

# Quinn Hiroshi Gibson

## Curriculum Vitae\*

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DOB: September 18, 1987  
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## Employment

Assistant Professor of Philosophy American University of Beirut	Spring 2019–current
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy University of California, Berkeley	Summer 2019
Teaching Fellow, Global Perspectives on Society New York University Shanghai	Fall 2017– Spring 2019
Associate Instructor of Philosophy University of California, Berkeley	2011–2017

## Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy University of California, Berkeley	2010–2017
B.A.(Hons) <i>First Class</i> in Philosophy University of Calgary	2005–2010
B.A. <i>With Distinction</i> in Linguistics University of Calgary	2005–2010

## Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Science (psychology, psychiatry, medicine)

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Philosophy of Mind  
Ethics

## Areas of Competence

Ancient Philosophy  
Epistemology  
Political Philosophy

## Awards and Honours

Co-Principal Investigator, Middle East Partnership Initiative, Tomorrow's Leaders Graduate Program (MEPI-TLG): 'The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence', Spring 2020—current.  
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley, Spring 2015, Spring 2016  
Graduate Division Summer Grant, UC Berkeley, Summer 2014  
Ralph W. Church Fellowship, UC Berkeley, Fall 2010 and Spring 2011  
Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Masters Fellowship, Fall 2010 (declined)  
University of Calgary Philosophy Department Convocation Medallion, Spring 2010

## Publications

- [ 6 ] 'Interventionism and Intelligibility: Why depression is not (always) a brain disease'. Forthcoming in *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*.
- [ 5 ] 'Monothematic Delusions and the Limits of Rationality'. Forthcoming in *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* (with Adam Bradley)
- [ 4 ] 'Rawlsian Contractualism and Healthcare Allocation'. *Diametros* 18 (68): 9–23, 2021. doi: 10.33392/diam.1682
- [ 3 ] 'Self-Deception as Omission'. *Philosophical Psychology*, 33 (5): 657-678, 2020. doi: 10.1080/09515089.2020.1751100
- [ 2 ] 'Rationalism, Optimism, and the Moral Mind'. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 42, e153, 2019.
- [ 1 ] 'Self-Deception in and out of Illness: Are some subjects responsible for their delusions?'. *Palgrave Communications*, 3(15): 1–12, 2017. (Part of *Self-Knowledge in and outside of Illness*, Sherrilyn Roush and Tuomas Pernu, eds.)

## Dissertation

*On the Fringes of Moral Responsibility: Skepticism, self-deception, delusion, and addiction*

My dissertation is a study of moral responsibility 'at the margins'. I focus on three phenomena that put pressure on conventional approaches to agency and moral responsibility: self-deception, delusions, and addiction. I argue, among other things, that self-deception involves a culpable form of omission; that some forms of clinical delusion can be understood in similar terms; and that addiction functions to impair, but not disable completely, the addict's capacities for agency. The discussion is framed by the idea that responsible agency involves responsiveness to reasons.

Committee: R. Jay Wallace & John Campbell (co-chairs, philosophy), and Tania Lombrozo (outside member, psychology)

## Work In Progress

‘Empirically Based Skepticism about Moral Responsibility’

Under review (draft available)

‘A New Defense of Conditional Forgiveness’

Under review (draft available)

‘Addiction as Vulnerability’

In preparation (draft available)

‘On the Compatibility of the Prediction Error and Incentive Sensitization Theories of Addiction’

Under review (draft available)

‘Is Negligence a Quality of Will?’

In preparation

## Selected Presentations

‘Interventionism and Intelligibility: Why depression is not (always) a brain disease’

- American University of Beirut Philosophy Society, November 6, 2020

‘Monothematic Delusions: An expressivist two-factor account’ (joint work with Adam Bradley)

- Canadian Philosophical Association meeting, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, University of British Columbia, Vancouver
- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, January 7–10, 2019, New York City
- Inaugural meeting of the Australasian Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Dec 5–7, 2018, Macquarie University, Sydney
- 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, July 9–11, 2018, University of Michigan

‘Self-Deception as Omission’

- American University of Beirut Philosophy Society, February 22, 2019
- Shandong University Department of Philosophy, Jinan, Shandong, China, October 25, 2018

‘Addiction as Desensitizing Vulnerability: A framework for excuse’

- Philosophical Moral Psychology: An International Meeting of Classic and Empirically Informed Philosophy, July 22–25, 2018, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich
- Canadian Philosophical Association meeting, Université de Québec à Montréal, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Duke Kunshan University, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- American University of Beirut, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Faculty Speaker Series, New York University Shanghai, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

‘Agency and Value: Lessons from disorder’

- Duke University, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

‘Self-Deception in and out of Illness: Are some subjects responsible for their delusions?’

- 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Johns Hopkins University, June 2017
- Graduate Research Colloquium, UC Berkeley, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- The Richard Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

‘Nozick’s critique of Rawls and the Illiberalism of Libertarianism’

- Series of three guest lectures for Véronique Munoz-Dardé at UC Berkeley, November 7, 9, and 11, 2016

‘The Brain Disease Theory of Addiction, Responsibility, and Causal Exclusion’

- 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Texas at Austin, June 2016

Comments on Rachele Bascarda’s ‘A Unified Theory of Oppression’

- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual UC Berkeley-London conference. University College London, May 2016

Comments on Jason D’Cruz’s ‘Self-Deception as Unwitting Pretense’

- The American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Washington DC, January 2016

‘Self-Deception and Dual-Process Theory’ (poster)

- 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Duke University, June 2015

‘The Analysis of Self-Deception’

- The Philosophy Forum, UC Berkeley, Spring 2014

‘Self-Deception, Intentionality, and Psychological Division’

- The Philosophy Forum, UC Berkeley, Fall, 2014

## Teaching Experience

### AUB

M.A. Seminar: Philosophy of Psychiatry	Spring 2021
History of Moral Philosophy	Spring 2021
	Spring 2020
Bio-Medical Ethics	Fall 2020
Philosophy of Mind	Fall 2020
	Spring 2020
	Fall 2019
M.A. Seminar: Special Topics in Moral Psychology	Fall 2019
Political Philosophy	Spring 2019
M.A. Tutorial: Multiculturalism and Liberalism	Spring 2019

### MA Supervision

Alejandro Suarez, <i>Liberalism, Rationality, and the Subsidiarity Principle: A vindication of the rule-and-exemption approach for solving clashes in multicultural societies</i>	Fall 2019- Fall 2020
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### MA Committees

Raed Khelifi, <i>The Myth of the Economic Hypothesis: An Examination of Wittgenstein’s Critique of Psychoanalysis</i>	Fall 2019
Fatima Sadek, <i>Moral Folk Intuitions: Psychological Foundations and Normative Implications</i>	Summer 2019

**NYU Shanghai**

Global Perspectives on Society

Fall 2018

Fall 2017

**Primary Instructor, UC Berkeley**

Ancient Philosophy

Summer 2019

Summer 2017

Summer 2016

Summer 2015

Individual Morality and Social Justice

Summer 2014

**Volunteer Instructor with the Prison University Project at San Quentin State Prison**

Introduction to Philosophy (with Melissa Fusco)

Spring 2016

**Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley\***

Moral Psychology\* (Kwong-loi Shun)

Spring 2017

Political Philosophy\* (Véronique Munoz-Dardé)

Fall 2016

Fall 2013

Philosophy of Perception\* (Michael Martin)

Fall 2015

Ancient Philosophy (Klaus Corcilius)

Fall 2014

Political Philosophy\* (Florian Grosser)

Summer 2014

Philosophical Methods\* (Seth Yalcin)

Spring 2014

Aristotle\* (Klaus Corcilius)

Summer 2013

Philosophy of Religion (Lara Buchak)

Spring 2013

The Nature of Mind (John Campbell)

Fall 2012

Fall 2011

Individual Morality and Social Justice (Jeremiah Carey)

Summer 2012

Early Modern Philosophy (Hannah Ginsborg)

Spring 2012

Introduction to Logic (Michael Rieppel)

Summer 2011

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\*Indicates an upper-division course

## Graduate Coursework

### Courses Taken and Audited<sup>†</sup>

Agency, Responsibility, and Context <sup>†</sup> (Manuel Vargas)	Spring 2016
Dissertation Seminar <sup>†</sup> (John Campbell)	Fall 2015
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Does the Mind Have a Causal Structure? <sup>†</sup> (John Campbell)	Fall 2014
Primary and Secondary Qualities in Early Modern Philosophy <sup>†</sup> (Daniel Warren)	Spring 2014
Philosophy of Perception (Michael Martin)	Fall 2013
Recent work on Reasons and Normativity <sup>†</sup> (R. Jay Wallace)	Spring 2013
Plato (Klaus Corcilius)	Fall 2012
Judgement, Competence, and ‘Practical Knowledge’ <sup>†</sup> (Barry Stroud)	Spring 2012
Promises and Promissory Obligation <sup>†</sup> (R. Jay Wallace and Niko Kolodny)	Spring 2012
The Philosophy of History <sup>†</sup> (Hans Sluga)	Spring 2012
Kant (Daniel Warren)	Fall 2011
Ethical Theories (R. Jay Wallace)	Fall 2011
Later Wittgenstein (Barry Stroud)	Spring 2011
Philosophical Logic (John MacFarlane)	Spring 2011
Science and Religion (Lara Buchak)	Spring 2011
First Year Graduate Seminar <sup>†</sup> (Barry Stroud and Michael Martin)	Fall 2010
Aristotle’s Nichomachean Ethics <sup>†</sup> (Dorothea Frede)	Fall 2010
A Society of Equals? <sup>†</sup> (Véronique Munoz-Dardé)	Fall 2010

### Qualifying Examination Topics

- Internal and External Reasons (supervised by R. Jay Wallace)
- Plato on the Parts of the Soul (supervised by Klaus Corcilius)
- Interpretationism and Irrationality (supervised by John Campbell)

### Memberships and Professional Service

AUB Arts and Sciences Student Disciplinary Action Committee	Fall 2019–current
AUB General Education Committee, Ethics Curriculum Subcommittee	Spring 2019–current
AUB Department of Philosophy Web Officer	Spring 2019–current
Referee for <i>Philosophy</i>	Fall 2019–current
Referee for <i>Philosophical Psychology</i>	Fall 2019–current
Referee for Annual Meetings of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology	Feb. 2016–current
Member, Canadian Philosophical Association	Fall 2016–current
Member, American Philosophical Association	Fall 2014–current
Member, Society for Philosophy and Psychology	Summer 2014–current
Faculty Advisor, NYU Shanghai Philosophy Society	Fall 2017–Spring 2019
Judge, New Crop undergraduate essay prize, UC Berkeley	2016, 2017
Organizer, Richard Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley	Fall 2010–Spring 2011

### Languages

- English, native
- French, reading and speaking proficiency
- Italian, reading and speaking competence

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<sup>†</sup>Indicates a graduate seminar

German, beginner speaking

Mandarin Chinese, beginner speaking (HSK 2)

## References

R. Jay Wallace  
Judy Chandler Webb Distinguished Chair  
for Innovative Teaching and Research  
University of California, Berkeley

Michael Martin  
Wilde Professor of Mental Philosophy  
University of Oxford

Klaus Corcilius  
Professor of Philosophy  
Universität Tübingen

Brad Weslake (teaching)  
Associate Professor of Philosophy  
New York University Shanghai

John Campbell  
Slusser Professor of Philosophy  
University of California, Berkeley

Véronique Munoz-Dardé  
Professor of Philosophy  
University College London

Lara Buchak (teaching)  
Associate Professor of Philosophy  
UC Berkeley