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Academic Appointments

University of Georgia, Athens, GA	
Associate Professor of Philosophy	2014 - present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2007 – 2014
Institute for Women's Studies Affiliate Faculty	2014-present

Education

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Ph.D. in Philosophy July 2007
Dissertation: *Duties of Love and Kant's Doctrine of Obligatory Ends*
Directed by: Marcia Baron

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA
B.A., Philosophy, 1998 (*summa cum laude*).

Area of Specialization: Ethics, Kantian Ethics, Biomedical Ethics

Areas of Competence: Environmental Ethics, History of Ethics, Political Philosophy

Fellowships and Grants

University of Georgia CTL Senior Teaching Fellow, 2018-2019
University of Georgia Research Foundation Grant, July 2012
University of Georgia Research Foundation Grant, August 2010
University of Georgia Research Foundation Grant, August 2009
University of Georgia Research Foundation Grant, August 2008
Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship, August 2004 – 2007
American Philosophical Association (APA) Graduate Student Travel Stipend, April 2006
Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) Travel Grant, May 2005
American Philosophical Association (APA) Graduate Student Travel Stipend, April 2005
North American Kant Society (NAKS) Travel Stipend, April 2005

Honors and Awards

Induction into the University of Georgia Teaching Academy (2018)
Academic Excellence Award, Department of Philosophy, Indiana University, May 2004

Publications

“Some Puzzles About Kantian Beneficence,” Proceedings from the 13th International Kant Congress (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, *forthcoming 2021*).

“Love in Kant and the Enlightenment,” in *Love: The History of a Concept*, ed. Ryan Patrick Hanley (Oxford University Press, *forthcoming 2021*).

“On Virtues of Love and Wide Ethical Duties,” *Kantian Review* 24.3 (2019).

“The Kantian Innate Right to Freedom: Independence from What?” *Proceedings from 12th International Kant Congress* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2018).

“Kantian Perspectives on Paternalism,” in *Routledge Handbook on the Philosophy of Paternalism*, eds. Kalle Grill and Jason Hanna (Routledge, 2018).

“Love’s Reasons,” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 50.1 (2016): 153-168.

“Understanding Kant’s Duty of Respect as a Duty of Virtue,” *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 10.6 (2013): 723-740.

“On Procreative Responsibility in Assisted and Collaborative Reproduction,” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 16.1 (2013): 55-70.

“Love, Respect, and Interfering with Others,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 92 (May 2011): 174-192.

“On the Supposed Moral Harm of Selecting for Deafness,” *Bioethics* 25.3 (March 2011): 128-136.

“Kantian Practical Love,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 91.3 (Sept. 2010): 313-331.

“Active Sympathetic Participation: Reconsidering Kant’s Duty of Sympathy,” *Kantian Review* 14.1 (2009): 31-52.

“Beneficence and Other Duties of Love in *The Metaphysics of Morals*,” co-authored with Marcia Baron, in *The Blackwell Guide to Kant’s Ethics*, ed. Thomas E. Hill, Jr. (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2009): 211-228.

“Widening the Field for the Practice of Virtue: Kant’s Wide Imperfect Duties,” *Proceedings from 10th International Kant Congress* vol. III (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2008): 423-433.

Book Reviews:

Reading Onora O’Neill, eds. David Archard, Monique Deveaux, Neil Manson, and Daniel Weinstock (Routledge, 2013). *Kantian Review* (2015) 20.1, pp. 140-145.

Robert N. Johnson, *Self-Improvement: An Essay in Kantian Ethics* (Oxford University Press, 2011). *The Philosophical Quarterly* (2013), pp. 382-4.

Jean Bethke Elshtain, *Just War Against Terror: The Burden of American Power in a Violent World* (Basic Books, 2003). *Ethics* Vol. 115 no. 4 (July 2005), pp. 855-856.

Presentations

- “Acceptable Risk in the Pursuit of Athletic Excellence” (*refereed*)
Annual Meeting of the Association of Practical & Professional Ethics (APPE)
22, February, Atlanta, GA
- “Some Puzzles about Kantian Beneficence” (*refereed*)
13th International Kant Congress, University of Oslo
8 August 2019, Oslo, Norway
- “How to Have Good Kantian Sex” (*refereed*)
Annual Meeting of the Association of Practical & Professional Ethics (APPE)
1, March, 2019, Baltimore, MD
- “How to Have Good Kantian Sex” (*invited*)
University of South Carolina Colloquium Series
16, November, 2018, Columbia, SC
- “Kant on Sex as Morally Precarious Activity” (*invited*)
Kant on Sex, Love, and Friendship Workshop
21-23 July 2017, St. Andrews, UK
- “Espirito-Santo’s Rethinking of the Circle in Kant’s *Groundwork* III” (*invited*)
Biennial Meeting of the North American Kant Society
28 May 2016, Atlanta, GA
- “Love’s Reasons” (*invited*)
Institute for Women’s Studies Friday Speaker Series, University of Georgia
23 October 2015, Athens, GA
- “The Kantian Innate Right to Freedom: Independence from What?” (*refereed*)
12th International Kant Congress, University of Vienna
22 September 2015, Vienna, Austria
- “Disability, Vulnerability, and Quality of Life Assessments” (*invited*)
Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
Group Session: Society for Philosophy and Disability
29 December 2014, Philadelphia, PA
- “Reading Kant on the Highest Good and Obligatory Ends” (*invited*)
Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University
4 April 2014, Atlanta, GA
- “Kantian Virtues: Thick or Thin?” (*invited*)
Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina

22 March 2014, Chapel Hill, NC

“Humiliation, Respect for Persons, and Kant’s Formula of Humanity” (*invited*)
Department of Philosophy, St. Andrews University
7 June 2013, St. Andrews Scotland, UK

“Interpreting Kant’s Formula of Humanity” (*refereed*)
Eastern Study Group of the North American Kant Society
21 April 2013, Waltham, MA

“Exploitation in Collegiate Football: A Kantian Assessment” (*refereed*)
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) Annual Meeting
1 March 2013, San Antonio, TX

“Kant’s Three Models of Moral Perfection” (*refereed*)
American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting
21 February 2013, New Orleans, LA

“Promoting the Happiness of Others: Kantian Beneficence and Positive...” (*refereed*)
American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting
29 December 2012, Atlanta, GA

“Human Trafficking and Public Shame” (*invited*)
Society for Analytic Feminism Group Session
American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting
28 December 2012, Atlanta, GA

“Reflecting on the Use of Animals in Research” (*invited*)
University of Georgia School of Veterinary Medicine
26 April 2012, Athens, GA

“Is There a Kantian Argument for Duties to One’s Ancestors?” (*invited*)
Biannual Meeting of the North American Kant Society (NAKS)
3 June 2011, Urbana-Champaign, IL

“Kant’s Duty of Respect for Other Human Beings” (*refereed*)
American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting
19 February 2010, Chicago, IL

“A Kantian Picture of Moral Development” (*invited*)
Society for Empirical Ethics Group Session
American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting
28 December 2009, New York, NY

“Kantian Respect and the Ethics of Care” (*refereed*)
Kant: Morality & Society - UK Kant Society Annual Conference
29 August 2009, Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK

“Kantian Practical Love” (*invited*)
Bowling Green State University, Department of Philosophy
16 February 2007, Bowling Green, OH

“Kantian Practical Love” (*invited*)
University of Georgia, Department of Philosophy
7 February 2007, Athens, GA

“Kantian Practical Love” (*invited*)
University of Guelph, Department of Philosophy
19 January 2007, Guelph, Canada

“Loving One’s Neighbor as Oneself: Kantian Practical Love” (*invited*)
University of New Mexico, Department of Philosophy
27 October 2006, Albuquerque, NM

“Kant’s Later Argument for Beneficence” (*refereed*)
American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting
26-29 April 2006, Chicago, IL

“Widening the Field for the Practice of Virtue” (*refereed*)
10th International Kant Congress
4-9 September 2005, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

“Benevolence and Beneficence: Two Distinct Duties of Love” (*refereed*)
American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting
29 April 2005, Chicago, IL

“The Happiness of Others: Kantian Foundations for Obligatory Beneficence” (*refereed*)
Eastern Study Group Meeting of the North American Kant Society (NAKS)
22-23 April 2005, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Workshop Participation

“The Concept of *Menschenliebe* in Kant’s *Tugendlehre*,” Siegen University, Siegen, Germany, July 2006 (*invited participant*)

Research Position

Research Assistant, The Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions, Indiana University, 2004-2007

Teaching Experience

University of Georgia

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

- PHIL 2030 Introduction to Ethics (Spring 13, Fall 14, Fall 15, Fall 18)
- PHIL 2030H Introduction to Ethics Honors (Spring 09, Spring 11, Fall 13, Fall 16)
- PHIL 3200 Ethical Theory (Fall 09)
- PHIL 3220 Biomedical Ethics (every Spring 08-20)
- PHIL 3230 Ethics of Food (Fall 16, Fall 17, Fall 18, Fall 20)

- PHIL 3300 Philosophy of Sport & Games (Spring 2021)
- PHIL 4220/6220 Environmental Ethics (Fall 07, Fall 13)

Graduate Courses Taught:

- PHIL 8200 Ethics Seminar – Kant’s Formula of Humanity (Fall 17, Fall 19)
- PHIL 8900 Environmental Philosophy (Fall 15)
- PHIL 8210 Political Philosophy Seminar – Kant’s *Rechtslehre* (Spring 14)
- PHIL 8200 Ethics Seminar - Virtue (Fall 12)
- PHIL 8200 Ethics Seminar - Ethics and Non-Existent Persons (Spring 12)
- PHIL 8200 Ethics Seminar - Kant’s Practical Philosophy (Spring 10)
- PHIL 8200 Ethics Seminar - Normative Ethical Theory (Fall 08, Fall 10, Fall 14)
- PHIL 8200 Ethics Seminar - Kant’s Moral Anthropology (Spring 08)

Horace B. Russell Prize

- Stephanie Ganzeveld, Spring 2019 PHIL 3220 (2020)
- Riley Findley, Fall 2018 PHIL 3230 (2019)
- Erin Gorman, Fall 2017 PHIL 3230, (2018)
- Samuel Driggers, Fall 2016 2030H, (2017)

Dissertations Directed at the University of Georgia

- Ava Wright, *The Duty of Veracity*, (2019)
 - Current Position: Assistant Professor, California Polytechnic State University
- John Njoroge, *Objection Sustained: Anscombe’s Challenge to Modern Moral Philosophy’s Use of the Concept of Obligation* (2018)
 - Current Position: Non-Academic Position
- Jackson Schwartz, *Natural Goodness and Normative Evaluation* (2017)
 - Current Position: Lecturer, Clayton State University

Masters Theses Directed at the University of Georgia

- David Bowles (2020)
- Eric Brown (2013)
- Rory Weeks (2012)

Indiana University

- Introduction to Ethics (Summer 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Summer 2004)
- Thinking and Reasoning (Fall 2002, Spring 2003)
- Coach for Indiana University Undergraduate Ethics Bowl Team, Spring 2005

Professional Service

North American Kant Society

Organizer & Host for the 2016 Southern Study Group Meeting, Athens, GA
 Program Committee Member for 2016 Biennial NAKS Meeting
 Program Committee Member for 2012 Southern Study Group Meeting

University of Georgia

Graduate Council (member-at-large), UGA 2019-2022
Placement Officer, Department of Philosophy, UGA 2019-2021
Associate Head of the Philosophy Department, UGA 2016-2021
Curriculum Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, UGA, 2012-2014; 2018-2019
Hiring Committee (Senior/Department Head), UGA 2018
Student Affairs (Admissions) Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, UGA, 2009-2010,
2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018
Interim Graduate Coordinator, Dept. of Philosophy, UGA Spring 2015
Chair, Student Affairs Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, UGA, 2014-2015
Faculty Affairs Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, UGA, 2013-2016
Hiring Committee (Junior/Metaphysics), Department of Philosophy, UGA, 2012-2013
Planning Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia, 2010-2013
Awards Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia, 2010-2012
Guest Lecturer, GHSU/UGA Medical Partnership, August 23, 2011
Hiring Committee (Junior/Environmental Ethics), Dept. of Philosophy, UGA, 2007-2008
Secretary for the Faculty, Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia, 2007-2008

Professional Membership

American Philosophical Association
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics
North American Kant Society
Society for Philosophy and Disability