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Research Interests

Pragmatism, Bioethics, Normative Ethics, Metaethics, Epistemology

Degrees Earned

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Toronto, Fall 2014
M.A., Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan MA, Fall 2008
B.A., Philosophy, University of Ottawa, Spring 2004

Employment History

Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University, August 2019 – present
Assistant Professor, Fordham University, August 2016 – July 2019
Visiting Assistant Professor, Fordham University, August 2015 – July 2016
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Fordham University, August 2014 – July 2015

Honors & Awards

2022-2023 Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellow
2019-2022 Greg S. Allen Dean's Faculty Fellowship in Philosophy
2021 Teaching Award Nomination, Vanderbilt University
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

Grants

2020-22 NEH Planning Grant, "Integrating the Humanities in the Communication of
Science and Technology"
PIs: Bonnie Dow, David Wright
Planning Team Members: Michael Bess, Cynthia Brame, Diana Heney, David
Weintraub

Book

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

- 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)
- Reviewed in *American Journal of Theology & Philosophy* by J.A. Stone, 41(1), pp.93-6 (January 2020).
- 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.

Articles in Refereed Journals

“A Peircean Argument for Epistemic Cosmopolitanism.” (2020)

Yearbook for Practical Philosophy in a Global Perspective, No.4: Normativity Beyond Borders.

“Mental Disorder as a Puzzle for Constitutivism.” (2018)

Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice, 24 (5): 1107-1113.

“Peirce on Intuition, Instinct, and Common Sense.” (2017)

Co-authored with Kenneth Boyd – authorship shared equally, with both authors collaborating on every aspect of the article.

European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy, IX-2.

“Metaethics for Mavericks: Santayana and Nietzsche on False Idols and True Poetry.” (2017)

Winner of the 2016 Angus Kerr-Lawson Essay Prize

Overheard in Seville: Bulletin of the Santayana Society, 35: 78-92.

“Rascals, Triflers, And Pragmatists: Developing a Peircean Account of Assertion.” (2017)

Co-authored with Kenneth Boyd – authorship shared equally, with both authors collaborating on every aspect of the article.

Honourable Mention for the 2017 Rogers Prize

British Journal for the History of Philosophy, 25 (2): 287-308.

“Practitioner Narrative Competence in Mental Health Care.” (2016)

Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology, 23(2): 115-127.

“Reality as Necessary Friction.” (2015)

Journal of Philosophy, 112 (9): 504-514.

“Santayana on Value: Expressivism, Self-Knowledge, and Happiness.” (2012)

Overheard in Seville: Bulletin of the Santayana Society, 30: 4-13.

Book Chapters (* indicates peer-reviewed)

- “Pragmatism and the Prudential Good.” (forthcoming)
In *Neo-Pragmatism in Practice*, ed. Joshua Gert, Oxford University Press.
- “Pragmatism and the Moral Life.” (forthcoming)
In *Routledge Handbook of Pragmatism*, eds. Scott Aikin and Robert Talisse, Routledge.
- “On Moral Architecture.”(*) (2020)
In *Explorations in Ethics*, ed. David Kaspar, Palgrave Macmillan.
- “C.I. Lewis: From Conceptual Pragmatism to Contemporary Metaethics.” (2017)
In *Contemporary Perspectives on C.I. Lewis: Pragmatism in Transition*, eds. Peter Olen & Carl Sachs, Palgrave Macmillan.
- “From Method to Medicine: A Pragmatist Framework for Bioethics.” (2017)
In *Pragmatism and Objectivity: Essays Sparked by the Work of Nicholas Rescher*, ed. Sami Pihlström, Routledge, 239-253.
- “Peirce on Science, Practice, and the Permissibility of ‘Stout Belief.’”(*) (2014)
In *Charles S. Peirce in His Own Words – The Peirce Quote Volume*, eds. Torkild Thellefsen and Bent Sørensen, Mouton de Gruyter.

Invited Articles

- “Many Gaps, One Chasm: Pragmatism, Reality, and Representationalism.” (2019)
Syndicate Philosophy.

Encyclopedia Entries

- “Truth, pragmatic theory of.” (2022)
In *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

Book Reviews

- Review of *John Dewey’s Ethical Theory: The 1932 Ethics*. (2021)
Eds. Roberto Frega & Steven Levine, Routledge, 2021.
European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy, 13(2).
- Review of *Peirce and the Conduct of Life: Sentiment and Instinct in Ethics and Religion*. (2017)
Richard Kenneth Atkins, Cambridge, 2016.
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews.
- “The Genteel Tradition Revisited: Review of ‘*The Genteel Tradition in American Philosophy*’ and *Character and Opinion in the United States*”. (2010)
Ed. James Seaton, New Haven: Yale University Press.
Overheard in Seville: Bulletin of the Santayana Society, 28: 35-38.

Invited Presentations

The Normative Scientist at Work: Comments on James Liszka's *Charles Peirce on Ethics, Esthetics, and the Normative Sciences*, Charles S. Peirce Society Author Meets Critics Session, American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore, MD, January 2022.

Deep Learning, Ethics, and Human Culture: Reflections on AI & Human Intelligence. Panelist. Vanderbilt Center for Digital Humanities, April 6, 2021.

Answerable to the World: Comments on Steven Levine's *Pragmatism, Objectivity, and Experience*, Author Meets Critics Session, American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division Meeting, Virtual, January 8, 2021.

Philosophy Colloquium: Well-Being for Weirdos. Vanderbilt University, February 21, 2020.

Philosophy Colloquium: Mental Disorder and the Shape of a Life. Illinois State University, March 23, 2018.

Ethics & Mental Health Workshop, Illinois State University, March 23, 2018.

Logic, Love, and Conversation (Address for *Phi Sigma Tau* Induction Ceremony), Fordham University, Bronx, NYC, April 18, 2017.

Workshop on *Toward a Pragmatist Metaethics*, University of Waterloo, ON, March 14, 2017.

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.

On Moral Architecture, *St. John's Speculative Ethics Forum*, New York, NY, November 19, 2016.

From Roots to Branches: Ethical Theory in Classical American Pragmatism, *New York Pragmatist Forum*, New York, NY, December 5, 2014.

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.

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.

Peircean Inquiry & Prospects for Ethics, *Southwestern Ontario Peirce Workshop*, Waterloo, ON, May 12, 2011.

Selected Presentations

Dark Days and the Universal Continuum: Pragmatist Cosmopolitanism for the 21st Century. *Canadian Philosophical Association*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, June 2019.

Mental Disorder as a Challenge for Constitutivism. *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting*, San Diego, CA, March 28, 2018.

Birth, Death, and the Inbetween. Introductory Public Talk for the Young Philosophers Lecture Series at the Prindle Institute, DePauw University, September 2017.

Mental Disorder and the Shape of a Life. Research Talk for Young Philosophers Lecture Series at the Prindle Institute, DePauw University, September 2017.

Peirce on Instinct, Intuition, and Common Sense – talk for Panel Session on Pragmatism in the 21st Century Symposium (co-organized with Kenneth Boyd), *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, May 29, 2017.

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).(*)

Conceptual Pragmatism and the Moral Life, *European Pragmatism Conference II*, Paris, France, September 9-11, 2015.

'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.

The Methadone Man: Peirce vs. Price on Truth and Assertion. *The Charles S. Peirce International Centennial Congress*, Lowell, MA, July 16-19, 2014.

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.

Revisiting Peirce on Vital Matters, *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, May 25-28, 2009.

Truths, Lies & Poetics: A.P. Martinich on Metaphor, *Western Canadian Philosophical Association*, Saskatoon, SK, October 26-28, 2007.

The (Ir)relevance of Causation
Canadian Philosophical Association, Saskatoon, SK, May 26-June 3, 2007.

Invited Commentaries

Comments on Patricia Marino, “Cost-Effectiveness Analysis and Community Values in Health Care Resource Allocation”, *Second Annual NYU Bioethics Workshop*, New York, April 29-30, 2022.

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

Comments on Joshua Gert, “Two Express Lanes to Neo-pragmatism”, *Representation and Evaluation Conference*, University of British Columbia, Granville Island, Canada, June 24, 2017.

Comments on Corey Steiner, “Emotional Ethics: William James on Emotion and Habit-Formation”, *Graduate Symposium*, Fordham University, Bronx, NY, October 28, 2016.

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.

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.

Comments on David Johnston, “Gettier’s Dichotomy”, *Western Canadian Philosophical Association*, Saskatoon, SK, October 26-28, 2007.

TEACHING RELATED ACTIVITIES

New Courses Introduced at Vanderbilt

Death & Dying (PHIL 2608), to be offered upon return from sabbatical
Ethics & Mental Health (PHIL 3635), Fall 2020

Courses Taught at Vanderbilt

Graduate

History of Normative Ethics (co-taught w/Matthew Congdon)
Ethics & Narrative (directed reading)
Pragmatism & Value

Undergraduate

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

Courses Taught at Fordham

Graduate

History of Normative Ethics
Contemporary Metaethics
Philosophy of George Santayana (directed reading)

Undergraduate

Philosophy of Human Nature
Philosophical Ethics
Introduction to Metaethics
Ethics & Mental Health
Freedom & Responsibility
Issues of Life & Death

Additional Teaching Activity

Honors Thesis Director

Juliana Qin (passed 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 (defense scheduled summer 2022)

Dr. Takunda Matose (defense passed March 2021)

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 Dissertation Adviser

Kelly Cunningham (ongoing)

SERVICE

To Department

Co-organizer, Vanderbilt Ethcetera Research Group, 2019-present

Faculty Advisor, Vanderbilt Chapter of Minorities and Philosophy, 2020-present

Vanderbilt Philosophy Department Undergrad Studies Committee, 2020-21

Co-Chair, Vanderbilt Philosophy Department Colloquium Committee, 2019-20

To Profession

Editorial Board: *Overhead in Seville, The Bulletin of the Santayana Society*, 2017-present

Secretary-Treasurer, George Santayana Society, 2017-19

Referee for the following Journals and Presses: *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.