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Employment

Assistant Professor	Department of Philosophy, Virginia Tech	2020 - present
Postdoctoral Researcher	Department of Philosophy, Virginia Tech	2017 - 2020
Postdoctoral Researcher	Institute for Philosophy & Public Policy George Mason University	2016 - 2017

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of California, San Diego	2016
Thesis: "Measuring Well-Being for Public Policy; Doing without Theory"	
M.A. Philosophy, University of California, San Diego	2013
B.A. Philosophy, Politics and Economics, <i>magna cum laude</i> , Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel	2008

Research Interests

AOS Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Social Science, Applied Ethics, PPE
AOC Ethics, Philosophy of Science

Publications

- Forthcoming Well-Being Coherentism
The British Journal for Philosophy of Science
- The Need for Governmental Inefficiency in Plato's Republic
Journal of History of Economic Thought
- 2020 You Can Bluff but You Should Not Spoof
Business and Professional Ethics Journal, 39(2): 207-224.
- No Theory-Free Lunches in Well-Being Policy
The Philosophical Quarterly, 70(278): 43-64.
- 2018 The Narrowed Domain of Disagreement for Well-Being Policy
Public Affairs Quarterly, 32(1): 1-19.
- Ignoring Easterlin; Why Easterlin's Correlation Findings Need Not Matter to Policy
Journal of Happiness Studies, 19(8): 2225-2241.

From Models to Experiments (with Daniel Houser)
in *James M. Buchanan: A Theorist of Political Economy and Social Philosophy*.
Ed. Richard E. Wagner: 921-937. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Educational Equipose and the Educational Misconception; Lessons from Bioethics
Teaching and Learning Inquiry, 6(2): 1-15.

The Irrelevance of Unsuccessful Traders; A Commentary on Alasdair MacIntyre
(2015), "The Irrelevance of Ethics"
Business Ethics Journal Review, 6(8): 41-46.

2016 Motivationally Balancing Policy, *SOCIETY*, 53(3): 264-268.

2015 Experimental Economics' Inconsistent Ban on Deception
Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, 52: 13-19.

Can an Evidential Account Justify Relying on Preferences for Well-Being Policy?
Journal of Economic Methodology, 22(3): 280-291.

Book Reviews

2020 Law for Sale: A Philosophical Critique of Regulatory Competition, by Johanna Stark. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 210 pp.
Business Ethics Quarterly, 30(3): 433-436.

Presentations

Workplace Paternalism

Society for Business Ethics Annual Meeting, Philadelphia 2021
American Philosophy Association – Eastern Division, New York 2021
Joint Session of the Mind Association and the Aristotelian Society, Kent 2020 (online)
Young Philosophers Lecture Series, Prindle Institute for Ethics, DePauw University 2019

The Shape of a Life Does Not Matter

Conference on the Meaning of Life, Haifa 2019

Well-Being Coherentism

British Society for the Philosophy of Science, Kent 2020 (online)
Wake Forest University Eudaimonia Institute 2019 (invited)
Israeli Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Jerusalem 2019
Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society Meeting, New Orleans 2019
Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Meeting, Seattle 2018

Can Workplace Well-Being Policies be Wrong?

Society for Business Ethics, Chicago 2018

From Models to Experiments; James Buchanan and Charles Plott

Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society Meeting, New Orleans 2018

No Theory-Free Lunches in Well-Being Policy

45th annual Philosophy of Science Conference, Dubrovnik 2018 (invited)
Mississippi Philosophical Association, Starkville 2018

- Brookings Institute Workshop on New Directions and Challenges in Well-being Research, Washington 2017 (invited)
 Philosophy of Social Science Round Table, Vancouver 2017
- Conversation: Ethical Challenges in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
 10th Annual Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy, Blacksburg 2018
- A Case Against Spoofing
 Society for Business Ethics Annual Conference, Atlanta 2017
 UPenn Zicklin Center Normative Business Ethics Workshop, Philadelphia 2016
- The Disunity of Experimental Biomedical and Social Science as a Working Hypothesis
 Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society Meeting, New Orleans 2017
 Philosophy of Scientific Experimentation 5 (PSX5), Belgrade 2016
- Just Go Ahead and Lie, So You Can Be Held Accountable
 North Carolina Philosophical Society Meeting, Wilmington 2017
- The Role of Well-Being Indicies in Policy
 Virginia Tech Center for Public Administration & Policy, Alexandria 2017 (invited)
 Brookings Institute Workshop on New Directions and Challenges in Well-being Research, Washington 2016 (invited)
- Plato's Failure to Invent Economics
 History of Economic Thought Society, Durham, NC – June 2016
 Philosophy of Social Science Round Table, Tampa, FL – March 2016
- Deception in Experimental Social Sciences
 WVU Workshop on Experimental Political Science, Morgantown 2016 (invited)
 16th Annual Pitt-CMU Graduate Student Conference, Pittsburgh 2014
- Filling the Void; the Need for Accounts in Defense of Well-Being Measures
 The Making of Measurement Conference (CRASHH), Cambridge 2015
 Fifth Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology Conference, Dallas 2015
- Three Problematic Paths to Well-Being Policy
 Second International Wellbeing and Public Policy Conference, Clinton 2014
 American Philosophy Association – Pacific Division, San Diego 2014
- Why an Evidential Account of Preferences is not Enough
 European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Venice 2013
 International Network of Economic Methodology Conference, Rotterdam 2013
- Eliminating Candidates for Best Scientific Theories
 Philosophy of Science Association, San Diego 2012
 Theoretical Virtues in Theory Choice Workshop, Konstanz 2012
 British Society of Philosophy of Science, Stirling 2012
- Risk and Responsibility
 Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society & the Mind Association, the Postgraduate Session, Stirling 2012
- Can a Senian Solution Save Sen's Capability Approach?
 Hebrew University Graduate Philosophy Conference, Jerusalem 2012

Minimal Learning from Minimal Models
International Network of Economic Methodology Conference. Helsinki 2011

Teaching

Instructor

Ethical Theory (fall 2020)
Political Philosophy (fall 2019)
Gateway to Philosophy, Politics & Economics (spring 2019)
Ethics of Global Poverty (fall 2018)
Advanced Topics in Philosophy, Politics & Economics - Capstone Course (spring 2018, spring 2020, fall 2020)
Morality and Justice (fall 2017)
Bioethics (fall 2016, spring 2017)
Philosophy of Science (summer 2015)
Introduction to Ethics (summer 2014)

Pedagogical Training

The Summer Institute: Professional Development for Undergraduate Education, Virginia Tech 2019
The 15th Annual Bentley Teaching Business Ethics Faculty Development Workshop and Symposium, 2019
The Summer Institute: Professional Development for Undergraduate Education, Virginia Tech 2018
10th Annual Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy, Virginia Tech 2018
Innovations in Teaching & Learning Conference, George Mason University 2016
Workshop on Teaching Business Ethics, Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics, 2016
Workshop on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy, American Association of Philosophy Teachers, 2014
The College Classroom, Center for Teaching Development, UCSD 2014

Professional Services

Journal referee *Philosophy of Science; The British Journal for Philosophy of Science; Economics & Philosophy; International Studies in the Philosophy of Science; Journal of Business Ethics; Philosophical Quarterly; Utilitas; European Journal for Philosophy of Science; Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy; Journal of Social*

Philosophy; Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part C; Journal of Experimental Social Psychology; Journal of Happiness Studies; Review of Social Economy; Behavioral Science & Policy; Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization; Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics; Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics; Res Philosophica; Emotion Review; SAGE Open; Applied Research for Quality of Life

- Committee member* APA Committee on Academic Career Opportunities and Placement (2018-2021)
- Program committee* Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology Conference (2018)
- Panel organizer* “Well-Being Science” (with Tyler DesRoches) at the Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Meeting, Seattle (2018)
- “Lessons from Experimental Public Economics” at the Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) Society Meeting, New Orleans (2018)
- “Ethical Lessons from the Biomedical Sciences for the Social Sciences” at the Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) Society Meeting, New Orleans (2017)
- Conference organizer* UCSD Philosophy Graduate Conference (2015)
- UCSD Graduate Philosophy Colloquia (2012-13)
- Discussion leader* Coming Home Project; Dialogues on the Moral, Psychological, and Spiritual Impacts of War ×3 (2017-2019)
- Judge* Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (2016)

References

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