

N. G. LASKOWSKI

Curriculum Vitae, April 2024

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

AOS: Moral Philosophy (esp. Metaethics)

AOC: Social Philosophy (esp. Social Ontology), Applied Ethics (esp. AI Ethics & Safety)

EMPLOYMENT

2023 –	Assistant Professor	University of Maryland, College Park
2019 – 23	Assistant Professor	California State University, Long Beach
	○ Recommended in Spring 23 for early promotion to <i>Associate</i> with tenure	
	○ Parental leave AY 2020-21	
2017 – 19	Postdoctoral Fellow	Duisburg-Essen Universität

OTHER RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2023 –	Research Affiliate	Kone Foundation funded <i>Normativity, Gender, and Mathematics</i> Project at Tampere University
2023 –	Research Affiliate	Machine Intelligence & Normative Theory Lab at Australian National University
2023 –	Research Associate	Center for Artificial Intelligence Safety

EDUCATION

2017	Ph.D. Philosophy	University of Southern California
	○ Dissertation: <i>Resisting Reductive Realism in Ethics</i>	
	○ Committee: Stephen Finlay, Janet Levin, Mark Schroeder (chair), Ralph Wedgwood	
2008	B.A. Philosophy, History	Rutgers University

SCHOLARSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

Citations:	172	Publications:	20
in the SEP	4	Refereed articles in journals or edited book volumes:	10
H-index:	7	Refereed replies, critical notices, etc. in journals:	6
Funding:	\$136,614	Reference works (e.g. Handbook Chapters, etc.):	2
External:	\$112,114	Book Reviews:	2
Presentations:	33		
Invited:	16		

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 14 Center for Artificial Intelligence Safety, \$71,664
 - o Six-month (January 23 through June 23) residential fellowship in San Francisco
- 13 The John Templeton Foundation, \$40,000
 - o Co-PI with Nathan Robert Howard
 - o Remote fellowship that included one course buyout in Fall 2021 for both PIs
- 12 Presidential Prize Award for ‘What Makes Normative Concepts Normative’, \$150
 - o Joint work with Shawn Hernandez.
 - o Chosen as the best junior scholar article in annual publication of *Southwest Philosophy Review*
- 11 Oxford University, The Queen’s College, \$300
 - o Bursary for Linguistic Meaning Conference in Spring 2019

Internal, CSULB

10 Travel Award, 22-23 (\$1,200) 09 Travel Award, 22 Sum/Fall (\$1,800) 08 HEERF Employment, 21-22 (\$4,000) 07 Travel Award, 21-22 (\$3,000) 06 Faculty Small Grant, 21-22 (\$5,000) 05 Travel Award, 20-21 (\$600) 04 Grad Supervision Stipend, 20-21 (\$1,500) 03 Faculty Small Grant, 20-21 (\$5,000) 02 Travel Award, 19-20 (\$1,200) 01 Summer Research Stipend, 2019 (\$1,200)

PUBLICATIONS [* indicates not fully anonymous review]

- Forth.* ‘Robust vs Formal Normativity II: No Gods, No Masters, No Authoritative Normativity’.
w/ N. R. Howard. *The Oxford Handbook of Metaethics*
- 2024 ‘The Stuff that Matters’. *Oxford Studies in Metaethics Vol. 19*
- 2023 ‘Categorical Phenomenalism about Sexual Orientation’. w/ T. R. Whitlow. *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research* 106 (3):581-596
- 2023 ‘AI Language Models Cannot Replace Human Research Participants’. w/ J. Harding, W. D’Alessandro, and R. Long. *Trends in Cognitive Science*
- 2022 ‘Practical Reasons for Belief Without Stakes’. w/ S. Hernandez. *Analytic Philosophy* 63 (1): 16-27
- 2021 ‘Wronging by Requesting’. w/ K. Silver. *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics V. 11*
- 2021 ‘The World is Not Enough’. w/ N. R. Howard. *Noûs* 55 (1):86-101

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- 2021 'What Makes Normative Concepts Normative'. w/ S. Hernandez *Southwest Philosophy Review* 37(1): 45-51
- 2021 'Phenomenal Concepts as Complex Demonstratives'. w/ N. R. Howard. *Res Philosophica*, 98(3): 499-508
- 2020 'Resisting Reductive Realism'. *Oxford Studies in Metaethics Vol. 15*
- 2020 'Moral Constraints on Gender Concepts'. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 23:39-51
- 2019 'The Sense of Incredibility in Ethics'. *Philosophical Studies* 176 (1): 93-115
- 2019 'Moral Realism, Speech Act Diversity, and Expressivism'. *The Philosophical Quarterly* 69 (274): 166-174
- 2018 'Epistemic Modesty in Ethics'. *Philosophical Studies* 175 (7): 1577-1596
- 2018* 'Conceptual Analysis in Metaethics'. w/ S. Finlay, *Routledge Handbook of Metaethics* 536-551
- 2018* 'Reductivism, Nonreductivism, and Incredulity about Streumer's Error Theory'. *Analysis Reviews* 78(4): 766-776
- 2018* "Double Review" of *On What Matters Volume Three* by D. Parfit and *Does Anything Really Matter? Parfit on Objectivity* ed. P. Singer. *Ethics* 128: 496-505
- 2017* Review of *Speech and Morality* by T. Cuneo. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 14(6):781-784
- 2015 'Non-Analytical Naturalism and the Nature of Normative Thought: A Reply to Parfit'. *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 9(1): 1-6
- 2014 'How to Pull a Metaphysical Rabbit Out of an End-Relational Semantic Hat'. *Res Philosophica*, 91(4): 589-607

PRESENTATIONS

- 2024/02 'Honest AI'. Symposium, Central APA, New Orleans.
- 2023/12 'Honest AI'. Machine Intelligence Seminar, ANU.
- 2023/12 'Othering Vice'. w/ N. R. Howard. Moral Philosophy Seminar, Yale University.
- 2023/07 'Honesty and Bad Faith'. w/ N. R. Howard. Workshop, Wake Forest University.
- 2023/02 'How to Be Honest'. Colloquium, UC Davis.
- 2022/11 'Honesty, Conscience, and the Self'. Colloquium, Pepperdine.
- 2022/06 'Honesty, Conscience, and the Self'. w/ N. R. Howard. Workshop, Wake Forest.

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- 2021/09 'How Normative Naturalism is Close to Nihilism'. MadMeta, U. Wisconsin, Madison.
- 2021/07 'No Authoritative Normativity'. w/ N. R. Howard. Workshop, University of Leeds.
- 2021/06 'Explaining Sexual Orientation'. w/ T. R. Whitlow. Workshop, U. of Barcelona.
- 2021/01 'Normative Concepts and their Nature'. Eastern APA.
- 2020/10 'Normative Concepts'. Mountain-Plains Phil. Conference, Weber State, Online.
- 2020/01 'Standing, Requesting, and Wronging'. WiNE, Tucson, AZ, USA.
- 2019/07 'Moral Constrains on Gender Concepts'. BSET, University of Glasgow.
- 2019/07 'Unexemplified Properties'. w/ N. R. Howard. Seminar, University of Barcelona.
- 2019/04 'There are No Normative Concepts'. Linguistic Meaning Conference, Oxford.
- 2019/04 'There are No Normative Concepts'. Seminar, University of St. Andrews.
- 2018/11 'There are No Normative Concepts'. Workshop, Frankfurt School of Finance.
- 2018/09 'Resisting Reductive Realism'. MadMeta, University of Wisconsin at Madison.
- 2018/09 'Resisting Reductive Realism'. Theoretical Philosophy Higher Seminar, Uppsala U.
- 2018/09 'Resisting Reductive Realism'. Metaethics Seminar, University of Groningen.
- 2018/08 'Moral Constraints on Gender Concepts'. RoME, U. Colorado at Boulder.
- 2018/06 'The World is Not Enough'. w/ N. R. Howard, Future of Normativity Conf., Kent U.
- 2018/06 'The World is Not Enough'. Metaethics Conference, Frankfurt School of Finance.
- 2018/05 'Moral Constraints on Gender Concepts'. Human Kinds Workshop, KU Leuven.
- 2018/02 'Moral Constraints on Gender Concepts'. Conference, Essen Inst. Advanced Study.
- 2017/12 'Conceiving Supervenience Violations'. Workshop, Uppsala University.
- 2017/11 'Conceiving Supervenience Violations'. Workshop, Frankfurt School of Finance.
- 2017/02 'Epistemic Modesty in Ethics'. Grad. conference, National Autonomous U. of Mexico.
- 2015/08 'What Moral Mary Didn't Know'. RoME, U. at Boulder.
- 2015/04 'What Moral Mary Didn't Know'. Normativity Graduate Conference, York U.
- 2014/04 'How to Pull a...Rabbit Out of a...Semantic Hat'. Grad Conf., Princeton & Rutgers.
- 2013/06 'Practical and Evidential Epistemic Reasons'. Grad Conference, U. of Edinburgh.

Comments and Panels

- 2024/03 On Pamela Robinson's 'The Hard Problem of Value Alignment'. Pacific APA.
- 2023/11 On Coleen Macnamara's 'Returning a Kindness'. NOWAR, New Orleans.

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2023/10 On Reza Hadisi's 'Tusian Perfectionism'. Conference, Wharton.

2018/07 On D. Plunkett's 'Conceptual Truths...and Normativity'. Workshop, U. Freiburg

2018/05 On Bart Streumer's *Unbelievable Errors*. Author-meets-critics, U. Groningen.

2016/04 On T. Cuneo's *Speech and Morality*. Author-meets-critics, Pacific APA

2016/01 On A. Eliot's 'Reasons, Dispositions, and Value'. Eastern APA.

TEACHING

Graduate

CSULB PHIL 663: Philosophical Anarchism and Political Normativity, Spring 2021

CSULB PHIL 610: Proseminar on normativity & consciousness, ~15 students, Fall 2020

Courses listed jointly at both graduate and undergraduate level

CSULB PHIL 493/593: Special topics – social ontology, ~30 students, Fall 2022

CSULB PHIL 496/596: Special topics - gender & sexual orientation, ~30 students, Spring 2020

CSULB PHIL 496/596: Special topics - ethical naturalism, ~30 students, Fall 2019

DEU, Seminar on metaethics, ~15 students, Winter 2018-2019

DEU, Seminar on gender and sexual orientation, ~30 students, Winter 2018-2019

DEU, Seminar on sexual orientation, ~30 students, Summer 2018

DEU, Seminar on disability and well-being, ~8 students Summer 2018

DEU, Seminar on philosophical anarchism, ~30 students, Winter 2017-2018

DEU, Seminar on gender and race, ~30 students, Winter 2017-2018

DEU, Seminar on metaethics, 4 students, Summer 2017

Undergraduate

CSULB PHIL 101: *The Meaning of Life*, ~120 students, Fall 2022

CSULB PHIL 351: *Political Philosophy*, ~30 students, Spring 2022

CSULB PHIL 101: *The Meaning of Life*, ~30 students, Spring 2022

CSULB PHIL 101: *The Meaning of Life*, ~30 students, Spring 2022

CSULB PHIL 101: *The Meaning of Life*, ~100 students, Fall 2021

CSULB PHIL 160: *Introduction to Ethics*, ~30 students, Spring 2020

CSULB PHIL 101: *The Meaning of Life*, ~30 students, Spring 2020

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CSULB PHIL 101: *The Meaning of Life*, ~100 students, Fall 2019

Directed studies or honor's thesis supervision

CSULB PHIL 599: Imaginative resistance w/ Pedro Zubillaga, Fall 2022

CSULB PHIL 599: Metaethics w/ Ryan Lam & Shawn Hernandez, Spring 2022

CSULB PHIL 599: Moral metaphysics w/ Keilee Bessho, Fall 2021

CSULB PHIL 599: Moral realism w/ Ryan Lam, Spring 2021

CSULB PHIL 599: Moral error theory w/ Shawn Hernandez, Spring 2021

CSULB PHIL 599: Gender w/ K. Bollin & T. Whitlow, Spring 2021

CSULB PHIL 599: Normative thought w/ Shawn Hernandez, Spring 2020

CSULB PHIL 599: Philosophical anarchism w/ David Ramirez-Ruiz, Spring 2020

CSULB PHIL 498h: Honor's thesis, Kyle Bollin, Gender identity, Fall 2019-Spring 2020

CSULB PHIL 498h: Honor's thesis, T. R. Whitlow, sexual orientation, Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Thesis committee advising

Chair

04 Ryan Lam, CSULB MA student, Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

- Successful thesis defense, June 2022
- Pursuing a Philosophy PhD at U of Texas, Austin

03 Shawn Hernandez, CSULB MA student, Fall 2020 – Spring 2022

- Successful thesis defense, June 2022
- Pursuing a Philosophy PhD at U of Pennsylvania

02 David Ramirez-Ruz, CSULB MA student, Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

- Successful thesis defense, July 2021
- Co-chaired with Max Reosenkrantz
- Pursuing a career outside philosophy as he intended from his start of the program

01 Miguel Hernandez, CSULB MA student, Spring 2020 – Fall 2020

- Successful thesis defense, December 2020
- Pursuing a Philosophy & Literature PhD at Purdue

Member

Sanam Hassani, CSULB graduate student, member, Spring 2023 –

Ning Shao, CSULB graduate student, member, Spring 2023 –

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Enoki Nguyen, CSULB graduate student, member, Spring 2022 –

Kevin Reyes, CSULB graduate student, Fall 2021 – Spring 2023

Ian Browning, CSULB graduate student, member, Fall 2020 –

Lissa Dechakul, CSULB graduate student, member, Fall 2020 –

Keilee Bessho, CSULB graduate student, member, Fall 2021 – Spring 2022.

- Successful thesis defense, June 2022
- Pursuing a Philosophy PhD at U of California at Riverside

Development

- Advancing Inclusive Mentoring (“Beach Mentor”)

Completed the Advancing Inclusive Mentoring/Beach Mentor program at California State University Long Beach. This program provides 12+ hours of content and discussion about positive and inclusive mentoring practices and requires the creation of a mentor mentee compact, a best practice in mentoring students.

SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- UMD Job Search Committee Member, 2023-2024
- CSULB Applied Ethics Forum, Director, Fall 2019 – Fall 2022
- CSULB Graduate Committee, Member, Fall 2019 – Fall 2022
- CSULB Philosophy Departmental Events, Organizer, CSULB, Fall 2020 – Fall 2022

COLLEGE SERVICE

- CSULB CLA Academic Awards Committee, Member, Spring 2022
- CSULB Student Research Competition, Juror, Spring 2021
- CSULB CEPC, Alternate Member, Spring 2021.
- CSULB CLA Academic Awards Committee, Alternate Member, Fall 2020
- General Education Governing Committee, (Fall 2021 – Fall 2022)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conferences organized

- Organizer, 2018, Essen-Wuhan Metaethics Conference, Duisburg-Essen Universität
- Co-founder and organizer, 2018, Meta-Essen Workshop Series
- Organizer, 2013, USC-UCLA Graduate Conference.

Book refereeing

Oxford University Press; Routledge.

Grant refereeing

- National Science Center, Poland (2023/Apr)
- Lingnan University, External Grant Reviewer (2023/09)

Curriculum reviewing

FLAME University, India (2023/July)

Conference refereeing

Context, Content & Cognition; German Analytic Philosophy Congress: Best Paper Award (2018); UNC Chapel Hill Normativity Conference (2017); USC-UCLA Graduate Conference (2010-2017); Northeast Normativity Workshop (2023); Canadian Philosophical Association (2023).

Journal refereeing

Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Acta Analytica; Analysis; Analytic Philosophy; Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Dialectica; Ergo; Erkenntnis; Ethical Theory & Moral Practice; Ethics; European Journal of Philosophy; Journal of Ethics; Journal of Philosophical Research, Journal of Value Inquiry; Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy; Philosophical Psychology; The Philosophical Quarterly; Noús; Philosophical Studies; Pacific Philosophical Quarterly; Synthese; Thought.

Other

PhilPapers “Moral Concepts” Category Editor, 2018 –

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association

REFERENCES

David Copp
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