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*Curriculum Vitae*  
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## **Employment**

- Professor, University of Colorado Boulder, 2024-present.
- Faculty Fellow, Institute for Ethics and the Common Good, University of Notre Dame, 2024-2025.
- Associate Professor, University of Colorado Boulder, 2012-2024.
- Faculty Fellow, Center for Ethics & Public Affairs, The Murphy Institute, Tulane University, 2017-2018.
- Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellow, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2012-2013.
- Assistant Professor, University of Colorado Boulder, 2005-2012.

## **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 well-being, axiology, metaethics))
- Philosophy of Mind (especially as it relates to well-being)
- Metaphysics
- Philosophy of Religion

## **Publications**

### **Books**

- *Happiness and Well-Being*, Cambridge University Press (2021).

### **Journal Articles, Book Chapters, Discussion Notes**

- "From the Perspective of Prudence, Is It Just as Reasonable to Change Your Desires to Fit the World as It Is to Change the World to Fit Your Desires?" (part of a book symposium on Dale Dorsey's *A Theory of Prudence*), *Res Philosophica* 101 (2024): 131-141.
- "Ill-Being for Desire Satisfactionists," *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 46 (2022): 33-54.
- "Happiness and Desire Satisfaction," *Noûs* 56 (2022): 57-83.
- "An Opinionated Guide to 'What Makes Someone's Life Go Best'," in A. Sauchelli (ed.), *Derek Parfit's Reasons and Persons: An Introduction and Critical Inquiry* (Routledge, 2020).
- "Which Desires Are Relevant to Well-Being?" *Noûs* 53 (2019): 664-688.
- "Epistemic Reductionism and the Moral-Epistemic Disparity," in C. Kyriacou and R. McKenna (eds.), *Metaepistemology: Realism and Anti-Realism* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2018), 45-70.

- “Unconscious Pleasures and Attitudinal Theories of Pleasure,” *Utilitas* 30 (2018): 219–227.
- “Irreducibly Normative Properties,” *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 10 (2015): 216–244.
- “Faring Well and Getting What You Want,” in R. Shafer-Landau (ed.), *The Ethical Life: Fundamental Readings in Ethics and Moral Problems*, Third Edition (Oxford University Press, 2014), 31–42.
- “Could Morality Have a Source?” *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 6 (2012): 1–19.
- “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.

#### **Handbook Chapters, Encyclopedia Entries**

- “Appetite and Desire,” in A. Gregory (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook on the Philosophy of Desire* (Routledge, forthcoming ~2026).
- “Posthumous Harm,” in E. Carlson, J. Johansson, and O. Risberg (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Harm* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2025).
- “Desire-Fulfillment Theory,” in G. Fletcher (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Well-Being* (Routledge, 2016), 135–147.
- “Monism and Pluralism about Value,” in I. Hirose and J. Olson (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Value Theory* (Oxford University Press, 2015), 136–157.
- “Subjective Theories of Well-Being,” in B. Eggleston and D. Miller (eds.), *The Cambridge Companion to Utilitarianism* (Cambridge University Press, 2014), 199–219.
- “Hedonism,” in H. LaFollette (ed.), *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013).
- “Reductionism in Ethics,” in H. LaFollette (ed.), *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013).
- “Organic Unities,” in H. LaFollette (ed.), *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013).
- “Welfare,” in J. Skorupski (ed.), *Routledge Companion to Ethics* (Routledge, 2010), 645–655

#### **Book Reviews**

- of Roger Crisp, *Reasons and the Good* (Oxford University Press, 2006), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2007). [~3,100 words]

- 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

- Entry on “Appetite and Desire” for *The Routledge Handbook on the Philosophy of Desire*
- *Well-Being and Desire* (monograph on well-being)
- “The Problem of Remote Desires”
- “The Resonance Constraint”
- “Are Adaptive Preferences a Problem for Subjective Theories of Well-Being?”

### Interview

- Minerva Podcast, February 7, 2016. Topic: well-being. <<http://www.minerva-podcast.com/post/138821964968/welfare>>

### Presentations

#### Talks (or Similar Events) at Conferences and Other Universities

- “Are Adaptive Preferences a Problem for Subjective Theories of Well-Being?,” Keynote Address at WoW 2025 - Workshop on Welfare and Ethics, Saarland University, July 2-3, 2025.
- “Ill-Being for Desire Satisfactionists,” Christoph Fehige’s Master’s Seminar, Saarland University, July 1, 2025.
- “Big-Picture Questions about *Well-Being and Desire*,” Work-in-Progress Session at the University of Notre Dame Institute for Ethics and the Common Good, March 25, 2025.
- “Desire Satisfactionism as a Mental-State Theory,” as part of a workshop at the Hong Kong Ethics Lab on *Well-Being and Desire: Themes from the Philosophy of Chris Heathwood*, University of Hong Kong, March 17, 2025.
- “The Reduction of Sensory Pleasure to Desire,” Minnesota Center for the Philosophy of Science Social and Behavioral Sciences Interest Group on the philosophy and science of pleasure and pain, December 4, 2024.
- “Posthumous Harm,” Well-Being Working Group (online), November 15, 2024.
- “The Problem of Remote Desires and the Experience Requirement” and “The Resonance Constraint,” Eden Lin’s Graduate Seminar on Well-Being at Ohio State University, November 4, 2024.
- “Well-Being and Desire,” Masterclass at the University of Notre Dame Institute for Ethics and the Common Good, September 10, 2024.
- “The Topic of Well-Being,” Helsinki Workshop on Well-Being, University of Helsinki, July, 2024.
- “Are Adaptive Preferences a Problem for Subjective Theories of Well-Being?,” University of Manitoba, October 6, 2023.
- “Are Adaptive Preferences a Problem for Subjective Theories of Well-Being?,” Minneapolis Workshop on Well-Being, University of Minnesota, July, 2023.
- “Are Adaptive Preferences a Problem for Subjective Theories of Well-Being?,” Workshop on Value Theory, Institute of Social Science, The University of Tokyo, June, 2023.

- “Ill-Being for Desire Satisfactionists,” Edinburgh Workshop on Well-Being, University of Edinburgh, July, 2022.
- “From the Perspective of Prudence, Is It Just as Reasonable to Change Your Desires to Fit the World as It Is to Change the World to Fit Your Desires?” as part of an Author-Meets-Critics session on Dale Dorsey’s *A Theory of Prudence* at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, February, 2022.
- “Are Adaptive Preferences a Problem for Subjective Theories of Well-Being?” Boise State University, January 22, 2022.
- “Fear of Death,” Boise State University, January 21, 2022.
- “An Opinionated Guide to ‘What Makes Someone’s Life Go Best’,” Saarland University (Saarbrücken, Germany), May 23, 2019 (as part of a master’s seminar).
- “The Problem of Remote Desires,” Saarland University (Saarbrücken, Germany), May 22, 2019.
- “The Resonance Constraint,” Workshop in Practical Philosophy, Saarland University (Saarbrücken, Germany), May 18-19, 2019.
- “The Resonance Constraint,” 2019 Chambers Philosophy Conference, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, April 5-6, 2019, Topic: Normative Ethics.
- “The Problem of Remote Desires,” Keynote Address at the 13th Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Florida, March 28-30, 2019.
- “The Philosophy of Well-Being,” Academics Accessible, Lahore, Pakistan (via Skype), September 11, 2018.
- “Happiness and Desire Satisfaction,” Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, University of Kansas, August 1-3, 2018.
- “Happiness and Desire Satisfaction,” Forman Christian College (Lahore, Pakistan), July 20, 2018 (via Skype, as part of a seminar on happiness).
- “Irrelevant Pleasures and Objectless Happiness: On Two Problems for Desire-Satisfaction Theories of Happiness,” for the OSU/Maribor/Rijeka Philosophy Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia, June 11-15, 2018.
- “Desire and Well-Being: A Partial Map,” panel on desire and well-being at the Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, June 4-7, 2018.
- “Happiness and Desire,” Tulane University, April 10, 2018.
- “Happiness and Desire,” Syracuse University, October 20, 2017.
- “What Is the Resonance Constraint?” Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, University of Kansas, July 27-29, 2017.
- “The Resonance Constraint,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Seattle, WA, April 12-15, 2017.
- “Which Desires Are Relevant to Well-Being?” Keio University, Yokohama, Japan, December 18, 2016.
- “The Resonance Constraint,” Workshop on Happiness, Well-being, and Unrest, Yokohama National University, Yokohama, Japan, December 17, 2016.
- “Unconscious Pleasures and Animal Pleasures: Two Challenges for Attitudinal Theories of Pleasure and Pain,” Fifth Annual Tennessee Value and Agency Conference: Pleasure and Pain, University of Tennessee, September 30 - October 2, 2016.

- “On Two Problems for Attitudinal Theories of Sensory Pleasure: Unconscious Pleasures and Animal Pleasures,” Affective Experience: Pain and Pleasure Workshop, York University, June 14-17, 2015.
- “Which Desires Are Relevant to Well-Being?” Virginia Commonwealth University, April 8, 2015.
- “Which Desires Are Relevant to Well-Being?” Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, University of Kansas, July 25-27, 2014.
- “Which Desires Are Relevant to Well-Being?” for a Symposium on Well-Being at Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, February 26-March 1, 2014. [talk cancelled due to illness]
- Guest philosopher for Special Summer Seminar: The Passage of Time, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Brad Skow (instructor), July 1, 2013.
- “Which Desires Are Relevant to Well-Being?” at the Princeton Workshop on Well-Being, May 11-12, 2013, Princeton University.
- “Subjective Theories of Well-Being,” 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Philosophy Symposium: Happiness, Salisbury University, April 27, 2013. [Conference missed due to illness; a colleague presented the paper on my behalf.]
- “Irreducibly Normative Properties,” Princeton Workshop in Normative Philosophy, March 28, 2013, Princeton University.
- “Irreducibly Normative Properties,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, New Orleans, LA, February 20-23, 2013.
- “Irreducibly Normative Properties,” Syracuse University, February 15, 2013.
- “The Problem of Remote Desires,” University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, February 11, 2013.
- “Irreducibly Normative Properties,” University of Edinburgh, November 30, 2012.
- “Irreducibly Normative Properties,” University of Nottingham, November 28, 2012.
- “Irreducibly Normative Properties,” Cambridge University, November 27, 2012.
- “Irreducibly Normative Properties,” Ninth Annual Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 28-30, 2012.
- “Could Morality Have a Source?” Plenary Address, SDSU Stephen L. Weber Graduate Conference in Ethics, San Diego State University, April 23, 2011.
- “Could Morality Have a Source?” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego, CA, April, 20-23, 2011.
- “Could Morality Have a Source?” Bowling Green State University, October 22, 2010.
- “Could Morality Have a Source?” Stockholm June Workshop in Philosophy, June 3, 2010.
- “Desire-Based Theories of Reasons, Pleasure, and Welfare,” Sixth Annual Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 11-13, 2009.
- “Moral and Epistemic Open Question Arguments,” 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?” 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,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, October 14, 2008.

- “Desire-Based Theories of Reasons, of Pleasure, and of Welfare,” 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,” University of Oxford, May 19, 2008.
- “Personal Identity and Abortion,” California State University, Long Beach, February 21, 2008.
- “Fitting Attitudes and Welfare,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, April 3-8, 2007.
- “Fitting Attitudes and Welfare,” Third Annual Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 15-17, 2006.
- “Subjective Desire Satisfactionism,” Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network, Syracuse University, July 16-18, 2006.
- “The Reduction of Sensory Pleasure to Desire,” Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 1-3, 2005.
- “The Reduction of Pleasure to Desire,” University of Colorado at Boulder, February 8, 2005.
- “The Reduction of Pleasure to Desire,” Western Washington University, February 5, 2005.
- “The Reduction of Pleasure to Desire,” Michigan State University, February 1, 2005.
- “The Reduction of Pleasure to Desire,” Arizona State University, January 21, 2005
- “The Reduction of Pleasure to Desire,” McGill University, January 14, 2005.
- “Desire-Based Theories of Welfare and the Possibility of Self-Sacrifice,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, IL, April 25, 2004.
- “Subjective Desire Satisfactionism,” Stockholm University, October 14, 2003.
- “Desire Satisfactionism and Hedonism,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, CA, March 27, 2003.

**Other Presentations (Commenting, Local Talks, Guest Speaking, etc.)**

- Commentator for Eden Lin, “The Value of Conscious Experience,” Seventeenth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder, August, 2024.
- Commentator for Inchul Yum, “Happiness, Desire, and the Dead Sea Apple Objection,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Portland, Oregon, March, 2024.
- Commentator for Ian Dunkle, “The Value of Growth in Hobbies and Games,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, February, 2024.
- Commentator for Paul Forrester, “The Desire Machine,” Sixteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder, August, 2023.
- Commentator for Seungsoo Lee, “The Inconsistency of a Normative Pluriverse,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Denver, Colorado, February, 2023.
- Commentator for Christopher Frugé, “Aggregating Personal Value,” Fifteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder, August, 2022.

- Commentator for Daniel Pinto, "The Phenomenal-Intentional Structure of Pleasure," Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, Canada, April, 2022.
- "Are Adaptive Preferences a Problem for Subjective Theories of Well-Being?" Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder, December 3, 2021.
- Panelist (with Connie Rosati) in David Sobel's graduate seminar on well-being, Syracuse University, September 23, 2021.
- Commentator for Molly Gardner, "On Deciding Whom to Create and Whom to Save," Fourteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder, August, 2021.
- Guest Speaker at the Dawson Summer Initiative Leadership Program, Dawson School, Lafayette, CO, June 10, 2021.
- Commentator for Daniel Coren, "Pollution, Posterity, and Consistent Incompatible Desires," Thirteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder, August 14, 2020.
- Guest Philosopher in Jorge Oseguera Gamba's well-being courses, University of Colorado Boulder, January 30, 2020.
- Commentator for Amy Berg, "How and Why to Be Well-Rounded," Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, University of Kansas, July 24-26, 2019.
- "An Opinionated Guide to 'What Makes Someone's Life Go Best'," Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder, Spring 2019.
- "Irrelevant Pleasures and Objectless Happiness: On Two Problems for Desire-Satisfaction Theories of Happiness," Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder, Fall 2018.
- Commentator for Rivka Weinberg, "Ultimate Meaning: We Don't Have It, We Can't Get It, and We Should be Very, Very Sad," Eleventh Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder, August, 2018.
- Guest Philosopher in David Sobel's graduate seminar in well-being, Syracuse University, April 16, 2018.
- Commentator for Eden Lin, "Attitudinal and Phenomenological Theories of Pleasure," Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Savannah, GA, January 3-6, 2018.
- "Can You Be Benefitted and Not Care?" CU Boulder Philosophy Club, April 5, 2017.
- Guest Philosopher in Yasunori Fukagai's Economics course, Topic: Happiness, Yokohama National University, December 20, 2016.
- "Unconscious Pleasures and Attitudinal Theories of Pleasure," Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder, November 4, 2016.
- "Can You Be in Pain and Not Know It?" CU Boulder Philosophy Club, November 3, 2016.
- Guest Philosopher for three sections of Brian Talbot's Present Moral Problems course, Topic: Well-Being, Washington University of St. Louis, September 14, 2016.
- Commentator for Rachel Briggs, Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network, Syracuse University, July 25-27, 2016.
- "The Resonance Constraint," Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder, April 29, 2016.

- Guest Philosopher for two sections of Brian Talbot's Present Moral Problems course, Topic: Well-Being, Washington University of St. Louis, March 30, 2016.
- Commentator for Gwen Bradford, "The Badness of Pain," Eighth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder, August, 2015.
- Guest Philosopher for Andrew Alwood's well-being seminar, Virginia Commonwealth University, April 7, 2015.
- Guest Philosopher for two sections of Brian Talbot's Present Moral Problems course, Topic: Well-Being, Washington University of St. Louis, March 23, 2015.
- "Which Desires Are Relevant to Well-Being?" Colorado Affective Sciences Laboratories, Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, University of Colorado Boulder, February 16, 2015.
- Panelist for a panel on religion and ethics for a high-school course on the nature of good and evil at the Watershed School, Boulder, CO, January 22, 2015.
- Commentator for Peter Zuk, "Mill's Metaethical Noncognitivism," Seventh Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado at Boulder, August 7-10, 2014.
- Commentator for Stephen Campbell, "Concepts of Well-Being," Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, University of Kansas, July 25-27, 2014.
- "Which Desires Are Relevant to Well-Being?" Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder, March 21, 2014.
- "Which Desires Are Relevant to Well-Being?" to the Philosophy Club, University of Colorado Boulder, March 10, 2014.
- "Irreducibly Normative Properties," Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder, October 4, 2013.
- Commentator for Mark Alfano, "Normative Implications of Unstable Preferences," University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, November 19, 2012.
- Commentator for Tobias Hoffman, "The Basic Value of Life and the Desire for Non-Existence," Henle Conference on Happiness and Well-Being, Saint Louis University, March 30-31, 2012.
- "Preferentism and the Experience Requirement," Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado at Boulder, February 10, 2012.
- Commentator for Guy Fletcher, "A Fresh Start For Objective-List Theories of Well-Being," Fourth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado at Boulder, August 4-7, 2011.
- "Fear of Death," 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?" Philosophy Club, University of Colorado at Boulder, October 13, 2010.
- Commentator for Kai Draper, "Anticipating Death," 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," Center for Values and Social Policy, 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," Second Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado at Boulder, August 6-9, 2009.
- "What Makes a Person's Life Go Well?" 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?" Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado at Boulder, October 17, 2008.
- Commentator for Aaron Smuts, "The Feels Good Theory of Pleasure," 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," Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado at Boulder, April 4, 2008.
- "Boonin and Norcross on Abortion," Abortion Mini-Conference, University of Colorado at Boulder, November 30, 2007.
- "Personal Identity and Abortion," Philosophy Club, University of Colorado at Boulder, November 14, 2007.
- Commentator for Ben Bradley and Kris McDaniel, "Desires," 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," Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado at Boulder, September 21, 2007.
- Commentator for Ben Bradley and Kris McDaniel, "Desires," Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 5-9, 2007.
- Commentator for Travis Dumsday, "Heathwood on the Argument from Pointless Desires," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, February 23-24, 2007.
- "Fitting Attitudes and Welfare," Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado at Boulder, April 21, 2006.
- "Subjective Desire Satisfactionism," Center for Values and Social Policy, 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," 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," University of Massachusetts, Amherst, December 9, 2003.
- Commentator for Kari Gwen Coleman, "The Simulation of Free Will," Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Washington State University/University of Idaho, April 27-29, 2001.

### **Awards, Grants, Fellowships**

- Travel Grant from the Arts & Sciences Fund for Excellence, Spring 2019, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder.
- LEAP (Leadership Education for Advancement and Promotion) Associate Professor Growth Grant, Fall 2018, University of Colorado Boulder.

- Travel Grant from the Arts & Sciences Fund for Excellence, Spring 2018, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder.
- Faculty Fellow, Center for Ethics & Public Affairs, The Murphy Institute, Tulane University, 2017-2018.
- Travel Grant from the Arts & Sciences Fund for Excellence, Spring 2017, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder.
- Travel Grant from the Arts & Sciences Fund for Excellence, Spring 2014, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder.
- Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellow, Princeton University, University Center for Human Values, 2012-2013.
- Provost Faculty Achievement Award for “The Problem of Defective Desires,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (2005), Spring 2010, University of Colorado Boulder.
- Travel Grant from the Dean’s Fund for Excellence, Spring 2010, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder.
- Course Development Grant from Continuing Education, Spring 2010, University of Colorado Boulder.
- Travel Grant from the Dean’s Fund for Excellence, Spring 2009, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder.
- Travel Grant from the Dean’s Fund for Excellence, Spring 2008, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder.
- Travel Grant from the Dean’s Fund for Excellence, Spring 2007, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado 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)
- Contemporary Moral Theory
- Philosophy of Religion
- Death
- Contemporary Moral Theory: Well-Being
- Topics in the History of Philosophy: British Ethical Theorists from Sidgwick to Ewing

##### **Graduate**

- Proseminar in Ethics (team-taught and regular)
- Seminar in Ethics: Happiness
- Seminar in Ethics: Problems in Axiology
- Seminar in Ethics: Welfare

- Contemporary Moral Theory: Well-Being
- Topics in the History of Philosophy: British Ethical Theorists from Sidgwick to Ewing

### **Independent Studies / Reading Groups**

- Topics in Well-Being (Fall 2022)
- New Work on Well-Being (Fall 2019)
- British Ethical Theorists from Sidgwick to Ewing (Spring 2017)
- Philosophy of Sport (Fall 2015)
- Moral Realism (Spring 2014)
- 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 History of Philosophy (2008)
  - Identity (2009)
  - Applied Philosophy (2010)
  - Will and Desire (2011)
  - Life and Death (2015)
  - Paradoxes (2016)
  - Thought Experiments (2017)
  - Freedom (2019)
  - Ethics Meets Epistemology (2021)
  - Parts and Wholes (2022)
  - Norms and Values (2023)

### **Thesis Supervision**

#### **Ph.D.**

- Richard Fyfe, doctoral dissertation, *A Neo-Mackian Moral Realism*, expected 2026.
- Wyatt McDaniel, doctoral dissertation, defending moral error theory, expected 2026.
- Thorsten Helfer (Saarland University), doctoral dissertation, on well-being, expected 2026. (Co-Supervisor with Christoph Fehige and Ulla Wessels.)
- Anthony Kelley, doctoral dissertation, *Well-Being and Alienation*, defended Summer 2020. (Kelley is currently Assistant Professor at Louisiana State University.)
- Jonathan Spelman, doctoral dissertation, *Moral Obligation, Evidence, and Belief*, defended Summer 2017. (Spelman is currently Assistant Professor at Ohio Northern University.)
- Shane Gronholz, doctoral dissertation, *Three Kinds of Practical Reason*, defended Spring 2016. (Gronholz is currently an instructor at Gonzaga University.)
- Jason Hyde, doctoral dissertation, *Caring Satisfactionism*, defended Fall 2011. (Hyde is currently employed outside academia, as an attorney.)

## M.A.

- Anthony Sharra, master's thesis, "Semantic Attributivism: What It Is, and What It Can(not) Do," defended Spring 2023.
- Michael Carrick, master's thesis, "Taking Luck Seriously," defended Spring 2016.
- Spencer Case, master's thesis, "The Unity of Practical Reason," defended Spring 2012.
- Ian Tully, master's thesis, "On Greene's Neuroscientific Challenge to Deontological Ethics," defended Spring 2012.
- Shane Gronholz, master's thesis, "Reasons, Morality, and God," defended Summer 2008.

## Undergraduate

- Rebecca Mullen, honors thesis, "Developing a Counterfactual Comparative Account of Harming by Omission," defended Spring 2019.
- Elliot Spears, honors thesis, "Value, Duty, and The Divine" defended Spring 2016.
- Eileen Sherman, honors thesis, "Parent Licensing," defended Spring 2015.
- Tim Burkhardt, honors thesis, "Reasons to be Moral: A Case for the Rationality of Moral Action" defended Spring 2012.
- Dustin Gault, honors thesis, "Freedom and Responsibility: An Attempt at an Existential Ethic," defended Spring 2007.
- McNair Scholars Program Mentor for Bridgette Peterson, research topic: the Repugnant Conclusion, Spring, Summer 2006.
- Sponsor of Community Service Learning Honors Independent Study for Jong Jin Jo, Commonwealth College, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Fall 2001, Spring 2002.

## Thesis Committees / External Evaluation of Theses

### Ph.D.

- Frederick Choo (Rutgers University), *Good Times, Good Lives: Essays on Well-Being*, expected Spring 2026.
- Joseph Burke (University of Otago), *A Framework for the Metaethics of Well-Being*, Spring 2025.
- Connor Kianpour, *Dutifully Oppressed: Essays on Duties To, and Duties Of, the Oppressed*, defended Spring 2024.
- Lorenza D'Angelo (Syracuse University), doctoral dissertation, *Valent Experience: On Its Non-Sensory Nature, Its Unity, and Its Place in Value Theory*, defended Fall 2023.
- Megan Kitts, doctoral dissertation, *Obligations in Conception: Essays in Reproductive Ethics*, defended Summer 2023.
- Nikki Fortier (Syracuse University), doctoral dissertation, *Bringing Hedonism Back: Toward a Felt-Quality Account of Well-Being*, Spring 2023.
- Teresa Bruno (Syracuse University), doctoral dissertation, on well-being, defended Summer 2022.
- Sam Director, doctoral dissertation, *Between Competent, Consenting Adults: Essays on Consent and Cognitive Impairment*, defended Spring 2021.
- Zak Kopeikin, doctoral dissertation, *Values, Wholes and Parts*, defended Spring 2020.
- Alex Wolf-Root, doctoral dissertation, *Conceptual Issues in Sports and Games*, defended Spring 2020.

- Caleb Pickard, doctoral dissertation, *Boycott Ethics*, defended Fall 2019.
- Martin Eyestone, doctoral dissertation, *The Problem with Skeptical Solutions to the Problem of Evil*, defended Spring 2019.
- Karl Ekendahl (Uppsala University), doctoral dissertation, *The Good, the Bad, and the Dead*, defended Spring 2019. (“Opponent”)
- Benjamin Kultgen, doctoral dissertation, *Vagueness and Ethics*, defended Fall 2018.
- Spencer Case, doctoral dissertation, *From Epistemic to Moral Realism: An Argument for Ethical Truth*, defended Spring 2018.
- Joseph Van Weelden (McGill University), doctoral dissertation, *The Disjunctive Hybrid Theory of Prudential Value: An Inclusive Approach to the Good Life*, Fall 2017. (External examiner)
- Eric Lee, doctoral dissertation, *Consent: Coercion, and Undue Inducement*, defended Summer 2017.
- Alexander Zambrano, doctoral dissertation, *Organ Procurement*, defended Spring 2017.
- Joey Stenberg, doctoral dissertation, *Aquinas on Happiness*, defended Spring 2016.
- Andrew Chapman, doctoral dissertation, “How Justification Works,” defended Spring 2015.
- Ryan Jenkins, doctoral dissertation, *On Good People: A New Defense of Rule Consequentialism*, defended Spring 2014.
- Ben Bramble (University of Sydney), doctoral dissertation, *Pleasure and Desire in Moral Theory*, defended Fall 2013. (External examiner)
- Beth Seacord, doctoral dissertation, *Unto the Least of These: Animal Suffering and the Problem of Evil*, defended Spring 2013.
- David Barnes, doctoral dissertation, *Close Combat Privatization: Exploring the Ethical Dimension of the Armed Contractor Phenomenon*, defended Spring 2010.
- Tom Metcalf, doctoral dissertation, *Rational Intuition*, defended Fall 2009.
- Jason Wyckoff, doctoral dissertation, *In Defense of Philosophical Anarchism: The Case Against Political Obligations*, defended Summer 2009.
- Diana Hsieh, doctoral dissertation, *Moral Responsibility and Moral Luck*, defended Summer 2009.
- Kendy Hess, doctoral dissertation, *No Body to Kick, No Soul to Damn ... And Yet: The Modern Corporation as Moral Agent*, defended Spring 2009.

#### **Ph.D. Prospectus**

- Connor Kianpour, “Dutifully Oppressed: Essays on Duties To, and Duties Of, the Oppressed,” defended Spring 2023.
- Wyatt McDaniel, “Internalism, Moral Error Theory, and Epistemology,” to be defended Spring 2023. (director)
- Dawn Jacob, “Democritus and the Origin of Greek Ethics,” defended Fall 2022.
- Emily Slome, “Moral Judgments and the Epistemology of Evolutionary Debunking,” defended Fall 2022.
- Megan Kitts, prospectus, in reproductive bioethics, defended Spring 2022.
- Sam Director, prospectus, “Between Consenting Adults: Essays on Consent and Cognitive Impairment,” defended Spring 2019.

- Alex Wolf-Root, prospectus, "Conceptual Issues in Sports and Games," defended Fall 2018.
- Maggie Taylor, prospectus, "Healthcare Decision-Making for Children," defended Spring 2018.
- Mark Boespflug, prospectus, "Voluntary Belief and Responsibility in Locke and Descartes," defended Spring 2018.
- Caleb Pickard, prospectus, "Consumer Ethics," defended Fall 2017.
- Anthony Kelley, prospectus, "Essays on Well-Being," defended Summer 2017. (director)
- Zak Kopeikin, "Bare-Difference Arguments," defended Spring 2017.
- Jay Geyer, prospectus, "Moral Uncertainty," defended Summer 2016.
- Cheryl Abbate, prospectus, on animal ethics, defended Spring 2016.
- Spencer Case, prospectus, "From Epistemic Realism to Moral Realism," defended Spring 2016.
- Benjamin Kultgen, prospectus, "Morality Without Vagueness," defended Spring 2016.
- Alexander Zambrano, prospectus, "Organ Procurement," defended Spring 2014.
- Jonathan Spelman, prospectus, "The Character Traits We Ought to Develop: A Consequentialist Theory of Virtue," defended Fall 2013. (director)
- Shane Gronholz, prospectus, "All Things Considered," defended Summer 2012. (director)
- Annaleigh Curtis, prospectus, "Socially Situating Moral Knowledge," defended Spring 2012.
- Ryan Jenkins, prospectus, "On Good People," defended Spring 2012.
- Duncan Purves, prospectus, "The Non-Identity Problem and Making the World Better," defended Fall 2010.
- Beth Seacord, prospectus, "Animal Suffering and the Problem of Evil," defended Fall 2010.
- Martin Eyestone, prospectus, "Some Problems with Solutions to the Problem of Evil," defended Spring 2010.
- Scott Wisor, prospectus, "Measuring Global Poverty: Towards a Pro-Poor Approach," defended Spring 2009.
- Jason Hyde, prospectus, "Caring Satisfactionism," defended Spring 2009. (director)
- Barrett Emerick, prospectus, "Apologies: Interpersonal and Institutional," defended Fall 2008.
- Tom Metcalf, prospectus, "Rational Intuition," defended Fall 2008.
- Diana Hsieh, prospectus, "Moral Responsibility and Moral Luck," defended Spring 2008.
- Matt Seacord, prospectus, "Greening Contract Theory," defended Fall 2007.
- Jason Wyckoff, prospectus, "In Defense of Philosophical Anarchism: The Case Against Political Obligation," defended Fall 2007.
- Kendy Hess, prospectus, "'No Body to Kick, No Soul to Damn' ... And Yet: Metaphysical Support for Ascriptions of Moral Responsibility to Corporations," defended Summer 2007.

- Audra King, prospectus, "Democratizing Development: An Epistemic Approach to Democratic Decision-Making," defended Spring 2006.

#### **M.A.**

- Stephen Troy, master's thesis, "Neutral Deliberative Perfectionism," defended Spring 2022.
- Richard Fyfe, master's thesis, "Manufacturing Reasons," defended Spring 2020.
- Tucker Marks, master's thesis, "Drones, Intention, and Psychological Harm: An Argument for Restraint," defended Spring 2015.
- Christian Nelsen, master's thesis, "Personal Identity," defended Spring 2012.
- Joseph Stenberg, master's thesis, "Being and Goodness: A Medieval Metaethical Thesis," defended Spring 2011.
- Emma Kobil, master's thesis, "Happiness is a Warm Nun: Why We Should Reject Sophisticated Consequentialism and Strive to Be Moral Saints," Spring 2010.
- Brett Hackett, master's thesis, "Temporal Incompatibilities: Substantivalism, A-Passage, and Physical Phenomena," defended Summer 2008.
- Cindy Scheopner, master's thesis, "Deity, Dogma and Doubt: The Mormon Response to the Problem of Evil," defended Spring 2008.
- Lisa Leininger, master's thesis, "A Defense of Classical Eternalism: Special Relativity and the Problem of Temporary Intrinsics," defended Summer 2007.
- Stephen Kifer, master's thesis, "An Individual's Responsibility in the Context of Genocide," defended Summer 2006.
- Kyle Fruh, master's thesis, "Moral Disagreement and Ethical Intuitionism," defended Fall 2005.

#### **Undergraduate**

- Gaia Cooper (Psychology and Neuroscience), honors thesis, "Remembering that Neutral Feeling?: Enhanced Memory for Neutral, but not Positive or Negative, Emotional Stimuli in Bipolar I Disorder," defended Fall 2015.
- Taylor Mangan, honors thesis, "Capital Punishment: A Philosophical Rejection of Punishment by Death," defended Spring 2015.
- Brian Knab, honors thesis, "Well-Being, Supervenience, and Conscious Experience," Spring 2010.
- Mike Jackson, honors thesis, "The Libertarian Environmental Quagmire," defended Spring 2006.
- Ben Beall (Political Science), honors thesis, "Rethinking Ambivalence: Navigating in Multiplicity," defended Spring 2006.

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

- Area Editor (Ethics) for *Ergo*, January 2025 – present.
- Editorial Board Member for *Ethics*, Fall 2017 – present.
- Editorial Panel Member for *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*, Summer 2013 – present.
- Editorial Board Member for the *International Journal of Wellbeing*, Spring 2010 – present.
- Section Editor for the *International Journal of Wellbeing*, Fall 2010 – present.
- Editor for the category "Pleasure" at *PhilPapers*, <philpapers.org>, Spring 2011-present.

- Editor for the category “Desire Satisfaction Accounts of Well-Being” at *PhilPapers*, <philpapers.org>, Fall 2015-present.
- Judge for the Young Ethicist Prize, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, 2008-2011, 2013-2016, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024.
- Judge for the Sanders Prize in Metaethics, 2016.
- Referee Work:

**for Journals:**

*Acta Analytica*  
*American Philosophical Quarterly*  
*Analysis*  
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*  
*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*  
*Dialectica*  
*Ergo*  
*Erkenntnis*  
*Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*  
*Ethics*  
*International Journal of Wellbeing*  
*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*  
*Journal of Moral Philosophy*  
*Journal of Social Philosophy*  
*Journal of the American Philosophical Assoc.*  
*Journal of Philosophy*  
*Journal of Value Inquiry*  
*Legal Theory*  
*Mind*  
*Noûs*  
*Oxford Studies in Metaethics*  
*Philosophy Compass*  
*Philosophical Papers*  
*Philosophical Quarterly*  
*Philosophical Studies*  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*  
*Public Affairs Quarterly*  
*Review of Philosophy and Psychology*  
*Sophia*  
*Theoria*  
*Thought*  
*Utilitas*

**for Grants:**

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
Israel Science Foundation  
National Endowment for the Humanities

**for Book Publishers:**

Blackwell Publishing  
Broadview Press  
Oxford University Press  
Routledge  
Thomson Learning

**for Conferences:**

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress  
(2008-2022 meetings)  
Southern Society for Philosophy  
and Psychology (2010 meeting)  
Bellingham Summer Philosophy  
Conference (2010, 2014 meetings)



- Judge for High School Ethics Bowl Tournament, University of Colorado Boulder, 2020, 2022, 2023.
- Program Committee for conference in honor of Fred Feldman on the occasion of his retirement, October 2015.
- 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.