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RESEARCH: My work investigates the nature of moral and epistemic normativity.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:
Metaethics, Epistemology, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:
Bioethics, Philosophy of Mind, History of Modern Philosophy

POSITIONS HELD

2019-2022	Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow, Center for Bioethics (3-year fixed term) Affiliated Faculty, Dept. of Philosophy (2021-) New York University
2018-2019	Philosophy Futures Postdoctoral Lecturer, Dept. of Philosophy New York University

EDUCATION

2018	PhD, Philosophy New York University
2016	Visiting Doctoral Student (Fall 2016) École Normale Supérieure and Institut Jean Nicod, Paris
2012	BA, Philosophy, <i>Cum Laude</i> with Distinction in the Major Yale University

PUBLICATIONS

“Could our epistemic reasons be *collective* practical reasons?”
Noûs, online first 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1111/nous.12335>

“Bad bootstrapping: The problem with third-factor replies to the Darwinian Dilemma for moral realism”
Philosophical Studies, 177, 2115-2128 (2020) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-019-01301-4>

“Group Agency Meets Metaethics: How to Craft a More Compelling Form of Normative Relativism”
Oxford Studies in Metaethics Vol. 15, Ed. Russ Shafer-Landau, Oxford University Press (2020)
<https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780198859512.003.0010>

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS (INVITED, IN PROGRESS)

Essay on relativism (title tbd) in David Copp and Connie Rosati (Eds.),
The Oxford Handbook of Meta-Ethics, Oxford University Press

“Instrumentalism about epistemic reasons,” in Kurt Sylvan (Ed.),
Blackwell Companion to Epistemology, 3rd Edition, Wiley-Blackwell

“Evolutionary debunking arguments,” in Kurt Sylvan (Ed.),
Blackwell Companion to Epistemology, 3rd Edition, Wiley-Blackwell

DISSERTATION: *Groups Have Aims & That Gives Us Reasons* (2018)

Committee: Paul Boghossian (chair), Sharon Street, Paul Horwich

I draw from the growing literature on group agency in order to inform a novel meta-normative account of the distinct origins of our different kinds of normative reasons, including moral reasons, reasons of self-interested practical rationality, and epistemic reasons. The view is intended to be responsive to the sorts of metaethical considerations that have traditionally drawn philosophers to forms of normative antirealism (such as epistemological concerns) while also avoiding some of the least plausible implications of antirealist views.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

NYU Faculty of Arts and Science Postdoctoral Travel Grant, Spring 2019

- Awarded preferentially to those “with an established track record of effort to diversify the academy”

Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, 2017-2018

NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science Dean’s Student Travel Grant, Spring 2018

NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science Dean’s Student Travel Grant, Spring 2017

New York Institute of Philosophy Conference Grant, Spring 2017

NYU Department of Philosophy Student Travel Grant, Spring 2014

MacCracken Fellowship for Doctoral Study at NYU, 2012-2017

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Debating Evolution & Ethics – Does Evolution Undermine Mind-Independent Morality?”

with Russ Shafer-Landau

University of Delaware, Dept. of Philosophy

Newark, DE, March 2020

CUNY Graduate Center Colloquium, Philosophy Program

“Could Our Epistemic Reasons Be *Collective* Practical Reasons?”

New York, NY, October 2019

PEER-REVIEWED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

European Epistemology Network (EEN) Conference 2020

“Could Our Epistemic Reasons Be *Collective* Practical Reasons?”

University of Glasgow, U.K. and COGITO Research Group (*Invited for June 2020, Conference Postponed due to COVID-19*)

The 4th Southampton-Humboldt Normativity Conference

“Could Epistemic Reasons Be *Collective* Practical Reasons?”

University of Southampton, U.K., June 2019

Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences

“What Do Lisa, Her College’s Chess Club, and NATO Have in Common? Rethinking What it Takes to Be an Agent”

The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, June 2019

Central New York (CNY) Moral Psychology Workshop

“All Day, Every Day”

Comments from Hille Paakkunainen

Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY, May 2019

The 13th Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop

“Group Agency Meets Meta-Ethics: How to Craft a More Compelling Form of Normative Relativism”

University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2018

Social Ontology 2018

“What do Lisa, her College’s Tango Club, and the US Marine Corps have in Common?”

Rethinking What it Takes to Be an Agent”

Tufts University, Medford, MA, August 2018

In cooperation with the International Social Ontology Society

The 2018 CEPPA (Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs) Graduate Conference

“How to Avoid Three Problems for Moral Relativism: Attribute Reasons to Societies as Well as Persons!”
University of St. Andrews, U.K., February 2018

The 2017 Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference in Philosophy

“From Normative Disagreement to Normative Antirealism?”
Harvard University, April 2017

The 2017 Great Lakes Philosophy Conference: Ethical Intersections

“Ethics, Explanation and Attitude-Dependence”
Held in cooperation by Adrian College and Siena Heights University in Adrian, MI, March 2017

The 2017 University of Oklahoma Graduate Philosophy Conference

“Bad Bootstrapping: The Problem with Third-Factor Responses to Reliability Challenges for Moral Realism”
February 2017

INVITED COMMENTARY**Pacific APA (American Philosophical Association) Conference, Colloquium**

Comments on “A Standing Asymmetry Between Blame and Forgiveness” by Kyle Fritz and Daniel Miller
Vancouver, April 2022

Central APA Conference, Colloquium: “Actions and Attitudes”

Comments on “Against Capacity Views of Action and Control” by Malte Hendrickx
Chicago, IL, February 2022

Eastern APA Conference, Symposium

Comments on “Normative Inference Tickets” by Jennifer Foster
Baltimore, MD, January 2022

Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference (RoME) 2021

Comments on “Contingency, Sociality, and Moral Progress” by Olof Leffler
Boulder, CO, August 2021 (session held virtually)

Eastern APA Conference, Colloquium

Comments on “A Quiet Moral Ontology” by Miles Tucker
New York, NY, January 2021 (held virtually due to COVID-19)

Central APA Conference, Colloquium: Debunking in Epistemology

Comments on “Third-Factor Defenses of Moral Knowledge” by Luke Kallberg
Chicago, IL, February 2020

Eastern APA Conference, Colloquium: Ethics of Collectives

Comments on “Harmless Torturers, Accumulation Cases, and a Solution to the Mismatch Problem” by Robert Gruber
New York, NY, January 2019

COURSES TAUGHT AS SOLE OR PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR (NEW YORK UNIVERSITY)**BIOETHICS, GRADUATE (MA) SEMINAR:**

Advanced Introduction to Bioethics (3 times: Fall 2019, Fall 2020 [hybrid format] and Fall 2021)
Topics in Bioethics: Controversies & Politics (3 times: Spring 2020, Spring 2021 [hybrid format] and Spring 2022)
Advanced Introduction to Public Health Ethics (2 times: Summer 2020 [virtual format] and Spring 2022)

BIOETHICS, UNDERGRADUATE SEMINAR:

Ethics & Identity: Disability, Gender, and Race (2 times: Spring 2020 and Spring 2021 [hybrid format])

PHILOSOPHY, UNDERGRADUATE LECTURE COURSE:

Central Problems in Philosophy (Fall 2018)

PHILOSOPHY, UNDERGRADUATE SEMINAR:

Topics in Metaphysics & Epistemology:

Moral Epistemology and the Debate Over Moral Realism (Spring 2019)
 Central Problems in Philosophy (Summer 2018)
 Philosophy of Mind (Summer 2017)
 History of Modern Philosophy (3 times: Summers 2015, 2016, and 2017)

COURSES TAUGHT AS TEACHING ASSISTANT (NEW YORK UNIVERSITY)**PHILOSOPHY:**

History of Modern Philosophy (Spring 2016) for Anja Jauernig
 History of Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2015) for Jessica Moss
 History of Modern Philosophy (Spring 2015) for Kristin Primus
 Existentialism & Phenomenology (Fall 2014) for John Richardson

NYU COLLEGE CORE CURRICULUM:

Texts & Ideas: Attachment, Loss and the Passage of Time (Spring 2018) for Sharon Street

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING COMPLETED

Workshop on *Teaching Large Lectures*, NYU Center for the Advancement of Teaching (November 29, 2018)
 Workshop on *Improving Student Writing*, NYU Center for the Advancement of Teaching (October 5, 2018)

MA THESES ADVISED, CENTER FOR BIOETHICS (as primary academic advisor)

Samuel Owusu (2021)
 “Ethical Implications of the Widespread Use of Informal mHealth Methods in Ghana”
 Nicholas Tilmes (2020)
 “The Limits of Fair Machine Learning: An Analysis of Structural Ableism in Algorithmic Hiring”
 Madeleine Boyle (2020)
 “Species Moral Capacity: An Alternative to Moral Individualism”
 Joseph Adams (2020)
 “To What Extent Can MDMA Facilitate Authentic Interpersonal Intimacy?”
 Tania Sleman (2020)
 “Conscientious Objection and Physician-Assisted Suicide: The Applications of a Compromise Approach and its Complexities”
 Cara Hunt (2020)
 “How Do Ethical Risks of Psychiatric AI Impact the Informed Consent Process?”

SERVICE (TO THE UNIVERSITY AND TO THE PROFESSION)

Session Chair, 16th Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop
 University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2021

Co-Organizer, 1st NYU Philosophical Bioethics Workshop
 Held virtually from the NYU Center for Bioethics, November 2020
 Planning also in progress for the 2nd workshop to be held in person in Spring 2022

Substitute member of the Teaching Excellence Committee, NYU School of Global Public Health
 (Spring 2020)

Session Chair, Pacific APA Conference, Colloquium: Philosophy of Mind (II)
Seattle, WA, April 2017

Graduate Student Peer Mentor
NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science (2016-2018)
NYU Department of Philosophy (2017-2018)

Graduate Assistant, 12th Annual Conference on Issues in Modern Philosophy: God
NYU, November 2015

Co-Organizer, "Washington Square Circle" (2015-2016)
Organized, in cooperation with one additional graduate student, a monthly forum for the presentation of graduate work in progress in philosophy at NYU

Graduate Student Representative, NYU Department of Philosophy (2013-2014)

Session Chair, Eastern APA Conference, Group Session Meeting of The Hume Society
Baltimore, MD, December 2013

Organizing Committee Member, Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference in Philosophy
NYU, April 2013

REFEREE

Australasian Journal of Philosophy, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*, Oxford University Press,
The Philosophical Quarterly, *Synthese*

VOLUNTEERING IN NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

High School for Environmental Studies, New York City
(Fall 2018 and 2019 in person, Fall 2020 virtually)
Led small-group classroom discussions of issues in Applied Ethics as part of a team of 3-4 visiting volunteers from NYU

"Corrupt the Youth," East Side Community High School, New York City
(Spring 2019)
Participated in the team-teaching of an elective course in Philosophy for high school students, following the "Corrupt the Youth" curriculum directed by Briana Toole: <https://corrupttheyouth.weebly.com/about.html>

Judge, New York City High School Ethics Bowl, <https://highschooethicsbowl.com>, held at
High School for Environmental Studies (January 2020)
Columbia Teachers College (January 2019)
New York University (January 2018)
Columbia University (February 2017)

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