

Curriculum Vitae
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Academic Positions:

2011 – present Associate Professor, East Tennessee State University
2005 – 2011 Assistant Professor, East Tennessee State University
2004 – 2005 Lecturer, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Education:

Ph.D. Vanderbilt University, 2004
M.A. University of New Mexico, 1996
B.A. University of New Mexico, 1990

Areas of Specialization:

Ethical Theory, Moral Psychology

Areas of Competence:

Epistemology, Metaethics, Practical Reason, Action Theory

Publications:

Articles

1. “Moral Worth and Accidentally Right Actions,” *Analysis* 81:3 (2021): 389-96.
2. “Moral Rationalism and Psychopathy: Affective Responses to Reason,” *Philosophical Psychology* 30:7 (2017): 855-877.
3. “The Enkratic Requirement,” *European Journal of Philosophy* 21:2 (2013): 320-333.
4. “Rational Epistemic Akrasia,” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 49:2 (2012): 113-124.
5. “Explaining the Value of Truth,” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 46:2 (2009): 105-115.
6. “Ethical Internalism and Cognitive Theories of Motivation,” *Philosophical Studies*, 129:2 (2006): 295-315.
7. “The Worst Difficulty Argument in Plato’s *Parmenides*,” *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, 17 (1995): 27-34.

Book Review

1. On *Practical Conflicts: New Philosophical Essays*, Peter Baumann and Monika Betzler, eds. *The Philosophical Review*, 116 (2007): 654-6.

Presentations:

Papers (refereed unless otherwise noted)

1. "Moral Rationalism, Instrumental Rationality, and Psychopathy," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2013.
2. "What Are Directions of Fit?" Pacific APA, San Francisco, 2013. Also presented at the Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2012.
3. "Successful Action and the Scope of the Instrumental Principle," North Carolina Philosophical Society, Elon, NC, 2012.
4. "An Objection to Cognitivist Accounts of Instrumental Rationality," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2011.
5. "Enkrasia and Responding to Reasons," APA, Central Division (main program), Minneapolis, 2011.
6. "Instrumental Rationality and the Nature of Intention," North Carolina Philosophical Society, Boone, NC, 2011.
7. "Rationality, Intentions, and Normative Beliefs," Washington State University, 2010. (Invited)
8. "Explaining the Value of Truth," APA, Eastern Division (main program), Philadelphia, 2008.
9. "An Evidence Puzzle" (with Peter Murphy), APA, Eastern Division (main program), Baltimore, 2007. Also presented at the Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2005.
10. "On the Value of Truth and the Nature of Belief," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2006.
11. "Directions of Fit, Motivation, and Instrumentalism," Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pullman, WA, 2006.
12. "Incommensurable Ends and Rational Choice," University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2004. (Invited)
13. "Why, and When, Is Epistemic Akrasia Irrational?" Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2004.
14. "Ethical Internalism and Cognitive Theories of Motivation," APA Pacific Division (main program), Pasadena, 2004. Also presented at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2004; and the Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2003.
15. "Defending Judgment Internalism," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Atlanta, 2003.
16. "Weak Will and Irrational Motivation," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, 2003.
17. "Directions of Fit and Inferential Norms," Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, Nashville, 2002. Also presented at the Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2001.
18. "Two Kinds of Value Internalism," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, 2002.
19. "Incommensurable Goods and Practical Reason," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, 2001.
20. "Dewey and Instrumentalism," Pragmatism at the Crossroads Conference, Nashville, 2001.

21. "Commensurability and Fungibility," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, 2000.
22. "The Worst Difficulty Argument in Plato's *Parmenides*," New Mexico – West Texas Philosophical Society, El Paso, 1994.

Comments

1. Comments on Saba Bazargan-Forward's "Moral Responsibility and Cooperation," Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, Evanston, 2019.
2. Comments on John Park's "Sentimentalism and the Nature of Moral Concepts," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2016.
3. Comments on David Kaspar's "Rethinking Prima Facie Duties," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2013.
4. Comments on Julio Sharp-Wasserman's "Aristotle's Epistemological Humility," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2012.
5. Comments on Mark Wunderlich's "A Defense of Epistemological Monism," Pacific APA, San Francisco, 2010.
6. Comments on Jean-Paul Vessel's "Supererogation for Utilitarianism," Pacific APA, Pasadena, 2008.
7. Comments on Diane Williamson's "What Content Is Allowed by Kantian Formalism?" Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2007.
8. Comments on Mary Coleman's "Holistic Directions of Fit and Smith's Teleological Argument," Eastern APA, Washington D.C., 2006.
9. Comments on J. R. Kuntz's "Naturalizing Intuition," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2006.
10. Comments on Jill Hernandez's "Dignity, Agency, and Worth," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2005.
11. Comments on Scott Aikin's "Quotational Iterability, Explanation, and the Pragmatist Theory of Truth," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2004.
12. Comments on James Montmarquet's "Compatibilisms: Two for the Price of One," Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, 2003.
13. Comments on Angie Harris's "Korsgaard, Particularism, and the Antichrist: A Defense of Particularist Agency," APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, 2003.
14. Comments on Fred Harrington's "Two Paths to the Impotence of the Multiple Realizability Argument," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, 2002.
15. Comments on Aaron Herbig's "Overrunning the Free Will Defense," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, 2000.

Awards:

Richard M. Griffith Memorial Award for Best Paper in Philosophy by a graduate student or recent Ph.D., Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2004.

Larry Taylor Memorial Award for Best Paper by a graduate student or recent Ph.D., New Mexico and West Texas Philosophical Association, 1994.

Teaching Experience:

East Tennessee State University

Ethical Theory (sixteen sections)

Metaethics (one section)

Moral Psychology (three sections)

Moral Responsibility (two sections)

Topics in Analytic Philosophy (eight sections)

Contemporary Philosophy (one section, team-taught)

Introduction to Ethics (sixty-five sections)

Introduction to Philosophy (two sections)

Director of Honors Thesis (seven theses: Akash Loess on moral naturalism, Matt Schacht on just terrorism, Hunter Bradford on moral particularism, Bobby Russell on moral psychology, Emily Roberts on moral relativism, Nate Bradley on utilitarianism, and Austin Greene on Nietzsche)

Master's Thesis, committee member (Christopher Shields on animal rights, 2014)

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Business Ethics (four sections)

Ethical Theory (two sections)

The Human Condition: Value and Reality (two sections)

Tennessee State University

Introduction to Philosophy: Contemporary Moral Problems (one section)

Vanderbilt University

Introduction to Ethics (two sections); Introduction to Philosophy (six sections)

University of New Mexico

Introduction to Philosophy (four sections); Logic and Critical Theory (four sections)

Service

To the university

Medical Professions Advisement Committee (April 2008-present)

Philosophy Department Representative for INtopFORM Learning Community (2013-14)

Team member, SACS Initiative, 2013

Observer for Master's defense (Kyle Jansky, Paleontology 2013)

Chair, search committee (2007-08)

Co-chair of Academic Audit Committee (2006-07)

Faculty Advisor to the Philosophy Club (2005-07)

Member of various search committees

Member of Ethics Bowl committee

To the profession

Letter for Noell Birondo's application for tenure at Wichita State University, August 2015

President, Tennessee Philosophical Association (2007-08)

Session Chair, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2002 and 2003

Reviewer for *Economics and Philosophy*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *The Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Acta Analytica*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Synthese*, *Mind*, *Analysis*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Journal of Value Inquiry* and *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*.