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Areas of Specialization
Areas of Competence

Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Race and Gender
Social and Political Philosophy, Medical Ethics

EMPLOYMENT

2018–present Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College

EDUCATION

2018 PhD in Philosophy, University of Southern California.
2011 MA in Philosophy, University of Toronto.
2010 Hons. BA (High Distinction) in Philosophy, University of Toronto.

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

1. “Radical Moral Encroachment: The Moral Stakes of Racist Beliefs”, *Philosophical Issues*. Forthcoming.
2. “The Wrongs of Racist Beliefs”, *Philosophical Studies*:1-19. Forthcoming.
3. “What We Epistemically Owe To Each Other”, *Philosophical Studies* 176(4):915-931. 2019.
4. “Can Beliefs Wrong?”, *Philosophical Topics* 46(1):1-17. 2018.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. “Moral Encroachment and Justification”, provisionally forthcoming in *Propositional and Doxastic Justification*, eds. Luis R.G. Oliveira and Paul Silva.
2. “The Specter of Normative Conflict: Does Fairness Require Inaccuracy?”, forthcoming in *An Introduction to Implicit Bias: Knowledge, Justice, and the Social Mind*, eds. Erin Beeghly and Alex Madva. Routledge.
3. “Doxastic Wronging”, in *Pragmatic Encroachment in Epistemology*, eds. Brian Kim and Matthew McGrath. Routledge, pp. 181-205. 2019. (co-written with Mark Schroeder)

PUBLIC WRITING

1. “To avoid moral failure, don’t see people as Sherlock does”, *Aeon Magazine*. May 22 2019.
link: <https://aeon.co/ideas/to-avoid-moral-failure-dont-see-people-as-sherlock-does>

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS (*declined)

2018 Edmond J. Safra Post-Doctoral Fellow-in-Residence at Harvard University*
2018 Mark Sanders Foundation Graduate Student Prize
2017 USC Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Grant
2015-2018 Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics Graduate Fellow
2014-2017 Center for Excellence in Teaching TA Fellow
2012-2015 SSHRC Doctoral Award
2011-2012 Carl and Carolyn Franklin Endowed Fellowship

2011-2016	College Merit Award
2010-2011	Ontario Graduate Scholarship
2010	Gombay Prize in Philosophy
2009-2010	Jackman Humanities Institute Undergraduate Fellowship

CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

COLLOQUIUM AND OTHER INVITED TALKS

1. April 2020, SUNY Buffalo
2. Feb 2020, MIT
3. Nov 2019, UC San Diego
4. Oct 2019, Amherst College
5. March 2019, "The Weight of Expectations", Indiana University Bloomington
6. Feb 2019, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", University of California Santa Cruz
7. Feb 2019, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", Boston University
8. Feb 2019, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Barnard College
9. Jan 2019, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", McGill University
10. Jan 2019, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Virginia Tech
11. Jan 2019, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", University of Victoria
12. Nov 2018, "The Weight of Expectations", *PeRFECt 4*, University of Pennsylvania
13. Oct 2018, "The Weight of Expectations", *Workshop in Ethics*, Washington University in St Louis
14. April 2018, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others" Pacific APA
15. Feb 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", University of Missouri
16. Feb 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Simon Fraser University
17. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Queen's University
18. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Claremont McKenna College
19. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Georgetown University
20. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", *Moral and Pragmatic Encroachment Workshop*, University of British Columbia
21. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", McMaster University
22. Jan 2018, "The Moral Stakes of Our Beliefs", Wayne State University
23. March 2017, "Demanding Better Of Each Other", Central APA
24. Feb 2017, "Moral Encroachment", Duke University.
25. Jan 2015, "Rethinking Epistemic Reasons and Pascal's Wager", *University of Toronto Mississauga Alumni Speaker Series*, University of Toronto

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES

26. Aug 2018, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", *Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference*, University of British Columbia
27. Feb 2018, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", *Princeton Workshop in Social Philosophy*, Princeton University
28. Oct 2018, "What We Epistemically Owe To Others", *Gaslighting and Epistemic Injustice*, Claremont McKenna College
29. April 2017, "Motivating Ethical Demands on Belief", *Penn-Rutgers-Princeton Social Epistemology Workshop*, University of Pennsylvania
30. Aug 2016, "Motivating Ethical Demands on Belief", *Athena in Action*, Princeton University
31. March 2016, "Emergency Medicine's Challenge to Informed Consent", *Medical Knowledge in a Social World*, UC Irvine

32. May 2014, "Dutch Book Arguments Repragmatized", *University of Toronto Graduate Philosophy Conference*, University of Toronto
33. Dec 2014, "Rethinking Epistemic Reasons and Pascal's Wager", *New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology Workshop: Formal Epistemology and Religious Epistemology*, Oxford University
34. June 2013, "Practical Reason and Practical Success", *Canadian Philosophical Association*, University of Victoria
35. May 2013, "Radical Probabilism", *Society for Exact Philosophy*, Université of Montréal
36. Nov 2012, "The Inescapability of Diachronic Dilemmas", *16th Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference*, Oxford University
37. Oct 2012, "The Inescapability of Diachronic Dilemmas", *Society for Exact Philosophy*, The Ohio State University
38. Nov 2011, "Naïve Expressivism", *63rd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Lewis and Clark College
39. March 2011, "Tracking Commitments: Revisiting the Frege-Geach Problem", *12th Annual Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference*, Princeton University

INVITED COMMENTS AND PANELS

40. April 2019, Comments on Regina Rini's "Contingency Inattention", Pacific APA
41. Feb 2019, Comments on Elizabeth Jackson's, "How Belief-Credence Dualism Explains Away Pragmatic Encroachment", Central APA
42. March 2018, Commentator-at-large, Ethics of Belief, Harvard University
43. May 2017, Chair and Comments on Stephen White's "Predicting Failure", St Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality
44. March 2017, Comments on Joshua Mugg's "Practical Reason Constrains Theoretical Reason: An Argument from Implicit Bias", Central APA
45. Oct 2015, Invited Panelist, "Ethics of Emergency Treatment: Exemptions to Informed Consent", Zygo Student Lunchtime Series on Ethics in Medicine, USC
46. June 2015, Comments on Nate Sharadin's "Actualism and Possibilism in Epistemology", Epistemic Consequentialism, University of Kent
47. Nov 2014, Invited Panelist, "Doctors vs. Parents: Decision-making in Paediatrics", Zygo Student Lunchtime Series on Ethics in Medicine, USC
48. Feb 2014, Comments on Nilanjan Das's "Moral Heroism", USC/UCLA Graduate Philosophy Conference, USC
49. June 2013, Comments on Mandy Kamangar's "The Decider", Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Victoria
50. May 2013, Chair and Comments on Chrisoula Andreou's "Temptations, Resolutions, and Regret", St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality
51. Nov 2011, Comments on Kenneth Boyce's "On Believing in Neutrons but not Numbers", Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis and Clark College

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT AT CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

Epistemology
Intro to Philosophy: Moral and Political Issues (The Challenge of Evil)
Race and Policy

COURSES TAUGHT ELSEWHERE

What's Wrong With Discrimination?, Central European University

Business Ethics, University of Southern California

EDUCATION OUTREACH AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

- 2019-2020 Humanities Lab Supervisor, Gould Center for the Humanities at CMC
Leading and mentoring a group of 10 undergraduates conducting research on the theme of expectations and identity.
- 2017-2018 Public Humanities Program Director, USC Levan Institute
Created an ethics bootcamp for professional students, mentored undergraduate students, and launched USC's partnership with the the Prison Education Project to design and teach philosophy curriculum for incarcerated students.
- 2016-2018 Director, Corrupt the Youth-Los Angeles
In partnership with the LA LGBT center, Corrupt the Youth is a philosophy education program that works with at-risk LGBT youth.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

EDITORIAL WORK AND REFEREEING

- 2018 Co-editor (with Mark Schroeder), special issue of *Philosophical Topics*
- 2016-2018 Managing Editor, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*
- Journals *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Synthese*
- Presses Oxford University Press, Routledge, Wiley-Blackwell.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 2016 USC/UCLA Graduate Conference
- 2015 MAP SoCal Regional Multi-Campus Working Group on Philosophy and Inclusive Pedagogy

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

AT CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

- 2019-2020 Student Recruitment Committee
- 2019-2020 Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Fellows Steering Committee
- 2019-2020 Philosophy Department Student Coordinator

AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

- 2016-2017 President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association
- 2015-2016 Organizer, USC/UCLA Philosophy of Race reading group
- 2014-2016 Organizer, USC Minorities And Philosophy (MAP) chapter
- 2011-2018 Referee, USC/UCLA Graduate Conference
- 2013-2014 Meeting Organizer, Speculative Society
- 2012-2013 Treasurer, Philosophy Graduate Student Association

AT UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA

- 2008-2010 President, Philosophy Undergraduate Club
- 2009-2010 Advisory Committee, search for Principal
- 2009-2010 Student Advisory Committee, Philosophy Job Search
- 2008 Search Committee for Chair of Philosophy

OTHER SERVICE

- 2019-2022 Member, APA Committee on LGBTQ People in the Profession