NICHOLAS SMYTH

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EMPLOYMENT

2019 - Present, Fordham University: Assistant Professor of Philosophy
2018 - 19, Fordham University – Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow
2017 - 18, Simon Fraser University: Postdoctoral Researcher and Term Lecturer in Philosophy

EDUCATION

Brown University, PhD (Philosophy), 2017
  Dissertation: "Making Sense of Moral Progress"
  Committee: Bernard Reginster, Jamie Dreier, Joshua Schechter, Charles Larmore, Philip Kitcher

Simon Fraser University, MA (Philosophy) 2010

University of British Columbia, Qualifying Year (Philosophy) 2005-2006

Carleton University, BA (Highest Honors, Political Science) 2003

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization: Normative Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, History of Ethics, Meta-Ethics
Areas of Competence:, Epistemology, Moral Psychology, Applied Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

"There is No Such Thing as a Political Conservative", *European Journal of Political Theory* (forthcoming).

"Purity and Practical Reason: on Pragmatic Genealogy", *Ergo*, (forthcoming)

"Homemakers" (on David McPherson's *Virtues of Limits*), for *Cosmos and Taxis* (forthcoming special issue)

"Nothing Personal: On the Limits of the Impersonal Temperament in Ethics", *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2022 - Special Issue on Anti-Natalism)

"The Hesitant Empiricist: Why Moral Epistemology Needs Real History", *Analysis* (2022).

"When Does Self-Interest Distort Moral Belief?", *Analytic Philosophy* (2022)

"A Moral Critique of Psychological Debunking", *Journal of Social Philosophy* (2021)

"Structural Injustice and The Emotions", *Res Publica* (2021)

"A Genealogy of Emancipatory Values", *Inquiry* (2020)

"Socratic Reductionism in Ethics", *European Journal of Philosophy* (2020)

"What is the Question to which Anti-Natalism is the Answer?", *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2020)

"Moral Disagreement and Non-Moral Ignorance" *Synthese* (2019)

"Bernard Williams", *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, with Sophie Grace-Chappell (2018)

"Integration and Authority: Rescuing the One Thought Too Many Problem", *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (2018)

"The Inevitability of Inauthenticity" (in *Ethics beyond the Limits: New Essays on Bernard Williams' Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy*, Routledge Publishing, 2018)

"Moral Knowledge and the Genealogy of Error", *The Journal of Value Inquiry* (2017)

"The Function of Morality", *Philosophical Studies* (2016)

"Resolute Expressivism", *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2015, Special Issue for the British Society for Ethical Theory)

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

"Conceptual Engineering and Social Authority"

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

"Conceptual Engineering and Social Authority"; Meeting of the British Society for Ethical Theory, UK; July 2022.

"Purity and Practical Reason – On Pragmatic Genealogy", Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought Conference, January 6-8th, 2022.

"What is the Question to which Anti-Natalism is the Answer?"; Meeting of the British Society for Ethical Theory, Glasgow; July 2019.

"Gender and Theory-Acceptance in Ethics"; Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego, USA; April 2018

"Moral Disagreement and Non-Moral Ignorance"; Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, USA; February, 2018

"The Function of Morality"; Meeting of the British Society for Ethical Theory, Southampton, UK; July 14, 2015

"The Inevitability of Inauthenticity: Williams on Practical Alienation"; 30 Years of Bernard Williams' Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy Conference; Oxford University, Oxford, UK; July 5, 2015

"Objectivism Debunked?"; Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association; Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; April 2, 2015:

"The Function of Morality"; Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP), 8th Annual Conference; Evanston, IL, USA; March 13, 2014

"Resolute Expressivism"; Meeting of the British Society for Ethical Theory; London, UK; July 16, 2013

"Resolute Expressivism"; North Carolina Philosophical Society; Greenville, NC, USA; February 15, 2013

"Socrates and Thick Ethical Concepts"; Meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association; Baltimore, Maryland, USA; December 30, 2013

"Ethical Thought After Situationism"; Paris Conference on Character and Personality; Sorbonne, Paris, France; July 4, 2012

"P. F. Strawson's Primitivist Foundationalism"; Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy; McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada; May 24, 2012:

"Bernard Williams, Ground Projects and the Possibility of Human Agency"; Conference on Freedom and Responsibility; New School for Social Research, New York, NY, USA; April 27, 2012

"Ethical Thought After Situationism"; Ohio Philosophical Association Meeting; Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH, USA; Mar 31, 2012

"Ethical Thought After Situationism"; Arizona Graduate Conference in Philosophy; University of Arizona, Tuscon, AZ, USA; March 2, 2012

"Bernard Williams, Ground Projects and the Possibility of Human Agency"; USC/UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy; University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA; Feb 18, 2012

TEACHING

Note: I am scheduled to teach Fordham's "Visions of the Good in The Bronx" in Summer 2023, an intensive introduction to great texts in philosophy for underprivileged students in the Bronx.

Courses taught at Fordham University:

Spring	2023	**Classics of Analytic Ethics**	PHIL 7931 (graduate seminar)
Spring	2023	**Ethics and the Internet**	PHIL 3981
Spring	2023	**Philosophical Ethics**	PHIL 3000
Summer	2022	**The Authentic Identity**	PHIL 4999
Spring	2022	**Philosophical Ethics**	PHIL 3000
Spring	2022	**Philosophical Ethics**	PHIL 3000
Fall	2021	**Contemporary Issues in Metaethics**	PHIL 3980
Fall	2021	**Professional Writing Seminar**	PHIL 8070
Spring	2021	**Genealogies of Morality**	PHIL7675 (graduate seminar)
Spring	2021	**Philosophical Ethics**	PHIL 3000
Spring	2021	**Philosophical Ethics**	PHIL 3000
Spring	2020	**Confronting Moral Controversy**	PHIL 5305
Spring	2020	**Philosophical Ethics**	PHIL 3000
Fall	2019	**Philosophical Ethics**	PHIL 3000
Fall	2019	**Philosophical Ethics**	PHIL 3000
Spring	2019	**Philosophical Ethics**	PHIL 3000
Spring	2019	**Philosophical Ethics**	PHIL 3000
Spring	2019	**Philosophical Ethics**	PHIL 3000

Courses Taught Elsewhere:

Summer	2018	**Hume, Smith and Kant**	PHIL 322 (SFU)
Spring	2018	**Feminist Ethics of Care**	PHIL 321 (SFU)
Spring	2018	**Selected Topics in Normative Ethics**	PHIL 822 (SFU, graduate)
Fall	2017	**Social-Political Philosophy**	PHIL 854 (SFU, graduate)
Fall	2017	**Genealogies of Morality**	PHIL 421 (SFU)
Fall	2015	**Introduction to Philosophy**	PHIL 3101 (Brown)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE/SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

PhD Committee member (Graduated: Vita Emery, Johnny Brennan, Brock Mason, Gwen Daugs. In Completion: Lia Fior)

Placement Director, Fordham University, 2020-present

Speaker's Committee Chair, 2020-present

Committee Member, ICC Approval Committee, Spring 2020-Present

Merit Evaluation Committee Member, Spring 2022-Fall 2022.

Organizer, *Ways of Knowing in Ethics* (2-day workshop at Simon Fraser University, June 21-24, 2018)

Commenter, Eastern Division of the APA, January 2017

Student Adviser, The Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy (SIPP), Brown University, June 2016 and June 2015

President, Philosophy Graduate Forum, Brown University, 2012-2013

Organizer, 7th Shapiro Graduate Conference, Brown University, November 14-15, 2012

Graduate Representative, Simon Fraser University, 2007-2009

Section Editor, www.philpapers.org. Areas: Anti-Theory, Authenticity, Moral Luck

AWARDS

Faculty Research Grant, Fordham University, Summer 2020
Graduate Fellowship Award, Brown University, 2010-2011
Philosophy Research Fellowship, Simon Fraser University, 2008-2009
Full Entrance Scholarship, Carleton University, 1999-2003
Tony DeSoto Political Science Scholarship, Carleton University, 2001