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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, Princeton University, November 2004, supervised by Gideon Rosen
M.A., Philosophy, Princeton University, November 2002
B.A., *magna cum laude*, Philosophy, Mathematics, and Economics, Carleton College, June 2000

EMPLOYMENT

University of Southern California *Assistant Professor* 8/06 – 5/08, *Associate Professor* with tenure 5/08 –
University of Maryland at College Park *Instructor* 8/04 – 1/05, *Assistant Professor* 1/05 – 6/06

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research has focused primarily on metaethics, practical reason, and related areas, particularly including normative ethics, the philosophy of language, metaphysics, epistemology, and the history of ethics.

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, metaethics research group, Jerusalem, 2008, Mrs. Giles Whiting Fellow, Princeton University, 2003-2004, Graduate Prize Fellow in the Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2003-2004, Centennial Fellow, Princeton University, 2000-2004, Graduate School Summer Fellowship, Princeton University, 2002, 2003, 2004, Mellon Fellow in Humanistic Studies, Princeton University, 2000-2001, Scott Tyler Bergner Prize on graduation from Carleton, 2000, Ada M. Harrison Prize in Economics from Carleton, 2000, Distinction in all three undergraduate majors, 2000, Finalist, Rhodes Scholarship competition, 1999, National Merit Scholar, Carleton College, 1996-2000

BOOKS

- 1 *Slaves of the Passions*. Monograph. Oxford University Press, December 2007.
- 2 *Being For: Evaluating the Semantic Program of Expressivism*. Monograph. Oxford University Press, June 2008.
- 3 *Noncognitivism in Ethics*. Book manuscript surveying the main problems and prospects for metaethical noncognitivism. Under contract with Routledge to appear in July 2009.

ARTICLES

- 1 'The Scope of Instrumental Reason.' *Philosophical Perspectives* 18 (*Ethics*), 2004: 337-364, November 2004.
- 2 'Realism and Reduction: The Quest for Robustness.' *The Philosophers' Imprint* 5(1): www.philosophersimprint.org/005001/, February 2005.
- 3 'The Hypothetical Imperative?' *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 83(3): 357-372, September 2005.
- 4 'Cudworth and Normative Explanations.' *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, www.jesp.org, (2005), vol. 1, no. 3, October 2005.
- 5 'Instrumental Mythology.' *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, www.jesp.org, (2005), symposium I, December 2005.
- 6 'Not So Promising After All: Evaluator-Relative Teleology and Common-Sense Morality.' *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 87(3): 348-356, September 2006.
- 7 'Teleology, Agent-Relative Value, and 'Good'.' *Ethics* 117(2): 265-295, January 2007.
- 8 'Weighting for a Plausible Humean Theory of Reasons.' *Noûs* 41(1): 138-160, March 2007.
- 9 'The Humean Theory of Reasons.' *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 2: 195-219, April 2007.
- 10 'Reasons and Agent-Neutrality.' *Philosophical Studies* 135(2): 279-306, August 2007.
- 11 'Expression for Expressivists.' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 76(1): 86-116, January 2008.

- 12 'How Does the Good Appear to Us?' *Social Theory and Practice*, 34(1): 119-130, January 2008.
- 13 'Having Reasons.' *Philosophical Studies* 139(1): 57-71, April 2008.
- 14 'What is the Frege-Geach Problem?' *Philosophy Compass* 3/4: 703-720, June 2008.
- 15 'How Expressivists Can and Should Solve Their Problem With Negation.' Forthcoming in *Noûs*.
- 16 'Huemer's Clarkeanism.' Forthcoming in a symposium on Michael Huemer's *Ethical Intuitionism* in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
- 17 'An Issue of Principle.' Joint critical notice of Jonathan Dancy, *Ethics Without Principles*, and Sean McKeever and Michael Ridge, *Principled Ethics*. Forthcoming in *Noûs*.
- 18 'Reasons and Knowledge.' Forthcoming in *Reasons for Belief*, edited by Andrew Reisner and Asbjørn Steglich-Peterson.
- 19 'Means-End Coherence, Stringency, and Subjective Reasons.' Forthcoming in *Philosophical Studies*. Published online in Springer *Online First*.
- 20 'Expressivist Truth and the Liar.' Forthcoming in *New Waves in Truth*, edited by Nikolaj Jang Pedersen and Cory Wright.
- 21 'Reply to Tenenbaum' (tentative title). Forthcoming in *Social Theory and Practice*.
- 22 'Buck-Passers' Negative Thesis.' Forthcoming in *Philosophical Explorations*.
- 23 'Value and the Right Kind of Reasons.' Provisionally to be forthcoming in *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*.
- 24 'How Not to Avoid Wishful Thinking.' Forthcoming in *New Waves in Metaethics*, edited by Michael Brady.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- 25 'Ethical Naturalism [Addendum].' In D. Borchert, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Second Edition*. New York: Macmillan, 2006.
- 26 'Value Theory.' *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <http://plato.stanford.edu/>, February 2008.
- 27 'Internal and External Reasons.' With Stephen Finlay. Forthcoming in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <http://plato.stanford.edu/>.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 28 'Structures of Agency.' Review of Michael Bratman, *Structures of Agency*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, <http://ndpr.nd.edu>, May 2007.
- 29 'The Nature of Normativity.' Review of Ralph Wedgwood, *The Nature of Normativity*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, <http://ndpr.nd.edu>, March 2008.
- 30 'Contextuality in Practical Reason.' Review of A.W. Price, *Contextuality in Practical Reason*. Forthcoming in the *Times Literary Supplement*.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 6 'Value and the Right Kind of Reasons.' September 2008, Fifth Annual Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop.
- 5 'Holism, Weight, and Undercutting.' July 2008, University of Edinburgh, British Society for Ethical Theory.
- 4 'Expression for Expressivists.' December 2005, University of Helsinki, Workshop on Moral Judgment and Moral Psychology.
- 3 'The Humean Theory of Reasons.' September 2005, Second Annual Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop.
- 2 'Two 'Reason' Relations.' March 2003, New York University, NYU-Columbia Graduate Student Philosophy Conference.
- 1 'The Hypothetical Imperative?' April 2002, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Student Philosophy Conference.

INVITED PUBLIC TALKS

- 23 'Value and the Right Kind of Reasons.' July 2008, Moral Psychology and Moral Realism Working Group Seminar, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
- 21-22 'Expressivist Truth and the Liar.' June 2008, Moral Psychology and Moral Realism Conference, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. October 2008, University of Michigan Ann Arbor.
- 19-20 'Holism, Weight, and Undercutting.' June 2008, Ben Gurion University, Beer Sheva, Israel. November 2008, Stanford University.

- 16-18 'Hybrid Expressivism: Virtues and Vices.' February 2008, State University of New York at Buffalo. March 2008, Invited session with Cornell University graduate students, Cornell University. March 2008, Moral Psychology and Moral Realism Working Group Seminar, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
- 15 'Do *Oughts* Take Propositions?' January 2008, University of Nebraska at Lincoln.
- 14 'Means-End Coherence, Stringency, and Subjective Reasons.' November 2007, Georgetown University.
- 13 'Do *Oughts* Take Propositions?' October 2007, University of California at Irvine.
- 10-12 'How Expressivists Can and Should Solve Their Problem with Negation'. March 2007, University of Southern California. October 2007, 11th Annual Southern California Philosophy Conference, California State University, Northridge. November 2007, University of California at Davis.
- 8-9 'Teleology, Agent-Relative Value, and 'Good'.' November 2005, University of Southern California. January 2006, University of Toronto.
- 7 'You Have a Reason to Eat Your Car.' October 2005, invited lecture for Undergraduate Philosophy Club, University of Maryland College Park.
- 6 'The Humean Theory of Reasons.' April 2005, University of Maryland: College Park Conference on Practical Rationality.
- 1-5 'Can Moral Theory be General? A Lesson from Cudworth about Reduction.' January 2004, Northwestern University. January 2004, Rice University. January 2004, New York University. January 2004, University of Maryland College Park. February 2004, Bowling Green State University.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS

- 6 'Comments on Wlodek Rabinowicz's 'Presumption of Equality'.' June 2008, International Equality Conference, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem.
- 5 'Comments on David Velleman's 'Love and Nonexistence: A Case for Anti-Realism About Value'.' February 2008, *Reason and Value* conference at the University of California Santa Barbara.
- 4 'Comments on Eric Moore's 'Getting a Clue About Consequences'.' April 2007, Pacific Division APA, San Francisco.
- 3 'Comments on Michael Pendlebury's 'How to be a Normative Expressivist'.' December 2006, Eastern Division APA, Washington, D.C.
- 2 'Slaves of the Passions.' July 2006, meeting with reading group on *Slaves of the Passions*, Brown University.
- 1 'Comments on Dreier's 'Practical Conditionals'.' April 2006, University of Missouri Columbia Kline Colloquium on Practical Reason.

TEACHING

Graduate

- USC PHIL 50I: Graduate seminar on expressivism, Fall '06.
- USC PHIL 50I: Graduate seminar on reduction, Fall '07.
- USC PHIL 540: Graduate seminar on deontic modals. Spring '09.
- UMD PHIL 848: *Advanced Topics in Ethical Theory: Metaethical Expressivism*, Spring '06.

Introductory Undergraduate

- USC PHIL 140: *Contemporary Moral Issues*, Spring '07, Spring '09.
- UMD PHIL 235: *Social and Political Philosophy*, Spring '05, Fall '05.
- UMD HONR 218Z: *Morality and Religion*, Spring '05.

Intermediate/Advanced Undergraduate

- USC PHIL 463: *Theories of Action*, Spring '07.
- UMD PHIL 308: *God and Morality*, Spring '06.
- UMD PHIL 341: *Ethical Theory*, Fall '04.
- UMD PHIL 428M: *Topics in the History of Philosophy: Hume*, Fall '05.
- UMD PHIL 440: *Contemporary Ethical Theory*, Fall '04.

ADVISING

Robert Shanklin, graduate student. Dissertation prospectus committee, 2007–2008. Dissertation committee, 2008–.

Robert Plizga, graduate student. Co-chair of dissertation prospectus committee, 2006–2008.

Matt King, graduate student. Dissertation prospectus committee, 2005-2006. ‘Moral Responsibility.’ Dissertation director, 2005–2008. Successful PhD defense February 2008.

Bryan Baltzly, graduate student. Dissertation prospectus committee, 2005-2006. ‘Liberalism.’

Andrew Kukorowski, undergraduate. Honors thesis advisor, 2005-2006.

Matthew Gray, undergraduate. Honors thesis advisor, 2005-2006.

SIGNIFICANT SERVICE

Graduate Director, 2008-2009, Placement, 2007-2008, Hiring committee, 2007-2008, Graduate admissions, 2006-2008, UMCP Senate, 2005-2006, Chair, departmental colloquium committee, 2004-2006, Organizing committee for conference on Practical Rationality, University of Maryland, 2004-2005, Princeton organizer, Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Conference in Philosophy, 2003, Graduate Student Representative to the philosophy department, Princeton University, 2001-2002.

REFEREEING

Cambridge University Press ×2, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, British Society for Ethical Theory, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* ×4, *Bioethics*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica* ×2, *Dialogue*, *Erkenntnis* ×2, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ethics* ×2, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* ×6, *Journal of Philosophical Research* ×2, *Mind* ×3, *Noûs* ×3, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* ×33, *Philosophers’ Imprint* ×6, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Quarterly* ×2, *Philosophical Studies* ×4, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Synthese*

OTHER

Contributor to PEA Soup, an ethics blog.

REFERENCES

John Broome, Oxford University; Jonathan Dancy, University of Texas/University of Reading; Stephen Darwall, Yale University; James Dreier, Brown University; Allan Gibbard, University of Michigan; T.M. Scanlon, Harvard University; Michael Smith, Princeton University
