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### **Employment**

Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track), University of Toronto Mississauga 2020 (July) – *present*:

Forensic Science Program and Department of Philosophy

2019 (July) – 2020 (July): Visiting Assistant Professor (CLTA Research stream), University of Toronto Mississauga

Department of Philosophy and Forensic Science Program

2017 (July) – 2019 (July): Visiting Assistant Professor (CLTA Teaching stream), University of Toronto Mississauga

Department of Philosophy and Forensic Science Program

#### Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy: University at Buffalo, SUNY June 2017

Thesis: "Pathologizing Evil: A Critique of Modern Psychopathy Research"

M.A. in Philosophy: University at Buffalo, SUNY

May 2013

Thesis: "Schelling and Kierkegaard in Perspective"

B.Sc. in Phil. & Business: Copenhagen Business School

July 2011

Thesis: "On Obesity: With Reference to Aristotle and Heidegger"

#### **Areas of Specialization**

Philosophy of Science (esp. psychology and mental health research) Forensic Science (esp. forensic epistemology and forensic psychology)

Formal and Applied Ontology (esp. data semantics in mental health research and practice)

Value Theory (esp. moral psychology)

Applied Ethics (esp. forensic ethics)

### **Areas of Competence**

Analytic Metaphysics, Aesthetics, and History of Philosophy.

#### Peer-Reviewed Publications

Larsen, R. R. (forthcoming). Are Psychopaths Moral-Psychologically Impaired? Reassessing Emotion-Theoretical Explanations. Mind and Language.

Larsen, R. R., and Sackris, D. (forthcoming). "Amused by the Outrageous: The Morally Tempering Effect of News Satire", in Alfano, M. & Robinson, B. (eds.), The Moral Psychology of Amusement. New York: Rowman & Littlefield.

Larsen, R. R., De Cruz, H., Kaplan, J., Fuentes, A., Marks, J., Pigliucci, M., Alfano, M., Livingstone Smith, D., and L. Schroeder. (2020). More Than Provocative, Less Than Scientific: A Commentary on The Editorial Decision to Publish Cofnas (2020). Philosophical Psychology, 33(7), doi:10.1080/09515089.2020.1805199

Larsen, R. R., Jalava, J., and S. Griffiths (2020). Are Psychopathy Checklist (PCL) Psychopaths Dangerous, Untreatable, and Without Conscience? A Systematic Review of the Empirical Evidence. Psychology, Public Policy,

and Law, 26(3), 297-311. doi:10.1037/law0000239

- **Larsen, R. R.**, and Hastings, J. (2020). Mapping the Patient's Experience: An Applied Ontological Framework for Phenomenological Psychopathology. *Phenomenology and Mind, 18*, 200-219. doi:10.13128/pam-1815
- **Larsen, R. R.** (2020). Psychopathy as Moral Blindness: A Qualifying Exploration of the Blindness-Analogy in Psychopathy Theory and Research. *Philosophical Explorations*, 23(3), 214-233. doi:10.1080/13869795.2020.1799662
- **Larsen, R. R.**, and Sackris, D. (2020). Feeling the Aesthetic: A Pluralist Sentimentalist Theory of Aesthetic Experience. *Estetika*, *57*(2), 116-134. doi:10.33134/eeja.212
- **Larsen, R. R.**, and Hastings, J. (Reprint, 2020). From Affective Science to Psychiatric Disorder: Ontology as Semantic Bridge. In Telles-Correia, D., Cheniaux, E. (eds.), *New Perspectives in Psychopathology* (pp. 108-120). Lausanne: Frontiers Media SA. doi: 10.3389/978-2-88963-551-1
- Larsen, R. R. (2019). Psychopathy Treatment and the Stigma of Yesterday's Research. Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal 29(3), 243-272. doi:10.1353/ken.2019.0024
- **Larsen, R. R.** (Reprint, 2019). "Psychopathy Treatment and the Stigma of Yesterday's Research". In Allhoff, F. and Borden, S. (eds.), *Ethics and Error in Medicine* (pp. 262-287). New York: Routledge.
- Sackris, D., and Larsen, R. R. (2019). A Consideration of Carroll's Content Theory. *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 54, 245-255. doi.org/10.1007/s10790-019-09693-6
- **Larsen, R. R.** (2018). False-Positives in Psychopathy Assessment: Proposing Theory-Driven Exclusion Criteria in Research Sampling. *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy* 14(1), 33-52. doi.org/10.31820/ejap.14.1.2
- **Larsen, R. R.** and Janna Hastings (2018). From Affective Science to Psychiatric Disorder: Ontology as Semantic Bridge. *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, *9*(487), 1-13. doi:10.3389/fpsyt.2018.00487
- **Larsen, R. R.** (2015). The Posited Self: The Non-Theistic Foundation in Kierkegaard's Writings. *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook*, 20(1), 31-54. doi:10.1515/kierke-2015-0104
- **Larsen, R. R.** (2013). Schelling and Kierkegaard in Perspective: Integrating Existence into Idealism. *Res Philosophica*, 90(4), 481-501. doi:10.11612/resphil.2013.90.4.3

#### Work Under Review

Jalava, J., S. Griffiths, & R. R. Larsen (submitted: November 2019). Does Core Psychopathy Exist? A Critical Review. In *Personality and Individual Differences*.

Sackris, David and **R. R. Larsen** (Submitted: August 2019). Abandoning the Concepts of Aesthetic Properties and Aesthetic Experience. In *Erkenntnis*.

#### Book Reviews, Op-Eds, and Other Publications

**Op-ed:** "The Editors of Philosophical Psychology Stalled and Rejected Our Commentary to an Unscientific and Racist Publication", in *Science and Philosophy* via *Medium*, June 15, 2020. URL: https://medium.com/science-and-philosophy/the-editors-of-philosophical-psychology-stalled-and-rejected-our-commentary-to-an-unscientific-and-2f7393df48af

**Commentary (Pre-print):** "More Than Provocative, Less Than Scientific: A Commentary on the Editorial Decision to Publish Cofnas (2020)", in *PhilPapers Archive*, June 15, 2020. URL: https://philpapers.org/rec/ROSMTP-3

**Commentary:** "So, Is Psychopathy Simply a Big Juicy Nothingburger? – Commentary on Heidi Maibom's What can philosophers learn from psychopathy?", in Brainblog (online blog on cognitive science), December 4, 2018. URL: http://philosophyofbrains.com/2018/12/05/european-journal-of-analytic-philosophy-symposium-special-issue-on-psychopathy.aspx

**Op-ed:** "Lack of Refugee Aid Discloses a Chronic Moral-Political Crisis" (in Danish), in *Turbulens* (Danish online non-academic journal), April 22, 2016. URL: http://www.turbulens.net/temaer/moralogetik/?article=423,

**Book Review:** Alison Assiter's, "Kierkegaard, Eve and Metaphors of Birth", *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*, 46 (5), pp. 1-3. Taylor and Francis. 2015.

**Book Review:** Kresten Nordentoft's, "What does the Fire Chief Say?' Kierkegaard's Confrontation with His Times", *Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception, and Resources*, 18 (1), pp. 143-148. Routledge. 2016.

**Book Review:** Gregor Malantschuk's, "Freedom and Existence. Studies in Søren Kierkegaard's Thinking", Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception, and Resources, 18 (1), pp. 125-130. Routledge. 2016.

**Book Review:** Johannes Sløk's, "Kierkegaard's Universe, a New Guide to the Genius", in *Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception, and Resources,* 18 (1), pp. 173-178. Routledge. 2016.

**Op-ed:** "The Lazy Format of Dogmatism" (in Danish), in *Weekendavisen* (Danish weekly highbrow newspaper), April 10, 2015. URL: http://www.weekendavisen.dk/smarticle/view/1

**Op-ed:** "Perhaps One Day the Beauty Will Vanish", in *Dagbladet Information* (Danish daily newspaper), September 17, 2014. URL: http://www.information.dk/509844

### Awards & Fellowships

Dean's Excellence Award at University of Toronto Mississauga (Type 1), July 2019

\$1,000 The Patrick and Edna Romanell 2016-2017 Award for Philosophical Work in Naturalism, December 2017 (https://www.buffalo.edu/cas/philosophy/grad-study/g\_prizes.html#title\_0)

\$1,500 Student Travel Scholarship for Young Scientists, Christian og Ottilia Brorsons Rejselegat, November 2015 (http://www.brorsons-rejselegat.dk)

\$1,000 The Hare Award for Outstanding Student Essay, University at Buffalo SUNY, October 2015

\$4,000 Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Knud Højgaards Fond, October 2015, (http://www.khf.dk/)

\$4,000 Dissertation Writing Fellowship, The Oticon Foundation, August 2015 (http://www.oticonfonden.dk)

\$500 The Hare Award for Outstanding Department Citizenship, University at Buffalo, SUNY, August 2014

Recipient of a Graduate Fellowship (stipend and tuition): Department Assistantship, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Four years scholarship (August 2013 – June 2017)

\$3,800 Student Travel Scholarship, The Oticon Foundation, August 2013 (http://www.oticonfonden.dk)

\$2,700 Education Exchange Scholarship, Hedorfs Fond, January 2013 (http://www.hedorf.dk/)

\$5,000 Exchange Research Stipend, Knud Højgaards Fond, October 2011 (http://www.khf.dk/)

\$2,700 Education Exchange Scholarship, Hedorfs Fond, August 2011 (http://www.hedorf.dk/)

#### Conferences & Talks

Oct. 2020 Invited Speaker: "The Psychopathy Checklist: Making Society Safer, or a Stigmatizing Label?". *TEDxUofT – Emerge*, University of Toronto. October 3. Conference: [CANCELLED] "The Hare Psychopathy Checklist: A Clinical Construct Whose Time June. 2020 Has Passed?". The British Society of Psychology, Division of Forensic Psychology Annual Conference 2020, The voco St Johns, Solihull, UK. June 16-18. Conference: [POSTPONED] "Abandoning the Concepts of Aesthetic Properties and Aesthetic June. 2020 Experience". The European Society for Aesthetics 2020, Tallinn, Estonia. June 10-12. Invited Speaker: [POSTPONED] "The Psychopathy Checklist: Making Society Safer, or a March. 2020 Stigmatizing Label?". *TEDxUofT – Emerge*, University of Toronto. March 21. **Conference:** "Mapping the Patient's Experience: An Applied Ontological Framework for Patient June. 2019 Phenomenology in Mental Health Research and Practice". 2019 Swedish Congress of Philosophy (Filosofidagarna), University of Umeå. June 14-16. June. 2019 Conference: "Mapping the Patient's Experience: An Applied Ontological Framework for Patient Phenomenology in Mental Health Research and Practice". San Raffaele Spring School of Philosophy 2019 (SRSSP 2019), San Raffaele University. June 4-6. Conference: "Mapping the Patient's Experience: An Applied Ontological Framework for Patient Apr. 2019 Phenomenology in Mental Health Research and Practice". Nordic Society for Phenomenology (NoSP) 2019 annual meeting, University of Copenhagen. April 25-27. Apr. 2019 Conference: "Psychopathy: A Clinical Construct Whose Time Has Passed?". Canadian Universities for Forensic Science (C.U.F.F.S.) annual meeting, University of Toronto. April 5. Apr. 2019 Invited Speaker: "Kierkegaard and Schelling in Perspective". The Kierkegaard Circle, University of Toronto, Trinity College. Invited by Dr. Abrahim H. Khan. Colloquium. April 5. Invited Speaker: "Kierkegaard and Schelling in Perspective". Philosophy Department, University of Apr. 2019 Toronto St. George. Invited by Dr. Owen Ware. Graduate Seminar. April 4. Mar. 2019 **Invited Speaker:** "Introduction to Forensic Psychopathology". Forensic Science Program, University of Toronto Mississauga. Invited by Dr. Vivienne Luk. Undergraduate Lecture. March 21. Mar. 2019 Invited Speaker: "Psychopathy as Moral Blindness: A Qualifying Exploration of the Blindness-Analogy in Psychopathy Theory and Research". Psychology & Seminar, University of Toronto Psychology Students Association, University of Toronto. March 13. Feb. 2019 **Conference:** "On the Content of Aesthetic Experience". *American Philosophical Association* (APA), Central Meeting in Denver, Colorado. Feb. 20. Jan. 2019 Invited Speaker: "Psychopathy: A Clinical Construct Whose Time Has Passed?". Making The Dead Talk, Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology Student Union Conference on Forensic Science at the University of Toronto. Jan. 12. Oct. 2018 Invited Speaker: "The Good, The Bad, and The Halloween Slasher". The Yearly Halloween Talk in

the Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto Mississauga. Oct. 31.

Oct. 2018 **Conference:** "The Aesthetic Convention: Aesthetic Experience as a Fiat Type of Perception". Central States Philosophical Association, 2018 meeting, Buffalo, New York, Oct. 26-27. Oct. 2018 **Conference:** "The Aesthetic Convention: Aesthetic Experience as a Fiat Type of Perception". The 72nd Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado, Denver, Oct. 12-14. May. 2018 Conference: "From Affective Science to Psychiatric Diagnostics: Ontology as Semantic Bridging". Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry (AAPP), annual meeting, New York City, May 5-6. Feb. 2018 **Invited Speaker:** "Psychopathy and Forensic Psychopathology". Forensic Science Program, University of Toronto Mississauga. Invited by Dr. Vivienne Luk. Undergraduate Lecture. Feb. 10. Conference: "Søren Kierkegaard and The Unbearable Task of Becoming Oneself". Framing the Apr. 2016 Self(ie): Heterogeneity of identities in (non)spaces, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, University at Buffalo. Nov. 2015 **Invited Speaker:** "Psychopathic Behavior in Critical Perspective", *The School of Social Work*, University at Buffalo. Invited by Dr. Annahita Ball. Undergraduate Lecture. Nov. 2015 **Invited Speaker:** "Psychopathic Behavior in Critical Perspective", The School of Social Work, University at Buffalo. Invited by Dr. Annahita Ball. Graduate Lecture. Invited Speaker: "The Posited Self: Kierkegaard's Impact on Moral Philosophy". Kierkegaard July 2015 Summer Course, at University of Copenhagen. Invited by Dr. K. Brian Söderquist. Feb. 2015 **Invited Speaker:** "Do Cartoons Matter? On the 'Terror' of Free Speech". The Regent Talk, Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo. Nov. 2014 Invited Speaker: "Why We Must Study Evil". Dissertation Seminar: Fall 2014, Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo. Oct. 2014 Invited Speaker: "Kierkegaard on Faith as an Existential Attitude". Colloquial Talk: Fall 2014, Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo. Oct. 2014 Invited Speaker: "Schelling and Kierkegaard in Perspective: Integrating Existence into Idealism". Colloquial Talk: Fall 2013, Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo. Sept. 2014 Invited Speaker: "The Posited Self: Kierkegaard's Non-Theistic Foundation". Dissertation Seminar: Fall 2014, Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo. Nov. 2013 Panelist Member: Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group annual meeting at the American Academy of Religion (AAR): Kierkegaard at 200: Thinking Backward and Living Forward. Session Theme: "Schelling, Kierkegaard, and Tillich". Co-panelists: Adam Pryor, Vanessa Rumble, Christian Danz and Daniel Whistler. Oct. 2013 **Conference:** "Schelling and Kierkegaard in Perspective: Integrating Existence into Idealism". The 2013 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, "Kierkegaard: A Christian Thinker for Our Time?", at Baylor University. Oct. 2013 **Conference:** "Schelling and Kierkegaard in Perspective: Integrating Existence into Idealism". Kierkegaard and Present-Age, at Brigham Young University. Oct. 2012 Invited Speaker: "Søren Kierkegaard on Self-hood". Colloquial Talk: Fall 2012, Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo.

Mar. 2012 **Invited Speaker:** "The System Theory of Niklas Luhmann: Applied in Social Contexts". Colloquial Talk: Spring 2012, Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo.

# Teaching Experience

2020	Fall: Introduction to Forensic Psychology (FSC220), Instructor. University of Toronto Mississauga. First and Second year undergraduate seminar. 100 students (Online format).
2020	Spring: <i>The Continental Tradition</i> (PHL324), Instructor. University of Toronto Mississauga. Third year undergraduate seminar. 55 students.
2019	Fall: Introduction to Forensic Psychology (FSC220), Instructor. University of Toronto Mississauga. First and Second year undergraduate seminar. 70 students.
2019	Fall: Seminar in Forensic Science (FSC430), Instructor. University of Toronto Mississauga. Fourth year undergraduate seminar. 30 students.
2019	Spring: Forensic Psychopathology (FSC320), Instructor. University of Toronto Mississauga. Third year undergraduate seminar. 24 students.
2019	Spring: Existentialism (PHL220), Instructor. University of Toronto Mississauga. Second year undergraduate seminar. 100 students.
2018	Fall: The Psychology of Evil (FSC350), Instructor. University of Toronto Mississauga. Third year undergraduate seminar. 25 students.
2018	Fall: <i>The Continental Tradition</i> (PHL324), Instructor. University of Toronto Mississauga. Third year undergraduate seminar. 45 students.
2018	Summer: Forensic Psychopathology (FSC350), Instructor. University of Toronto Mississauga. Third year undergraduate seminar. 25 students.
2018	Summer: <i>Philosophy at the Movies</i> (PHL221), Instructor. University of Toronto Mississauga. Second year undergraduate seminar. 60 students.
2017	Fall: Psychopathy: The Science of Evil (FSC350), Instructor. University of Toronto Mississauga. Third year undergraduate seminar. 25 students.
2017	Fall: <i>Philosophy of Art</i> (PHL285), Instructor. University of Toronto Mississauga. Second year undergraduate seminar. 22 students.
2016	Fall: Law, Authority, and Morality, Teaching Assistant, Dr. Ryan Muldoon.
2016	Spring: Introduction to Philosophy, Teaching Assistant, Dr. Lewis Powell.
2015	Fall: Introduction to Philosophy, Teaching Assistant, Dr. Kah-Kyung Cho.
2015	Spring: Introduction to Ethics, Teaching Assistant, Dr. Alex King.
2014	Fall: Introduction to Ethics, Co-Instructor, Dr. Randall Dipert.
2014	Spring: World Civilization module II, Recitation Instructor, Dr. William Baumer.
2013	Fall: World Civilization module I. Recitation Instructor, Dr. William Baumer.

#### Administrative Duties

July 2014

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2020	Working Group: UTM Seminar and Small Courses Working Group.	
2020	Faculty Advisor, Graduate conference: Building Bridges: Navigating Interactions Between Students and Vulnerable or Marginalized Peoples and Communities.	
2020-	Editorial Board: The Journal of Value Inquiry.	
2018-	Curriculum committee in the Forensic Science Program. University of Toronto Mississauga.	
Media Publicity & Outreach		
June 2020	Efforts to criticize and diversify academic journal, covered in <i>Daily Nôus</i> , published June 24, 2020: http://dailynous.com/2020/06/24/controversy-philosophical-psychology-leads-editors-resignation/	
Dec. 2019	Research review in <i>Big Think</i> on the topic of psychopathy treatment, published December 16, 2019: https://bigthink.com/surprising-science/psychopath-treatment	
Dec. 2019	Speaker at a <i>public recruitment event</i> for High School students applying for university, organized by the Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto Mississauga. December 8, 2019.	
Nov. 2019	Research review in <i>UTM News</i> on a published article about mental health treatment, published November 28, 2019: https://www.utoronto.ca/news/outdated-understanding-psychopathy-impairs-treatment-contributes-stigma-u-t-researcher	
Nov. 2019	Interview in <i>UTM News</i> on the topic of assessment and treatment of psychopathic personality, published November 6, 2019: https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/mainnews/revisiting-psychopath-test-new-research-gives-diagnosis-failing-grade	
Oct. 2019	Interview in <i>The Medium</i> (UTM student magazine) on the topic of cognitive biases, published October 19, 2019: https://themedium.ca/features/con-artists-and-biases/	
Sept. 2019	Interview in <i>The Etobicoke Guardian</i> on the topic of con artists, published September 27, 2019: https://www.toronto.com/news-story/9599422-buyer-beware-how-to-protect-yourself-from-fraud/	
Oct. 2018	Alumni interview for the <i>Department of Philosophy</i> , University at Buffalo, yearly newsletter, 2018-edition: www.buffalo.edu/cas/philosophy/news/nousletter.html	
2011-2015	Co-editor and columnist at <i>DenFri.dk</i> : <i>DenFri</i> is a popular Danish online blog/writer's collective focusing primarily on privacy and domestic politics. A total of 58 published items: www.denfri.dk/author/rasmusrosenberg/	
Aug. 2015	Editorial in <i>Universitets Avisen</i> , (Newspaper at the University of Copenhagen), entitled "An Ode to The Inquisitive Student" (in Danish), published August 19, 2015: http://www.universitetsavisen.dk/debat/en-ode-til-den-sporgelystne-studine	

released July 21, 2014: Radio 24/7 Copenhagen.

Talk-radio: Main Guest and Speaker, in Antidemokratisk Festival, Re-thinking Democracy (Danish),

- Apr. 2014 Talk-radio: Interviewed about Secrets and Privacy, in *Aflyttet* (Danish), released April 6, 2014: Radio 24/7 Copenhagen.
- June 2013 Talk-radio: Interviewed about Edward Snowden, NSA and Surveillance, in *Aflyttet* (Danish), released June 15, 2013: Radio 24/7 Copenhagen.

### Graduate Students, Mentorships & Research Stays

Denmark: Søren Kierkegaard Research Fellowship

2020	<b>Dissertation Proposal Committee:</b> Ph.D. candidate, Shelby Scott. Project title: "The Value of Infracranial Epigenetic Variation in the Identification of Unknown Human Skeletal Remains: Establishing Objective Legal Standards using a Statistically Quantifiable Method of Radiologic Identification". Successful defense executed: August 25, 2020.
2020	<b>Mentorship</b> : of students Reba Khoshabe, Danielle Sng, Jessica Burns, and Nicole Raposo, as part of Internship in Forensic Science (FSC481 & FSC483)  University of Toronto Mississauga, Forensic Science Program
2018	<b>Mentorship</b> : of student <i>Paige Holmes</i> , as part of <i>Internship in Forensic Science</i> (FSC481Y5) University of Toronto Mississauga, Forensic Science Program
2017	<b>Mentorship</b> : of student Gheng Zhao, as part of Internship in Forensic Science (FSC481Y5) University of Toronto Mississauga, Forensic Science Program
2015	<b>Research Stay</b> : July-August: University of Copenhagen, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Denmark: <i>Søren Kierkegaard Research Fellowship</i>
2015	<b>Research Stay</b> : January: University of Copenhagen, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Denmark: <i>Søren Kierkegaard Research Fellowship</i>
2014	<b>Research Stay</b> : August: University of Copenhagen, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Denmark: <i>Søren Kierkegaard Research Fellowship</i>
2014	<b>Research Stay</b> : June: St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota – The Kierkegaard Library: Summer Research Fellowship

Research Stay: May-July: University of Copenhagen, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre,

## Linguistic Capabilities

**Danish**: Native Language

2013

English: Written and oral, fluent Norwegian: Written and oral, fair Swedish: Written and oral, fair German: Written and oral, fair

Greek: Intermediate