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### Employment

2021-	Professor, Dept. of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT
2016-2021	Associate Professor, Dept. of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT
2015-2016	Visiting Associate Professor, Dept. of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT
2009-2015	Associate Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Stanford University
2006-2007	Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Harvard University
2000-2009	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Stanford University

### Education

1997	Harvard University, Ph.D. in Philosophy
1986	Yale University, B.A. in Philosophy, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> with Distinction in the Major

### Areas of Specialization

Moral philosophy, Kant's Practical Philosophy, History of Moral Philosophy, Theory of Agency

### Areas of Competence

Political Philosophy, Metaethics

### Awards and Fellowships

2011-2012	Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University
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2005-2006	Hellman Junior Faculty Fellowship, Stanford University
2003-2004	Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center
1997-2000	Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows, Harvard University
1997	Emily and Charles Carrier Prize, Dept. of Philosophy, Harvard University
1996-1997	Whiting Foundation Fellowship in the Humanities
1994-1995	Graduate Fellowship, Program in Ethics and the Professions, Harvard University
1988-1990	Mellon Foundation Fellowship in the Humanities
1986	Emerson Tuttle Cup, Davenport College, Yale University

## **Publications**

### Books

2021 *Feeling Like It: A Theory of Inclination and Will*, Oxford University Press

### Edited Volumes

2022 *Normativity and Agency: Themes from the Philosophy of Christine M. Korsgaard*, edited with Kyla Ebels-Duggan and Sharon Street, Oxford University Press

### Articles and Comments

2023 “Imperatives,” *Understanding Kant’s Groundwork*, Steven M. Cahn, ed., Hackett Publishing

2022 “What Makes Weak-Willed Action Weak?” *Normativity and Agency: Themes from the Philosophy of Christine M. Korsgaard*, Tamar Schapiro, Kyla Ebels-Duggan, and Sharon Street, eds., Oxford University Press

2022 “Animal Nature Within and Without: A Comment on Korsgaard’s *Fellow Creatures*,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 105 (1): 230-235.

2020 “Kant’s Approach to the Theory of Human Agency,” *The Routledge Handbook of Practical Reason*, Ruth Chang and Kurt Sylvan, eds., Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group, 160-171.

- 2015 "Let's J! On the Practical Character of Shared Agency," Symposium on Michael Bratman's Shared Agency, *Philosophical Studies*, 172 (12): 3399-3407 (Published online first, Sept. 10, 2015).
- 2015 "On Christine Korsgaard's, 'Aristotle and Kant on the Source of Value,'" *Ethics*, 125 (4): 1123-1126.
- 2014 "Velleman on the Work of Human Agency," *Abstracta Journal* (2014 Special Issue), 7: 17-21.
- 2014 "What are Theories of Desire Theories of?" *Analytic Philosophy*, 55 (2): 131-150.
- 2012 "On the Relation Between Wanting and Willing," *Philosophical Issues*, 22 (1): 334-350.
- 2011 "Foregrounding Desire: A Defense of Kant's Incorporation Thesis," *The Journal of Ethics*, 15 (3): 147-167.
- 2011 "Empathy as a Moral Concept: Comment on John Deigh's 'Empathy, Justice, and Jurisprudence,'" *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 49 (Spindel Supplement): 91-98.
- 2010 "Desires as Demands: How the Second Person Standpoint Might be Internal to Reflective Agency," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 81 (1): 229-236.
- 2009 "The Nature of Inclination," *Ethics*, 119 (2): 229-256.
- 2006 "Kantian Rigorism and Mitigating Circumstances," *Ethics*, 117 (1): 32-57.
- 2003 "Childhood and Personhood," *Arizona Law Review*, 45 (3): 575-594.
- 2003 "Compliance, Complicity, and the Nature of Nonideal Conditions," *The Journal of Philosophy*, 100 (7): 329-355.
- 2001 "Three Conceptions of Action in Moral Theory," *Noûs*, 35 (1): 93-117.
- 1999 "What is a Child?" *Ethics*, 109 (4): 715-738.

### Reviews

- 2009 Talbot Brewer's *The Retrieval of Ethics*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, an electronic journal: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=18367>

1999 Onora O'Neill's *Towards Justice and Virtue: A Constructive Account of Practical Reasoning*, *The Philosophical Review*, 108 (1): 97-100.

### Invited Talks

- 2023 "What is Ill-Constituted Action?" Keynote, Action Conference: Action, Thick and Thin, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
- 2023 Comment on Patrick Frierson's *The Moral Philosophy of Maria Montessori*, North American Association for Philosophy & Education, University of St. Mary of the Lake, IL
- 2023 "Making Sense of Kantian Constitutivism," Conference on Kantian Constitutivism, University of Groningen, Netherlands
- 2023 "Making Sense of Kantian Constitutivism," Bussey Lecture, Dept. of Philosophy, Northwestern University
- 2023 "Making Sense of Kantian Constitutivism," Brin Lecture, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee
- 2023 "Making Sense of Kantian Constitutivism," Keynote, Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, Texas Tech University
- 2023 "Making Sense of Kantian Constitutivism," Dept. of Philosophy, Brandeis University
- 2022 "Constitutive Principles and Sham Principles," Dept. of Philosophy, Brown University
- 2022 "Constitutive Principles and Sham Principles," Royal Ethics Conference, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin
- 2022 Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Philosophy, Australian National University
- 2022 Comment on Cora Diamond, Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, Northwestern University
- 2022 Discussion of *Feeling Like It*, Author-Meets-Critics, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, Canada
- 2022 "What Makes Weak-Willed Action Weak?" Notre Dame-Australian Catholic University International Ethics Conference, Notre Dame University

- 2022 “What Makes Weak-Willed Action Weak?” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Illinois Chicago
- 2022 “What Makes Weak-Willed Action Weak?” Keynote Address, Harvard-MIT Graduate Student Conference, MIT
- 2021 Discussion of *Feeling Like It*, Graduate Seminar, Dept. of Philosophy, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
- 2021 “What Makes Weak-Willed Action Weak?” Dept. of Philosophy, Syracuse University
- 2021 Discussion of *Feeling Like It*, Graduate Reading Group, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University
- 2021 “What Makes Weak-Willed Action Weak?” Reasoning and Agency Conference, Department of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University
- 2021 “What Makes Weak-Willed Action Weak?” Workshop on Rationality and Morality, SUNY Albany
- 2021 “What Makes Weak-Willed Action Weak?” Workshop: New Horizons in the Philosophy of Action, Monash University, Australia
- 2021 “What Makes Weak-Willed Action Weak?” Reason, Action, Mind Speaker Series, Ryerson University
- 2021 “A Puzzle About Self-Love,” North American Kant Society, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting
- 2020 “Incorporation, Maxims, and Weakness of Will,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting
- 2020 “What Makes Weak-Willed Action Weak?” DeCamp Bioethics Seminar, Princeton University
- 2020 “What Makes Weak-Willed Action Weak?” Dept. of Philosophy, Yale University
- 2019 “What Makes Weak-Willed Action Weak?” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania
- 2019 “Kant’s Method and the Theory of Agency,” International Kant Congress, Oslo, Norway
- 2019 *Feeling Like It*, two-day workshop on draft manuscript, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Riverside

- 2019 “A Kantian Theory of Weakness of Will,” Boston Area Kant Colloquium, MIT
- 2018 “Inclination and Will,” Dept. of Philosophy, Harvard University
- 2018 “What Are You Doing When You Are Controlling Yourself?” Spetnagel Ethics Lecture, Department of Philosophy, Ohio University
- 2018 “What Are You Doing When You Are Controlling Yourself?” Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago
- 2018 Comment on Lindsey Chambers’ “The Practical Standpoint on Procreation,” Conference on Children and Youth in Ethics and Politics, Stanford University
- 2017 “What Are You Doing When You Are Controlling Yourself?” Conference on Philosophical, Cognitive, and Neural Bases of Responsible Action, Princeton University
- 2017 “Kant’s Philosophical Method and Motivational Psychology,” Conference on The Nature of Moral Obligation, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany
- 2017 “Kant’s Philosophical Method and Motivational Psychology,” Dept.ment of Philosophy, Brandeis University
- 2017 “Kant’s Philosophical Method as an Approach to Action Theory,” Murphy Institute, Tulane University
- 2017 “Kant’s Philosophical Method as an Approach to Action Theory,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2016 *Inclination and Will* (later titled *Feeling Like It*), two-day workshop on manuscript in progress, Chicago Area Women and Philosophy Workshop, Northwestern University
- 2016 “Owing To and Acting With,” Keynote Address, Conference on The Direction of Moral Duties, Simon Fraser University, B.C., Canada
- 2016 “What Could ‘Incline Without Necessitating’ a Free Will?,” Dept. of Philosophy, Mount Holyoke College
- 2016 Comment on Sarah Buss, “Constitutivism,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago
- 2016 “What Could ‘Incline Without Necessitating’ a Free Will?” Conference on Kant and Aristotle in Conversation, Department of Philosophy, Auburn University
- 2016 “What Could ‘Incline Without Necessitating’ a Free Will?” Dept. of Philosophy, University of British Columbia, Canada

- 2016 “What Could ‘Incline Without Necessitating’ a Free Will?” Dept. of Philosophy, Brandeis University
- 2016 “What Could ‘Incline Without Necessitating’ a Free Will?” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Virginia
- 2015 “Inclination and Will Power,” Institute for Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2015 Comment on Anthony Laden’s *Reasoning: A Social Picture*,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, B.C., Canada
- 2015 Comment on Michael Bratman’s *Shared Agency*, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, B.C., Canada
- 2015 “Inclination and Will Power,” Normativity and Reasoning Workshop, New York University/Abu Dhabi
- 2014 “The Force of Inclination,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Utrecht
- 2014 “The Force of Inclination and the Force of Reason,” DFG-Network on Practical Thought and Good Action, University of Leipzig, Germany
- 2014 “What Are Theories of Desire Theories of?” Dept. of Philosophy, University of California, San Diego
- 2014 “What Are Theories of Desire Theories of?” Keynote Address, Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, Northwestern University
- 2014 “Kantian Motivational Dualism,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago
- 2013 “A Critique of the Evaluative Outlook Conception of Desire,” Analytic Philosophy Conference, Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin
- 2013 “On the Relation Between Wanting and Willing,” third of three talks on same topic, Princeton Ethicist’s Network, Princeton University
- 2013 “Theories of Desire,” Dartmouth Ethics Workshop, Dartmouth College
- 2013 “From Passion to Action,” Symposium, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco
- 2012 “On the Relation Between Wanting and Willing,” Chapel Hill Colloquium, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- 2012 “On the Relation Between Wanting and Willing,” second of three talks on same topic, Princeton Ethicist’s Network, Princeton University
- 2012 “Inclinations as Incomplete Motives,” Department of Philosophy, Tufts University
- 2011 “The Natural Subordination of Inclination to the Will,” Legal Theory Workshop, Yale Law School
- 2011 “Two Cases of Natural Subordination,” Department of Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2011 “The Nature of Inclination,” Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University
- 2011 “From Inclination to Action: A Defense of Kant’s Incorporation Thesis,” Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto
- 2011 “Inclination and Kant’s Incorporation Thesis,” Conference on The Aristotelian Tradition and Contemporary Developmental Psychology, Oxford University
- 2010 “Inclination and the Incorporation Thesis,” North American Kant Society, Pacific Study Group, Claremont-McKenna College
- 2010 “Comments on John Deigh’s ‘Empathy, Justice, and Jurisprudence,’” Spindel Conference, University of Memphis
- 2010 “Comments on Laura Ekstrom’s, ‘What is the Will?’” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco
- 2010 “Motivation and Incorporation,” Tamara Horowitz Memorial Lecture, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh
- 2009 “Comments on Ruth Chang’s ‘Do We Have Normative Powers?’” SOFIA Conference on Action Theory, Huatulco, Mexico
- 2009 “From Passion to Action,” U.K. Kant Society, Lancaster University, Lancaster, U.K.
- 2009 “From Passion to Action,” Department of Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2009 “From Passion to Action,” Department of Philosophy, Kansas State University
- 2009 “Comments on Jay Wallace, ‘Hypocrisy, Moral Address, and the Equality of Persons,’” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, B.C., Canada



- 2008 “The Nature of Inclination,” Department of Philosophy, Hampden-Sydney College, Lynchburg, VA
- 2007 “The Nature of Inclination,” General Aspects of Law Seminar, Law School, University of California, Berkeley
- 2007 “The Nature of Inclination,” Department of Philosophy, Northwestern University
- 2007 “The Nature of Inclination,” Conference on the Emotions, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
- 2007 “Human Desire as Animal Action,” Department of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University
- 2007 “The Nature of Desire,” Legal Theory Workshop, University of Toronto
- 2006 “Kantian Rigorism and Mitigating Circumstances,” Department of Moral Philosophy, University of St Andrews
- 2006 “Kantian Rigorism and Mitigating Circumstances,” Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 2006 First Annual Conference, Northwestern University Society for Ethical Theory and Political Philosophy, Northwestern University
- 2006 Conference on the Emotions, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
- 2006 “A Kantian Theory of Excuses,” Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2006 “Kantian Rigorism and Mitigating Circumstances,” Symposium, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, Portland, Oregon
- 2005 “A Kantian Theory of Excuses,” Department of Philosophy, University of California, Irvine
- 2005 “A Kantian Theory of Excuses,” Department of Philosophy, Hampden-Sydney College, Lynchburg, VA
- 2005 “The Moral Status of Children,” Children, Family, and the State Research Group, McGill University
- 2005 “Comment on Avishai Margalit’s Tanner Lectures, ‘Honorable Peace, Rotten Compromise,’” Stanford University
- 2005 “A Kantian Theory of Excuses,” Department of Philosophy, Georgetown University

- 2005 "Corrupting the Categorical: Purism and Pragmatism in Kantian Ethics," Mellon Seminar on Enlightenment and Revolution, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University
- 2005 "Corrupting the Categorical: Purism and Pragmatism in Kantian Ethics," Department of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2004 "Corrupting the Categorical: Purism and Pragmatism in Kantian Ethics," Conference on Kantian Ethics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC
- 2004 "Corrupting the Categorical," Beijing University International Conference on Kant's Moral Philosophy, Beijing University, China
- 2004 "Comments on Joseph Raz, 'Instrumental Rationality,'" Warren Quinn Conference, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2004 "Childhood and Personhood," NIH-Georgetown-Johns Hopkins Joint Colloquium in Bioethics, Washington, D.C.
- 2004 "Comments on William Fitzpatrick, 'Normative Realism, Constructivism, and the Instrumental Principle,'" American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting
- 2004 "On the Nonideality of Nonideal Conditions," Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2003 "Comment on Thomas Hill, *Human Welfare and Moral Worth*," North American Kant Society
- 2003 "Comment on Sara Gavrell-Ortiz's 'Imperfect Ethical Duties Towards Others: Truthfulness,'" American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting
- 2003 "Comment on Barbara Herman's 'A Doctrine of Ends,'" Chapel Hill Colloquium, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2003 "On the Nonideality of Nonideal Conditions," Department of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2003 "On the Nonideality of Nonideal Conditions," Conference on Kantian Ethics, The Values Institute, University of San Diego
- 2003 "On the Nonideality of Nonideal Conditions," Department of Philosophy, University of California, Davis

- 2002 “Childhood and Personhood,” Society for Women in Philosophy, University of San Francisco
- 2002 “Childhood and Personhood,” Symposium on Youth, Voice, and Power, James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona
- 2002 “On the Nonideality of Nonideal Conditions,” Department of Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley
- 2001 Comment on Edward Hinchman, ‘Conspiracy, Commitment, and the Self,’ American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting
- 2000 “Compliance and Complicity,” Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University
- 1999 Comment on Talbot Brewer, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting
- 1999 “Compliance and Complicity,” Department of Philosophy, New York University
- 1999 “What is a Child?” Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan
- 1999 “What is a Child?” Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1999 “What is a Child?” Department of Philosophy, Pittsburgh University
- 1999 “What is a Child?” Department of Philosophy, Stanford University
- 1998 “Making Exceptions to Kantian Principles,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting

### **Courses Taught**

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| Graduate      | Philosophy of Agency, History of Modern Moral Philosophy: Hobbes to Bentham, Kant’s Ethical Theory, Metaethics, Recent Ethical Theory, The Second-Person Standpoint, Constructivism in Ethics, Korsgaard and Her Critics, Conceptions of the Self in Practical Philosophy   |
| Undergraduate | Introduction to Ethical Theory, History of Modern Moral Philosophy, Kant’s Ethical Theory, Moral Psychology, Recent Ethical Theory, Reason and Passion, Kantian Ethics and Moral Dilemmas, Free Will and Moral Responsibility, Introduction to Political Philosophy, Practical Norms: Rationality, Morality, and Authenticity |

## Dissertation Committees

- Current Eliza Wells, Sophie Gibert, Nicole Garcia, Kirsi Teppo, Steven Woodworth (Stanford)
- Completed Anni Rätty (2021, primary advisor), Emma Atherton (2021) Quinn White (2019), Daniel Muñoz (2019, primary advisor), Meica Magnani (2019, primary advisor), David Grant (2018), Blake Francis (2017), Fernando Rudy (2016), Samuel Asarnow (2015), Grant Rozeboom (2015, primary advisor), Luis Cheng-Guajardo (2013, primary advisor), William Beals (2012), Peyton McElroy (2011), Lauren Hartzell Nichols (2009), Jennifer Morton (2008)

## Departmental Service

- 2021-2022 Co-Chair, Committee on Department Life; Equal Opportunity Officer; Committee on the Undergraduate Program; Search Committee, Philosophy/SCC Jr. Position
- 2020-2021 Undergraduate Officer; Advisor, Undergraduate Philosophy Club; Co-Chair, Committee on Department Life; Equal Opportunity Officer; Search Committee, Philosophy/SCC Jr. Position
- 2019-2020 Undergraduate Officer; Advisor, Undergraduate Philosophy Club; Equal Opportunity Officer; Search Committee, Philosophy/SCC Jr. Position
- 2018-2019 Undergraduate Officer; Advisor, Undergraduate Philosophy Club
- 2017-2018 Undergraduate Officer; Advisor, Undergraduate Philosophy Club
- 2016-2017 Undergraduate Officer
- 2014-2015 Stanford: Co-Director, Undergraduate Studies; Chair, Search Committee
- 2013-2014 Stanford: Co-Director, Undergraduate Studies; Chair, Search Committee
- 2012-2013 Stanford: Co-Director, Undergraduate Studies; Chair, Search Committee
- 2010-2011 Stanford: Co-chair, Search Committee; Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee

2011 Stanford: Co-organizer, Conference, “Practical Reasoning: Ancient and Modern Conceptions”

2000-2006 Stanford: Colloquium Coordinator

### **University Service**

2023- Chair, MIT Committee on Discipline

2021-2023 Co-Chair, Presidential Committee on Distinguished Fellowships; Member, Community Giving at MIT Steering Committee; SERC Action Group

2020-2021 Co-Chair, Presidential Committee on Distinguished Fellowships; Member, Community Giving at MIT Steering Committee; Chair, Kavli Center for Ethics, Science, and the Public grant proposal committee

2019-2020 Co-Chair, Presidential Committee on Distinguished Fellowships; Member, Community Giving at MIT Steering Committee; Designate for the Vice Chancellor, CUP Subcommittee on the HASS Requirement; Member, Ad Hoc Faculty Committee on Guidelines for Outside Engagements

2018-2019 Chair, Levitan Prize/SHASS Research Fund Selection Committee; Member, Presidential Committee on Distinguished Fellowships; Member, Community Giving at MIT Steering Committee; Designate for the Vice Chancellor, CUP Subcommittee on the HASS Requirement

2017-2018 Member, Levitan Prize/SHASS Research Fund Selection Committee; Member, Presidential Committee on Distinguished Fellowships; Member, Community Giving at MIT Steering Committee; Designate for the Vice Chancellor, CUP Subcommittee on the HASS Requirement

2016-2017 Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Hospitalization and Medical Leave Policies

2010-2015 Stanford: Member, Board of Judicial Affairs

### **Professional Service**

2021-2022 Member, North American Kant Society Women's Scholars Network

2018 Organizer, Boston Area Kant Colloquium (MIT)

2017-present Editorial Board, *Ethics*; Editorial Board, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*

2017 Senior Mentor, North American Kant Society Jr. Women's Workshop

2012 Organizer, Pacific Study Group Meeting of the North American Kant Society

Ongoing Referee for *Ethics*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Noûs*, *Philosophical Review*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Kantian Review*, *The Journal of Ethics*, *The Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*, and *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, *Oxford University Press*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Blackwell Publishing*.