

NICHOLAS LASKOWSKI

Curriculum Vitae

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaethics, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Epistemology

EMPLOYMENT

2017 April – Present Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (German equivalent to Assistant Professor), University of Duisburg-Essen, Philosophy Department

EDUCATION

2010–2017 PhD in *Philosophy* University of Southern California
2003–2008 BA in *Philosophy; History* Rutgers University

HONORS & AWARDS

2010 – 2017 College Merit Fellowship

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

‘Epistemic Modesty in Ethics’

Forthcoming, *Philosophical Studies*

‘Conceptual Analysis in Metaethics’

Forthcoming, *Routledge Handbook of Metaethics*, edited by Tristram McPherson and David Plunkett. (Joint work with Stephen Finlay)

‘Non-Analytical Naturalism and the Nature of Normative Thought: A Reply to Parfit’

Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, April 2015.

<http://jesp.org/articles/download/nonanalytical-naturalism.pdf>

‘How to Pull a Metaphysical Rabbit Out of an End-Relational Semantic Hat’

Res Philosophica, 2014 91(4): 589–607.

Special Volume on Moral Nonnaturalism guest refereed by Terence Cuneo

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Speech and Morality: On the Metaethical Implications of Speaking* by Terence Cuneo

Forthcoming, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*

DISSERTATION

Title Rethinking Reductive Realism in Ethics

Committee Mark Schroeder (chair), Stephen Finlay, Janet Levin, Ralph Wedgwood

Abstract Reductive Realism in ethics is the view that it is possible to locate morality in the world as science and experience reveal it to us. Many opponents of Reductive Realism forcefully complain that the view fails to take morality seriously. In my dissertation, I develop responses to several versions of this kind of criticism. Taking inspiration from well-developed debates about the nature of phenomenal consciousness in the philosophy of mind, I suggest that the apparent failure of Reductive Realism to respect the significance of morality stems not from the distinctive nature of morality, itself, but rather from our failure to appreciate the distinctive nature of the *concepts* that we use in thinking about morality.

PRESENTATIONS

REFEERED CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2017 'Epistemic Modesty in Ethics'. *Pacific APA*. (Accepted, but canceled due to scheduling conflict)
- 2017 'Epistemic Modesty in Ethics'. 3rd Institute of Philosophical Research of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (IIFs-UNAM) Philosophy Graduate Conference. (Comments from Ernesto Marias)
- 2015 'What Moral-Mary (Allegedly) Didn't Know'. *The Eighth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*. (Comments from Spencer Case)
- 2015 'The Knowledge Argument in the Philosophy of Mind and Metaethics'. *Reductionist and Anti-Reductionist Perspectives on Normativity Graduate Conference at York University*. (Comments from David Rocheleau-Houle)
- 2014 'The End-Relational Theory Does Not Vindicate Naturalism'. *Rutgers-Princeton Graduate Conference in Philosophy*. (Comments from Emad Atiq)
- 2013 'Practical and Evidential Epistemic Reasons'. *Edinburgh Graduate Epistemology Conference*. (Comments from Allan Hazlett)

INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2017 'Epistemic Modesty in Ethics'. *Rutgers-Newark*.
- 2016 Speaker in Author-Meets-Critics Book Symposium on *Speech and Morality: On the Metaethical Implications of Speaking* by Terence Cuneo. *Pacific APA*.
- 2016 Commentator on 'Reasons, Dispositions, and Value' by Aaron Elliot. *Eastern APA*.

TEACHING (* Denotes Masters-level course)

UNIVERSITY OF DUISBURG-ESSEN – PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

2017 Summer The Nature of Ethics (in progress)
*2017 Summer** Consciousness and its Place in the World (in progress)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – TEACHING ASSISTANT

2017 Spring Ethical Theory and Practice (for Jacob Ross)
2016 Fall Ethical Theory and Practice (for Jacob Ross)
2016 Spring Ethical Theory and Practice (for Jacob Ross)
2015 Fall Ethical Theory and Practice (for Jacob Ross)
2013 Fall Mind and Self in Western Thought (for Jacob Ross)
2013 Spring Mind and Self in Western Thought (for Jacob Ross)
2012 Fall Mind and Self in Western Thought (for Janet Levin)
2012 Spring Contemporary Moral and Social Issues (for Robin Jeshion)
2011 Fall Social Ethics for Earthlings and Others (for Sharon Lloyd)

SERVICE

JOURNAL REFEREE

Acta Analytica, Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly

CONFERENCES

Co-organizer (with Matt Babb) of the USC/UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy

REFERENCES

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