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Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics (including the history of ethics), Philosophy of Mind

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Social & Political Philosophy, Epistemology

EMPLOYMENT

Toronto Metropolitan University
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2019 – present
Auburn University
Instructor of Philosophy, 2017 – 2019
Cornell University
Postdoctoral Fellow, 2016 – 2017

EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, University of Southern California, August 2016
Dissertation: A Perceptual Model of Evaluative Knowledge
Committee: Mark Schroeder (Chair), Stephen Finlay, Janet Levin, and Ralph Wedgwood
MA in Philosophy, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, May 2010
BA in Philosophy (second major in Political Science), James Madison University, May 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 1 “Despair.” (Co-authored with Katie Stockdale). Accepted at *Ergo, an Open Access Journal of Philosophy*.
- 2 “The Attitudinalist Challenge to Perceptualism about Emotion.” Forthcoming in *Dialectica*.
- 3 “Armchair Evaluative Knowledge and Sentimental Perceptualism.” (Special issue on moral perception, edited by Robert Cowan) *Philosophies* 8 (2023): 1-20.
- 4 “Does Hope Require Belief?” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 59.2 (2022): 191-199.
- 5 “Controlling Hope.” (Co-authored with Katie Stockdale). *Ratio* 34.4 (2021): 345-354.
- 6 “Sentimental Perceptualism and the Challenge from Cognitive Bases.” (Co-authored with Hichem Naar). *Philosophical Studies* 177.10 (2020): 3071-3096.
- 7 “Discovering the Virtue of Hope.” *European Journal of Philosophy* 28.3 (2020): 740-754.

- 8 “The Intersection of Hopes and Dreams.” *Journal of Social Philosophy* 51.4 (2020): 645-663.
- 9 “Desiring Under the Proper Guise” (Co-authored with Mark Schroeder). in *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 14, edited by Russ Shafer-Landau, pp. 121-143. Oxford University Press, 2019.
- 10 “Finding Hope.” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 49.5 (2019): 710-729.
- 11 “A Perceptual Theory of Hope” (Co-authored with Katie Stockdale). *Ergo, an Open Access Journal of Philosophy* 5.8 (2018): 203-222.
- 12 “Intellect versus Affect: Finding Leverage in an Old Debate.” *Philosophical Studies* 174.9 (2017): 2251-2276.
- 13 “Taking the Perceptual Analogy Seriously.” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 19.4 (2016): 897-915.
 Winner of the APA’s 2017 Routledge, Taylor & Francis Prize (For one of the two best philosophy articles published in 2016 by limited-term faculty)

Contributions to Volumes

- 14 “Moral Perception.” Forthcoming in the *Oxford Handbook of Metaethics*, edited by David Copp and Connie Rosati.
- 15 “Hope and Enthusiasm/Excitement” (Lead author with Hunter Threadgill and Philip Gable). Forthcoming in *Emotion Theory: The Comprehensive Routledge Guide*, edited by Andrea Scarantino.
- 16 “What “Values” are Emotions About?” in *A Tribute to Ronald de Sousa*, edited by Julien Deonna, Christine Tappolet, and Fabrice Teroni, 2022.
<https://www.unige.ch/cisa/related-sites/ronald-de-sousa/>
- 17 “Philosophy of Hope.” in *Historical and Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Hope*, edited by Steven C. van den Heuvel, Springer, 99-116 (2020).
- 18 “On the Epistemological Significance of Value Perception.” in *Evaluative Perception: Aesthetic, Ethical, and Normative*, edited by Anna Bergqvist and Robert Cowan, 200-218. Oxford University Press, 2018.

Encyclopedia Entries, & Literature Reviews

- 19 “Hope and Optimism.” Published by John Templeton Foundation, 1-47 (2020).
<https://www.templeton.org/discoveries/science-of-optimism-hope>
 Referenced in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, and *Psychology Today*
- 20 “Hope.” in *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, edited by Hugh LaFollette. Wiley-Blackwell, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781444367072.wbiee892>

Book Reviews [>4,000 words] & Commentaries

- 21 Review of *Desire as Belief: A Study of Desire, Motivation, and Rationality*, by Alex Gregory. *Mind* 1-8 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1093/mind/fzac047>
- 22 “Being Ambitious About Emotions in Value Epistemology: Commentary on Ch. 7 of Christine Tappolet’s *Philosophy of Emotion: A Contemporary Introduction*.” Forthcoming in *The Ethics Forum*, book symposium edited by Melissa Hernandez Parra and Rodrigo Díaz

Book Reviews [<4,000 words]

- 23 Review of *Ethical Sentimentalism: New Perspectives*, edited by Remy Debes and Karsten Stueber. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2018. <http://www.ndpr.nd.edu>
- 24 Review of *Emotional Insight: The Epistemic Role of Emotional Experience* by Michael Brady. *Ethics* 125.2 (2015): 567-571.

Writings for Students & Popular Audiences

- 25 “Threading the Needle: The Space between Optimism and Despair.” *Psychology Today*, 2021. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/>
- 26 “Even When Optimism has been Lost, Hope has a Role to Play.” (Co-authored with Katie Stockdale). *Aeon Magazine*, 2020, <https://psyche.co/>
- 27 “Hope” (Co-authored with Katie Stockdale). *1000-Word Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology*, edited by Nathan Nobis, 2018, <https://1000wordphilosophy.com/>

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- 1 Paper on reasons for emotion (R&R)
- 2 Paper on romantic love and polyamory (Co-authored with Lauren Weindling, R&R)
- 3 “Emotion and Desire” Commissioned for the *Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Desire*, edited by Alex Gregory
- 4 “It’s a Love Story”: The Literary Essence of Romantic Love” (with Lauren Weindling, in progress)
- 5 “Being in Love with (Romantic) Love” (Co-authored with Lauren Weindling, in progress)
- 6 “Desire, Emotion, and Normative Experience” (in progress)
- 7 “Wishing for the Guise of Reasons” (in progress)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (*invited)

- 1 “Romantic/Divine Love: A Theopoetic Consideration of the Early Modern Sonnet” (with Lauren Weindling), Sixteenth Century Society Conference, University of Toronto, October/November 2024.
- 2* “Desire, Emotion, and Normative Experience,” Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik, OSU/Maribor/Rijeka Philosophy Conference on Emotion and Value, June 2024.
- 3 “The Story of Romantic Love and Polyamory” (with Lauren Weindling), Conference on Philosophy and Non-monogamies, Pomona College, November 2022.
- 4* “What “Values” are Emotions about?” Conference in Honor of Ronnie de Sousa, University of Geneva, May 2022.
- 5* “Reasons for Emotion from a Perceptualist’s Perspective,” Emotions and Their Reasons, Second Philosophy of Emotion Essen Lab Workshop, February 2022.
- 6* “Reasons for Emotion from a Perceptualist’s Perspective,” The Interuniversity Normativity Research Group (GRIN) workshop, University of Montreal, January 2021.
- 7* “Perceptualism, Attitudinalism, and the Content of Emotions,” Thumos seminar, University of Geneva, May 2021.

- 8* “Realist Sentimentalism and the Armchair: Toward a Comprehensive Moral Epistemology,” Emotions and Perceptions in Moral Epistemology, Centre for Moral and Political Philosophy at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 2019.
- 9* “Sentimental Perceptualism and the Armchair: Toward a Comprehensive Moral Epistemology,” 4th Penn Reasons and Foundations in Epistemology Conference (PeRFECt4), The University of Pennsylvania, November 2018.
- 10* “Getting Your Priorities Straight”: An Essay on the Virtue of Hope,” New Directions in the Philosophy of Hope Conference, Goethe University Frankfurt, June 2018.
- 11 “Desiring Under the Proper Guise,” (with Mark Schroeder), 12th Annual Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop, September 2017.
- 12 “The Nature and Depth of Hope,” Omaha Emotions Workshop, University of Nebraska Omaha, April 2017.
- 13* “The Nature and Depth of Hope,” Nature and Norms of Hope Conference, Cornell University, April 2017.
- 14 “The Essence of Hope and Political Ideals,” Hope and Fear: Interdisciplinary Conference in the Humanities, Carroll College, March 2017.
- 15* “The Intersection of Hopes and Dreams,” Cornell University Department Workshop, December 2016.
- 16* “The Intersection of Hopes and Dreams,” The Humanities Corridor Reading Group, Cornell University, December 2016.
- 17* “Hope as a Guide to Life,” Colorado Hope and Optimism Conference, June 2016.
- 18 “Sentimentalism and Armchair Evaluative Knowledge,” Poster Presentation, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2015.
- 19 “Sentimentalism and Armchair Evaluative Knowledge,” 2nd Annual Meeting of the European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions, The University of Edinburgh July 2015.
- 20 “What is the Epistemic Role of Emotions in Good Evaluative Inquiry?,” Poster Presentation, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2014.
- 21 “On the Epistemological Significance of Value Perception” Evaluative Perception: Aesthetic, Ethical, and Normative, Center for the Study of Perceptual Experience, University of Glasgow, September 2013.
- 22 “What Cases of Appropriation (Probably) Reveal about the Content and Taboo Nature of Unappropriated Slurs” 6th Annual Northern Graduate Conference, April 2013.
- 23 “What Cases of Appropriation (Probably) Reveal about the Content and Taboo Nature of Unappropriated Slurs” The Graduate Conference at UIUC, March 2013.
- 24 “On the Relationship between Causal Responsibility and Moral Responsibility” Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 2011.

COMMENTS

- 1 Comments for Christine Tappolet, “Emotions and Theoretical Rationality (Chapter 7 of *Philosophy of Emotions: A Contemporary Introduction*), Workshop on *Philosophy of Emotions: A Contemporary Introduction*, University of Montreal, November 2023.

- 2 Comments for Yanjie Ding, “No, You Didn’t See the Mystery, the Unspeakable Wrongness: Doubts on Moral Experience as Perceptual Experience,” USC/Shandong Conference, November 2022.
- 3 Comments for Catherine Rioux, “Hope as the Attitude of Gritty Agents,” Central APA 2020.
- 4 Comments for Matthew Congdon, “‘Knower’ as an Ethical Concept,” Central APA, 2019.
- 5 Comments for Madeleine Ransom, “Are Perceptions and Emotions Responses to Reasons? A Defense of Affective Perception,” Colloquium on Philosophy of Perception, Eastern APA, 2016.
- 6 Comments for Anna Bergqvist, “Moral Perception and Situated Evaluative Thought,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2015.
- 7 Comments for Theresa Lopez, “On Moral Nativism and Moral Skepticism,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2014.

OTHER MEDIA

- 1 Longitude Sound Bytes (podcast), “Hope and Optimism: What’s the Difference” (Presented by Shvetali Thatte), <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1142954/8444581>
- 2 “The Story of Romantic Love and Polyamory.” (Co-presented with Lauren Weindling). Hosted by the *Overthink Podcast*, 2023. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bcp6YGTFSg>

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, CERTIFICATES, AND GRANTS

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| 2024 | Nominated, TMU Faculty of Arts Students’ Choice Teaching Award |
| 2020 | TMU Faculty of Arts Travel Grant (2020), \$1,500 CAD |
| 2017 | Routledge, Taylor and Francis Prize for “Taking the Perceptual Analogy Seriously” (Awarded by the APA for one of the two best philosophy articles published in 2016 by limited-term faculty) |
| 2016 - 2017 | Postdoctoral Fellowship (Hope and Optimism Project), Cornell University |
| 2016 | Finalist, Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics, “Desiring Under the Proper Guise” (co-authored with Mark Schroeder) |
| 2015 - 2016 | Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Southern California |
| 2014 | Certificate of Completion for Summer Seminar in Moral Epistemology (Central European University) |
| 2008 | Certificate in French, Summer Language Institute, University of Virginia |

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

Toronto Metropolitan University

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| PHL 404 Introduction to Ethics | 2024 (upcoming) |
| PHL 718 Advanced Topics in Ethics: <i>Technology Ethics</i> | 2024 |
| PHL 606 Philosophy of Love & Sex | 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 |

PHL 603 Fundamentals of Ethics	2022
PHL 517 Special Topics: <i>Metaethics</i>	2021
PHL 406 Issues of Life, Death and Poverty	2020, 2021
PHL 512 Philosophy of the Emotions	2019

Auburn University

Business Ethics	2018, 2019
Introduction to Ethics	2018
Ethics and the Health Sciences	2010

Virginia Tech

Morality and Justice	2010
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GRADUATE TEACHING

Toronto Metropolitan University

Philosophy of Mind (topic TBA)	2025 (upcoming)
Consciousness and Intentionality	2023
Emotional Experience and Ethical Knowledge	2020

GUEST LECTURES

Winter 2023 (Virginia Tech)	Romantic Love (with Lauren Weindling)
Winter 2021 (U. of Richmond)	Hope as a Perception of Reasons
Winter 2021 (U. of Victoria)	Finding Hope
Spring 2017 (Cornell U.)	What Makes a Life Go Best?
Spring 2016 (USC)	Moral Dilemmas
Fall 2015 (USC)	Rawls's "Two Concepts of Rules"
Spring 2013 (USC)	Plato's Allegory of the Cave
Spring 2012 (USC)	Plato's <i>Phaedo</i>
Fall 2011 (USC)	Killing vs Letting Die
Fall 2009 (Virginia Tech)	Berkeley's Idealism

MA SUPERVISING & MENTORING AT TMU

2023-2024	Liz Rozenberg; Reading Exam & Major Research Paper advisor (<i>mind, ethics</i>)
2022-2023	Jessica Chan; Reading Exam & Major Research Paper advisor (<i>metaethics</i>)
2021-2022	Jamieson Hawkins; Reading Exam & Major Research Paper advisor (<i>emotions, rationality</i>)

OUTREACH

Presentation on the philosophy of love and polyamory for the Canadian Philosophical Association's Summer Institute for Underrepresented Groups, June 2023

TEACHER TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Summer Course Redesign, July 9-13, 2018 (Auburn University)
 Training to help faculty develop active learning strategies

Safe Zone Training, March 2, 2018 (Auburn University)

Training to educate faculty and staff about sexual orientation and gender identity to create a safe space for LGBTQ+ students

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

REFEREEING

- Manuscript Refereeing: Oxford University Press (×1); Cambridge University Press (×1)
- Grant Refereeing: John Templeton Foundation (×1)
- Article Refereeing: *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (×10); *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (×4); *Synthese* (×4); *Philosophical Studies* (×4); *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (×3); *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (×3); *Philosophical Psychology* (×3); *Philosophers' Imprint* (×2); *European Journal of Philosophy* (×2); *Ergo* (×2); *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (×2); *Dialectica* (×2); *Philosophical Explorations* (×2); *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (×2); *Analysis* (×2); *Nous* (×1); *Mind* (×1); *Mind and Machines* (×1); *Thought* (×1); *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* (×1); *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (×1); *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* (×1); *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* (×1); *Ratio* (×1); *Topoi* (×1); *Res Philosophica* (×1); *Journal of Social Philosophy* (×1); *Emotion Review* (×1); *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (×1); *Philosophical Quarterly* (×1); *Philosophia* (×1); Oxford University Press (×1)
- Conference Refereeing: Canadian Philosophical Association (2017), Virginia Tech Graduate Conference (2008 and 2009), USC/UCLA Graduate Conference (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014)

EDITORIAL

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, Fall 2011 – Spring 2016

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- TFA Faculty Representative, Toronto Metropolitan University, 2020-2022; 2023-present
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) Adjudication Committee, Winter 2024
- Co-organizer, Nature and Norms of Hope Conference, Cornell University, 2016-2017
- Vice President, USC Philosophy Graduate Student Association, 2013-2014