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AREAS OF INTEREST

AOS: Ethics • Social and Political Philosophy
AOC: Technology Ethics • Applied Ethics (including Bioethics) • History of Ethics

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Stanford University 2023 –
Postdoctoral Fellow
McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society
Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, Ph.D in Philosophy 2023
Dissertation: *Let's Get Real: Counterfactual Moral Theories in the Actual World*
Committee: Japa Pallikkathayil (co-chair), Jed Lewinsohn (co-chair),
Michael Thompson, Gideon Rosen (Princeton)

Amherst College, B.A. with distinction in Computer Science 2014

PUBLICATIONS

“The Misapplication Dilemma.” Forthcoming, *Noûs*.

When contractualists and rule consequentialists evaluate rules, do they take into account or ignore the likelihood that we would misapply them? I argue that these theories get into trouble either way.

(*Note*: Earlier drafts of this paper were titled “Being Realistic About Rules.”)

“Putting Wronging First.” Forthcoming, *Philosophical Quarterly*.

I argue that an act can be wrong *because* it wrongs a particular person, and explore the surprising upshot of this thesis for moral theory.

WORKING PAPERS

“Ideal Code, Real Conventions”

I argue that contractualists and rule consequentialists cannot make sense of the moral significance of our actual social practices.

PRESENTATIONS

“Contractualism and the Wrong World Problem”

Central APA, New Orleans

February 2024

“Ideal Code, Real Conventions”

Invited Presentation, Stanford Political Theory Workshop

October 2023

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

University of Pittsburgh:

Michael R. Bennett Essay Prize in Philosophy

2023

for “Contractualism and the Wrong World Problem”

Pre-Doctoral Mellon Fellowship

2016 – 2017

2019 – 2020

2020 – 2021

TEACHING

Instructor of Record (University of Pittsburgh):

Introduction to Ethics

Summer 2020

Ethics Instructor (Stanford University):

Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Fall 2023

Introduction to Human-Computer Interaction Design

Fall 2023

Probability for Computer Scientists

Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant (University of Pittsburgh):

Philosophy and Public Issues

Spring 2019

Philosophy of Mind

Fall 2018

Introduction to Logic

Spring 2018

Political Philosophy

Fall 2017

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

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| Research Assistant to Robert Brandom | 2022 – 2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed software to simulate dialogues and reasoning in non-monotonic logic | |
| Research Assistant to Japa Pallikkathayil | Summer 2020 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gave feedback on Japa's work in progress | |

SERVICE

University of Pittsburgh:

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| Graduate Technology and Web Administrator | 2018 – 2021 |
| Ethics Search Committee | 2019 |
| Referee, Pitt-CMU Graduate Conference | 2019, 2020 |
| Lead Graduate Organizer, Prospective Student Visit | 2017 |

SOFTWARE EMPLOYMENT

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| Software Engineer, 1stDibs, New York, NY | 2015 – 2016 |
| Software Engineer, FactSet Research Systems, Norwalk, CT | 2014 – 2015 |

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