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Curriculum Vitae*

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Appointments

Assistant Professor of Philosophy	August 2022– present
Faculty Scholar, School of Health Research	September 2023– present
Coordinator, Medicine, Health, and Human Values Program Clemson University	August 2024– present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy American University of Beirut	January 2019–August 2022
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy University of California, Berkeley	Summer 2019
Teaching Fellow, Global Perspectives on Society New York University Shanghai	September 2017– January 2019
Associate Instructor of Philosophy University of California, Berkeley	July 2011– August 2017

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Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy University of California, Berkeley	August 2017
B.A.(Hons) <i>First Class</i> in Philosophy University of Calgary	May 2010
B.A. <i>With Distinction</i> in Linguistics University of Calgary	May 2010

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science (incl. philosophy of AI); Philosophy of Medicine and Psychiatry; Ethics (esp. applied ethics, moral psychology, and moral responsibility)

Areas of Competence

Ancient and Early Modern Philosophy; 20th Century Philosophy; Political Philosophy; Epistemology

Awards and Honours

Clemson University College of Arts and Humanities Dean's Award for Junior Faculty Excellence in Research, 2026

Nominee, Clemson University Junior Researcher of the Year, 2025-26

Clemson University College of Arts and Humanities Faculty Research Development Program Grant, July 2025 – June 2026

Clemson University Humanities Hub Lightsey Fellowship, July 1 2024 – June 30, 2025

Co-Principal Investigator, U.S. State Department Middle East Partnership Initiative, Tomorrow's Leaders Graduate Program (MEPI-TLG): 'The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence', Spring 2020—Spring 2022.

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley, Spring 2015, Spring 2016

Graduate Division Summer Grant, UC Berkeley, Summer 2014

Ralph W. Church Fellowship, UC Berkeley, Fall 2010 and Spring 2011

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRCC) Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Masters Fellowship, Fall 2010 (declined)

University of Calgary Philosophy Department Convocation Medallion, Spring 2010

University of Calgary Philosophy Department Mabelle McLeod Lewis Memorial Fellowship, Spring 2009

Publications: Articles and Book Chapters

- [16] ‘Care, Cure, and Prevention: Extending Hybridism about Medical Effectiveness.’ Forthcoming in *Philosophy of Science*. (With CJ Pinniger)
- [15] ‘Externalist Forgiveness and the Normative Psychology of Affective Process and Product.’ Forthcoming in *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*.
- [14] ‘Rational Affective Transformation.’ Forthcoming in *Ergo*. (With Adam Bradley)
- [13] ‘Autism, Care, and the Limits of Destigmatization.’ In J. L. Anderson and S. Cushing (Eds.), *Contemporary Philosophy of Autism*. 2025 (pp. 93–111). Routledge. (With Sarah Arnaud)
- [12] ‘Depression, Intelligibility, and Non-Rational Causation.’ *Neuroethics*. 2025, 18(28). doi: [10.1007/s12152-025-09599-0](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12152-025-09599-0)
- [11] ‘Neurodiversity, Identity, and Hypostatic Abstraction.’ *Philosophical Studies*. 2025, 182: 1157–1178. doi: [10.1007/s11098-025-02324-w](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-025-02324-w) (With Sarah Arnaud)
- [10] ‘Delusion and Rationality.’ In Ema Sullivan-Bisset (Ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Delusion*. 2025 (pp. 215–227). Routledge. (With Adam Bradley)
- [9] ‘The Science and Moral Psychology of Addiction: A Case Study in Integrative Philosophy of Psychiatry.’ *Crítica: Revista Hispanoamericana de Filosofía*. 2024, 56(167): 127-155. doi: [10.22201/iifs.18704905e.2024.1530](https://doi.org/10.22201/iifs.18704905e.2024.1530). (Special edition: ‘Current Themes in Philosophy of Psychiatry.’)
- [8] ‘Understanding, the Manifest Image, and “Postmodernism” in Philosophy of Psychiatry.’ *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology*. 2024, 31(1): 21-24. doi: [10.1353/ppp.2024.a922678](https://doi.org/10.1353/ppp.2024.a922678)
- [7] ‘Philosophy’s Role in Theorizing Psychopathology.’ *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology*. 2024, 31(1): 1–12. doi: [10.1353/ppp.2024.a922675](https://doi.org/10.1353/ppp.2024.a922675)
- [6] ‘Interventionism and Intelligibility: Why depression is not (always) a brain disease.’ *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*. 2024, 49(2): 160-177. doi: [10.1093/jmp/jhae004](https://doi.org/10.1093/jmp/jhae004)
- [5] ‘Monothematic Delusions and the Limits of Rationality.’ *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*. 2023, 74(3): 811-835. doi: [10.1086/714986](https://doi.org/10.1086/714986) (With Adam Bradley)
- [4] ‘Rawlsian Contractualism and Healthcare Allocation.’ *Diametros*. 2021, 18(68): 9–23. doi: [10.33392/diam.1682](https://doi.org/10.33392/diam.1682)
- [3] ‘Self-Deception as Omission’. *Philosophical Psychology*. 2020, 33(5): 657-678. doi: [10.1080/09515089.2020.1751100](https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2020.1751100)
- [2] ‘Rationalism, Optimism, and the Moral Mind’. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*. 2019, 42, e153.
- [1] ‘Self-Deception in and out of Illness: Are some subjects responsible for their delusions?’. *Palgrave Communications*. 2017, 3(15): 1–12. (Part of *Self-Knowledge in and outside of Illness*, Sherrilyn Roush and Tuomas Pernu, Eds.)

Other Publications

- [4] 'Canada's Assisted Dying Program is Bad for the Vulnerable,' *Jacobin*, December 2025.
- [3] 'Reconciling the Manifest and Scientific Images of Addiction,' Blog of the American Philosophical Association, January 2025.
- [2] 'Monothematic Delusions and the Limits of Rationality,' *Imperfect Cognitions*, 2022
- [1] 'Self-deception, Delusions, and Responsibility,' *Imperfect Cognitions*, 2018

Dissertation

On the Fringes of Moral Responsibility: Skepticism, self-deception, delusion, and addiction

My dissertation is a study of moral responsibility 'at the margins'. I focus on three phenomena that put pressure on conventional approaches to agency and moral responsibility: self-deception, delusions, and addiction. I argue, among other things, that self-deception involves a culpable form of omission; that some forms of clinical delusion can be understood in similar terms; and that addiction functions to impair, but not disable completely, the addict's capacities for agency. The discussion is framed by the idea that responsible agency involves responsiveness to reasons.

Committee: R. Jay Wallace & John Campbell (co-chairs, philosophy), and Tania Lombrozo (outside member, psychology)

Work In Progress

- A book proposal about the science and moral psychology of addiction (in progress)
- A paper about how extensive AI engagement degrades meaning (in progress — committed to volume)
- A paper about skepticism of psychiatric euthanasia (in progress — committed to volume)
- A paper about the social and political risks of developing AI agents (under review — R&R)
- A paper about normativism about disease (under review)
- A paper about phenomenology and medical assistance in dying (under review)
- A paper about the defectiveness of AI companionship and therapy (under review)
- A paper about self-deception in addiction (under review)
- A paper about self-deception and the kinds of belief (under review)
- A paper about interpersonal understanding and AI agency (under review)
- A paper about normativism about agency and AI agents (under review)
- A paper about eliminativism about disease (draft in progress)
- A paper about contractualism and socialism (draft in progress)
- A paper about burnout (draft in progress)

Selected Presentations*

Upcoming

‘Care, Cure, and Prevention: Extending Hybridism about Medical Effectiveness’

- Philosophy of Science Association, San Diego, November 19-22, 2026

‘AI Companionship, Understanding, and Rule-Following’

- Eastern APA, Boston, Jan. 13-16, 2027

Past

‘Depressive Phenomenology, Psychiatric Nosology, and Medical Assistance in Dying’

- Canadian Philosophical Association, Dalhousie University, Halifax, June 6-9, 2026
- Central APA, Chicago, Feb. 19, 2026
- Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 10–11, 2025.

Comments on Patrick Girard’s ‘Logic is a Human Affair’

- Canadian Philosophical Association, Dalhousie University, Halifax, June 6-9, 2026*

‘LLMs and the Experiential Grounds of Meaning and Normativity’

- University of Paderborn, May 28, 2026

‘What’s Wrong With Disease? Naturalism, Normativism, Hybridism, and the Case for Eliminativism’

- Department of Bioethics and Health Humanities, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, May 4, 2026*

Comments on Awais Aftab’s ‘An Analysis of Objectivity in HiTOP’

- First-Person Perspectives in the Human Sciences Workshop, University of South Carolina, Department of Philosophy, April 17–18, 2026*

‘Phenomenology, Delusions, and Intelligibility Without Rationality’

- University of Nottingham, Department of Philosophy, March 13, 2026*
- University of Hawaii at Manoa, Department of Philosophy, Feb. 27, 2026*

‘Addiction From the Human Point of View’

- Trinity College Dublin, Department of Philosophy, Mar. 6, 2026*

‘AI Companions, Understanding, and Rule-Following’

- University of Hawaii at Manoa, Department of Philosophy, Feb. 26, 2026*

Invited panelist, Aurantiaco Annual Symposium 2025: The Future of Artificial Intelligence

- Clemson University, Nov. 13–14, 2025.*

*Invited, otherwise refereed

Graduate Research Seminar: Philosophy of Psychiatry

- Institute for Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taipei, May 21, 2025.*

‘Rational Affective Transformation’

- Pacific APA, San Francisco, Apr. 19, 2025

‘Delusions, Experience, Rationality, and Non-Literal Thought’

- Aarhus University, Department of Philosophy, Mar. 28, 2025* (online)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Department of Philosophy, Oct. 18, 2024*
- De La Salle University, Department of Philosophy, Manila, May 10, 2024*

‘The Science and Moral Psychology of Addiction’

- Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry, University of Utah, March 22, 2025.
- Eastern APA Jan. 10, 2025, New York City
- Panhellenic Conference on Philosophy of Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Dec. 7, 2024
- Canadian Philosophical Association, McGill University, Montreal, June 23, 2024

‘Autism, Care, and the Limits of Destigmatization’

- Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry, CUNY Grad Center, New York City, May 6–7, 2024

‘Two Kinds of Depression, Two Kinds of Normativity’

- American University of Beirut, Department of Philosophy, Dec. 14, 2023
- [The Philosophy of Psychiatry Webinar](#), Oct. 19, 2023*

‘Does it Ever “Make Sense” to be Depressed?’

- University of Texas at Austin, Department of Philosophy, Nov. 11, 2023*

‘The Process and Product of Forgiveness’

- Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Oct 12–13, 2023
- Philosophy in Southeast Asia, National University of Singapore, May 2-3, 2023

‘Philosophy’s Role in Theorizing Psychopathology’

- Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Pittsburgh, June 21-23, 2023

‘Depression, Intelligibility, and Non-Rational Causation’

- 10th annual International Philosophy of Medicine Roundtable, University of Bologna, June 8-9, 2023
- Canadian Philosophical Association, York University, Toronto, May 29-June 1, 2023

Comments on Ariane Bakhtiar’s ‘Can the Depressed Appreciate the Choice to Die?’

- Canadian Philosophical Association, York University, Toronto, May 29-June 1, 2023*
- ‘Monothematic Delusions: Intelligibility Without Rationality’
- Moravian University, Department of Philosophy, Mar. 11, 2022*
 - Minot State University, Division of Social Science, Feb. 25, 2022*
 - Clemson University, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Feb. 17, 2022*
 - St Norbert College, Department of Philosophy, Feb. 9, 2022*
- ‘Interventionism and Intelligibility: Why depression is not (always) a brain disease’
- American University of Beirut Philosophy Society, November 6, 2020*
- ‘Monothematic Delusions: An expressivist two-factor account’
- Canadian Philosophical Association, June 1, 2019, University of British Columbia, Vancouver
 - Eastern APA, January 7–10, 2019, New York City
 - Australasian Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Dec 5–7, 2018, Macquarie University, Sydney
 - Society for Philosophy and Psychology, July 9-11, 2018, University of Michigan
- ‘Self-Deception as Omission’
- American University of Beirut Philosophy Society, February 22, 2019*
 - Shandong University Department of Philosophy, Jinan, Shandong, China, October 25, 2018*
- ‘Addiction as Desensitizing Vulnerability: A framework for excuse’
- Philosophical Moral Psychology: An International Meeting of Classic and Empirically Informed Philosophy, July 22-25, 2018, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich
 - Canadian Philosophical Association, Université du Québec à Montréal, June 7, 2018
 - Duke Kunshan University, May 10, 2018*
 - American University of Beirut, April 4, 2018*
 - New York University Shanghai, Faculty Speaker Series, December 7, 2017*
- ‘Agency and Value: Lessons from disorder’
- Duke University, May 24, 2018*
- ‘Self-Deception in and out of Illness: Are some subjects responsible for their delusions?’
- Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Johns Hopkins University, June 28–July 1, 2017
 - Graduate Research Colloquium, UC Berkeley, December 6, 2016*
 - The Richard Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley, October 7, 2016*
- ‘Nozick’s critique of Rawls and the Illiberalism of Libertarianism’
- Series of three guest lectures for Véronique Munoz-Dardé at UC Berkeley, November 7, 9, and 11, 2016*
- ‘The Brain Disease Theory of Addiction, Responsibility, and Causal Exclusion’
- Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Texas at Austin, June 2016

Comments on Rachele Bascara's 'A Unified Theory of Oppression'

– 13th Annual UC Berkeley-London conference. University College London, May 2016*

Comments on Jason D'Cruz's 'Self-Deception as Unwitting Pretense'

– Eastern APA, Washington DC, January 2016*

'Self-Deception and Dual-Process Theory' (poster)

– Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Duke University, June 2015

'The Analysis of Self-Deception'

– The Philosophy Forum, UC Berkeley, February 2014*

'Self-Deception, Intentionality, and Psychological Division'

– The Philosophy Forum, UC Berkeley, October 2014*

Teaching Experience

Clemson

Logic	Fall 2025
Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science	Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023
Independent Study: Metaethics and Moral Authority	Fall 2025
Modern Philosophy	Spring 2025, Spring 2024
Philosophy of Medicine	Spring 2025, Spring 2023
Ancient Philosophy	Fall 2024, Fall 2023
Moral Philosophy	Spring 2024
Independent Study: Personality Disorders	Fall 2023
Introduction to Philosophical Problems	Spring 2023, Fall 2022
Biomedical Ethics	Fall 2022

American University of Beirut

Biomedical Ethics	Spring 2022, Fall 2020
Political Philosophy	Fall 2021, Spring 2019
Philosophy of Mind	Fall 2021, Fall 2020
	Spring 2020, Fall 2019
MA Seminar: Philosophy of Psychiatry	Spring 2021
History of Moral Philosophy	Spring 2021, Spring 2020
MA Seminar: Special Topics in Moral Psychology	Fall 2019
MA Tutorial: Multiculturalism and Liberalism	Spring 2019

AUB MA Supervision

Alejandro Suarez, <i>Liberalism, Rationality, and the Subsidiarity Principle: A vindication of the rule-and-exemption approach for solving clashes in multicultural societies</i>	Fall 2019- Fall 2020
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AUB MA Committees

Huria Ibrahim, <i>Freedom in Leibniz</i>	Spring 2022
Raed Khelifi, <i>The Myth of the Economic Hypothesis: An Examination of Wittgenstein's Critique of Psychoanalysis</i>	Fall 2019
Fatima Sadek, <i>Moral Folk Intuitions: Psychological Foundations and Normative Implications</i>	Summer 2019

NYU Shanghai

Global Perspectives on Society	Fall 2018, Fall 2017
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Primary Instructor, UC Berkeley

Ancient Philosophy	Summer 2019, Summer 2017 Summer 2016, Summer 2015
Individual Morality and Social Justice	Summer 2014

Volunteer Instructor with the Prison University Project at San Quentin State Prison

Introduction to Philosophy (with Melissa Fusco)	Spring 2016
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Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley[†]

Moral Psychology [†] (Kwong-loi Shun)	Spring 2017
Political Philosophy [†] (Véronique Munoz-Dardé)	Fall 2016, Fall 2013
Philosophy of Perception [†] (Michael Martin)	Fall 2015
Ancient Philosophy (Klaus Corcilius)	Fall 2014
Political Philosophy [†] (Florian Grosser)	Summer 2014
Philosophical Methods [†] (Seth Yalcin)	Spring 2014
Aristotle [†] (Klaus Corcilius)	Summer 2013
Philosophy of Religion (Lara Buchak)	Spring 2013
The Nature of Mind (John Campbell)	Fall 2012, Fall 2011
Individual Morality and Social Justice (Jeremiah Carey)	Summer 2012
Early Modern Philosophy (Hannah Ginsborg)	Spring 2012
Introduction to Logic (Michael Rieppel)	Summer 2011

Graduate Coursework

Qualifying Exam Topics

Internal and External Reasons; Clinical Delusions and Rationality; Plato and Aristotle on Parts of the Soul

[†]Indicates an upper-division course

Courses Taken and Audited

Agency, Responsibility, and Context‡ (Manuel Vargas)	Spring 2016
Dissertation Seminar (John Campbell)	Fall 2015
Dissertation Seminar (John Campbell)	Spring 2015
Does the Mind Have a Causal Structure? (John Campbell)	Fall 2014
Primary and Secondary Qualities in Early Modern Philosophy (Daniel Warren)	Spring 2014
Philosophy of Perception (Michael Martin)	Fall 2013
Recent Work on Reasons and Normativity (R. Jay Wallace)	Spring 2013
Plato (Klaus Corcilius)	Fall 2012
Judgement, Competence, and ‘Practical Knowledge’ (Barry Stroud)	Spring 2012
Promises and Promissory Obligation (R. Jay Wallace and Niko Kolodny)	Spring 2012
The Philosophy of History (Hans Sluga)	Spring 2012
Kant (Daniel Warren)	Fall 2011
Ethical Theories (R. Jay Wallace)	Fall 2011
Later Wittgenstein (Barry Stroud)	Spring 2011
Philosophical Logic (John MacFarlane)	Spring 2011
Science and Religion (Lara Buchak)	Spring 2011
First Year Graduate Seminar (Barry Stroud and Michael Martin)	Fall 2010
Aristotle’s Nichomachean Ethics (Dorothea Frede)	Fall 2010
A Society of Equals? (Véronique Munoz-Dardé)	Fall 2010

Memberships and Professional Service

Referee for <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> ; <i>Diametros</i> ; <i>European Journal for Philosophy of Science</i> ; <i>Inquiry</i> ; <i>Journal of Social Philosophy</i> ; <i>Medicine, Health Care, and Philosophy</i> ; <i>Nature Mental Health</i> ; <i>Philosophical Explorations</i> ; <i>Philosophical Forum</i> ; <i>Philosophical Psychology</i> ; <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> ; <i>Philosophical Studies</i> ; <i>Philosophy</i> ; <i>Philosophy, Ethics, and Humanities in Medicine</i> ; <i>Synthese</i>	ongoing
Referee for the Society for Philosophy and Psychology	Spring 2016 – present
Program Officer for Eastern European Network for Philosophy of Science	Fall 2025 – present
Referee for Hong Kong Research Grants Council	Spring 2026 – present
Member, Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry	Spring 2025 – present
Member, Australasian Society for Philosophy and Psychology	Fall 2017 – present
Member, Canadian Philosophical Association	Fall 2016 – present
Member, American Philosophical Association	Fall 2014 – present
Member, Society for Philosophy and Psychology	Summer 2014 – present

Institutional Service

Clemson Philosophy and Religion Webmaster	Fall 2023 – present
Clemson Philosophy and Religion Chair’s Advisory Committee	Fall 2023 – present
Clemson Philosophical Society Faculty Advisor	Fall 2023 – Spring 2025
Clemson Philosophy and Religion Search Committee	Fall 2024 – Spring 2025
Clemson Philosophy and Religion Chair Search Committee	Spring 2024
Clemson Philosophy and Religion Search Committee	Fall 2023 – Spring 2024
AUB General Education Committee, Ethics Subcommittee	Spring 2019 – Spring 2022
AUB Department of Philosophy Webmaster	Spring 2019 – Spring 2022
AUB FAS Student Disciplinary Action Committee	Fall 2019 – Fall 2021
NYU Shanghai Philosophy Society Faculty Advisor	Fall 2017 – Spring 2019
Judge, New Crop undergraduate essay prize, UC Berkeley	2016, 2017
Organizer, Richard Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley	Fall 2010 – Spring 2011

Languages

English, native
French, reading and speaking proficiency
Italian, reading and speaking competence
German, beginner speaking
Mandarin Chinese, beginner speaking (HSK 2)
Levantine Arabic, bumbling

References

R. Jay Wallace William and Trudy Ausfahl Chair in Philosophy University of California, Berkeley	John Campbell Slusser Professor of Philosophy University of California, Berkeley
Michael Martin Wilde Professor of Mental Philosophy University of Oxford	Véronique Munoz-Dardé Professor of Philosophy University College London
Klaus Corcilius Professor of Philosophy Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen	Lara Buchak (teaching) Professor of Philosophy Princeton University
Brad Weslake (teaching) Associate Professor of Philosophy New York University Shanghai	Chris Johns Associate Professor and Chair of Philosophy American University of Beirut