

Brendan Cline

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Employment

Brandeis University, Florence Levy Kay Fellow in Philosophy and Neuroscience July 2018 – Present
Grand Valley State University, Visiting Assistant Professor August 2017 – May 2018

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy; University at Buffalo, SUNY (2017)
B.A., Philosophy; Minor: Psychology; Quinnipiac University (2010)

Areas of Specialization

Metaethics, Moral Psychology, Environmental Ethics

Areas of Competence

Bioethics, Professional Ethics, History of Ethics, Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Mind, Cognitive Science

Publications

- (forthcoming) “Some Hazards of Motivational Internalism: The Practical Case for Externalism”
Inquiry.
- (forthcoming) “Irreplaceable Design: On the Non-Instrumental Value of Biological Variation”
Ethics and the Environment.
- (forthcoming) “Big History, Value, and the Art of Continued Existence”
Philosophia.
- (2019) “Do Species Really Matter? The Case of “The” Galápagos Giant Tortoise”
Environmental Ethics 40(3): 241-260.
- (2018) “The Tale of a Moderate Normative Skeptic”
Philosophical Studies 175(1): 141-161.
- (2017) “Cognitivism, Motivation, and Dual-Process Approaches to Normative Judgment”
Ergo 4(20): 579-609.
*Portuguese translation by Luca Igansi (revisions by Jade Arbo) in *Agência, Deliberação e Motivação: Vol. 2*
(2018) Eds. João Hobuss & Evandro Barbosa.
- (2017) “Smith’s Practicality Requirement Meets Dual-Process Models of Moral Judgment”
Philosophical Psychology 30(8): 1043-1063.
- (2016) “Against Deliberative Indispensability as an Independent Guide to What There Is”
Philosophical Studies 173(12): 3235-3254.
- (2015) “Moral Explanations, Thick and Thin”
Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy 9(2): 1-21.
- (2015) “Nativism and the Evolutionary Debunking of Morality”
Review of Philosophy and Psychology 6(2): 231-253.

Work in Progress

[Paper on motivational internalism #1] (under review)

[Book manuscript on evolution, moral psychology, and normativity] (in preparation)

[Paper on motivational internalism #2] (in preparation)

[Paper on genetic engineering] (in preparation)

Teaching Experience

Brandeis University

Fall 2019 Neuroethics

Spring 2019 Philosophy of Mind

Fall 2018 Neuroethics

Grand Valley State University

Winter 2018 Ethics (x3)

Ethics in Professional Life (x1)

Fall 2017 Ethics (x2)

Ethics in Professional Life (x2)

University at Buffalo

Spring 2017 Environmental Ethics

Spring 2016 Social and Ethical Values in Medicine

Winter 2016 Social and Ethical Values in Medicine (online)

Fall 2015 Social and Ethical Values in Medicine

Winter 2015 Introduction to Ethics (online)

Fall 2014 Environmental Ethics

Spring 2014 Philosophy of Human Nature

Teaching Assistant – University at Buffalo

Spring 2015 Environmental Ethics (x2)

Fall 2013 Introduction to Deductive Logic

Spring 2013 Environmental Ethics

Fall 2012 World Civilization I

Supervision

Independent Study

Spring 2019 Katie Mok, Environmental Ethics (Brandeis University)

Senior Thesis Supervision

2018-2019 Jose Garcia, “Against the Evolutionary Debunking of Morality” (Brandeis University)

Independent Interdisciplinary Major Advisor

Morgan Lloyd, Evolutionary Biology (Brandeis University, Class of 2020)

Presentations

“Irreplaceable Design: On the Non-Instrumental Value of Biological Variation”

The University of Guelph 2018 Environmental Philosophy Conference, October 14, 2018

11th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 12, 2018

“The Cognitivist Dual-Process Account of Normative Judgment: Evidence and Competition”

Brandeis University Philosophy Colloquium, September 7, 2018

“Cognitivism, Motivation, and Dual-Process Approaches to Normative Judgment”

Eastern APA Colloquium, January 4, 2018

Grand Valley State University Philosophy Colloquium, October 10, 2017

10th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (Poster), August 12, 2017

“The Tale of a Moderate Normative Skeptic”

Eastern APA Colloquium, January 4, 2017

9th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (Poster), August 12, 2016

University of Connecticut Graduate Conference on Realism and Anti-Realism, November 8, 2014

“Smith’s Practicality Requirement Meets Dual-Process Models of Moral Judgment”

Ethics and the Brain (Center for Cognition and Neuroethics), May 20, 2016

Western Michigan University Graduate Conference, December 7, 2013

“Can Reciprocity Account for the Evolution of Morality?”

University at Albany Philosophical Association Graduate Conference, April 5, 2014

Other Conference Participation

Organizer

“Designing Species,” Brandeis University, Spring 2020

Comments

On Matt King, “Interminable Blame,” 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 12, 2017

On James DiGiovanna, “Artificial Identity,” 9th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 11, 2016

Academic Honors and Awards

2017 Thomas Perry Dissertation Prize: “Embracing a World Without Value,” University at Buffalo, Department of Philosophy

2016-2017 College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, University at Buffalo (competitive)

2016 Hourani Award for the Outstanding Graduate Essay in Ethics: “Against Deliberative Indispensability as an Independent Guide to What There Is,” University at Buffalo, Department of Philosophy

2015 Romanell Award for Philosophical Work in Naturalism: “Nativism and the Evolutionary Debunking of Morality,” University at Buffalo, Department of Philosophy

2015-2016 George F. Hourani Ethics Fellowship, University at Buffalo

2012-2016 Teaching Assistantship and Graduate Tuition Scholarship, University at Buffalo

2010 Alfred P. Stiernotte Memorial Prize in Philosophy, Quinnipiac University

2008 IDR Undergraduate Research Program Grant, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT

*Received \$4,000 grant to conduct independent research (June 2008-August 2008)

Service/Outreach

Speaker: TEDxWaltham, “Nature’s Irreplaceable Designs,” October 5, 2019, Waltham, MA

Faculty Participant: POSSE Plus Scholars Retreat (Brandeis University), March 9, 2019

Journal Referee: *Ergo*; *Southern Journal of Philosophy*; *Philosophical Psychology*; *dialectica*; *Philosophical Studies*

Conference Referee: 2017 Central States Philosophical Association Meeting

Organizer: Metaethics & Moral Psychology Reading Group, 2015, 2016, Buffalo, NY

Public Debate: “Does Evolution Undermine Moral Realism?” with Jake Monaghan, University at Buffalo, 2015

Logistical Support: 2014 & 2016 Buffalo Experimental Philosophy Conferences

References

James Beebe, Professor
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