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Education

University of Colorado, Boulder (2016-2021). PhD, Philosophy.

Whitworth University (2011-2015). BA, Philosophy.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

"Global Public Reason, Diversity, and Consent" (Conditional Acceptance in *Philosophical Papers*).

"Justice in the *Laws*, a Restatement: Why Plato Endorses Public Reason." *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 4, no. 2 (2018): 184-203.

"A Dilemma for Saulish Skepticism: Either Self-Defeating or Not Even Skepticism." *Disputatio* (2018): 1-12.

*This is a response to Jennifer Saul's "Skepticism and Implicit Bias," also published in *Disputatio*.

"Why the Perfect-Being Theologian Cannot Endorse the Principle of Alternative Possibilities." *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 9, no. 4 (2017): 113-131.

Book Reviews

"Christopher Freiman, *Unequivocal Justice*." *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2018): 1-7.

Popular-Level Publications

"After Death, It Can Get Worse: Did Amazon Harm Philip K. Dick After His Death?" in *The Man in the High Castle and Philosophy*. Open Court Publishing (2017).

"The Inhumanity of *Cards Against Humanity*." *Think* 48, no. 17 (2018): 39-50.

*Featured in the Center for Values and Social Policy's What's Wrong blog:
<https://whatswrongcvsp.com/2018/02/08/whats-wrong-with-playing-card-against-humanity/>

Works In Progress

"Consent's Dominion: Dementia and Consent to Sexual Relations." (Under Review).

"Speciesism, Prejudice, and Epistemic Peer Disagreement." (Under Review).

"Extra-Wide Reflective Equilibrium." (Under Review).

"Intoxication and Consent." (In Progress).

"Why Public Safety Is a Bad Reason to Reject Open Borders." (In Progress).

"Why Environmental Harms Are a Bad Reason to Reject Open Borders." (In Progress) "Why Hard-Determinism Is Self-Defeating."

Conference Presentations

"Dementia and Prior Consent to Sexual Relations." To be presented at the 2019 Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.

"Intoxication and Consent to Sexual Relations." The Center for Western Civilization, Thought, & Policy at the University of Colorado, Boulder (2018).

Comments on George Sher's "A Wild West of the Mind." 2019 Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference.

Comments on Jason Brennan's "Political Representation for Democratic Realists." 2018 GISME/CVSP Workshop on Current Issues in Ethics and Economics.

Comments on Daniel Muñoz's "Consequentialism and the Act Itself." 2018 Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference.

"Against Global Public Reason." 2018 meeting of the Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society.

"Speciesism, Prejudice, and Epistemic-Peer Disagreement." Presented at:

The 2018 Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.

The Center for Values and Social Policy at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Comments on Andrew Franklin-Hall's "Binding the Self: The Ethics of Ulysses Contracts." 2017 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

"Does Plato Endorse A Public Reason Theory?" 2017 Institute for Humane Studies Summer Graduate Research Colloquium.

Comments on Johnny Brennan's "Recognition and Human Value: J.M. Bernstein's Account of the Wrongfulness of Torture." 2017 Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

"Peer Disagreement, Moral Skepticism, and Self-Defeat." Presented at:

2017 Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference at the University of Utah.
(accepted but could not attend).

2016 Graduate Work in Progress Talk at the University of Colorado Boulder.

"Why the Perfect-Being Theologian Cannot Endorse the Principle of Alternative Possibilities." 2016 Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference. (accepted but could not attend).

Courses Taught or Assisted

Philosophy and Society (Spring 2019). University of Colorado, Boulder. TA for Dr. David Boonin.

Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2018). University of Colorado, Boulder. TA for Dr. Alastair Norcross.

Contemporary Social Problems (Spring 2018). University of Colorado, Boulder. TA for Dr. Garrett Bredeson.

Contemporary Social Problems (Fall 2017). University of Colorado, Boulder. TA for Dr. Garrett Bredeson.

Applied Speech: Forensics (2015-2016). Whitworth University. Co-instructor.

The Vices (2015). Whitworth University. TA for Dr. Keith Wyma.

Logic (2014). Whitworth University. TA for Dr. Forrest Baird.

Intro to Philosophy (2014). Whitworth University. TA for Dr. Josh Orozco.

Professional Experience

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (2018-2019) \$5,000.

Adam Smith Fellowship, The Mercatus Center at George Mason University (2018-2019). \$5,000.

CU Boulder Center for Western Civilization, Thought, and Policy Internal Fellow (2018-19). \$4,000.

Research Assistant, University of Colorado, Boulder (Summer 2017, 2018). Worked as research assistant for Dr. David Boonin.

Research Assistant, University of Colorado, Boulder (2016-2017). Worked as research assistant for Dr. Michael Huemer.

Assistant Director of Forensics, Whitworth University (2015-2016). Adjunct faculty member, coaching the Speech and Debate team.

Fellowships, Grants, and Scholarships

Summer Research Fellowship, University of Colorado, Boulder Philosophy Department (2017) \$1,000.

Second Leg Summer Fellowship, Center for Humanities and the Arts at the University of Colorado, Boulder (Summer 2018). \$5,000.

American Philosophical Association Graduate Student Travel Stipend (2018). \$300.

Philosophy Department Travel Grant, University of Colorado, Boulder (2017). \$500.

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (2017-2018) \$5,000.

Summer Research Fellowship, University of Colorado, Boulder Philosophy Department (2017) \$1,000.

Domestic Travel Grant, University of Colorado, Boulder Graduate School (2016) \$300.

PhD Scholarship, Institute for Humane Studies (2016) \$2,000.

PhD Application Fee Waiver, Institute for Humane Studies (2016) \$250.

Weyerhaeuser Younger Scholar's Grant, Whitworth University (2014-2015)

Whitworth Forensics Talent Award, Whitworth University (2011-2015)

Whitworth Colloquium Scholarship, Whitworth University (2011-2015)

Whitworth Mind & Heart Scholarship, Whitworth University (2011-2015)

Whitworth Heritage Scholarship, Whitworth University (2011-2015)

Ben B Cheney Scholarship, Whitworth University (2014-2015)

Rev. Edward E Baird Scholarship, Whitworth University (2013-2015)

George Whitworth Founder's Day Scholarship, Whitworth University (2014)

Lloyd Thompson Scholarship, Whitworth University (2012-2013)

Whitworth Macdonald Opportunity Scholarship, Whitworth University (2012-2013)

Academic Awards and Honors

Whitworth President's Cup (2015). One of four students in my graduating class to receive this award for having earned a cumulative 4.0 GPA.

Whitworth Distinguished Collegiate Achievement Award (2015). Awarded to the top male and female student of each graduating class by vote of Whitworth's faculty.

Whitworth Student Commencement Speaker (2015). One of two student speakers at my university graduation.

Philosophy Department Writing Award (2014). Awarded to the best paper written in a philosophy course in the 2013-2014 academic year.

Whitworth Laureate Society (2011-2015).

Whitworth Provost's Honor Roll (2011-2015).

Graduate Coursework

Ethics (Ethics Across Borders), Alison Jaggar, Fall 2016.

Plato (Plato's Political Philosophy), Mitzi Lee, Fall 2016.

Proseminar in Ethics, Alison Jaggar, Fall 2016.

Contemporary Moral Theory, Iskra Fileva, Spring 2017.

Epistemology (Perceptual Justification), Matthias Steup, Spring 2017.

Proseminar in Metaphysics and Epistemology, Raul Saucedo, Spring 2017.

Aristotle, Mitzi Lee, Fall 2017.

Feminist Methodology, Alison Jaggar, Fall 2017.

Environmental Philosophy, Ben Hale, Fall 2017.

Sexual Ethics, David Boonin, Spring 2018.

Modern Metaphysics, Dan Kaufman, Spring 2018.

Epistemology, Michael Huemer, Spring 2018.

Political Philosophy, Alison Jaggar, Fall 2018.

Service

Organizing Committee Member (2017, 2018) Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress.

Referee, (2017, 2018) Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress.

Referee, 2017 Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference.

Student Member (2016-present), Advisory Board for the Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado, Boulder.

Student Member (2016-2017), Philosophy Colloquium Committee, University of Colorado, Boulder

Founder and President, the Whitworth Student Symposium (2013-2015).

Founded and served as president of the Student Symposium, a group that plans five student-given lectures on topics of ethics and public policy.

References

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