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**AoS** Ethics, Moral Psychology, Social Philosophy of Praise and Blame

**AoC** The History of Buddhist Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, Applied Ethics (including Bioethics, Technology Ethics)

### Employment

Visiting Lecturer at Cornell University 2023-2024

### Education

PhD Cornell University, Philosophy 2023  
Dissertation: *Meaning, Praise and Anger: Essays in Moral Psychology*  
Committee: Derk Pereboom (chair), David Shoemaker, Julia Markovits

M.A. Cornell University, Philosophy 2018  
Committee: Derk Pereboom (chair), Julia Markovits, Michelle Kosch

B.A. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Philosophy (minor: Classical Humanities) 2014

### Publications

#### For a scholarly audience

“I Finally Got the Joke”  
*The Philosophy of Humor Yearbook* forthcoming

#### For a popular audience

“Snitching and Forgiveness in The Godfather”  
*The Godfather and Philosophy* July 2023

“The Essence of Punk”  
*Punk Rock and Philosophy* August 2022

#### Scholarly Works in Progress

“Praise in Śāntideva” under review

“Private Praise” under review

“We Accept You, One of Us” under review

## Select Presentations

“Praise and Laughter” International Society for Humor Studies	April 2024
“Zen, Koans, and Humor” International Society for Humor Studies	July 2023
“Anger, Deviance, and Affliction” Cornell Work in Progress Series	March 2023
“We Accept You, One of Us: Praise, Blame and Group Management” APA Eastern Division Meeting (Symposium) Cornell Work in Progress Series	January 2024 December 2022
“Dōgen on Education” Northeast Philosophy of Education Society Conference	October 2022
“Is Private Praise Possible?” APA Central Division Meeting (Poster) Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association Cornell Work in Progress Series	February 2022 April 2021 April 2020
“Anger and African Political Philosophy: A Lesson for Responsibility Theorists” APA Central Division Meeting (Poster) Cornell Work in Progress Series	February 2018 November 2017
“Akrasia, Credence and Blame” APA Easter Division Meeting (Poster) Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (Poster) Cornell Work in Progress Series	January 2019 August 2018 September 2017
“Dropouts and Harm Reduction in Higher Education” Center for Ethics and Education Symposium	April 2017
“The Responsibility of Heracles” APA Central Division Meeting Cornell Graduate Student Workshop Series	March 2017 February 2017
“Involuntary and Implicit Racism” APA Eastern Division Meeting	January 2016

UNC-Chapel Hill Graduate Work in Progress Series	April 2015
Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference	March 2015
North Carolina Philosophical Society Meeting	February 2015

### **Commentary**

Jacob MacDavid, "Internalism and Resentment"	
Eastern APA Division Meeting	January 2023
Samuel Lundquist, "Admonishing Children and Friends"	
Central APA Division Meeting	February 2022
Savannah Pearlman, "Is Moral Deference Permissible?"	
Eastern APA Division Meeting	January 2022
Cameron Boulton, "A Relationship-Based Account of Epistemic Blame"	
Eastern APA Division Meeting	January 2021
Stephen Kershner, "Does Desert Depend on Quantities of Responsibility?"	
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress	August 2020
Bradford Stockdale, "Moral Responsibility, Alternative Possibilities, and Acting on One's Own"	
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress	August 2019
Nate Stout, "I Have to Praise You Like I Should"	
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress	August 2018
Mariam Kazanjian, "Reacting to Moral Ignorance"	
Eastern APA Division Meeting	January 2018
Dale Dorsey, "Respecting the Game: Blame and Practice Failure?"	
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress	August 2017
Tyler Paytas, "Be Not Afraid: Reclassifying Fear as Vice"	
Eastern APA Division Meeting	January 2017
Elvira Basevich, "W.E.B. Du Bois's Racialism and Two Liberal Conceptions of Plurality"	
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress	August 2016
Helen Hattab, "Formal Unity and The Status of Universals"	
Cornell Philosophy Graduate Student Invited Speaker Series	November 2015

### **Teaching Experience**

*As Instructor of Record (FWS = First-Year Writing Seminar)*

Social and Political Philosophy	Summer 2024
American Philosophy: Transcendentalists and Pragmatists (FWS)	Spring 2024
Ancient Philosophy: Stoics and Buddhists (FWS)	Spring 2024
Pointing at the Moon: The Forms and Methods of Buddhist Philosophy (FWS)	Fall 2023
Moral Psychology and Technology Ethics (FWS)	Fall 2023
Buddhist Bioethics (FWS)	Spring 2023
Zen Buddhist Philosophy (FWS)	Fall 2022
Understanding Moral Emotions (FWS)	Spring 2022

Pointing at the Moon: The Forms and Methods of Buddhist Philosophy (FWS)	Fall 2021
Pointing at the Moon: Forms & Methods of Buddhist Philosophy (FWS) [Online]	Spring 2020
Pointing at the Moon: Forms & Methods of Buddhist Philosophy (FWS) [Online]	Fall 2020

*As Teaching Assistant*

Moral Psychology (Shaun Nichols)	Spring 2020
Early Modern Philosophy (Derk Pereboom)	Spring 2018
Kant (Derk Pereboom)	Fall 2017
Bioethics (Julia Markovits)	Spring 2017
Introduction to Philosophy (Karen Bennett)	Fall 2016

**Fellowships and Awards**

James F. Slevin Assignment Sequence Award (honorable mention)	2021
Designated Campus Colleague at University of Arizona	2019
Norman Malcolm Fellowship at King's College London	Fall 2018
Center for Ethics and Education McPherson Fellow	2016 – 17
Sage Fellowship from Cornell University	2015 – 16 & 18 - 19
James and Eleanor Lesher Educational Opportunity in Philosophy Fund	2014

**Select Graduate Level Coursework** (\* indicates auditing)

*Value Theory*

The Moral Psychology of Organizational Failure* (John Doris)	Spring 2020
Action Theory & Free Will* (McKenna & Sartorio)	Fall 2020
Consequentialism and its Critics* (Julia Markovits)	Fall 2017
Modern African Political Philosophy (Olúfémi Táíwò)	Spring 2017
Independent Study on Responsibility and Tragedy (Derk Pereboom)	Spring 2017
Value Theory (Andrei Marmor)	Fall 2016
Free Will and Moral Responsibility (Derk Pereboom)	Spring 2016
Moral Motivation (Kate Manne, Julia Markovits)	Spring 2016
Social and Political Philosophy* (Richard Miller)	Spring 2016
Moral Psychology* (Susan Wolf)	Spring 2015
American Political Philosophy: Race (Bernard Boxill)	Fall 2014
Metaethics (Geoff Sayre-McCord, Simon Blackburn)	Fall 2014

*History of Philosophy*

Indian and Tibetan Yogācāra: Buddhist Idealism, Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind* (Jay Garfield)	Spring 2021
German Philosophical Texts: Kant's Groundwork* (Michelle Kosch)	Fall 2017, Spring 2018
Locke and Philosophies of Dispossession (Troy Richardson)	Spring 2017
Kierkegaard (Michelle Kosch)	Fall 2016

19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> Century European Thought (Michelle Kosch)	Spring 2016
Plato (Gail Fine)	Fall 2015
Wittgenstein* (Alan Nelson)	Spring 2015
Descartes (Alan Nelson)	Spring 2014

### Summer Schools

2024 NEH Summer Institute / NEWLAMP on Native American, Indigenous, and Land-Based Social and Political Philosophy	2024
AAPT Seminar on Teaching and Learning Philosophy	2021
Teaching Writing Seminar (Cornell Knight Institute)	2020
Hamburg Summer School on Moral Responsibility with Gideon Rosen	2018
Center for Ethics and Education Graduate Institute	2016 – 2017

### Pedagogical Development and Mentoring

Talk on <i>The Heart Sutra</i> to Logos Undergraduate Philosophy Club, Cornell	2021
Knight Institute Peer Collaboration Program	2021
Sage Mentoring Group Mentor	2020 - 2022
<i>Teaching Certificates from Cornell Center for Teaching Innovation</i>	
Understanding Undergraduate Learning; Innovative Approaches to Pedagogy; Course Design; Creating an Engaging Classroom; Enhancing Teaching with Technology; Assessing Learning and Teaching	

### Service and Outreach

Panelist (representing Buddhist thought) on nonwestern philosophy, Cornell	April 2024
Judge for NYC High School Ethics Bowl	February 2023
Judge for NYC-NJ High School Ethics Bowl	January 2022
Leader for Workshop on Diversifying Syllabi for MAP Inclusive Pedagogy Series	April 2020
Coach for NC School of Science & Math High School Ethics Bowl Team	2014 - 2015
Cornell Writing Center Tutor	Summer 2020
PLATO Treasurer	2020-2022
Sage Editing Group Organizer	Fall 2020, Spring 2021

### References

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