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Area of Specialization

Ethics

Areas of Competence

Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Law

Education

2018

PhD, Philosophy, McGill University

Thesis-*The Disjunctive Hybrid Theory of Prudential Value: An Inclusive Approach to the Good Life*. Supervisors: Sarah Stroud, Iwao Hirose

2010

MA, Philosophy, University of Toronto

2008

BA, Philosophy (Hons.), University of Alberta

Thesis- *Kantian Contractualism and Utilitarianism*

Awards and Fellowships

2017-18

Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité (GRIN) Bursary \$1,500

2016-17

Centre de recherche en éthique (CRÉ) Bursary \$ 4,000

Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité (GRIN) Bursary \$3,500

2015-16

Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité (GRIN) Bursary \$3,500

June/July 2015

PhD Fellow, Center for Moral and Political Philosophy, Workshop on Well-Being, Hebrew University of Jerusalem \$3,000

McGill Graduate Excellence Fellowship \$4,000

McGill Philosophy Graduate Award \$6,450

2014-15

Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité (GRIN) Bursary \$1,500

McGill Philosophy Graduate Award \$9,800

2013-14

Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité (GRIN) Bursary \$5,000

McCall MacBain Fellowship in Philosophy \$5,000

2012-13

McGill Graduate Excellence Fellowship \$11,000

McCall MacBain Fellowship in Philosophy \$7,000

2011-12

McGill Graduate Excellence Fellowship \$15,500

Publications

With Andrew Reisner 'Moral Reasons for Moral Beliefs: A Puzzle for Moral Testimony Pessimism', *Logos & Episteme*, 6(4), 2015, 429-448.

'On Two Interpretations of the Desire-Satisfaction Theory of Prudential Value' *Utilitas*, (Forthcoming, DOI 10.1017/S0953820818000237)

Presentations and Commentaries (*invited)

2017

*'Subjectivism Sans Desire-Satisfaction?'

Journées du GRIN: *L'Esprit et les valeurs*, Montreal

*Commentary on Gwen Bradford 'Uniqueness, Intrinsic Value, and Reasons'
Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, Ryerson University

2015

*'Introducing Explanatory Pluralism About Prudential Value'

Journées du GRIN: *Normativité et Métaéthique*, Montreal

'What's Good In (and About) Desire-Satisfactionism?'

Center for Moral and Political Philosophy, Workshop on Well-Being, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2014

*'What's Good In (and About) Desire-Satisfactionism?'
Graduate Workshop Series, McGill

'Explanatory Pluralism About Prudential Value Formulated and Defended'
Understanding Value III, University of Sheffield

'Immoral Deference'

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (Poster presentation)
Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, Brock University
University of Waterloo Graduate Conference

*Commentary on Nandi Theunissen 'On the Value of Human Beings'
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress

*Commentary on Eric Mathison 'Potential Harms and Well-Being'
Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, Brock University

*Commentary on Tim Juvshik 'Against a Neo-Quinean Meta-Ontology'
McGill Philosophy Graduate Student and Faculty Retreat

2013

*'Immoral Deference?'
McGill Philosophy Graduate Student and Faculty Retreat

*Commentary on Joshua Brandt 'Positive and Negative Partiality'
Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, University of Victoria

Lecturing Experience

POLI 363 Contemporary Political Theory: The 'What?' and the 'How?' of Distributive Justice (primary instructor), Winter 2018, McGill Department of Political Science

PHIL 306 Philosophy of Mind (co-instructor), Winter 2016, McGill Department of Philosophy

PHIL 230 Introduction to Moral Philosophy (primary instructor), Fall 2015, McGill Department of Philosophy

PHIL 334 Ethical Theory (lecture on the varieties of consequentialism), Fall 2015, McGill Department of Philosophy

PHIL 434 Metaethics (guest lecture on Blackburn's quasi-realism), Fall 2014, McGill Department of Philosophy

PHIL 348 Philosophy of Law (two guest lectures on Freedom of Expression and Pornography), Fall 2014, McGill Department of Philosophy

PHIL 201 Introduction to Philosophy (two guest lectures on Susan Wolf's 'The Meanings of Lives'), Winter 2014, McGill Department of Philosophy

PHIL 334 Ethical Theory (two guest lectures, on Rossian deontology and Hursthouse's virtue ethics), Winter 2013, McGill Department of Philosophy

PHIL 343 Biomedical Ethics (four guest lectures), Fall 2012, McGill Department of Philosophy

Teaching Assistant Experience

PHIL 230 Intro to Moral Philosophy, Fall 2017 and Fall 2011

POLI 231 Intro to Political Theory, Fall 2016

PHIL 348 Philosophy of Law, Fall 2014

PHIL 201 Intro to Philosophy, Winter 2014

PHIL 306 Philosophy of Mind, Fall 2013

PHIL 334 Ethical Theory, Winter 2013

PHIL 343 Biomedical Ethics, Fall 2012

PHIL 237 Contemporary Moral Issues, Winter 2012

Environmental Ethics, Winter 2010 (University of Toronto)

Critical Thinking, Fall 2009 (University of Toronto)

Research Assistant Experience

Research Assistant for Iwao Hirose, Winter/Spring 2014

- Assistance with Professor Hirose's monographs *Egalitarianism* and *Moral Aggregation*, as well as the *Oxford Handbook of Value Theory* (co-edited with Jonas Olson)

Research Assistant for Sarah Stroud, Summer 2012

- Assistance with Professor Stroud's Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy entry on 'Weakness of Will'

Professional/Departmental Service

Referee for *Res Philosophica*, 2017

Referee for *Les Ateliers de l'Éthique*/The Ethics Forum, 2017

Referee for Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, 2014

McGill Philosophy Graduate Representative 2014-16

Co-Organizer, McGill Philosophy Graduate Student and Faculty Retreat 2014

Association of Graduate Students Employed at McGill (AGSEM) Delegate 2013/14

References

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