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AoS Ethics, Moral Psychology, Praise and Blame

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

Employment

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| Assistant Teaching Professor, Pennsylvania State University | 2024 - |
| Visiting Lecturer, Cornell University | 2023-2024 |

Education

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| PhD | Cornell University, Philosophy | 2023 |
| | Dissertation: <i>Meaning, Praise and Anger: Essays in Moral Psychology</i> | |
| | 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

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| “We Accept You, One of Us’: Praise, Blame, and Group Management” | | |
| <i>Ethical Theory and Moral Practice</i> | | <i>forthcoming</i> |
| “I Finally Got the Joke” | | |
| <i>The Philosophy of Humor Yearbook 5</i> | | July 2024 |
| “The Essence of Punk” | | |
| <i>Punk Rock and Philosophy</i> | | August 2022 |

Works in Progress

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| “...and You Could Use a Little Improvement” | under review |
| “Praise in Śāntideva” | under review |
| “Private Praise” | under review |
| “Praise and Moral Distress” | under review |

Presentations

- “Praising and Blaming the Dead”
International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying
at the APA Eastern Division Meeting January 2025
- “Identity and Vulnerability in *The Lankavatara Sutra* and Dōgen’s *Shōbōgenzō*”
Environmental Ethics & Vulnerability in Western and/or Buddhist Philosophy October 2024
- “Praise and Moral Distress”
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Conference September 2024
- “Praise in Śāntideva”
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress August 2024
- “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) January 2024
Cornell Work in Progress Series December 2022
- “Dōgen on Education”
Northeast Philosophy of Education Society Conference October 2022
- “Is Private Praise Possible?”
APA Central Division Meeting (Poster) February 2022
Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association April 2021
Cornell Work in Progress Series April 2020
- “Anger and African Political Philosophy: A Lesson for Responsibility Theorists”
APA Central Division Meeting (Poster) February 2018
Cornell Work in Progress Series November 2017

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| "Akrasia, Credence, and Blame" | |
| APA Eastern Division Meeting (Poster) | January 2019 |
| Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (Poster) | August 2018 |
| Cornell Work in Progress Series | 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 | March 2017 |
| Cornell Graduate Student Workshop Series | 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 Kershnar, "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 |

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| Elvira Basevich, "W.E.B. Du Bois's Racialism and Two Liberal Conceptions of Plurality" | August 2016 |
| Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress | |
| Helen Hattab, "Formal Unity and The Status of Universals" | November 2015 |
| Cornell Philosophy Graduate Student Invited Speaker Series | |

Teaching Experience

Pennsylvania State University

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| Ethics | Spring 2025 |
| Moral Psychology (Well-Being) | Spring 2025 |
| Asian Philosophy | Spring 2025 |
| Bioethics | Fall 2024 |
| Food, Values, and Health | Fall 2024 |

Cornell University (FWS = First-Year Writing Seminar)

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| 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 |
| Buddhism and 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 |

Fellowships & Awards

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| 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 Fellowship | 2016 - 17 |
| Sage Fellowship from Cornell University | 2015 - 16 & 18 - 19 |
| James and Eleanor Leshner Educational Opportunity in Philosophy Fund | 2014 |

Summer Schools & Continuing Education

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| 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 & Mentoring

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

Service & 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

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