

## Chris Heathwood

*Curriculum Vitae*

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### Employment

- Assistant Professor, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2005-present.

### Education

- Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 2005.
- B.A., Philosophy (with honors), University of California at San Diego, 1995.

### Area of Specialization

- Ethics (especially theoretical ethics (especially welfare, axiology, metaethics))

### Areas of Competence

- Philosophy of Religion
- Metaphysics

### Publications

#### Articles

- "Welfare," in J. Skorupski (ed.), *Routledge Companion to Ethics* (Routledge, 2010).
- "Moral and Epistemic Open-Question Arguments," *Philosophical Books* 50 (2009): 83-98. [Critical Notice of Terence Cuneo, *The Normative Web*.]
- "Fitting Attitudes and Welfare," *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 3 (2008): 47-73.
- "On What Will Be: Reply to Westphal," *Erkenntnis* 67 (2007): 137-142.
- "The Reduction of Sensory Pleasure to Desire," *Philosophical Studies* 133 (2007): 23-44.
- "Desire Satisfactionism and Hedonism," *Philosophical Studies* 128 (2006): 539-563.
- "The Problem of Defective Desires," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 83 (2005): 487-504.
- "The Real Price of the Dead Past: A Reply to Forrest and to Braddon-Mitchell," *Analysis* 65 (2005): 249-251.

#### Reviews

- of Roger Crisp, *Reasons and the Good* (Oxford University Press, 2006), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2007).
- of Mark Timmons, *Moral Theory* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2002), *Ethics* 117 (2007): 797-798.

- of Stephen Darwall, *Welfare and Rational Care* (Princeton University Press, 2002), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 81 (2003): 615-617.

### Works In Progress

- "Subjective Desire Satisfactionism" (under review)
- "Desire-Based Theories of Welfare and the Possibility of Self-Sacrifice" (under review)
- "Desire-Based Theories of Reasons, Pleasure, and Welfare" (under review)
- "The Relevance of Kant's Objection to the Ontological Argument" (in preparation)
- "Could Morality Have a Source?" (in preparation)
- two entries for Wiley-Blackwell's *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*: "Organic Wholes," and "Reductionism in Ethics" (in preparation)

### Presentations

#### Talks at Conferences and at Other Universities

- "Desire-Based Theories of Reasons, Pleasure, and Welfare," presented at the **Sixth Annual Metaethics Workshop**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 11-13, 2009.
- "Moral and Epistemic Open Question Arguments," presented as part of an Author-Meets-Critics session on Terence Cuneo's *The Normative Web* at the **Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association**, Chicago, IL, February, 18-21, 2009.
- "Could Morality Have a Source?" presented at the **62nd Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference**, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS, October 23-25, 2008.
- "Desire-Based Theories of Reasons, of Pleasure, and of Welfare," presented at the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, October 14, 2008.
- "Desire-Based Theories of Reasons, of Pleasure, and of Welfare," presented at the **Tenth Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies** at the University of California at Berkeley, September 11-14, 2008.
- "Desire-Based Theories of Reasons, of Pleasure, and of Welfare," presented at the **University of Oxford**, May 19, 2008.
- "Personal Identity and Abortion," presented at **California State University, Long Beach**, February 21, 2008.
- "Fitting Attitudes and Welfare," presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association**, San Francisco, CA, April 3-8, 2007.
- "Fitting Attitudes and Welfare," presented at the **Third Annual Metaethics Workshop**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 15-17, 2006.
- "Subjective Desire Satisfactionism," presented at the **Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network**, Syracuse University, July 16-18, 2006.
- "The Reduction of Sensory Pleasure to Desire," presented at the **Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference**, Western Washington University, August 1-3, 2005.

- “The Reduction of Pleasure to Desire,” presented at the **University of Colorado at Boulder**, February 8, 2005.
- “The Reduction of Pleasure to Desire,” presented at **Western Washington University**, February 5, 2005.
- “The Reduction of Pleasure to Desire,” presented at **Michigan State University**, February 1, 2005.
- “The Reduction of Pleasure to Desire,” presented at **Arizona State University**, January 21, 2005
- “The Reduction of Pleasure to Desire,” presented at **McGill University**, January 14, 2005.
- “Desire-Based Theories of Welfare and the Possibility of Self-Sacrifice,” presented at the **Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association**, Chicago, IL, April 25, 2004.
- “Subjective Desire Satisfactionism,” presented at **Stockholm University**, October 14, 2003.
- “Desire Satisfactionism and Hedonism,” presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association**, San Francisco, CA, March 27, 2003.

#### **Other Presentations (Commenting, Local Talks)**

- “Moral and Epistemic Open-Question Arguments,” presented at the **Center for Values and Social Policy** at the University of Colorado at Boulder, September 4, 2009.
- Commentator for Elizabeth Harman, “‘I’ll Be Glad I Did It’ Reasoning and the Significance of Future Desires,” presented at the second annual **Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress**, University of Colorado at Boulder, August 6-9, 2009.
- “What Makes a Person’s Life Go Well?” presented to the **Philosophy Club, University of Colorado at Boulder**, January 21, 2009.
- “Could Morality Have a Source?” presented at the **Center for Values and Social Policy** at the University of Colorado at Boulder, October 17, 2008.
- Commentator for Aaron Smuts, “The Feels Good Theory of Pleasure,” presented at the first annual **Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress**, University of Colorado at Boulder, August 8-10, 2008.
- “Desire-Based Theories of Reasons, of Pleasure, and of Welfare,” presented at the **Center for Values and Social Policy** at the University of Colorado at Boulder, April 4, 2008.
- “Boonin and Norcross on Abortion,” presented at the **Abortion Mini-Conference, University of Colorado at Boulder**, November 30, 2007.
- “Personal Identity and Abortion,” presented to the **Philosophy Club, University of Colorado at Boulder**, November 14, 2007.
- Commentator for Ben Bradley and Kris McDaniel, “Desires,” presented at the **Ninth Biennial UMass Philosophy Homecoming Conference**, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, October 6, 2007.

- “Desire-Based Theories of Welfare and the Possibility of Self-Sacrifice,” presented at the **Center for Values and Social Policy** at the University of Colorado at Boulder, September 21, 2007.
- Commentator for Ben Bradley and Kris McDaniel, “Desires,” presented at the **Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference**, Western Washington University, August 5-9, 2007.
- Commentator for Travis Dumsday, “Heathwood on the Argument from Pointless Desires,” presented at the **Midsouth Philosophy Conference**, University of Memphis, February 23-24, 2007.
- “Fitting Attitudes and Welfare,” presented at the **Center for Values and Social Policy** at the University of Colorado at Boulder, April 21, 2006.
- “Subjective Desire Satisfactionism,” presented at the **Center for Values and Social Policy** at the University of Colorado at Boulder, September 23, 2005.
- Commentator for Jonathan Westphal, “The Future and the Truth-Value Links: an Ockhamist and Common Sense View,” presented at the **Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference**, Washington State University/University of Idaho, April 1-3, 2005.
- Commentator (with Kris McDaniel) for Ingmar Persson, “Why There Cannot Be Transitivity with Respect to Supervenient Properties,” presented at the **University of Massachusetts, Amherst**, December 9, 2003.
- Commentator for Kari Gwen Coleman, “The Simulation of Free Will,” presented at the **Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference**, Washington State University/University of Idaho, April 27-29, 2001.

### Awards

- Course Development Grant from Continuing Education, Spring 2010, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- Travel Grant from the Dean’s Fund for Excellence, February 2009, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- Travel Grant from the Dean’s Fund for Excellence, February 2008, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- Travel Grant from the Dean’s Fund for Excellence, February 2007, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- Graduate Student Travel Grant, February 2003, Graduate School, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- Puryear Fellowship, 1998-1999, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Philosophy Department.

### Courses Taught (or scheduled to teach)

#### Undergraduate, Lower Division

- Introduction to Philosophy (team taught and regular)
- Introduction to Logic
- Introduction to Ethics

- Medical Ethics
- Philosophy and Society (online and regular)
- Philosophy and Religion (honors)

#### **Undergraduate, Upper Division**

- Ethical Theory (honors and regular)
- Philosophy of Religion
- Death

#### **Graduate**

- Proseminar in Ethics
- Seminar in Ethics: Problems Concerning the Good

#### **Independent Studies**

- Punishment (Spring 2009)
- The Non-Identity Problem (Spring 2009)
- Metaethics (Summer 2007)
- Ethical Intuitionism (Spring 2007)
- Desire-Based Theories of Welfare (Spring 2007)
- Parfit's *Reasons and Persons* (Fall 2006)
- The Repugnant Conclusion (Spring 2006)

#### **Other Teaching**

- Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy (team taught): God (2005), Value (2006), Big Ideas from the History of Philosophy (2008), Identity (2009), Applied Philosophy (2010).

#### **Student Supervision** (all at University of Colorado at Boulder, unless indicated)

- Examiner for Matt Seacord's Ph.D. dissertation defense, "Greening Contract Theory," Spring 2010.
- Examiner for Martin Eyestone's Ph.D. prospectus defense, "Some Problems with Solutions to the Problem of Evil," Spring 2010.
- Examiner for Tom Metcalf's Ph.D. dissertation defense, "Rational Intuition," Fall 2009.
- Examiner for Jason Wyckoff's Ph.D. dissertation defense, "In Defense of Philosophical Anarchism: The Case Against Political Obligations," Summer 2009.
- Examiner for Diana Hsieh's Ph.D. dissertation defense, "Moral Responsibility and Moral Luck," Summer 2009.
- Examiner for Kendy Hess's Ph.D. dissertation defense, "No Body to Kick, No Soul to Damn ... And Yet: The Modern Corporation as Moral Agent," Spring 2009.
- Examiner for Scott Wisor's Ph.D. prospectus defense, "Measuring Global Poverty: Towards a Pro-Poor Approach," Spring 2009.
- Director of Jason Hyde's Ph.D. prospectus, Spring 2009.
- Examiner for Barrett Emerick's Ph.D. prospectus defense, "Apologies: Interpersonal and Institutional," Fall 2008.

- Examiner for Tom Metcalf's Ph.D. prospectus defense, "Rational Intuition," Fall 2008.
- Examiner for Brett Hackett's M.A. thesis, "Temporal Incompatibilities: Substantivalism, A-Passage, and Physical Phenomena," Summer 2008.
- Director of Shane Gronholz' M.A. thesis, "Reasons, Morality and God," Spring, Summer 2008.
- Examiner for Cindy Scheopner's M.A. thesis, "Deity, Dogma and Doubt: The Mormon Response to the Problem of Evil," Spring 2008.
- Examiner for Diana Hsieh's Ph.D. prospectus defense, "Moral Responsibility and Moral Luck," Spring 2008.
- Examiner for Matt Seacord's Ph.D. prospectus defense, "Greening Contract Theory," Fall 2007.
- Examiner for Jason Wyckoff's Ph.D. prospectus defense, "In Defense of Philosophical Anarchism: The Case Against Political Obligation," Fall 2007.
- Examiner for Lisa Leininger's M.A. thesis, "A Defense of Classical Eternalism: Special Relativity and the Problem of Temporary Intrinsic," Summer 2007.
- Examiner for Kendy Hess' Ph.D. prospectus defense, "'No Body to Kick, No Soul to Damn' ... And Yet: Metaphysical Support for Ascriptions of Moral Responsibility to Corporations," Summer 2007.
- Advisor for Dustin Gault's undergraduate honors thesis, "Freedom and Responsibility: An Attempt at an Existential Ethic," Spring 2007.
- McNair Scholars Program Mentor for Bridgette Peterson, research topic: the Repugnant Conclusion, Spring, Summer 2006.
- Examiner for Stephen Kifer's M.A. thesis, "An Individual's Responsibility in the Context of Genocide," Summer 2006.
- Examiner for Audra King's Ph.D. prospectus defense, "Democratizing Development: An Epistemic Approach to Democratic Decision-Making," Spring 2006.
- Examiner for Mike Jackson's undergraduate honors thesis, "The Libertarian Environmental Quagmire," Spring 2006.
- Examiner for Ben Beall's undergraduate honors thesis, "Rethinking Ambivalence: Navigating in Multiplicity," Spring 2006.
- Examiner for Kyle Fruh's M.A. thesis, "Moral Disagreement and Ethical Intuitionism," Fall 2005.
- Faculty Sponsor of Community Service Learning Honors Independent Study for Jong Jin Jo, Commonwealth College, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Fall 2001, Spring 2002.

### **Professional and University Service and Activity**

- Referee Work:

#### **for Journals:**

*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*  
*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*

#### **for Book Publishers:**

Blackwell Publishing  
Broadview Press

*Erkenntnis*  
*Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*  
*Ethics*  
*Journal of Moral Philosophy*  
*Journal of Social Philosophy*  
*Mind*  
*Philosophical Papers*  
*Philosophical Quarterly*  
*Philosophical Studies*  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*  
*Sophia*

Oxford University Press  
Thomson Learning

**for Conferences:**

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress  
(2008, 2009 meetings)  
Southern Society for Philosophy  
and Psychology (2010 meeting)

- Panelist for Meeting on Research Methods in the Humanities, McNair Scholars Program, University of Colorado at Boulder, February 13, 2006.
- Discussion leader for CU Boulder Philosophy & Film series, March 12, 2009, *Being John Malkovich*.
- Invited Contributor to PEA Soup, a blog dedicated to philosophy, ethics, and academia <<http://peasoup.typepad.com/peasoup/>>, March 2005 to present.
- Judge for Young Ethicist Prize, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, 2008, 2009.