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Curriculum Vitae

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APPOINTMENTS

2018-. Visiting Assistant Professor, Oakland University

EDUCATION

Ph.D, 2018, Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

M.A., 2011, Philosophy, Brandeis University

B.A., 2008, Philosophy, Ancient Civilizations, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Areas of Specialization: Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion (incl. Jewish Philosophy)

Areas of Competence: Asian Philosophy, Bioethics, Logic

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming. "The Problem of Unwelcome Epistemic Company," *Episteme*.

Forthcoming. "Transformative Experience and the Problem of Religious Disagreement" (with Laurie Paul), in *Religious Disagreement and Pluralism*, eds. Jonathan Kvanvig and Matthew Benton, Oxford University Press.

2020. "Moral Realism and Philosophical Angst," in *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*: vol. 15, ed. Russ Shafer-Landau, Oxford University Press.

2019. "Melis Erdur's Moral Argument Against Moral Realism," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 22(2): 371-377.

2019. "'Not My People': Jewish-Christian Ethics and Divine Reversals in Response to Injustice", in *The Lost Sheep in Philosophy of Religion: New Perspectives on Disability, Gender, Race, and Animals*, eds. Kevin Timpe and Blake Hereth, Routledge.

2019. "Moral Realism and Reliance on Moral Testimony," *Philosophical Studies* 176(5): 1141-1153.

2016. "Heschel, Hiddenness and the God of Israel," *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 8:4 (Winter 2016): 109-124.

Book Review

Forthcoming. Review of *Compassionate Moral Realism* by Colin Marshall, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*.

MANUSCRIPTS

"Moral Deference and the Stability of Moral Belief"

"Philosophical Angst"

"You of All People: Acquaintance, Wrong Action, and Blame" (with Keshav Singh)

"Value as a Guide to Truth in Metaethics (and Other Domains)"

PRESENTATIONS

Papers

2021. "Heschel and Halevi Against the God of the Philosophers." Princeton Conference in Philosophy and Religion at Princeton University.

2021. "Philosophical Angst." Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference at the University of British Columbia.

- July 2020. “The Importance of Irreducibly Theistic Concepts for Moral Deliberation and Moral Perception.” Theistic Ethics Abstractaganza (paired down Zoom meeting in lieu of Theistic Ethics Workshop).
- April 2020. “Refusal to Engage in Democratic Societies: Some Epistemic and Moral Considerations.” Great Lakes Philosophy Conference at Siena Heights University.
- August 2019. “You of All People: Acquaintance, Wrong Action, and Blame.” 12th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference at the University of Colorado, Boulder (with Keshav Singh).
- April 2019. “The Right to Say: Self-censorship, Deference, and Identity Politics.” Great Lakes Philosophy Conference at Siena Heights University.
- September 2018. “Moral Realism and Philosophical Angst.” 13th Madison Metaethics Workshop at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- April 2018. “You of All People: Acquaintance, Wrong Action, and Blame.” Knowing What to Do: A Workshop on Ethical Epistemology at The Ohio State University (with Keshav Singh).
- April 2018. “Moral Realism and Philosophical Angst.” Great Lakes Philosophy Conference at Siena Heights University.
- January 2018. “The Problem of Unwelcome Epistemic Company.” Symposium at the Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.
- October 2017. “Moral Realism and Philosophical Angst.” 5th Annual Philosophers’ Cocoon Philosophy Conference at the University of Tampa.
- October 2017. “The Problem of Unwelcome Epistemic Company.” Central States Philosophical Association Conference.
- August 2017. “Moral Realism and Philosophical Angst.” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress at the University of Colorado, Boulder.
- June 2017. “Is the Torah a System of Hypothetical Imperatives?” Young Scholar’s Workshop in Jewish Philosophical Theology at the Herzl Institute in Jerusalem.
- June 2017. “Parfitian Angst About Reasons.” Joint University of North Carolina-Kings College London Workshop at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- May 2017. “Moral Realism and Reliance on Moral Testimony.” Publishing Workshop at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- March 2017. “Moral Deference and the Stability of Moral Belief” (with Ram Neta). 9th Annual Philosophy Conference at Auburn University.
- January 2017. “Moral Realism and Reliance on Moral Testimony.” Colloquium at the Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.
- February 2016. “Moral Realism and Reliance on Moral Testimony.” Joint Meeting of the North and South Carolina Philosophical Societies at Appalachian State University.
- July 2015. “Heschel, Hiddenness and the God of Israel.” 11th British Society for the Philosophy of Religion Conference at Oxford University.
- July 2015. “Emmanuel Levinas and Metaethical Quietism.” 10th North American Levinas Society Conference.
- September 2013. “Abraham Heschel on Wonder, Awe, and Radical Amazement.” Exploring Awe and Wonder Interdisciplinary Conference at the University of Central Florida.

Commentaries

- February 2018. Comments on Zach Barnett, “No Free Lunch: The Significance of Tiny Contributions.” Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
- October 2017. Comments on Yuval Avnir, “Physicalist Arguments Against the Afterlife.” Central States Philosophical Association Conference.
- October 2017. Comments on Raff Donelson, “Moral Stability and Pragmatism.” 5th Annual Philosophers’ Cocoon Philosophy Conference at the University of Tampa.

May 2017. Comments on John Schwenkler, “Can Conversion Be Rational?” Transformative Experience Workshop at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

March 2017. Comments on Samuel Kampa, “Luck and Disagreement,” Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of record, Oakland University

Philosophy of Religion (upper-level)

Ethical Theory (upper-level)

Philosophies and Religions of Asia (upper-level)

Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to Ethics in Science and Engineering

Introduction to Ethics

Introduction to Logic (online)

Instructor of record, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Introduction to Mathematical Logic (online)

Bioethics (online)

Ethics in Practice (Applied Ethics/Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl)

Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense

Philosophy of Religion

Introduction to Philosophy (online)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, HONORS

2017-2018. UNC Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship

2017. Young Scholars Workshop in Jewish Philosophical Theology at the Herzl Institute, Jerusalem.

2016-2017. Maynard Adams Fellowship for the Public Humanities.

2016. UNC Ethics Bowl team qualified for national competition.

2016. Best Graduate Student Paper, North/South Carolina Philosophical Society Conference.

2015-2016. UNC Parr Center for Ethics Research Assistant (selected by faculty).

2015. UNC Graduate School Travel Award.

2012. Horace Williams Fellowship.

OUTREACH

2019-2020. Speaker at Oakland University Philosophy Club.

2019. Session leader at Oakland University Philosophy Summer Camp.

2018. Speaker at Oakland University Philosophy Club.

2014-2016. Discussion groups with older adults at Atria Senior Living.

2014-2016. Discussion groups with 1st graders at Durham Academy.

2015-2016. Discussion groups with 2nd graders at Morris Grove

2016. UNC Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Team Coach.

2014, 2016. Reading Groups for students in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

2015-2017. Case Writer for Ethics Bowl competitions hosted by UNC

2014. North Carolina School of Science and Math Ethics Bowl Judge.

2013-2014. Philosophy Outreach at C.A. Dillon Youth Development Center.

2013. North Carolina School of Science and Math Conference Session Leader.

2012-2013. Philosophy Outreach with “Home School Ethics Club” in Apex, NC.

ACADEMIC AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2020-present. Webmaster, Oakland University Philosophy Department.
- 2020-2021. Honors Thesis Mentor for Caroline Morris.
- 2019-present. Colloquium Coordinator, Oakland University Philosophy Department.
- 2019-present. Faculty adviser for Oakland University Philosophy Club.
- 2019-present. Annual Philosophy Essay Prize coordinator, Oakland University Philosophy Department.
- 2018-present. Reviewer for multiple journals (list of journals available upon request).
- 2018-present. Fall and Winter Commencement Escort, Oakland University Philosophy Department.
- 2020-2021. Honors Thesis Mentor.
- 2018-2019. Library Liaison, Oakland University Philosophy Department.
- 2018-2019. Philosophy Essay Contest Judge, Oakland University Philosophy Department.
- 2016-2017. Graduate representative on Hiring Committee (selected by peers), UNC Chapel Hill Philosophy Department.
- 2015-2016. Graduate representative on Colloquium Committee (selected by peers), UNC Chapel Hill Philosophy Department.
- 2015-2016. Teaching Assistant Coordinator (selected by faculty), UNC Chapel Hill Philosophy Department.
- 2016. First Year Mentor (selected by peers), UNC Chapel Hill Philosophy Department.
- 2014-2015. “Groundskeeper” for Cappuccino Machine (selected and titled by self), UNC Chapel Hill Philosophy Department.
- 2010-2011. Graduate Representative to the Faculty (selected by peers), Brandeis University Philosophy Department.

REFERENCES

Geoffrey Sayre-McCord

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