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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, Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 2019 – present
 Affiliated Faculty, Center for Biomedical Ethics & Society, Vanderbilt, 2023 –present
 Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Fordham University, 2016 –2019
 Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Fordham University, 2015 – 2016
 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Philosophy, Fordham University, 2014 –2015

Honors & Awards

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

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 & Chapters

“Deliberation as Drama and Discovery.” (forthcoming)

John Dewey's Human Nature and Conduct: A Centennial Handbook
eds. Andrea English and Leonard Waks, Cambridge University Press.

“Pragmatism and the Prudential Good.” (forthcoming)

Neo-Pragmatism in Practice.
ed. Joshua Gert, Oxford University Press.

“Laying Siege to the Truth: Santayana’s Discourse on Method.” (forthcoming)

The Palgrave Companion to George Santayana’s Scepticism and Animal Faith
eds. Martin Coleman and Glenn Tiller, Palgrave Macmillan.

“Perceptions of Invasiveness and Fear of Stigmatization in Mental Health Care” (2023)

American Journal of Bioethics – Neuroscience, 14(1): 20-23

“Solving for Stigma in Mental Health Care.” (2022)

Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice, 28 (4), doi.org/10.1111/jep.13735.

“Pragmatism and the Moral Life.” (2022)

In *Routledge Handbook of Pragmatism*, eds. Scott Aikin and Robert Talisse, Routledge.

“The Work of the Normative Sciences: On Litzka’s Charles S. Peirce on Ethics, Esthetics, and the Normative Sciences.” (2022)

Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society, 58 (3): 235-252.

“Truth, pragmatic theory of.” (2022)

In *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

- “On Moral Architecture.” (2020)
In *Explorations in Ethics*, ed. David Kaspar, Palgrave Macmillan.
- “A Peircean Argument for Epistemic Cosmopolitanism.” (2020)
Yearbook for Practical Philosophy in a Global Perspective, No.4: Normativity Beyond Borders.
- “Many Gaps, One Chasm: Pragmatism, Reality, and Representationalism.” (2019)
Syndicate Philosophy.
- “Mental Disorder as a Puzzle for Constitutivism.” (2018)
Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice, 24 (5): 1107-1113.
- “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.
- “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.
- “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.
- “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.
- “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.
- “Santayana on Value: Expressivism, Self-Knowledge, and Happiness.” (2012)
Overheard in Seville: Bulletin of the Santayana Society, 30: 4-13.

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

Stigma Reduction for Mental Health Care.
University of Toronto, March 24, 2023.

The Peculiar Place of Virtue in Peirce's Philosophy. Charles. S. Peirce Society Meeting,
American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Denver, Colorado, February 2023.

The Normative Scientist at Work: Comments on James Litzka'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

The Virtue Ethics of Ella Lyman Cabot. *American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting*, Denver, Colorado, February 2023.

Creating an Archive of Renewal: From Routine to Ritual. Co-presenting with Laura Carpenter, Leah Lowe, and Elizabeth Meadows. *Imagining America National Gathering*, New Orleans, LA, October 14-16, 2022.

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

Courses at Vanderbilt University

Graduate

Theories of Well-Being
History of Normative Ethics (co-taught w/Matthew Congdon)
Ethics & Narrative
Narrative Medicine
Pragmatism & Value

Undergraduate

Introduction to Medical Ethics
First Year Writing Seminar: Ethics Life/Death
Death and Dying
Contemporary Moral Problems
Ethics and Medicine
Ethics and Mental Health

Courses at Fordham University

Graduate

History of Normative Ethics
Contemporary Metaethics
Philosophy of George Santayana

Undergraduate

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

Courses at the University of Toronto (St. George Campus)

Undergraduate

Bioethics
Knowledge & Reality

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

Katherine Pier (ongoing)

Dr. Sarah DiMaggio (defense passed July 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 Current Department

2019 - Co-organizer, Vanderbilt Ethcetera Research Group
2020 - Faculty Advisor, Vanderbilt Chapter of Minorities and Philosophy
2022-23 Search Committee for Tenure-Stream Position (AOS: Bioethics)
2020-21 Vanderbilt Philosophy Department Undergraduate Studies Committee
2019-20 Co-Chair, Vanderbilt Philosophy Department Colloquium Committee

To Profession

2017- Editorial Board: *Overhead in Seville, The Bulletin of the Santayana Society*
2017-19 Secretary-Treasurer, George Santayana Society

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.