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Area of Specialization

Normative Ethics

Areas of Competence

Metaethics, Applied Ethics, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics and Epistemology

Education

2018

PhD, Philosophy, McGill University

Thesis-*The Disjunctive Hybrid Theory of Prudential Value: An Inclusive Approach to the Good Life*. Supervisors: Sarah Stroud, Iwao Hirose

2010

MA, Philosophy, University of Toronto

2008

BA, Philosophy (Hons.), University of Alberta

Thesis- *Kantian Contractualism and Utilitarianism*

Publications

Book Review of 'Expertise: A Philosophical Introduction' by Jamie Carlin Watson, *Spontaneous Generations* 10 (1), March 2022, 145-148.

'On Two Interpretations of the Desire-Satisfaction Theory of Prudential Value', *Utilitas* 31 (2), June 2019, 137-156

With Andrew Reisner 'Moral Reasons for Moral Beliefs: A Puzzle for Moral Testimony Pessimism', *Logos & Episteme*, 6(4), 2015, 429-448.

Presentations and Commentaries (*invited)

2022

'Putting the Desire Back in Subjectivism'

Workshop on Welfare, Saarland University

2021

'The Single Life Repugnant Conclusion'

Workshop on Welfare, Saarland University

2019

*With Vaibhav Shah 'Doing Ethics/Teaching Ethics'
Intersections Seminar Series, Ahmedabad University

* Commentary on Eric Mathison 'Missed Connections: Ill-Being For Hybrid Theories'
Conference on Happiness, Well-Being and the Good Life, Montreal

2018

*'Desire and the Heart of Subjectivism'
Research Seminar Series, Ahmedabad University

2017

*'Subjectivism Sans Desire-Satisfaction?'
Journées du GRIN: *L'Esprit et les valeurs*, Montreal

*Commentary on Gwen Bradford 'Uniqueness, Intrinsic Value, and Reasons'
Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, Ryerson University

2015

*'Introducing Explanatory Pluralism About Prudential Value'
Journées du GRIN: *Normativité et Métaéthique*, Montreal

'What's Good In (and About) Desire-Satisfactionism?'

Center for Moral and Political Philosophy, Workshop on Well-Being, Hebrew
University of Jerusalem

2014

*'What's Good In (and About) Desire-Satisfactionism?'
Graduate Workshop Series, McGill

'Explanatory Pluralism About Prudential Value Formulated and Defended'
Understanding Value III, University of Sheffield

'Immoral Deference'
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (Poster presentation)
Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, Brock University
University of Waterloo Graduate Conference

*Commentary on Nandi Theunissen 'On the Value of Human Beings'
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress

*Commentary on Eric Mathison 'Potential Harms and Well-Being'
Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, Brock University

*Commentary on Tim Juvshik 'Against a Neo-Quinean Meta-Ontology'
McGill Philosophy Graduate Student and Faculty Retreat

2013

*'Immoral Deference?'
McGill Philosophy Graduate Student and Faculty Retreat

*Commentary on Joshua Brandt 'Positive and Negative Partiality'
Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, University of Victoria

Awards and Fellowships

2017-18
Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité (GRIN) Bursary

2016-17
Centre de recherche en éthique (CRÉ) Bursary

Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité (GRIN) Bursary

2015-16
Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité (GRIN) Bursary

June/July 2015
PhD Fellow, Center for Moral and Political Philosophy, Workshop on Well-Being,
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

McGill Graduate Excellence Fellowship

McGill Philosophy Graduate Award

2014-15
Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité (GRIN) Bursary

McGill Philosophy Graduate Award

2013-14

Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité (GRIN) Bursary

McCall MacBain Fellowship in Philosophy

2012-13

McGill Graduate Excellence Fellowship

McCall MacBain Fellowship in Philosophy

2011-12

McGill Graduate Excellence Fellowship

Teaching Experience

PHI260/360 Political Philosophy, Monsoon Semester 2023, Ahmedabad University

PHI 450 The Philosophy of Well-Being, Monsoon Semester 2022, Ahmedabad University

ETH 201 Ethics, Monsoon Semesters 2022 and 2023, Ahmedabad University

PHI 350 Contemporary Ethical Theory, Winter Semester 2022, Ahmedabad University

PHL 301 Foundation Seminar, Monsoon Semester 2021, Ahmedabad University

PHI 250 Justice in a Global Context, Winter Semester 2021, Ahmedabad University

Foundation Programme, Democracy and Justice Studio (co-instructor), Monsoon Semester 2020-Winter Semester 2021

MGT 163 Ethics for Business (co-instructor), Winter Semester 2021, Ahmedabad University

PHI 120 Introduction to Ethical Theory: Virtues, Vices, and Values, Bi-Semester 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/23, Ahmedabad University

BIO 140 Ethics in Life Sciences (co-instructor), Monsoon Semester 2020 and 2021, Ahmedabad University

PHL 110 Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge, Reality, and the Self (primary instructor), Bi-Semester 2019/2020, Ahmedabad University

PHIL 330 Ethics in Business (primary instructor), Winter 2019, Camosun College

PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy: Classics (primary instructor), Winter 2019, Camosun College

English as a Second Language Instructor, Fall 2018, Episcopal Training Centre Cairo

POLI 363 Contemporary Political Theory: The 'What?' and the 'How?' of Distributive Justice (primary instructor), Winter 2018, McGill University

PHIL 306 Philosophy of Mind (co-instructor), Winter 2016, McGill University

PHIL 230 Introduction to Moral Philosophy (primary instructor), Fall 2015, McGill University

PHIL 334 Ethical Theory (lecture on the varieties of consequentialism), Fall 2015, McGill Department of Philosophy

PHIL 434 Metaethics (guest lecture on Blackburn's quasi-realism), Fall 2014, McGill Department of Philosophy

PHIL 348 Philosophy of Law (two guest lectures on Freedom of Expression and Pornography), Fall 2014, McGill Department of Philosophy

PHIL 201 Introduction to Philosophy (two guest lectures on Susan Wolf's 'The Meanings of Lives'), Winter 2014, McGill Department of Philosophy

PHIL 334 Ethical Theory (two guest lectures, on Rossian deontology and Hursthouse's virtue ethics), Winter 2013, McGill Department of Philosophy

PHIL 343 Biomedical Ethics (four guest lectures), Fall 2012, McGill Department of Philosophy

Teaching Assistant Experience

PHIL 230 Intro to Moral Philosophy, Fall 2017 and Fall 2011

POLI 231 Intro to Political Theory, Fall 2016

PHIL 348 Philosophy of Law, Fall 2014

PHIL 201 Intro to Philosophy, Winter 2014

PHIL 306 Philosophy of Mind, Fall 2013

PHIL 334 Ethical Theory, Winter 2013

PHIL 343 Biomedical Ethics, Fall 2012

PHIL 237 Contemporary Moral Issues, Winter 2012

Environmental Ethics, Winter 2010 (University of Toronto)

Critical Thinking, Fall 2009 (University of Toronto)

Research Assistant Experience

Research Assistant for Iwao Hirose, Winter/Spring 2014

- Assistance with Professor Hirose's monographs *Egalitarianism* and *Moral Aggregation*, as well as the *Oxford Handbook of Value Theory* (co-edited with Jonas Olson)

Research Assistant for Sarah Stroud, Summer 2012

- Assistance with Professor Stroud's Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy entry on 'Weakness of Will'

Professional Service and Refereeing

Co-Organizer (since 2015), Well-Being Working Group.

Referee for *Philosophical Quarterly*, 2023

Referee for *Journal of Ethics*, 2023

Referee for *Nous*, 2023

Referee for *Utilitas*, 2022

Referee for *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 2021

Referee for *Ergo*, 2020 and 2022

Referee for *Analysis*, 2019

Referee for *Res Philosophica*, 2017

Referee for *Les Ateliers de l'Éthique*/The Ethics Forum, 2017

Referee for Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, 2014

Institutional Service

Major Advisor, Philosophy, History and Languages, Ahmedabad University, Winter 2022-present

Minor Advisor, Philosophy, Ahmedabad University, Winter 2022-Present
Faculty Mentor, Abhivyakt: The Literary Club, Ahmedabad University, Winter 2021-2023

Annual Report Coordinator (Arts), School of Arts and Sciences, Ahmedabad University, 2021-2022

Library Committee Representative, School of Arts and Sciences, Ahmedabad University, 2020-Present

Convenor, CHIASMA Science Fest, School of Arts and Sciences, Ahmedabad University, 2020

Philosophy Graduate Representative, McGill University, 2014-16

Co-Organizer, McGill Philosophy Graduate Student and Faculty Retreat, 2014

Association of Graduate Students Employed at McGill (AGSEM) Delegate, 2013-14

References

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Andrew Reisner
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