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EDUCATION

PhD: Syracuse University: Philosophy, 2012

Specialization: Moral Psychology, Professional Ethics
Competence: Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, Classical Chinese Philosophy, Philosophy of Psychiatry, Philosophy of Religion, Wittgenstein
Dissertation: *On Pessimism: A Study in Normative Psychology*. Director: Michael A. G. Stocker

MSW: Hunter College, Silberman School of Social Work: Clinical Social Work, 2023

BA: Pacific Lutheran University: Fine Art, Philosophy, Comparative Religion, 1999

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Psychotherapist, Embrace Equanimity PLLC, 2025-present
Providing individual, couples, and family psychotherapy under supervision.

Psychotherapist, Principium Psychiatry PLLC, 2023-2025
Provided individual and group therapy under supervision. Developed and administered an intensive outpatient program for mood and anxiety disorders.

Intern, Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Study Center, 2022-2023
Provided psychotherapy under supervision. Managed patient intakes.

Intern, Creative Masculinity, 2021-2022
Provided psychotherapy under supervision. Facilitated group work. Developed educational content.

Philosophical Counselor, private practice, 2014-2021
Assisted adults with ethical issues in their personal and professional lives. Provided clinically supervised support to those with mental health concerns.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Fellow, Psychoanalytic Association of New York, NYU School of Medicine, 2024-2025

Adjunct Professor, Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2008-2021
Taught lecture courses and seminars in philosophy for graduate and undergraduate students. Developed new curriculum. Managed teaching assistants.

Voluntary Faculty, Bioethics and Humanities, Upstate Medical University, 2010-2021
Taught courses in bioethics & humanities for medical students and health care professionals.

PUBLICATIONS

"The Secular Problem of Evil: An Essay in Analytic Existentialism." *Religious Studies*, Vol. 57/1 (2021), pp. 101-119.

"Unthinkable ≠ Unknowable: On Charlotte Delbo's 'Il Faut Donner à Voir.'" *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol. 48/3 (2014), pp. 457-468.

"What Pessimism Is." *Journal of Philosophical Research*, Vol. 37 (2012), pp. 337-356.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate:
Bioethics
Ethics and the Health Professions
Health Care Ethics and Advocacy

Undergraduate:
Ethics and the Entertainment Media
Ethics and Value Theory
Formal Logic
Honors Capstone: Neuroethics
Philosophy of Psychiatry
Philosophy of Religion
Special Topics: Classical Chinese Philosophy
Special Topics: Entertainment Ethics
Theories of Human Nature
Theories of Knowledge and Reality

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

Editor, "Normative Ethics: Pessimism," PhilPapers.org, 2021-present
Curriculum Development: Entertainment Media Ethics, Newhouse School, 2008-2021
Next-Generation Humanities PhD Planning Committee, Syracuse University, 2018-2019
Meredith Teaching Recognition Award, Syracuse University, 2017
Conference Organization: Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network, 2007-2010
Promotion & Tenure Committee, Syracuse University, College of Arts & Sciences, 2007-2008

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Comments on Joshua Blanchard (Oakland), "Philosophical Angst." *Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference*, University of British Columbia, Aug 2021.
APA Committee Session: Roundtable: What Should the APA Do to Defend the Rights of Philosophers Employed in Non-tenure-track Positions? Pacific APA, San Francisco CA, Apr 2020 (cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic).
Comments on Wendy Salkin (Stanford), "The Conscription of Political Representatives." *Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference*, University of British Columbia, Aug 2019.
"Traumatic Realism." *Philosophical Engagements with Trauma*, UNC Asheville, Mar 2019.
"The Secular Problem of Evil: An Essay in Analytic Existentialism." *Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference*, University of British Columbia, Aug 2018.
Comments on Keisha Ray (McGovern Medical), "Vulnerable Black Bodies, Victim-Blaming, and the Media's Deadly Influence." *International Association for the Philosophy of Death & Dying*, Syracuse University, May 2016.
"The Secular Problem of Evil." *Analytic Existentialism in Istanbul*, Boğaziçi University, Nov 2015.

Comments on Eric Griez MD PhD (Maastricht), "The Neurobiology of Freedom." Department of Psychiatry, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Nov 2012.

"Pessimism, Acedia, Depression." *The Future of Psychiatric Nosology*, Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry, Honolulu HI, May 2011.

Comments on Maura E. Tumulty (Colgate), "Explaining Mismatches Between Belief and Behavior." Central APA, Minneapolis MN, Apr 2011.

Comments on Eric Silverman (St. Louis), "An Underappreciated Benefit of the Virtue of Love: Final Ends." Eastern APA, Philadelphia PA, Dec 2008.

REFEREE WORK

Bioethics
Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy
Journal of Philosophical Research
Public Philosophy Journal: Special Edition, *Philosophical Engagements with Trauma*
Religious Studies
Res Philosophica

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry (AAPP)
International Society for Moral Psychology (ISMP)
International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation (ISSTD)

REFERENCES

Rebecca Garden PhD gardenr@upstate.edu
Associate Professor of Public Health, Upstate Medical University
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Teaching Faculty and Supervisor, Manhattan Institute for Psychoanalysis, Trauma Treatment Center
Teaching Faculty and Supervisor, National Institute for the Psychotherapies

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Senior Research Associate, Inamori Center for Ethics & Excellence, Case Western Reserve University
Stockdale Chair of Professional Military Ethics, United States Naval War College, 2018-2025

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Donald J Schuenke Chair Emerita in Philosophy, Marquette University
Lincoln Professor of Ethics, Arizona State University, 2002-2010