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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 (with honors), University of California at San Diego, 1995.

Areas of Interest

- Ethics (especially theoretical ethics (especially welfare, axiology, metaethics))
- Philosophy of Religion
- Metaphysics

Publications

Journal Articles

- "Could Morality Have a Source?" *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (forthcoming).
- "Desire-Based Theories of Reasons, Pleasure, and Welfare," *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 6 (2011): 79-106.
- "The Significance of Personal Identity to Abortion," *Bioethics* 25 (2011): 230-32.
- "The Relevance of Kant's Objection to Anselm's Ontological Argument," *Religious Studies* 47 (2011): 345-57.
- "Preferentism and Self-Sacrifice," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 92 (2011): 18-38.
- "Moral and Epistemic Open-Question Arguments," *Philosophical Books* 50 (2009): 83-98.
- "Fitting Attitudes and Welfare," *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 3 (2008): 47-73.
- "On What Will Be: Reply to Westphal," *Erkenntnis* 67 (2007): 137-42.
- "The Reduction of Sensory Pleasure to Desire," *Philosophical Studies* 133 (2007): 23-44.
- "Desire Satisfactionism and Hedonism," *Philosophical Studies* 128 (2006): 539-63.
- "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): 249-51.

Book Chapters, Encyclopedia Entries, etc.

- "Reductionism in Ethics," in H. LaFollette (ed.), *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming).

- “Organic Unities,” in H. LaFollette (ed.), *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming).
- “Welfare,” in J. Skorupski (ed.), *Routledge Companion to Ethics* (Routledge, 2010).

Book 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): 797-98.
- of Stephen Darwall, *Welfare and Rational Care* (Princeton University Press, 2002), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 81 (2003): 615-17.

Works In Progress

- “Subjective Desire Satisfactionism”
- “Subjective Accounts of Well-Being” (for the *Cambridge Companion to Utilitarianism*)
- “Moral Arguments for the Existence of God” (with Wes Morriston, for the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*)
- “Virtue Ethics, Virtue Epistemology, and Naturalism” (for *Naturalizing Virtue, Moral and Epistemic*)

Presentations

Talks at Conferences and at Other Universities

- “Could Morality Have a Source?” Plenary Address at the **SDSU Stephen L. Weber Graduate Conference in Ethics**, San Diego State University, Saturday, April 23, 2011.
- “Could Morality Have a Source?” presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association**, San Diego, CA, April, 20-23, 2011.
- “Could Morality Have a Source?” presented at **Bowling Green State University**, October 22, 2010.
- “Could Morality Have a Source?” presented at the **Stockholm June Workshop in Philosophy**, June 3, 2010.
- “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)

- Commentator for Tobias Hoffman, TBA, to be presented at the **Henle Conference on Happiness and Well-Being**, Saint Louis University, March 30-31, 2012.
- “Preferentism and the Experience Requirement,” presented at the **Center for Values and Social Policy** at the University of Colorado at Boulder, February 10, 2012.
- Commentator for Guy Fletcher, “A Fresh Start For Objective-List Theories of Well-Being,” presented at the **Fourth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress**, University of Colorado at Boulder, August 4-7, 2011.
- “Fear of Death,” presented at the **Undergraduate Philosophy Retreat**, University of Colorado at Boulder, January 29, 2011.
- “Is the Value of a Whole Just the Sum of the Values of Its Parts?” presented to the **Philosophy Club**, University of Colorado at Boulder, October 13, 2010.
- Commentator for Kai Draper, “Anticipating Death,” presented at the **Third Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress**, University of Colorado at Boulder, August 5-8, 2010.
- Discussion leader for **CU Boulder Philosophy & Film series**, February 18, 2010, *Crimes and Misdemeanors*.

- “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.
- Discussion leader for **CU Boulder Philosophy & Film series**, March 12, 2009, *Being John Malkovich*.
- “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, Grants, Fellowships

- Provost Faculty Achievement Award for “The Problem of Defective Desires,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (2005), Spring 2010, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- Travel Grant from the Dean’s Fund for Excellence, Spring 2010, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- Course Development Grant from Continuing Education, Spring 2010, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- Travel Grant from the Dean’s Fund for Excellence, Spring 2009, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- Travel Grant from the Dean’s Fund for Excellence, Spring 2008, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- Travel Grant from the Dean’s Fund for Excellence, Spring 2007, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder.

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 (honors, regular, and online)
- Philosophy and Religion (honors)

Undergraduate, Upper Division

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

Graduate

- Proseminar in Ethics (team-taught and regular)
- Seminar in Ethics: Problems Concerning the Good
- Seminar in Ethics: Welfare

Independent Studies / Reading Groups

- Metaethics (Fall 2010)
- Punishment (Spring 2009)
- The Non-Identity Problem (Spring 2009)
- Terence Cuneo, *The Normative Web* (Fall 2008)
- 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), Will and Desire (2011), The Limits of Knowledge (2012).

Thesis Direction

- Ian Tully, M.A. thesis, forthcoming.
- Tim Burkhardt, honors thesis, "Why Be Moral?" forthcoming.
- Spencer Case, M.A. thesis, "Saving the cosmos of duty from chaos: the case for the unity of practical reason and its consequences on moral philosophy," forthcoming.
- Shane Gronholz, Ph.D. thesis, forthcoming.
- Jason Hyde, Ph.D. thesis, Fall 2011.
- Shane Gronholz, M.A., "Reasons, Morality and God," Summer 2008.

Professional and University Service and Activity

- Editorial Board Member for the *International Journal of Wellbeing*, Spring 2010 – present.
- Section Editor for the *International Journal of Wellbeing*, Fall 2010 – present.
- Middle Editor for the category "Pleasure" at *PhilPapers*, <philpapers.org>, Spring 2011-present.
- Referee Work:

for Journals:

Australasian Journal of Philosophy
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Erkenntnis
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice
Ethics
Journal of Moral Philosophy
Journal of Social Philosophy
Legal Theory
Mind
Philosophical Papers
Philosophical Quarterly
Philosophical Studies
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Sophia
Theoria

for Book Publishers:

Blackwell Publishing
Broadview Press
Oxford University Press
Thomson Learning
Routledge

for Conferences:

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress
(2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 meetings)
Southern Society for Philosophy
and Psychology (2010 meeting)
Bellingham Summer Philosophy
Conference (2010 meeting)

- Faculty Presenter at the Assessment Institute, Faculty Teaching Excellence Program, University of Colorado at Boulder, January 13, 2012.
- Panelist for Meeting on Research Methods in the Humanities, McNair Scholars Program, University of Colorado at Boulder, February 13, 2006.
- 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, 2010, 2011.