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### **Research interests**

Pragmatism, Bioethics, Normative Ethics, Metaethics, Epistemology

### **Education**

University of Toronto  
PhD, Philosophy, 2008-2014

University of Saskatchewan  
MA, Philosophy, 2006-2008

University of Calgary  
Postgrad., Philosophy & International Relations, 2004-2006

University of Ottawa  
BA, Philosophy, 2000-2004

### **Academic Appointments**

2019 - Assistant Professor  
Greg S. Allen Dean's Faculty Fellow in Philosophy  
Vanderbilt University

2016-2019 Assistant Professor, Fordham University

2015-16 Visiting Assistant Professor, Fordham University

2014-15 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Fordham University

## Publications

### Book

(2016; paperback 2019) *Toward a Pragmatist Metaethics*, Routledge.

- Reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* by Todd Lekan, 2016.12.05, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/toward-a-pragmatist-metaethics/>
- Reviewed in *Philosophy in Review* by Mark Porrovecchio, XXXVIII, no.3 (August 2018)
- Podcast for *New Books in Philosophy* interview with Robert Talisse, 2016.08.01, <http://newbooksnetwork.com/diana-heney-towards-a-pragmatist-metaethics-routledge-2016/>
- Symposium in *Syndicate Philosophy* (July 2018) with replies to commentaries by Sabeen Ahmed, Colin Koopman, Eli Kramer, and Cathy Legg.

### Book Chapters

4. (2020) "On Moral Architecture". In *Explorations in Ethics*, ed. David Kaspar, Palgrave Macmillan.
3. (2017) "C.I. Lewis: From Conceptual Pragmatism to Contemporary Metaethics." In *Contemporary Perspectives on C.I. Lewis: Pragmatism in Transition*, eds. Peter Olen & Carl Sachs, Palgrave Macmillan.
2. (2017) "From Method to Medicine: A Pragmatist Framework for Bioethics." In *Pragmatism and Objectivity: Essays Sparked by the Work of Nicholas Rescher*, ed. Sami Pihlström, Routledge, 239-253.
1. (2014) "Peirce on Science, Practice, and the Permissibility of 'Stout Belief.'" In *Charles S. Peirce in His Own Words – The Peirce Quote Volume*, eds. Torkild Thellefsen and Bent Sørensen, Mouton de Gruyter.

### Articles

9. (*forthcoming*) "A Peircean Argument for Epistemic Cosmopolitanism", *Yearbook for Practical Philosophy in a Global Perspective*, No.4: Normativity Beyond Borders.
8. (2019) "Many Gaps, One Chasm: Pragmatism, Reality, and Representationalism." *Syndicate Philosophy*.
7. (2018) "Mental Disorder as a Puzzle for Constitutivism." *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice*, 24 (5): 1107-1113.

6. (2017) “Peirce on Intuition, Instinct, and Common Sense.”  
Co-authored with Kenneth Boyd  
*European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*, IX-2.
5. (2017) “Metaethics for Mavericks: Santayana and Nietzsche on False Idols and True Poetry.”  
Winner of the 2016 Angus Kerr-Lawson Essay Prize  
*Overheard in Seville: Bulletin of the Santayana Society*, 35: 78-92.
4. (2017) “Rascals, Triflers, And Pragmatists: Developing a Peircean Account of Assertion.”  
Co-authored with Kenneth Boyd  
Honourable Mention for the 2017 Rogers Prize  
*British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 25 (2): 287-308.
3. (2016) “Practitioner Narrative Competence in Mental Health Care.”  
*Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology*, 23(2): 115-127.
2. (2015) “Reality as Necessary Friction.”  
*Journal of Philosophy*, 112 (9): 504-514.
1. (2012) “Santayana on Value: Expressivism, Self-Knowledge, and Happiness.”  
*Overheard in Seville: Bulletin of the Santayana Society*, 30: 4-13.

#### Reviews

2. (2017) Review of *Peirce and the Conduct of Life: Sentiment and Instinct in Ethics and Religion*.  
Richard Kenneth Atkins, Cambridge, 2016.  
*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
1. (2010) “The Genteel Tradition Revisited: Review of ‘*The Genteel Tradition in American Philosophy*’ and *Character and Opinion in the United States*”.  
Ed. James Seaton, New Haven: Yale University Press.  
*Overheard in Seville: Bulletin of the Santayana Society*, 28: 35-38.

#### **Selected Talks (invited presentations are indicated with ‘\*’)**

24. Philosophy Colloquium: Well-Being for Weirdos. Vanderbilt University, February 21, 2020. (\*)

23. Dark Days and the Universal Continuum: Pragmatist Cosmopolitanism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. *Canadian Philosophical Association*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, June 2019.
22. Mental Disorder as a Challenge for Constitutivism. *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting*, San Diego, CA, March 28, 2018.
21. Philosophy Colloquium: Mental Disorder and the Shape of a Life. Illinois State University, March 23, 2018.(\*)
20. Workshop: Ethics & Mental Health, Illinois State University, March 23, 2018. (\*)
19. Birth, Death, and the Inbetween. Introductory Public Talk for the Young Philosophers Lecture Series at the Prindle Institute, DePauw University, September 2017.
18. Mental Disorder and the Shape of a Life. Research Talk for Young Philosophers Lecture Series at the Prindle Institute, DePauw University, September 2017.
17. Peirce on Instinct, Intuition, and Common Sense – talk for Panel Session on Pragmatism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Symposium (co-organized with Kenneth Boyd), *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, May 29, 2017.
16. Logic, Love, and Conversation (Address for *Phi Sigma Tau* Induction Ceremony), Fordham University, Bronx, NYC, April 18, 2017.(\*)
15. Workshop on *Toward a Pragmatist Metaethics*, University of Waterloo, ON, March 14, 2017. (\*)
14. Metaethics for Mavericks: Santayana and Nietzsche on False Idols and True Poetry, *American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division – Meeting of the George Santayana Society*, Baltimore, MD, January 4-7, 2017.(\*)
13. On Moral Architecture, *St. John's Speculative Ethics Forum*, New York, NY, November 19, 2016 (\*).
12. Rascals, Triflers and Scientists: Charles S. Peirce and the Centrality of Assertion, *American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division – Meeting of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, Washington, DC, January 7, 2016 (co-authored with Kenneth Boyd).(\*)
11. Conceptual Pragmatism and the Moral Life, *European Pragmatism Conference II*, Paris, France, September 9-11, 2015.

10. 'Even in Solitary Meditation': Considering Private Judgment as Genuine Assertion, *American Philosophical Association, Central Division – Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy Symposium*, St. Louis, MO, February 19, 2015.
9. From Roots to Branches: Ethical Theory in Classical American Pragmatism (\*)  
*New York Pragmatist Forum*, New York, NY, December 5, 2014.
8. The Methadone Man: Peirce vs. Price on Truth and Assertion  
*The Charles S. Peirce International Centennial Congress*, Lowell, MA, July 16-19, 2014.
7. The Peircean Strand in Pragmatist Ethics: The Value Theory of C.I. Lewis (\*)  
*American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division – Meeting of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, Atlanta, GA, December 27-30, 2012.
6. A Pragmatist Response to Disagreement  
*Truth, Morality and Democracy: Themes from the Work of Cheryl Misak*, University of St. Andrew's, Scotland, December 8-9, 2012.
5. Santayana on Value: Expressivism, Self-Knowledge, and Happiness (\*)  
*American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division – Annual Meeting of the George Santayana Society*, Washington, D.C., December 27-30, 2011.
4. Peircean Inquiry & Prospects for Ethics (\*)  
*Southwestern Ontario Peirce Workshop*, Waterloo, ON, May 12, 2011.
3. Revisiting Peirce on Vital Matters  
*Canadian Philosophical Association*, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, May 25-28, 2009.
2. Truths, Lies & Poetics: A.P. Martinich on Metaphor  
*Western Canadian Philosophical Association*, Saskatoon, SK, October 26-28, 2007.
1. The (Ir)relevance of Causation  
*Canadian Philosophical Association*, Saskatoon, SK, May 26-June 3, 2007.

## **Commentaries**

6. Comments on Griffin Klemick, "Peirce, Empiricism, and the Pragmatic Maxim",  
*Canadian Philosophical Association*, University of British Columbia, Canada, June 4, 2019.

5. Comments on Joshua Gert, “Two Express Lanes to Neo-pragmatism”, *Representation and Evaluation Conference*, University of British Columbia, Granville Island, Canada, June 24, 2017.
4. Comments on Corey Steiner, “Emotional Ethics: William James on Emotion and Habit-Formation”, *Graduate Symposium*, Fordham University, Bronx, NY, October 28, 2016.
3. Comments on Julia Annas, “Why virtue ethics does not have a problem with right action”, *What’s Virtue Got to Do With It: University of Toronto Graduate Conference in Philosophy*, Toronto, ON, May 3-4, 2013.
2. Comments on Christopher Collins, “Dewey on Thinking and Acting”, *Action, Agency, and Explanation: University of Toronto Graduate Conference in Philosophy*, Toronto, ON, May 8-9, 2009.
1. Comments on David Johnston, “Gettier’s Dichotomy”, *Western Canadian Philosophical Association*, Saskatoon, SK, October 26-28, 2007.

## University Teaching

I have a Teaching Fundamentals Certificate from the Centre for Teaching Support and Innovation at the University of Toronto, which I earned through a series of workshops on topics including pedagogy, equity and diversity in the classroom, and engaging students through writing. I have taught classes in Writing Intensive, Writing for Research, and *Eloquentia Perfecta* formats.

### At Vanderbilt University

#### Graduate

Pragmatism & Value

#### Undergraduate

Introduction to Medical Ethics  
Contemporary Moral Problems  
Ethics and Medicine (Death & Dying)  
Ethics and Mental Health

### At Fordham University

#### Graduate

Normative Ethical Theory  
Metaethics  
Human Dignity (directed reading; co-taught)  
Philosophy of George Santayana (directed reading)

Undergraduate

Metaethics  
Issues of Life & Death  
Human Nature  
Ethics & Mental Health  
Ethics & Mental Health (Honors)  
Philosophical Ethics  
Freedom & Responsibility

**At the University of Toronto**

Undergraduate

Introduction to Bioethics  
Knowledge & Reality (co-taught w/Kenneth Boyd)

**Additional Teaching Activity**

Honors Thesis Director

Juliana Qin (defense expected Fall 2020)

MA Thesis Director

Xiaoqi Zhang (passed May 2018)

PhD Dissertation Internal Examiner

Dr. Thomas Kiefer (defense passed April 2017)  
Dr. William Brandon (defense passed April 2017)

PhD Dissertation Committee

Sarah DiMaggio (ongoing)  
Takunda Matose (ongoing)  
Dr. Alexander Elnabli (defense passed April 2020)  
Dr. Samuel Kampa (defense passed February 2019)  
Dr. Bjorn Sayers (defense passed December 2018)  
Dr. Coran Stewart (defense passed May 2018)  
Dr. Emily Sullivan Mumm (defense passed May 2016)

PhD Director

Chelsea Wegrzyniak (ongoing)

## Referee Service

*American Philosophical Quarterly; British Journal of the History of Philosophy; Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice ; European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy; Journal of the History of Analytic Philosophy; Journal of Speculative Philosophy; Overheard in Seville: the Bulletin of the Santayana Society; Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology; Philosophical Psychology; Synthese; Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society.*

Cambridge University Press; Routledge Press; Rowman & Littlefield.

## Departmental & Professional Activities

- 2019 - Co-Chair, Vanderbilt Philosophy Department Colloquium Committee
- 2019- Organizer & Faculty Lead, Vanderbilt Ethcetera Research Group
- 2019 Chair, Fordham Philosophy Department Climate Committee
- 2018-19 Fordham First Studies Academic Program Committee
- 2018-19 Participant: Fordham Arrupe Seminar
- 2017-19 Secretary-Treasurer, George Santayana Society
- 2017-18 Fordham Philosophy Department Executive Committee, Elected Pre-tenure Representative
- 2017-18 Fordham Philosophy Department Merit Committee
- 2017-18 Participant: Fordham Faculty Ignatian Seminar
- 2017-18 Participant: Fordham Racial Solidarity Network of Support Training (two day certificate workshop)
- 2017- Editorial Board: *Overhead in Seville, The Bulletin of the Santayana Society*
- 2016-19 Faculty Ambassador, Fordham Women's Varsity Rowing Team
- 2016-19 Organizer, Fordham Epistemology & Ethics Workshops
- 2016-17 Fordham Philosophy Department Diversity Committee
- 2016-17 Fordham Philosophy Department Speaker Series Committee
- 2016-17 Participant: Fordham New Faculty Seminar on Mission Integration
- 2015-16 Fordham Faculty Mentor for Graduate School of Arts & Sciences Seminar, "Jesuit Pedagogy: Perspectives and Practical Approaches"
- 2014-19 Faculty Sponsor, Fordham Spire
- 2014-15 Participant: Fordham LGBTQ Ally Training (two day certificate workshop)
- 2013 Founding Member, Toronto Chapter of Minorities And Philosophy
- 2012 University of Toronto Department of Philosophy Graduate Executive Committee, Elected Student Representative
- 2011 University of Toronto Philosophy Graduate Forum Coordinator

## Grants

- 2020 NEH Planning Grant, “Integrating the Humanities in the Communication of Science and Technology”  
PIs: Bonnie Dow, David Wright  
Planning Team Members: Michael Bess, Diana Heney

This planning grant will result in the development of an integrated undergraduate program in communication of science and technology guided by the goal of producing “scientist citizens.” Scientist citizens “recognize that their professional role does not separate them from the communities in which they dwell” and they are committed to developing the analytical and communicative expertise to effectively share their knowledge with lay publics to further the common good.

## Awards

- 2019-2022 Greg S. Allen Dean’s Faculty Fellowship in Philosophy  
2019 Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Humanities, Fordham University  
2017 British Society for the History of Philosophy Rogers Prize, Honorable Mention  
2016 Angus Kerr-Lawson Essay Prize, George Santayana Society  
2015 Charles S. Peirce Essay Prize, Honorable Mention  
2013 University of Toronto Doctoral Completion Award  
2012 University of Toronto Fellowship  
2009-2011 SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship  
2009 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (declined)  
2008 University of Toronto Fellowship  
2007 SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Master’s Scholarship  
2006 University of Saskatchewan Graduate Teaching Fellowship