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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

AOS: Ethics, Philosophy of Action
AOC: Applied Ethics, Kant, Political Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

Lecturer. Department of Philosophy, University College London. 2027–
Junior Fellow. Society of Fellows, Harvard University. 2026–2027, 2028–2029

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Philosophy 2021–2026
Dissertation: *Norms and Natures: Foundations for Pluralist Constitutivism*
Committee: Kieran Setiya (chair), Tamar Schapiro, Jeremy Fix (University of Oxford)

B.A. Northwestern University, Philosophy 2016–2020
Thesis: *Controlling Our Principles*
Advisor: Kyla Ebels-Duggan

PUBLICATIONS

[Two Concepts of Constitutive Standards](#). *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*. Forth.
[How to Be a Constitutivist](#). *Ethics* 136 (3): 463–492. 2026
[Purely Instrumental Agents Are Possible](#). *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*
112 (1): 88–101. 2026
[Kant on Self-Legislation as the Foundation of Duty](#). *European Journal of Philosophy* 33
(3): 910–926. 2025
[Kantian Ethics](#) (Kyla Ebels-Duggan and [Bennett Eckert](#)). *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Ethics, 2nd Edition* (ed. Christian Miller). Bloomsbury: 308–335. 2023

PRESENTATIONS

“Actions as Reasons for Action”
Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association (Reading) July 2026

“Ethical Dilemmas in Procedural Sedation” (w/ Grace Li, M.D.)
Massachusetts General Hospital (Boston) June 2026

“Acting for Another’s Sake”
University College London (Zoom) January 2026
MIT Work in Progress Workshop (Cambridge, MA) October 2025

“Two Concepts of Constitutive Standards”
Constitutivism in Ethics and Epistemology Workshop (Lisbon) September 2025

“Can Constitutivists Explain What We Owe to Each Other?” <i>Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association (Glasgow)</i>	July 2025
“Kant on Self-Legislation as the Foundation of Duty” <i>American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (New York)</i>	January 2024
“What is a Form of Rational Agency?” <i>MIT Work in Progress Workshop (Cambridge, MA)</i>	November 2023

COMMENTS

On Valena Reich’s “Agency Without Self-Governance,” at <i>Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference</i> .	April 2026
On Kieran Setiya’s “What is a Right?,” at <i>MITing of the Minds</i> .	January 2022

TEACHING

As Teaching Assistant at MIT

<i>Minds and Machines</i> , for Matthias Michel	Spring 2025
<i>Ethics of Computing</i> , for Brad Skow and Armando Solar-Lezama	Fall 2024
<i>Ethics of Technology</i> , for Kevin Mills	Spring 2024
<i>Classics of Western Philosophy</i> , for Bridget Brasher	Fall 2023
<i>Moral Problems and the Good Life</i> , for Sam Berstler	Spring 2023
<i>Problems of Philosophy</i> , for Kevin Dorst	Fall 2022

Pedagogical Training

Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, MIT Teaching + Learning Lab	2024
Corrupt the Youth Volunteer Training	2024

Teaching in High Schools

Corrupt the Youth, Boston Chapter	2024–2026
Assistant Lincoln-Douglas Debate Teacher, Greenhill School	2017–2024
Summer Lincoln-Douglas Debate Instructor, Global Debate Symposium	2016–2022
Summer Lincoln-Douglas Debate Instructor, Victory Briefs Institute	2016–2017
Assistant Lincoln-Douglas Debate Teacher, Harrison High School	2016–2017

PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Session Chair, <i>Kantian Moral Constitutivism</i> Conference (Chicago)	2026
Teaching Development Fellow for Philosophy, MIT Teaching + Learning Lab	2024–2025
Co-Organizer, MITing of the Minds Alumni Conference	2025
Co-Organizer, Practical Philosophy / Value Theory Reading Group, MIT	2022–2025
Reviewer for Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference (3x)	2022, 2024, 2025
Graduate Representative to the Committee on Department Life, MIT	2022–2023

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Social & Ethical Responsibilities in Computing Scholar, MIT	2024–2025
• Project Group: “Data Ownership & AI”	
MIT Presidential Fellow	2021–2022