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APPOINTMENTS

Louisiana State University	
Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2022 - present
Director of Undergraduate Studies	2022 - 2023
Coe College	
Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2020 - 2022
Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellow	2020 - 2022

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethical Theory, Applied Ethics (esp. Bioethics)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Gender, Philosophy of Race, Environmental Ethics, Philosophy of Games

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder	2020
Dissertation: <i>Well-Being and Alienation</i> (see abstract below)	
Committee: Chris Heathwood (Chair), Michael Huemer, David Boonin, Graham Oddie, and Dale Dorsey	
Certificate in College Teaching, University of Colorado Boulder	2023
M.A., Philosophy, Northern Illinois University	2011
B.A., Women's and Gender Studies, Columbia University	2009

PUBLICATIONS

1. "SUBJECTIVE THEORIES OF ILL-BEING"
Midwest Studies in Philosophy, Vol. 46 (2022): 109-135.
2. "THE WELFARE-NIHILIST ARGUMENTS AGAINST JUDGMENT SUBJECTIVISM"
Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy, Vol. 19, No. 3 (2021): 291-310.
Featured on the [Pea Soup blog](#) with critical précis by Wayne Sumner.

3. BOOK REVIEW OF GUY FLETCHER, *THE PHILOSOPHY OF WELL-BEING: AN INTRODUCTION*
Journal of Moral Philosophy, Vol. 16, No. 5 (2019): 679-682.
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FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & AWARDS

- Faculty Travel Grant, Provost's Fund for Innovation in Research, LSU (February 2023)
 Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellowship, American Colleges of the Midwest, Coe College
 (August 2020 - August 2022)
 Best Should Teach Silver Award, Graduate Teacher Program, University of Colorado
 Boulder (September 2018)
 Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder (Fall
 2018)
 Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Colorado Boulder (Summer 2018)
 Graduate Teaching Excellence Award, United Government of Graduate Students, University
 of Colorado Boulder (April 2018)
 Best Graduate Student Presentation, Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Philosophical
 Association, Mississippi State University (February 2018)
 Visiting Fellow, Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, University of Pennsylvania
 (Summer 2016)
 Visiting Fellow, Centre for Moral and Political Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 (Summer 2015)
 Faculty Diversity Fellowship, University of Montevallo (Fall 2013)
 Jeffrey T. Lunsford Diversity Fellowship, Northern Illinois University (August 2009-May
 2010)
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IN PREPARATION

- "A Theory of Prudential Alienation," promised to *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, Vol. 20
 "What Should the Desire Theorist Say About Ill-Being?," promised to Mauro Rossi and
 Christine Tappolet's edited volume, *Perspectives on Ill-Being*, under contract with
 Oxford University Press
 "The New Internalism About Prudential Value," promised to a special issue of *Philosophical
 Studies* that compiles papers from the fifth annual Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop
 "The Hedonic Tone Theory of Pleasure"
 "Responsibility, Harm, and the Allocation of Scarce Medical Resources"

TALKS

- “THE HEDONIC TONE THEORY OF PLEASURE”
Minnesota Workshop on Well-Being, University of Minnesota (July 2023)
- “THE NEW INTERNALISM ABOUT PRUDENTIAL VALUE”
Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop (April 2023)
Boston University Ethics Seminar (April 2022)
Central States Philosophical Association (April 2022)
- “TEACHING BLACK LIVES MATTER”
Poster Presentation, AAPT-APA Teaching Hub, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (January 2022)
- “WHAT SHOULD THE DESIRE THEORIST SAY ABOUT ILL-BEING?”
Symposium, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (February 2021)
74th Annual Meeting of the Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Weber State University (October 2020)
Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder (March 2020)
- “A THEORY OF PRUDENTIAL ALIENATION”
Madison Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison (September 2023)
Colloquium, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (February 2022)
Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder (October 2018)
Kansas Workshop on Well-Being IV, University of Kansas (August 2018)
Meeting of the Mississippi Philosophical Association, Mississippi State University (February 2018)
Workshop on Subjectivism and Objectivism about Well-Being, University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland (December 2017)
- “RESPONSIBILITY, HARM, AND THE ALLOCATION OF SCARCE MEDICAL RESOURCES”
Colloquium, Wellesley College (May 2021)
Bioethics Workshop, University of Pennsylvania (October 2017)
- “OUGHT-IMPLIES-CAN AND THE GOOD FOR A PERSON”
Workshop on Well-Being, Centre for Moral and Political Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (July 2015)

 COMMENTS

- On Kathryn Muyskens, “Medical Pluralism as a Matter of Justice,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (February 2023)
- On Peter Zuk, “Welfare and Other-Involving Goods,” 15th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), University of Colorado Boulder (August 2022)

- On Robert Gruber, “Control, Collective Action, and the Mismatch Problem,” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (January 2021)
- On Paul Schofield, “Self-Resentment? Moral Self-Relation Beyond Duties to the Self,” Obligations to Oneself: An Online Workshop (July 2020)
- On Eden Lin, “The Experience Requirement,” 12th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), University of Colorado Boulder (August 2019)
- On Alicia Hall, “How Should We Live Now?” Kansas Workshop on Well-Being V (KWOW V), University of Kansas (July 2019)
- On Teresa Bruno, “Objectivism without Alienation,” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Denver, CO (February 2019)
- On Ben Bramble, “Virtue and Well-Being,” 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), University of Colorado Boulder (August 2017)
- On Eden Lin, “Pleasure, Pain, and Pluralism about Well-Being,” Kansas Workshop on Well-Being III (KWOW III), University of Kansas (July 2017)
- On Jessica Katz, “Moral Non-Naturalism: All You Need is Truth” at the 8th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), University of Colorado Boulder (August 2015)
- On Michael Mullins, “Causal Roles and the Distribution of Moral Responsibility in Group Actions,” 3rd Annual Midwest Regional Graduate Philosophy Conference, Northern Illinois University (November 2009)

TEACHING (* = includes some online sections)

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

- Games
- Well-Being (x 2, including as a graduate seminar)
- Problems in Ethical Theory
- Ethics (x 3)

COE COLLEGE

- Games
- Environmental Ethics
- *Black Lives Matter (x 2, including as a first-year seminar)
- *Well-Being
- *Biomedical Ethics
- *Introduction to Philosophy: Minds, Knowledge, and Values

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER, INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

- Ethical Theory
- Introduction to Ethics (x 2)
- *Bioethics (x 5)
- Introduction to Medical Ethics (x 2)

Introduction to Philosophy
*Philosophy & Gender (x 3)
Philosophy & Race (x 2)
Symbolic Logic

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER, TEACHING ASSISTANT

History of Modern Philosophy, with Dan Kaufman
Symbolic Logic, with Graeme Forbes (x 2)
Environmental Ethics, with David Youkey

UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO, INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Introduction to Philosophy (x 5)
Ethics (x 3)
Independent Study in African-American Studies for a McNair Scholar

LAWSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Ethics & Society (x 2)
Introduction to Humanities (x 10)
Independent Study in Ethics (x 2)

THESIS COMMITTEES

George Buras, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, LSU (April 2023)
Julia Uhr, Doctoral Dissertation, University of Colorado Boulder (Nov. 2022)
Daniel Felty, Master's Thesis, LSU (Nov. 2022)

SERVICE

DEPARTMENT

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, LSU (2023-present)
Director of Undergraduate Studies, LSU (2022-2023)
Member, Colloquium Committee, LSU (2022-present)

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

Member, Black Faculty and Staff Caucus, LSU (2022-present)
Member, Faculty Welfare Committee, Coe College (2021-2024)
Judge, Kohawk Rock Talent Show, Coe College (October 2021)
Member, College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Committee, University of Colorado Boulder (April 2017 - April 2018)
Member, Inclusive Excellence Committee, University of Colorado Boulder (November 2017 - November 2018)
Member, Climate Committee, Philosophy Department, University of Colorado Boulder (September 2014 - May 2015)

PROFESSION

- Elected Member, Nominating Committee, Central Division of the American Philosophical Association (June 2023 - June 2024)
- Lead Graduate Part-Time Instructor, Graduate Teacher Program and the Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder (Summer 2018 - Spring 2019)
- Founding Member, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter, University of Colorado Boulder (Spring 2016)
- Graduate Student Co-President (with Caleb Pickard), Philosophy Department, University of Colorado Boulder (May 2015 - May 2016)
- Faculty Mentor, McNair Scholar Program, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (Spring 2013)

OUTREACH AND PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- “Logic Puzzles,” Kids on Course Day, Coe College (March 2022)
- Departmental Spokesperson, Academic Browsing Fair, Coe College (September 2021)
- Panelist, Early Career Faculty Panel, University of Colorado Boulder (February 2021)
- Panelist, McNair Scholars Workshop on Pathways to the Ph.D., University of Colorado Boulder (April 2021 and January 2022)
- Panelist, *Constitution Camp* podcast (August 2020)
- Panelist, “Why Do Research?” Student Academic Success Center Research Symposium, University of Colorado Boulder (November 2019)
- Panelist, “On Impostor Syndrome and Stereotype Threat in Academia,” McNair Scholars Program, University of Colorado Boulder (April 2019)
- “When Identity Impacts the Classroom: A Workshop on Empowering Instructors,” presented at Graduate Teacher Program Spring Workshop Series, University of Colorado Boulder (March 2019)
- Panelist, “Why Go to Graduate School?” McNair Scholars Program, University of Colorado Boulder (March 2019)
- “The Welfare-Nihilist Arguments against Judgment Subjectivism,” presented to the Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder, (June 2017)
- Panelist, “Make America What? A Panel Discussion About the Election,” Center for Western Civilization, Thought and Policy, University of Colorado Boulder (November 2016)

- “The Welfare-Nihilist Arguments against Judgment Subjectivism,” presented to the Undergraduate Philosophy Club, University of Colorado Boulder (March 2016)
- “What Is This Thing Called Diversity?” presented at the Graduate Teacher Program Spring Conference, University of Colorado Boulder (January 2015)
- “Teaching Contentious Topics,” presented at the Graduate Teacher Program Fall Conference, University of Colorado Boulder (August 2014)
- “Some Puzzles of Philosophy,” presented with Lisa Thomas-Smith, Greeley High School, Greeley, CO (October 2013)
- Life Raft Debate, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (October 2012)
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REFEREEING

JOURNALS

De Ethica, Ratio (x 2), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy*, *Philosophia*, *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* (x 2), *Philosophical Studies* (x 2), *Philosophical Psychology*, *Utilitas* (x 3), *Ergo*, *Philosophers' Imprint*

CONFERENCES

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME) (x 6); Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference (RMPC) (x 8)

REFERENCES

- Chris Heathwood, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder
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- Wayne Sumner, University Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto
sumner@chass.utoronto.ca
- Dale Dorsey, Professor of Philosophy, University of Kansas
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WELL-BEING AND ALIENATION

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

One of the most important and widely held doctrines about well-being is the alienation constraint, which says that you cannot be alienated from that which is basically good for you. My dissertation is a collection of four papers concerning the alienation constraint and related issues. It makes progress on three broad issues: how best to understand the constraint, how best to argue for it, and how best to integrate it into our philosophical theorizing about well-being. In “A Theory of Prudential Alienation,” I argue that the constraint is not well-understood and that it is a far more stringent requirement than has been previously thought. Rather than merely requiring that you have a positive attitude towards a thing in order for it to be good for you, I argue that the constraint must also require that you not have a preponderance of negative attitudes towards it. In “Ought-Implies-Can and the Good for a Person,” I argue, contra Connie Rosati and David Velleman, that no sufficiently strong and interesting version of the constraint can be derived from the principle that ‘ought’ implies ‘can.’ In “The Welfare-Nihilist Arguments Against Judgment Subjectivism,” I present three related arguments against the view that something is basically good for you if and only if you would believe, under the proper conditions, that it is good for you. I appeal to cases in which it is plausible to think that you are benefited or harmed even if you do not, and would not, believe that anything is good or bad for you. Finally, by appealing to an analogue to the alienation constraint, I argue in “What Should the Desire Theorist Say About Ill-Being?” that if getting what you want is good for you, then getting what you are averse to, rather than not getting what you want, is bad for you.