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Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Epistemology, Ethics of Belief

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of Philosophy, Binghamton University, 2024 (expected)
Dissertation: *Moral Encroachment as Interest-Dependent Contextualism: New Arguments in the New Ethics of Belief*
Committee: Christopher Morgan-Knapp (chair), Anthony Reeves, Charles Goodman, Sanford Goldberg (Northwestern)
- M.A. Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2020
- B.A. Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Martin, 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- In Press Do Your Homework! A Rights-Based Zetetic Account of Alleged Cases for Doxastic Wronging. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.
- 2024 Species' Wellbeing, Counterfactual Comparative Harm, and the Non-Identity Problem. *Dialogos*, 114: 117-145.
- 2023 Making Punishment Safe: Adding an Anti-Luck Condition to Retributivism and Rights Forfeiture. *Laws, Ethics, and Philosophy*, 10: 9-30.
- 2023 Defining Wokeness. *Social Epistemology*, 37/3: 321-338.
- 2023 Moral Encroachment, Wokeness, and the Epistemology of Holding. *Episteme*, 20/3: 86-100.
- 2021 Epistemic Norms, the False Belief Requirement, and Love. *Logos & Episteme*, 12/3: 287-306.
- 2018 Have You Benefitted from Carbon Emissions? You May Be a Morally Objectionable Free Rider. *Environmental Ethics*, 40/3: 283-296.

Public-Facing Articles

- 2023 Defending Wokeness: A Reply to Davidson. *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, 12: 21-26.
- 2022 Why Is It Wrong to Break Skateboarders' Legs? In *Better Call Saul and Philosophy*, eds. J Heter and B. Coppenger. 198-209.

Commentary Paper

- 2019 Carbon Pricing and the Beneficiary Pays Principle: Framing Market Based Incentives Around Compensation Obligations. *Ethics, Policy, and Environment*, 22/2: 148-150.

Book Reviews

- 2019 Review of Karen Bennett. *Making Things Up*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. 2017. xii + 288 pp. *Metascience*.
- 2019 Review of Eileen Crist. *Abundant Earth: Towards and Ecological Civilization*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press. 2019. 289 pp. *Environmental Ethics*.
- 2019 Review of Eleonore Stump. *Atonement*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 289 pp. *Theological Studies*.

In Submission

Value-Reflecting Reasons and Moral Encroachment (Philosophia)

In Preparation

Encroachment Mechanisms

Moral Encroachment as Interest-Dependent Contextualism

Meaningfulness Encroachment, Moral Encroachment, and Diminishment

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2024 Dissertation Assistantship, Binghamton University
- 2023 Graduate Student Excellence Award in Research, Binghamton University
- 2019 Summer Research Assistantship Recipient, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2018-2020 Fellowship Recipient, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 Moral Encroachment: Does Knowledge Require Moral Goodness? University of Colorado, Pueblo, March 23.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Workshop

2020 Defining Wokeness, Bowling Green State University Workshop in Applied Philosophy, Bowling Green, OH, November 6.

Papers

2024 Meaningfulness Encroachment, Moral Encroachment, and Diminishment, Long Island Philosophical Society, Rockville Centre, NY, April 13.

2023 Meaningfulness Encroachment, Moral Encroachment, and Diminishment, Fifth International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life, Sendai, Japan, June 28-30.

2023 Moral Encroachment as Interest-Dependent Contextualism, Philosophy in Ozarks Graduate Conference, Fayetteville, AR, March 3-4.

2023 Moral Encroachment as Interest-Dependent Contextualism, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, Munich, Germany, March 30-April 1.

2022 Wokeness: The Partiality View, Virtuous and Vicious Partiality: A Christopher Newport University Ethics Conference, Newport News, VA, February 18-19.

2021 Defining Wokeness, 38th Meeting of the North American Society For Social Philosophy, Remote Conference, July 15-17.

2021 Defining Wokeness, Ryerson Philosophy Graduate Conference, Toronto, Ontario, March 6-7.

2019 Eternity, Climate Change, and the God of Classical Theism: Grounding Intergenerational Responsibility for Theists, 42nd Meeting of the Maritain Association, Center Valley, PA, March 28-30.

2019 Eternity, Climate Change, and the God of Classical Theism: Grounding Intergenerational Responsibility for Theists, Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, March 22-23.

2019 Recognition at the Dinner Table: Recognitionworthiness and the Consumption of Animals, 22nd Conference of the University of Kentucky Graduate Student Association, Lexington, KY, March 2.

2018 Have You Benefitted from Carbon Emissions? You Might Be a Morally Objectionable Free Rider. 31st Meeting of the Concerned Philosophers for Peace, Boulder, CO, October 18-20.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Binghamton University, Sole Instructor

Logic (fall 2024, in person)
Ethics of Belief (winter 2023, online synchronous)
Methods of Reasoning (summer 2023, online synchronous)
Intro to Ethics (Fall 2022, in person)
Logic (summer 2022, online synchronous)

Colorado State University, Pueblo, Sole Instructor (online)

Critical Thinking (fall 2023)
Classics in Ethics (spring 2024, summer 2023, spring 2023)
Philosophy and Literature (spring 2024, summer 2023, spring 2023)
Introduction to Logic (spring 2024, spring 2023)
Islam and Non-Western Philosophy (spring 2023)

SUNY, Plattsburgh, Sole Instructor (online)

Environmental Ethics (spring 2024)
Food Justice (fall 2023)
Logic (spring 2023)

Fitchburg State University, Sole Instructor (online)

Social and Political Philosophy (summer 2024, spring 2023)
Contemporary Ethical Problems (spring 2024, spring 2023, fall 2022)
Medical Ethics (fall 2024, spring 2024, spring 2023, fall 2022 x2)
Logic (synchronous) (spring 2024)
Philosophy of Human Nature (summer 2023)

Dyersburg State Community College (online)

Introduction to Philosophy (summer 2024 x2, spring 2024 x3, fall 2023 x3, summer 2023, fall 2022, summer 2022, spring 2022 x2, summer 2021)

Binghamton University, Teaching Assistant

Methods of Reasoning (fall 2023, spring 2023)
Medical Ethics (spring 2022)
Law and Justice (fall 2021 (head TA), (fall 2020)
Introduction to Asian Philosophy (spring 2021)

Other Teaching, Sole Instructor

Death, Suffering, and Evil (continuing education) (summer 2019)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Reviewer

Synthese (x5)

Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy (x2)

Erkenntnis (x2)

Ethical Theory and Moral Practice

Asian Journal of Philosophy

Episteme

Philosophical Quarterly

To University

Graduate Committee Member for the Promotion of Christopher Morgan-Knapp, 2023

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Philosophical Association, 2018-present.

Inquiry Network, 2023-present

REFERENCES

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