII, comments by Robbie Kubala, University of Colorado, 2019

Be Not Afraid: Reclassifying Fear as Vice

KIT Philosophy Colloquium Series, 2019

Melbourne Postgraduate Philosophy Workshop (keynote lecture), University of Melbourne, 2019

ANU School of Philosophy Seminar, Canberra, 2018

*APA Eastern Division Meeting, comments by Tim Kwiatek, Baltimore, 2017

Sidgwick’s Critique of Deontology: Scrupulous Fairness or Serpent-Windings?

*APA Eastern Division Meeting, comments by David Phillips, Savannah, 2018

*Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Adelaide, 2017

*R* Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress IX, comments by Peter Zuk, University of Colorado, 2016

The Cosmos of Reasons: Sidgwickian Ethics and Non-Moral Consequentialism

15th Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies (Invited Sidgwick Panel), Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, 2018
Beneficent Governor of the Cosmos: Kant and Sidgwick on the Moral Necessity of God

Philosophy Colloquium, Murdoch University, 2018
ACU International Conference on Moral Epistemology, Melbourne 2018
Philosophy Colloquium, Oklahoma State University, 2017
Kant-Sidgwick Workshop, Universität Stuttgart, 2016

Of Providence and Puppet Shows: Divine Hiddenness as Kantian Theodicy

ACU Philosophy-Religion Interdisciplinary Seminar, Melbourne, 2018
Workshop on Divine Hiddenness, Oklahoma State University, 2017

Intrinsic Valuing and the Limits of Justice: Why the Ring of Gyges Matters (with Nicholas Baima)

ACU Institute for Religion & Critical Inquiry Seminar, Melbourne, 2018
*APA Central Division Meeting, comments by Daniel Hagen, Chicago, 2014

Between Scylla and Charybdis: Sidgwick’s Axioms and the Partial Dualism of Practical Reason

*APA Central Division Meeting (Symposium), comments by Kate Walsh and Yujia Song, Kansas City, 2017
ACU Workshop on Egoism and Altruism, Melbourne, 2017
*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress VIII, comments by Peter Zuk, University of Colorado, 2015

Rational Beings with Emotional Needs: The Patient-Centered Grounds of Kant’s Duty of Humanity

*APA Pacific Division Meeting, comments by Mavis Biss, Vancouver, 2015
*Pacific Study Group of the North American Kant Society, Stanford University, 2012.
*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress V, comments by Geraldine Ng, University of Colorado, 2012

God’s Awful Majesty Before Our Eyes: Kant’s Moral Justification for Divine Hiddenness

*British Society for the Philosophy of Religion 11th Conference, Oriel College, Oxford, 2015
*North American Kant Society Midwest Study Group Meeting, Washington University, 2014
*APA Pacific Division Meeting, comments by Glenn Ross, San Diego, 2014
*UK Kant Society Annual Conference, Heythrop College, University of London, 2013

Partial Dualism and the No Self-Favoring View

*13th Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Yokohama National University, 2014

Duty, Love, and the Summum Bonum: A Kantian Response to the Alienation Objection

*APA Central Division Meeting, comments by Ian Blecher, New Orleans, 2013

I’m Sorry I Cared: The Relationship Between Agency and Apology

*Florida State University Graduate Conference on Free Will and Moral Responsibility, comments by Taylor Cyr, Tallahassee, 2012

How Should We Feel about Nursing Homes and Camel Thefts?

*Central States Philosophical Association Conference, comments by Phil Zema, University of Missouri, 2012

In Defense of Scalar Consequentialism

*APA Central Division Meeting, comments by Robert Card, Chicago, 2012
*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress IV (poster), University of Colorado, 2011
Sometimes Psychopaths Get It Right: A Utilitarian Response to ‘The Mismeasure of Morals’

*12th Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, New York University, 2012
*38th Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (poster), University of Colorado, 2012

You Really Ought to Use a Cleaver to Kill Jones: The Underspecification of Practical Oughts

*Syracuse University Graduate Philosophy Conference, comments by Travis Timmerman, 2012
*14th Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, comments by Spencer Case, University of Colorado, 2012

Selected Commentaries
Christopher Woodard, *Taking Utilitarianism Seriously*, Current Issues in Consequentialism, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, 2019

Marcia Baron, ‘Does Ethics Need to be De-Moralized? Some Kantian Reflections’, ACU Rome Seminar: De-Moralizing Ethics, ACU Rome Campus, 2019

Jonathan Wolff, ‘Beyond Good and Evil: Moral Disagreement, Social Policy, and Harm Reduction’, ACU Rome Seminar: Moral Disagreement, ACU Rome Campus, 2018

Samuel Asarnow, ‘Internal Reasons and the Boy Who Cried Wolf’, Saint Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, 2015

Per-Erik Milam, ‘At Enmity with Unreality: Is Abolitionism Self-Defeating?’, APA Central Division Meeting, St. Louis, 2015

Errol Lord, ‘Bad for Herself and for Others: The Vices of a Consequentialist Character’, RoME VII, University of Colorado, 2014

Aaron Elliot, ‘Reasons Without Persons: The Commitments of Non-Ontological Status’, Central States Philosophical Association Conference, Tulsa, 2013

Brian Hedden, ‘Options and the Subjective Ought’, RoME IV, University of Colorado, 2011

Grants and Awards
- Australia-Germany Joint Research Co-operation Grant (DAAD/Universities Australia), “The Philosophical History of Ethical Impartialism” ($17,400): 2018
- VolkswagenStiftung Workshop Grant, “The Cosmos of Duty Above and the Moral Law Within” (8,500 €): 2016
- Pacific APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend: 2014, 2015
- North American Kant Society Regional Graduate Essay Prize: 2014 (Midwest), 2012 (Pacific)
- Central APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend: 2012, 2013, 2014
- Helen Stenner Memorial Essay Prize (best graduate student essay), Department of Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis: 2012 (1st prize), 2013 (runner-up)
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Department of Philosophy, UM-St. Louis: 2008
- 1st Prize, Graduate Research Fair (Humanities), UM-St. Louis: 2008
Teaching

Australian Catholic University

*Primary Instructor*
- Origins of Western Political Thought
- Metaphysics (online)

*Co-Instructor*
- Introducing the Western Intellectual Tradition

Washington University in St. Louis

*Primary Instructor*
- Environmental Ethics
- Business Ethics (two sections)
- Biomedical Ethics
- Problems in Philosophy
- Present Moral Problems

*Teaching Assistant*
- Philosophy of Language, with Gillian Russell
- Environmental Ethics, with Brian Talbot
- Introduction to Logic, with John Heil
- Philosophy of Mind, with Elizabeth Schechter
- Present Moral Problems, with Julia Driver
- Biomedical Ethics, with Emily Crookston
- Present Moral Problems, with David Speetzen
- Biomedical Ethics, with John Doris

Johns Hopkins University – Center for Talented Youth

*Primary Instructor*
- Logic: Principles of Reasoning
- Philosophy (two sections)
- Ethics
- Bioethics (two sections)

*Teaching Assistant*
- Ethics, with Vahé Shirikjan
- Philosophy, with Karl Hein

Lindenwood University (St. Charles, MO)

*Primary Instructor*
- Ethics (two sections)

University of Missouri-St. Louis

*Primary Instructor*
- Major Questions in Philosophy
- Business Ethics (two sections - online)
- Approaches to Ethics
Significant Figures in Philosophy (two sections - online)

Teaching Assistant

Philosophy of Religion, with Irem Kurtsal Steen
Major Questions in Philosophy, with Andrew Black
Logic and Language, with Stephanie Ross

Teaching Certificates and Honors

- Teaching Citation, The Teaching Center at Washington University: 2014
- Certificate in University Teaching, UM-St. Louis Center for Teaching and Learning: 2008
- Ben Floyd-Clapman Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Philosophy, Washington University: 2013
- Senior Teaching Assistant Nomination, UM-St. Louis Center for Teaching & Learning: 2007, 2008

Public Engagement

‘If character matters, don’t neglect it after Trump’s defeat’, ABC News (Australia), 2020
https://www.abc.net.au/religion/maintaining-good-character-after-trumps-defeat/12880716

Interview on ABC Radio National, The Philosopher’s Zone, 13 Dec 2020, ‘The inside of anger’,
https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/philosopherszone/the-inside-of-anger/12967692

Interview on Thinking Philosophy (podcast), 27 April 2020, ‘Ethics beyond emotions’,
https://thinkingphilosophy.podbean.com/e/ethics-beyond-emotions/

Interview on Hi-Phi Nation (podcast), 25 May 2019, ‘Uncivil Disobedience’,
S3, Episode 8: Uncivil Disobedience (May 25th, 2019) – Hi-Phi Nation (hiphination.org)

‘Vegan activists using direct action should rethink their approach’, ABC News (Australia), 2018
https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-07-08/vegans-turning-aussies-off-veganism/9944244

‘Is it time for Australia to be more open about research involving animals?’, The Conversation, 2018
https://theconversation.com/is-it-time-for-australia-to-be-more-open-about-research-involving-animals-103439

Interview on ABC Radio National, The Philosopher’s Zone, 2 Dec 2018, ‘The vice of fear’,
https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/philosopherszone/the-vice-of-fear/10566464

Interview on ABC Radio National, God Forbid, 15 Jul 2018, ‘Are animals friends or food?’,
https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/godforbid/past-programs/subjects/index=animal-welfare

Professional Service

- Referee: Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Ethics & Global Politics, Ergo, Faith and Philosophy, Journal of Applied Philosophy, Kantian Review, Philosophical Quarterly, Phronesis, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Utilitas
- Volunteer Instructor: PEiPL “Adventures in Ideas” philosophy workshops for 7th graders, La Trobe University: 2018
• Co-organizer, Ethical Impartialism: Contemporary Perspectives, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology: 2019
• Organizer, Dionoia Rome Seminar on De-Moralizing Ethical Theory, ACU Rome Campus: 2019
• Organizer, Institute for Religion & Critical Inquiry reading group, Australian Catholic University: 2017-2019
• Co-organizer, ACU International Conference on Moral Epistemology, Australian Catholic University: 2018
• Organizer, The Cosmos of Duty Above and the Moral Law Within: A Workshop on Sidgwick and Kant, University of Stuttgart: 2016
• Student Representative, Committee of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies: 2014-2016
• Bioethics Curriculum Mentor, Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth: 2011-2016
• Graduate Council Representative, Arts & Sciences: Washington University: 2014-2015
• Organizer, metaethics reading group, Washington University: 2014-2015
• Co-organizer, North American Kant Society Midwest Study Group Meeting: 2014
• Graduate Student Association President, Philosophy Graduate Program, Washington University: 2012-2013
• Peer Mentor, Philosophy Graduate Program, Washington University: 2011-2012
• Editorial Assistant, The Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy: 2009-2011

Affiliations
Australasian Association for Philosophy
American Philosophical Association
International Society for Utilitarian Studies
North American Kant Society

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