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### **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

Elon University (EU) Adjunct Instructor, August 2019 - present

North Carolina

Agricultural and Technical State University (NCAT)

Adjunct Instructor, January 2020 - present

## **EDUCATION**

University of Washington,

Seattle (UW)

PhD, Philosophy, August 2021 MA, Philosophy, June 2016

Virginia Tech (VT) MA, Philosophy, May 2012

University of Minnesota

Duluth (UMD)

BA, Philosophy (Applied Ethics Emphasis), May 2009

BASc, Psychology, May 2009

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

**Areas of Specialization Areas of Competence** 

Native American/American Indian Philosophy and Ethics Applied Ethics, Political Philosophy, and Philosophy of Science

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Journal Articles** 

"Metaethical Agnosticism: Practical Reasons for Acting When Agnostic About the Existence of Moral Reasons." *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 54(1), March 2020: 59-75.

"Decolonizing the Demarcation of the Ethical." *Philosophical Studies* (2019 Pacific APA Special Issue) 177(2), February 2020: 337-352.

**Book Chapters** 

"What Do We Need to Know to Live in Harmony with Our Surroundings?" in Ways of Being in the World: An Introduction to Indigenous Philosophy, Andrea Sullivan-Clarke, ed. Peterborough: Broadview Press, forthcoming.

"Etemeyaske Vpokat (Living Together Peacefully): How the Muscogee Concept of Harmony Can Provide a Structure to Morality" in Comparative Metaethics: Neglected Perspectives on the Foundations of Morality, Colin Marshall, ed. New York: Routledge Press, 2019: 81-101.

**Book Reviews** 

"Review: Indigenizing Philosophy Through the Land: A Trickster Methodology for Decolonizing Environmental Ethics and Indigenous Futures by Brian Burkhart." *APA Newsletter on Native American and Indigenous Philosophy* 19(2), April 2020: 7-11.

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#### PAST EMPLOYMENT

Marian University (MU) Adjunct Instructor, August 2017 - May 2019

University of Wisconsin-Platteville (UW-P) Adjunct Instructor, August 2018 - December 2018

Halbert and Nancy Robinson Center for Young Scholars Transition School Ethics Instructor, January 2015 - June 2017

Virginia Tech (VT)

Adjunct Instructor, August 2012 - May 2013

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Instructor** Elon University

Phil 3730: Native American Philosophy Phil 2150: Ethics and Decision-Making (\*2)

Phil 2120: Ethical Practice (\*3)

Phil 1120: How Should We Live? (\*2)

North Carolina A&T State University

Phil 266: Contemporary Moral Problems (\*2)

Online
Phil 201: Business Ethics (\*8)

Online
Phil 104: Intro to Ethics

Online

**Marian University** 

Phil 320: Philosophy of Law Phil 220: Bioethics (\*2)

Phil 132: The Examined Life (\*7)

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Phil 113: Introduction to Philosophy (\*4)

University of Washington, Seattle

Phil 242: Medical Ethics

Phil 120: Introduction to Logic (\*2)

Phil 102: Contemporary Moral Problems (\*2)

Phil 100: Introduction to Philosophy

Summer B-Term

Summer B-Term

Summer B-Term

Virginia Tech

Phil 2304: Global Ethics (\*5) Phil 1304: Morality and Justice

Teaching Assistant University of Washington, Seattle

Phil 243: Intro to Environmental Ethics

Phil 242: Medical Ethics

Phil 242: Medical Ethics

Phil 240: Introduction to Ethics

Phil 160: Intro to Phil of Science

Phil 120: Introduction to Logic

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (CONT.)**

**Teaching Assistant (cont.)** Phil 100: Introduction to Philosophy for Colin Marshall

Phil 100: Introduction to Philosophy (\*2) for Michael Rosenthal
Phil 100: Introduction to Philosophy for Andrea Woody

Virginia Tech

Phil 3324: Biomedical Ethics for Tristram McPherson
Phil 1304: Morality and Justice for Tristram McPherson
Phil 1204: Knowledge and Reality for Lydia Patton
Phil 1304: Morality and Justice for Matt King

University of Minnesota Duluth

Phil 1001: Introduction to Philosophy for Jason Ford

Pre-Collegiate Instructor Halbert and Nancy Robinson Center for Young Scholars

Transition School Program: Ethics Course (\*6) Winter and Spring Quarters
Summer Stretch Program: Philosophy of Science (\*6) Summers

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**2021 Pacific APA** "Storytelling, Thought Experiments, and Moral Cognition" (Virtual)

FEMMSS 8: Changing Cultures, Changing Sciences

"Harmony as an Epistemic Guide for Relationships" (Waterloo, ON, CA, 2020)

[Conference Cancelled due to COVID-19]

Sharing Philosophy: Philosophy Café

"The Role of Harmony in Native American Philosophy" (Chapel Hill, NC, 2020)

[Postponed due to COVID-19]

2020 Pacific APA "Storytelling, Thought Experiments, and Moral Cognition" (San Francisco, CA,

2020) [Conference Cancelled due to COVID-19]

2019 Pacific APA "Decolonizing the Demarcation of the Ethical and the Empirical: Using the

Concept of Harmony Instead of Cooperation to Delineate Moral and Non-Moral

Problems" (Vancouver, BC, 2019)

Lost Voices

at the Foundations of Ethics

"Etemeyaske Vpokat (Living Together Peacefully): How the Muscogee Principle

of Harmony Can Provide a Structure to Morality" (Seattle, WA, 2018)

Illinois Institute of Technology

"Derailing the Trolley (Problem): The Limits of Experimental Structure and the Problem of Generalization for Studies of Moral Cognition" (Chicago, IL, 2017)

Western Michigan University 7th Annual Grad Conference

"What We Can Learn from the Moral Twin Earth Thought Experiments"

(Kalamazoo, MI, 2013)

Virginia Philosophical

Association

"Methods of Determination: Relevant Differences between Twin Earth & Moral

Twin Earth" (Blacksburg, VA, 2012)

Southwest Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy

"Why Ought I Be Rational?" (Tempe, AZ, 2012)

Minnesota Undergraduate Philosophical Society "Derek Parfit on Personal Identity" (St. Paul, MN, 2009)

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#### ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

**Departmental Teaching** Award

Annual award given by the department faculty to the graduate student who best demonstrates excellence in teaching (UW Dept of Philosophy), 2018

Philosophy for Children **Graduate Fellowship** 

Paid fellowship for involvement in the UW Center for Philosophy for Children's "Philosophers in the Schools" program, which sends UW graduate and undergraduate students into Seattle public schools to conduct philosophy sessions in K-12 classrooms (UW Center for Philosophy for Children), 2015

The Kenneth R. Park Award

Award that honors a student who blends the study of philosophy with a volunteer-based community project (UW Dept of Philosophy), 2014

**Faculty Favorite** 

Recognizes Virginia Tech faculty members for their outstanding contributions, dedication to students, and personal influence (VT Division of Student Affairs Housing and Residence Life), 2013

Marjorie Grene Prize in Philosophy

Awarded to the student who best demonstrates engagement with philosophy and commitment to service (VT Dept of Philosophy), 2012

Dean's Diversity Assistantship

Department nominated assistantship meant to recruit underrepresented students to graduate studies at Virginia Tech (VT Office of Graduate Recruitment and Diversity Initiatives (ORDI)), 2010

**Departmental Honors** 

Honors Thesis: Derek Parfit on Personal Identity (UMD Dept of Philosophy), 2009

**Departmental Honors** 

Honors Theses: The Evolution of Emotions and The Evolution of Ethics (UMD Dept

of Psychology), 2009

Psi Chi Psychology **National Honor Society**  International honor society in psychology (UMD Dept of Psychology), 2009

**Henry Ehlers Book Scholarship**  Provides textbooks needed for continuing philosophy students based on their grades in philosophy courses (UMD Dept of Philosophy), 2008

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**American Philosophical** Association (APA)

Co-editor (Newsletter on Native American and Indigenous Philosophy), 2019-pres.

University of Washington, Seattle

Graduate Student Climate Committee (Dept of Philosophy), 2014-2017

Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter Representative (Dept of Philosophy), 2014-2017

Coach for West Seattle High School Ethics Bowl Teams, (Washington State High School Ethics Bowl), 2014-2015

Submission Reviewer (Graduate Student Philosophy Conference), 2013-2017

Vice President (Graduate Philosophy Club), 2011-2012

Virginia Tech

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (CONT.)

Virginia Tech (cont.) Submission Reviewer (Graduate Student Philosophy Conference), 2010-2013

Committee Member (Graduate Philosophy Club), 2010-2012

Delegate (Graduate Student Assembly (GSA)), 2010-2012

**University of Minnesota** 

Duluth

Representative (Socratic Society Philosophy Club), 2008-2009

RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE AND ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Mellon Grant Program Assistant American Philosophical Association, 2017-2018

Writing Center Supervisor UW Philosophy Department, 2016-2017

**Community Program Assistant** 

Center of American Indian and Minority Health, UMD Medical School, 2010

Student Advisor UMD First Year Experience & Students in Transition Office, 2009

RELATED WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

After School Snack Program Volunteer Hunger Intervention Program, Seattle, WA, 2014-2016

**Evening Volunteer** ROOTS Young Adult Shelter, Seattle, WA, 2014

One Million Meals Campaign Corps Intern

United Way of King County, Seattle, WA, 2014

Youth Empowerment

**Specialist** 

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (Youth Services), Brainerd, MN, 2009

REFERENCES

Colin Marshall Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Washington, Seattle

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William J. Talbott Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Washington, Seattle

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Carole Lee Associate Professor, Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Philosophy,

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**Stephen Bloch-Schulman** Professor of Philosophy, Chair of the Department of Philosophy, Elon University

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