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## Academic Appointments

Australian Catholic University, National School of Arts  
Senior Lecturer, 2021-

Australian Catholic University, Dianoia Institute of Philosophy  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2016-2020

Universität Stuttgart, Institut für Philosophie  
VolkswagenStiftung Postdoctoral Fellow, 2015-2016

## Education

Washington University in St. Louis  
Ph.D. Philosophy, August 2015

University of Missouri-St. Louis  
M.A. Philosophy, December 2008

Truman State University  
B.A. Philosophy & Religion, English, May 2006

## Areas of Specialization

Ethics, History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

## Areas of Competence

Political Philosophy, Epistemology

## Publications

### Books

*Plato's Pragmatism: Rethinking the Relationship between Ethics and Epistemology* (with Nicholas Baima), Routledge, forthcoming.

*Kantian and Sidgwickian Ethics: The Cosmos of Duty Above and the Moral Law Within* (co-edited with Tim Henning), Routledge, 2020.

### Articles and Chapters

'Be Not Afraid: The Virtue of Fearlessness', *Philosophers' Imprint* (forthcoming).

'Human Rights and Liberal Values: Can Religion-Targeted Immigration Bans be Justified?', *Ethics & Global Politics* 14:2, 2021.

‘True in Word and Deed: Plato on the Impossibility of Divine Deception’ (with Nicholas Baima), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 58:2, 2020.

‘Beneficent Governor of the Cosmos: Kant and Sidgwick on the Moral Necessity of God’, *Kantian and Sidgwickian Ethics*, T. Paytas and T. Henning eds. Routledge, 2020.

‘Of Providence and Puppet Shows: Divine Hiddenness as Kantian Theodicy’, *Faith and Philosophy* 36:1, 2019.

‘Intrinsic Valuing and the Limits of Justice: Why the Ring of Gyges Matters’, (with Nicholas Baima), *Phronesis* 64:1, 2019.

‘God’s Awful Majesty Before Our Eyes: Kant’s Moral Justification for Divine Hiddenness’, *Kantian Review* 22:1, 2017.

‘Rational Beings with Emotional Needs: The Patient-Centered Grounds of Kant’s Duty of Humanity’, *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 32.4, 2015.

‘Sometimes Psychopaths Get It Right: A Utilitarian Response to “The Mismeasure of Morals”’, *Utilitas* 26:2, 2014.

#### Book Reviews

Review of *The Cosmos of Duty: Henry Sidgwick’s Methods of Ethics*, by Roger Crisp, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 12:2, 2018.

Review of *Preferences and Well-Being*, edited by Serena Olsaretti, *Journal of Value Inquiry* 43:2, 2009.

#### **Selected Presentations** (\* = refereed conference presentation)

Blame and De-Moralizing Ethical Theory (with Roger Crisp and Richard Rowland)

KIT Philosophy Research Seminar, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, 2019  
Dianoia Rome Seminar on De-Moralizing Ethics, ACU Rome Campus, 2019

Non-Moral Utilitarianism

Ethical Impartialism: Contemporary Perspectives, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, 2019  
\*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XII, comments by Robbie Kubala, University of Colorado, 2019

Be Not Afraid: Reclassifying Fear as Vice

KIT Philosophy Colloquium Series, 2019  
Melbourne Postgraduate Philosophy Workshop (keynote lecture), University of Melbourne, 2019  
ANU School of Philosophy Seminar, Canberra, 2018  
\*APA Eastern Division Meeting, comments by Tim Kwiatak, Baltimore, 2017

Sidgwick’s Critique of Deontology: Scrupulous Fairness or Serpent-Windings?

\*APA Eastern Division Meeting, comments by David Phillips, Savannah, 2018  
\*Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Adelaide, 2017  
\*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress IX, comments by Peter Zuk, University of Colorado, 2016

The Cosmos of Reasons: Sidgwickian Ethics and Non-Moral Consequentialism

15<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies (Invited Sidgwick Panel), Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, 2018

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress X (Invited Sidgwick Symposium), University of Colorado, 2017  
Philosophy Colloquium, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, 2017

### Beneficent Governor of the Cosmos: Kant and Sidgwick on the Moral Necessity of God

Philosophy Colloquium, Murdoch University, 2018  
ACU International Conference on Moral Epistemology, Melbourne 2018  
Philosophy Colloquium, Oklahoma State University, 2017  
Kant-Sidgwick Workshop, Universität Stuttgart, 2016

### Of Providence and Puppet Shows: Divine Hiddenness as Kantian Theodicy

ACU Philosophy-Religion Interdisciplinary Seminar, Melbourne, 2018  
Workshop on Divine Hiddenness, Oklahoma State University, 2017

### Intrinsic Valuing and the Limits of Justice: Why the Ring of Gyges Matters (with Nicholas Baima)

ACU Institute for Religion & Critical Inquiry Seminar, Melbourne, 2018  
\*APA Central Division Meeting, comments by Daniel Hagen, Chicago, 2014

### Between Scylla and Charybdis: Sidgwick's Axioms and the Partial Dualism of Practical Reason

\*APA Central Division Meeting (Symposium), comments by Kate Walsh and Yujia Song, Kansas City, 2017  
ACU Workshop on Egoism and Altruism, Melbourne, 2017  
\*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress VIII, comments by Peter Zuk, University of Colorado, 2015

### Rational Beings with Emotional Needs: The Patient-Centered Grounds of Kant's Duty of Humanity

\*APA Pacific Division Meeting, comments by Mavis Biss, Vancouver, 2015  
\*Pacific Study Group of the North American Kant Society, Stanford University, 2012.  
\*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress V, comments by Geraldine Ng, University of Colorado, 2012

### God's Awful Majesty Before Our Eyes: Kant's Moral Justification for Divine Hiddenness

\*British Society for the Philosophy of Religion 11<sup>th</sup> Conference, Oriel College, Oxford, 2015  
\*North American Kant Society Midwest Study Group Meeting, Washington University, 2014  
\*APA Pacific Division Meeting, comments by Glenn Ross, San Diego, 2014  
\*UK Kant Society Annual Conference, Heythrop College, University of London, 2013

### Partial Dualism and the No Self-Favoring View

\*13<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Yokohama National University, 2014

### Duty, Love, and the *Summum Bonum*: A Kantian Response to the Alienation Objection

\*APA Central Division Meeting, comments by Ian Blecher, New Orleans, 2013

### I'm Sorry I Cared: The Relationship Between Agency and Apology

\*Florida State University Graduate Conference on Free Will and Moral Responsibility, comments by Taylor Cyr, Tallahassee, 2012

### How Should We Feel about Nursing Homes and Camel Thefts?

\*Central States Philosophical Association Conference, comments by Phil Zema, University of Missouri, 2012

### In Defense of Scalar Consequentialism

\*APA Central Division Meeting, comments by Robert Card, Chicago, 2012  
\*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress IV (poster), University of Colorado, 2011

Sometimes Psychopaths Get It Right: A Utilitarian Response to ‘The Mismeasure of Morals’

\*12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, New York University, 2012

\*38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (poster), University of Colorado, 2012

You Really Ought to Use a Cleaver to Kill Jones: The Underspecification of Practical *Oughts*

\*Syracuse University Graduate Philosophy Conference, comments by Travis Timmerman, 2012

\*14<sup>th</sup> Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, comments by Spencer Case, University of Colorado, 2012

### **Selected Commentaries**

Christopher Woodard, *Taking Utilitarianism Seriously*, Current Issues in Consequentialism, FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, 2019

Marcia Baron, ‘Does Ethics Need to be De-Moralized? Some Kantian Reflections’, ACU Rome Seminar: De-Moralizing Ethics, ACU Rome Campus, 2019

Jonathan Wolff, ‘Beyond Good and Evil: Moral Disagreement, Social Policy, and Harm Reduction’, ACU Rome Seminar: Moral Disagreement, ACU Rome Campus, 2018

Samuel Asarnow, ‘Internal Reasons and the Boy Who Cried Wolf’, Saint Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, 2015

Per-Erik Milam, ‘At Enmity with Unreality: Is Abolitionism Self-Defeating?’, APA Central Division Meeting, St. Louis, 2015

Errol Lord, ‘Bad for Herself and for Others: The Vices of a Consequentialist Character’, RoME VII, University of Colorado, 2014

Aaron Elliot, ‘Reasons Without Persons: The Commitments of Non-Ontological Status’, Central States Philosophical Association Conference, Tulsa, 2013

Brian Hedden, ‘Options and the Subjective *Ought*’, RoME IV, University of Colorado, 2011

### **Grants and Awards**

- Australia-Germany Joint Research Co-operation Grant (DAAD/Universities Australia), “The Philosophical History of Ethical Impartialism” (\$17,400): 2018
- VolkswagenStiftung Workshop Grant, “The Cosmos of Duty Above and the Moral Law Within” (8,500 €): 2016
- Pacific APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend: 2014, 2015
- North American Kant Society Regional Graduate Essay Prize: 2014 (Midwest), 2012 (Pacific)
- Central APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend: 2012, 2013, 2014
- Helen Stenner Memorial Essay Prize (best graduate student essay), Department of Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis: 2012 (1<sup>st</sup> prize), 2013 (runner-up)
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Department of Philosophy, UM-St. Louis: 2008
- 1st Prize, Graduate Research Fair (Humanities), UM-St. Louis: 2008

## Teaching

### Australian Catholic University

#### *Primary Instructor*

Origins of Western Political Thought  
Metaphysics (online)

#### *Co-Instructor*

Introducing the Western Intellectual Tradition

### Washington University in St. Louis

#### *Primary Instructor*

Environmental Ethics  
Business Ethics (two sections)  
Biomedical Ethics  
Problems in Philosophy  
Present Moral Problems

#### *Teaching Assistant*

Philosophy of Language, with Gillian Russell  
Environmental Ethics, with Brian Talbot  
Introduction to Logic, with John Heil  
Philosophy of Mind, with Elizabeth Schechter  
Present Moral Problems, with Julia Driver  
Biomedical Ethics, with Emily Crookston  
Present Moral Problems, with David Speetzen  
Biomedical Ethics, with John Doris

### Johns Hopkins University – Center for Talented Youth

#### *Primary Instructor*

Logic: Principles of Reasoning  
Philosophy (two sections)  
Ethics  
Bioethics (two sections)

#### *Teaching Assistant*

Ethics, with Vahé Shirikjan  
Philosophy, with Karl Hein

### Lindenwood University (St. Charles, MO)

#### *Primary Instructor*

Ethics (two sections)

### University of Missouri-St. Louis

#### *Primary Instructor*

Major Questions in Philosophy  
Business Ethics (two sections - online)  
Approaches to Ethics

## Significant Figures in Philosophy (two sections - online)

### *Teaching Assistant*

Philosophy of Religion, with Irem Kurtsal Steen  
Major Questions in Philosophy, with Andrew Black  
Logic and Language, with Stephanie Ross

### **Teaching Certificates and Honors**

- Teaching Citation, The Teaching Center at Washington University: 2014
- Certificate in University Teaching, UM-St. Louis Center for Teaching and Learning: 2008
- Ben Floyd-Clapman Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Philosophy, Washington University: 2013
- Senior Teaching Assistant Nomination, UM-St. Louis Center for Teaching & Learning: 2007, 2008

### **Public Engagement**

‘If character matters, don’t neglect it after Trump’s defeat’, *ABC News* (Australia), 2020  
<https://www.abc.net.au/religion/maintaining-good-character-after-trumps-defeat/12880716>

Interview on ABC Radio National, *The Philosopher’s Zone*, 13 Dec 2020, ‘The inside of anger’,  
<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/philosopherszone/the-inside-of-anger/12967692>

Interview on *Thinking Philosophy* (podcast), 27 April 2020, ‘Ethics beyond emotions’,  
<https://thinkingphilosophy.podbean.com/e/ethics-beyond-emotions/>

Interview on *Hi-Phi Nation* (podcast), 25 May 2019, ‘Uncivil Disobedience’,  
S3, Episode 8: Uncivil Disobedience (May 25th, 2019) – Hi-Phi Nation ([hiphination.org](http://hiphination.org))

‘Vegan activists using direct action should rethink their approach’, *ABC News* (Australia), 2018  
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-07-08/vegans-turning-aussies-off-veganism/9944244>

‘Is it time for Australia to be more open about research involving animals?’, *The Conversation*, 2018  
<https://theconversation.com/is-it-time-for-australia-to-be-more-open-about-research-involving-animals-103439>

Interview on ABC Radio National, *The Philosopher’s Zone*, 2 Dec 2018, ‘The vice of fear’,  
<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/philosopherszone/the-vice-of-fear/10566464>

Interview on ABC Radio National, *God Forbid*, 15 Jul 2018, ‘Are animals friends or food?’,  
<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/godforbid/past-programs/subjects/index=animal-welfare>

### **Professional Service**

- Referee: *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Ethics & Global Politics*, *Ergo*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Kantian Review*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Phronesis*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Utilitas*
- Volunteer Instructor: PEiPL “Adventures in Ideas” philosophy workshops for 7<sup>th</sup> graders, La Trobe University: 2018

- Co-organizer, Ethical Impartialism: Contemporary Perspectives, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology: 2019
- Organizer, Dianoia Rome Seminar on De-Moralizing Ethical Theory, ACU Rome Campus: 2019
- Organizer, Institute for Religion & Critical Inquiry reading group, Australian Catholic University: 2017-2019
- Co-organizer, ACU International Conference on Moral Epistemology, Australian Catholic University: 2018
- Organizer, The Cosmos of Duty Above and the Moral Law Within: A Workshop on Sidgwick and Kant, University of Stuttgart: 2016
- Student Representative, Committee of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies: 2014-2016
- Bioethics Curriculum Mentor, Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth: 2011-2016
- Graduate Council Representative, Arts & Sciences: Washington University: 2014-2015
- Organizer, metaethics reading group, Washington University: 2014-2015
- Co-organizer, North American Kant Society Midwest Study Group Meeting: 2014
- Graduate Student Association President, Philosophy Graduate Program, Washington University: 2012-2013
- Peer Mentor, Philosophy Graduate Program, Washington University: 2011-2012
- Editorial Assistant, *The Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*: 2009-2011

### **Affiliations**

Australasian Association for Philosophy  
 American Philosophical Association  
 International Society for Utilitarian Studies  
 North American Kant Society

### **References**

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