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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Philosophy
York University
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AOS: Ethics. Philosophy of Action.

AOC: Philosophy of Mind. Epistemology. Applied Ethics.

EDUCATION

2016 Ph. D. Philosophy. University of Toronto.

Dissertation: "A Developmental Theory of Intention."

Supervisor: Philip Clark.

Advisors: Sergio Tenenbaum, Andrew Sepielli.

2008 M. A. Philosophy. University of Toronto.

2007 B. A. Honours. Philosophy. Simon Fraser University.

EMPLOYMENT

2018–2019 Sessional Assistant Professor. York University.

2017–2018 Visiting Assistant Professor. University at Buffalo.

2016–2017 Lecturer. Philosophy. University of Toronto.

2015–2016 Lecturer. Philosophy. University of Toronto at Mississauga.

PUBLICATIONS

PUBLISHED PAPERS

"Intention as Action under Development: Why Intention is Not a Mental State."

Canadian Journal of Philosophy. 48(5). 2018: 742–761.

DOI: [10.1080/00455091.2017.1414524](https://doi.org/10.1080/00455091.2017.1414524)

"Intended and Foreseen Unavoidable Consequences." Forthcoming in

Manuscripto: Special Issue on Agency and Rationality.

PAPERS IN PREPARATION

[Redacted] (Under Review)

"Against Cognitivism and Statism."

"Explaining Commitment and Coordination."

"On a Need-to-Know Basis: A New Theory of Privacy." (Draft on Request)

CONFERENCES**TALKS (REFEREED)**

2019 "Acting as a Reason." American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting.

2018 "On a Need-to-Know Basis: A New Theory of Privacy." Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress.

2018 "Developmentalism and Practical Knowledge." American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting.

2017 "Actions under Development." American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting.

2016 "Actions under Development." Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress.

2008 "Never Forget Your Friends or Their Explanatory Priority." Waterloo Philosophy Graduate Student Association Conference.

2007 "Never Forget Your Friends or Their Explanatory Priority." British Columbia Philosophy Graduate Conference.

COMMENTS

2018 "Immorality and Meaning in Life," David Matheson, Speaker. Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress.

2017 "Self-deception and Two Kinds of Teleological Action," William Bredeson, Speaker. Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress.

2017 "Rationalize this!," Matthew Smith, Speaker. St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality.

2016 "Reasons for and Reasons Against," Justin Snedegar, Speaker. American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting.

WORKSHOPS

ORGANIZED

2019 "Anscombe's Legacy." York University. Co-organizer: Robert Myers.
Participants: Matthias Hasse; Kim Frost; Lucy Campbell; Paul Hurley.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

2019 Jean Hampton Memorial Essay Prize - Pacific APA (\$500)
2008-2011 Doctoral Scholarship from Government of Canada (\$105,000)
SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarships Program - Doctoral Scholarships
2007 Masters Scholarship from Government of Canada (\$17,500)
SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarships Program - Masters Scholarships

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR (FULL COURSE DESIGN)

York University

400-level Intention (Spring 2019)
300-level Ethics (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
100-level Justice, Law, and Morality (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
200-level Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2018)

University at Buffalo

Graduate-level Intention (Spring 2018)
200-level Environmental Ethics (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)
100-level Contemporary Moral Problems (Spring 2018)
Graduate-level Directed Study on Practical Reasoning (Fall 2017)
300-level Aesthetics (Fall 2017)
100-level Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2017)

University of Toronto

400-level Intention (Spring 2017)
300-level Democracy and Its Challenges (Spring 2017)
300-level Topics in Environmental Ethics: Vegetarianism (Fall 2016)
200-level Aesthetics (Fall 2016)
200-level Environmental Ethics (Summer 2016)
100-level Introduction to Philosophy (Summer 2012, Spring 2016)
100-level Critical Reasoning (Spring 2016)
200-level Social Issues: Privacy and Whistleblowing (Summer 2015, Fall 2015)

200-level The Limits of the Criminal Law (Fall 2015)
200-level Social Issues: The Ethics of Social Networking (Summer 2013)
300-level Moral Motivation (Fall 2011)

TEACHING ASSISTANT (GRADING & LEADING TUTORIALS)

University of Toronto

100-level Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2015, Spring 2013)
200-level Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2014, Fall 2012, Fall 2009)
200-level Ethics and Society (Summer 2014)
200-level Persons, Minds, and Bodies (Spring 2014)
200-level Environmental Ethics (Fall 2013)
200-level Human Nature (Spring 2012)
200-level Freedom and Determinism (Spring 2011)
100-level Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2010)
200-level Death and Dying (Spring 2009)
200-level Social Issues (Fall 2008)
200-level Belief, Knowledge, and Truth (Spring 2008)
200-level Introductory Philosophy (Fall 2007)

Simon Fraser University

100-level Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology (Fall 2006)

SEMINAR LEADER & SERIES ORGANIZER

University of Toronto

2013 Seminar & Speaker Series. Speaker: Sarah Paul (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
2012 Seminar & Speaker Series. Speaker: Douglas Lavin (Harvard University)

SERVICE

Referee. *Philosophical Quarterly*.

2012–2014 Ethics and Political Philosophy Workshop Organizer
2011 Department of Philosophy Graduate Executive Committee
2008–2010 Graduate Philosophy Student Union Treasurer

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DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

I construct and deploy a theory of intention according to which an intention is an action at a certain developmental stage. Roughly, on this theory, intention is to action as tadpole is to frog. Just as a tadpole is a frog at a certain developmental stage, an intention to bake bread (e.g.) is a bread-baking at a certain developmental stage. On this theory, when one acts *with* an intention, the intention is not the cause of the action but a wider action of which the given action is a narrower part. And when one *forms* an intention, one is not putting oneself into a state but initiating a process. I argue that these explanations fare better than the noted (prevailing) alternatives.