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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, University of California at San Diego, 1995.

Area of Specialization

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

Areas of Competence

- Metaphysics
- Philosophy of Religion

Publications

Refereed Articles

- “Fitting Attitudes and Welfare,” *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* (forthcoming, 2008).
- “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.

Invited Reviews

- of Roger Crisp, *Reasons and the Good* (Oxford University Press, 2006), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2007).
- of Mark Timmons, *Moral Theory: An Introduction* (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

- “Desire-Based Theories of Welfare and the Possibility of Self-Sacrifice” (under review)
- “The Relevance of Kant’s Objection to the Ontological Argument” (under review)
- “Subjective Desire Satisfactionism” (under review)
- “Desire-Based Theories of Reasons, of Pleasure, and of Welfare” (in preparation)
- “*Could* Morality Have a Source?” (in preparation)
- “Transitivity, Supervenience, and Value” (just a glimmer in my eye)

Presentations

Talks at Conferences and at Other Universities

- Title TBD, to be presented as part of an Author-Meets-Critics session devoted to Terence Cuneo’s *The Normative Web* at the **Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association**, Chicago, IL, February, 18-21, 2009.
- “Desire-Based Theories of Reasons, of Pleasure, and of Welfare,” to be 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)

- Commentator for Aaron Smuts, “The Feels Good Theory of Pleasure,” presented at the **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.
- “The Relevance of Kant’s Objection to the Ontological Argument,” presented at the **University of Massachusetts, Amherst**, May 11, 2004.
- 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

- 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 non-team taught)
- Introduction to Logic
- Introduction to Ethics
- Medical Ethics
- Philosophy and Society
- Philosophy and Religion (honors)

Undergraduate, Upper Division

- Ethical Theory
- Philosophy of Religion
- Death

Graduate

- Proseminar in Ethics
- Seminar in Ethics: the Good and the Right

Independent Studies

- 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

- CU Summer Seminar on God (team taught)
- CU Summer Seminar on Value (team taught)
- CU Summer Seminar on Big Ideas from the History of Philosophy (team taught)

Student Supervision

- Examiner for Brett Hackett's M.A. thesis, University of Colorado at Boulder, Summer 2008.
- Examiner for Tom Metcalf's Ph.D. prospectus defense, University of Colorado at Boulder, Summer 2008.
- Director of Shane Gronholz' M.A. thesis, University of Colorado at Boulder, Spring, Summer 2008.
- Examiner for Cindy Scheopner's M.A. thesis, "Deity, Dogma and Doubt: The Mormon Response to the Problem of Evil," University of Colorado at Boulder, Spring 2008.
- Examiner for Diana Hsieh's Ph.D. prospectus defense, "Moral Responsibility and Moral Luck," University of Colorado at Boulder, Spring 2008.
- Examiner for Matt Seacord's Ph.D. prospectus defense, "Greening Contract Theory," University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2007.
- Examiner for Jason Wyckoff's Ph.D. prospectus defense, "In Defense of Philosophical Anarchism: The Case Against Political Obligation," University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2007.
- Examiner for Lisa Leininger's M.A. thesis, University of Colorado at Boulder, "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," University of Colorado at Boulder, Summer 2007.
- Advisor for Dustin Gault's undergraduate honors thesis, "Freedom and Responsibility: An Attempt at an Existential Ethic," University of Colorado at Boulder, Spring 2007.

- McNair Scholars Program Mentor for Bridgette Peterson, University of Colorado at Boulder, research topic: the Repugnant Conclusion, Spring, Summer 2006.
- Examiner for Stephen Kifer's M.A. thesis, University of Colorado at Boulder, "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," University of Colorado at Boulder, Spring 2006.
- Examiner for Mike Jackson's undergraduate honors thesis, University of Colorado at Boulder, "The Libertarian Environmental Quagmire," Spring 2006.
- Examiner for Ben Beall's undergraduate honors thesis, University of Colorado at Boulder, "Rethinking Ambivalence: Navigating in Multiplicity," Spring 2006.
- Examiner for Kyle Fruh's M.A. thesis, University of Colorado at Boulder, "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
Erkenntnis
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice
Journal of Moral Philosophy
Journal of Social Philosophy
Philosophical Papers
Philosophical Quarterly
Philosophical Studies
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Sophia

for Book Publishers

Blackwell Publishing
Broadview Press
Oxford University Press
Thomson Learning

for Conferences

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress

- Panelist for Meeting on Research Methods in the Humanities, McNair Scholars Program, University of Colorado at Boulder, February 13, 2006.
- Contributor to PEA Soup, a blog dedicated to philosophy, ethics, and academia <<http://peasoup.typepad.com/peasoup/>>, March 2005 to present.