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EMPLOYMENT

FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY OF STEUBENVILLE

Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure-track), Department of Philosophy 2023-Present

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Ph.D. Department of Philosophy 2023
Collaborative Specialization in Bioethics, Joint Centre for Bioethics
Dissertation: *The Ethics of Intersex Pediatric Surgery* (oral defense/examination passed without corrections)
Supervisor: Amy Mullin
Thesis Committee: Cheryl Misak, Andrew Franklin-Hall, Darius Bagli (pediatric urologist, *SickKids*), Christopher Tollefsen (external examiner), Nathan Howard (internal examiner)

KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, WESTERN UNIVERSITY

B.A. (Hons.) Department of Philosophy 2019
Published Honours Thesis: "Love as a Divine Gift in Kierkegaard and Pieper" *Midwest Journal of Undergraduate Research* (2018): 105-132.
Thesis Supervisor: Antonio Calcagno

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Bioethics

AREA OF COMPETENCE

Ancient & Medieval Philosophy, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophical Anthropology, Philosophy of Love & Sexuality

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Josef Pieper’s Defense of St. Thomas Aquinas on Peace” 2023
In *Peace and Hope in Dark Times*. Edited by Andrew Fiala & Sahar Fard. Leiden, NV: Brill. 157-170.
- “Inexhaustible Wonder: An Interview with Mike Fox” 2023
The Peace Chronicle, 15.2
- “‘Intersex’ Does not Refute the Sex Binary” 2023
The Linacre Quarterly, 90.2: 145-154.
- “Is Intersexuality a Mere Difference or Disorder?” 2022
Bioethics, 36.6: 673-679.
- “In Defence of Feser’s Plotinian Argument for God’s Existence” 2022
The Heythrop Journal 63.5: 1-13.
- “A Thomistic Reading of Augustine’s *Confessiones* (6, 8, 13)” 2022
Augustinianum 62.2: 385-398.
- “Which Moral Theologians Should Care About Intersex-Selective Abortion?” 2022
Theological Puzzles, Issue 10.
- “What is Intersex? A Reply to Perry’s Applied Moral Theology of Sex, Intersex and Ordination” 2022
Theological Puzzles, Issue 7.
- “Philosophizing Together: Josef Pieper on Philosophical Responsibility and Expertise” 2022
Spontaneous Generations: A Journal for the History and Philosophy of Science 10.1: 88-97.
- “Josef Pieper on Medieval Truth and Martin Heidegger’s *Wahrheitsbegriff*” 2022
Conatus Journal of Philosophy 7.1: 103-22.
- “*Sana oculos meos*: Alypius’ *Curiositas* in Augustine’s *Confessiones* (6, 8, 13)” 2021
Augustinianum 61: 137-152.
- “Sharing Food and Sharing Hunger” (with Emily Rehman) 2021
Journal of Ethical Education: 34-42.
- “Perfect Freedom in *The Good Place* and St. Thomas’ *Commentary on the Gospel of John*” 2021
De Philosophia I.I: 1-15.
- “Ethics, Homelessness and The *Artes Liberales/Artes Serviles* Distinction” 2020
in *The Ethics of Homelessness*. Edited by John Abbarno. Leiden, NV: Brill. 429-447.
- “Josef Pieper’s Defense of the *Geisteswissenschaften*” 2020
in *Civility, Nonviolent Resistance and The New Struggle for Social Justice*. Edited by Amin Asfari. Leiden, NV: Brill. 203-233.
- “Disintegrating Particles, Non-Local Causation and Category Mistakes” 2018
Conatus Journal of Philosophy 2.2: 63-73.

EDITED BLOG POSTS

“Beneficent Paternalism in the NICU: Improving Shared Decision Making” 2022
(with Rebecca Greenberg & Nipa Chauhan)
ImpactEthics. November 18th.

“How to Think Better About Intersex Pediatric Surgery” 2022
ImpactEthics. June 14th.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Josef Pieper’s “Hope & History” 2022
Review of Metaphysics: A Philosophical Quarterly 75.3 (Issue No, 299): 601-603.

Review of Josef Pieper’s “Traditional Truth, Poetry, and Sacrament” 2021
Review of Metaphysics: A Philosophical Quarterly 75.2 (Issue No, 298): 394-396.

Review of Josef Pieper’s “A Journey to Point Omega: Autobiography from 1965” 2021
Review of Metaphysics: A Philosophical Quarterly 75.2 (Issue No, 298): 392-394.

Review of Josef Pieper’s “Don’t Worry about Socrates: Three Plays for Television” 2021
Review of Metaphysics: A Philosophical Quarterly 74.4 (Issue No, 296): 636-638.

Review of Josef Pieper’s “Rules of the Game in Social Relationships” 2020
Review of Metaphysics: A Philosophical Quarterly 74.2 (Issue No, 294): 400-402.

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

“What Good is a Pieperian *Disputatio* in Today’s Philosophy Classroom?” 2022
APA Pacific Division Meeting: The AAPT-APA Teaching Hub.

FORTHCOMING/COMMISSIONED

Review of Nathaniel Warne’s “Josef Pieper on the Spiritual Life” (Notre Dame Press: March 2023) 2023
The Review of Metaphysics (commissioned book review for December 2023)

UNDER REVIEW

“Resolving the Paradox of Pleasure in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* VII & X” (*Arche*, article)

“Craig Against Van Inwagen’s Meta-Ontologically Motivated Platonism” (*The Review of Metaphysics*, article)

“DSDs are not either/or: How and Why we Apply “Disorder” and “Difference” Makes a Difference (with Darius Bagli) (*CMAJ*, reply paper)

IN PROGRESS

“Pathologization”

“Why We Need to Talk About “Health” Like Philosophers”

“The Discovery of Insulin, Research Ethics and Self-Experimentation” (with Andrew Helmers)

“Assessing the Argument from Bodily Autonomy Against Intersex Pediatric Surgery”

“A Natural Law Theoretic Argument Against Intersex Pediatric Surgery”

“Conscientious Objection and Intersex Pediatric Surgery”

“Pieper on Sophism: A Pedagogical Tool for us All?”

“A Virtue Epistemological Approach to Education” (with Hassan Ahmad)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

CLINICAL BIOETHICS VOLUNTEER

Mt. Sinai Hospital, Toronto 2021-2023
Supervisor(s): Rebecca Greenberg, Senior Bioethicist
Position Title: Project-Specific Support Clinical Bioethics Volunteer
Project: Shared Decision-Making in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
Publication(s): “Beneficent Paternalism in the NICU: Improving Shared Decision Making”
ImpactEthics. November 18th.

RESEARCH ETHICS BOARDS

Student Observership 2021-2023
Social Science, Humanities and Education Research Ethics Board (SSHE REB), The University
of Toronto

RESEARCH SKILLS

Quantitative & Qualitative Skills (*- in progress)
Sex & Gender in Biomedical Research (CIHR)
Sex & Gender in Primary Data Collection with Human Participants (CIHR)
Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research
Involving Humans (TCPS-2) CORE-2022
MAXQDA/ATLAS.ti*
Statistical Analysis*

Research Languages (*- in progress)
English - Native
German - B2
Italian - B2
French - B1
Medieval Latin - Reading
Ancient Koine Greek – Reading
Spanish*

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Andrew Helmers (Insulin, Physician Autonomy & Research Ethics) 2021-22

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (*-invited; **-upcoming)

PRESENTATIONS

“Plato’s Criticism of the “Good-Enough Life” in the *Theaetetus*” 2023
Mississippi Philosophical Association (accepted & declined)
“Doctor Knows Best? Reconsidering Paternalism in the NICU”** 2023
International Conference on Clinical Ethics and Consultation, Università del Sacro Cuore, Italy
(accepted & declined)

- “The Future of Intersex Human Rights: Genetic Screening and Intersex-Selective Abortion” 2023
Schwartz Reisman Institute Graduate Series, University of Toronto
- “Rejecting The Argument from Bodily Autonomy Against Intersex Pediatric Surgery” 2022
Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA), University of Alberta
- “What Good is a Pieperian *Disputatio* in Today’s Philosophy Classroom?” 2022
American Philosophical Association (APA), Pacific Division, Vancouver, British Columbia
- “Pieper’s Reading of Plato’s *Sophist*” 2022
St. Michael’s College’s Research Colloquium “Knowledge, Belief & Wisdom: What’s Universal About The University?”, University of Toronto
- “The 100 Year Anniversary of Insulin: Medical Success, Ethical Mess?” (with Andrew Helmers) 2021
Joint Centre for Bioethics Seminar Series, The University of Toronto, Toronto*
- “The 100 Year Anniversary of Insulin: Physician Autonomy and Research Ethics” 2021
(with Andrew Helmers)
Bioethics Week Poster Presentation, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids), Toronto*
- “The Moral Justification of Intersex Pediatric Surgery (IPS)” 2021
Bioethics Week Poster Presentation, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids), Toronto*
- “Introduction to Intersex Bioethics: Intersex Pediatric Surgery (IPS)” 2021
Amy Mullin’s “Topics in Bioethics” (PHL283), University of Toronto*
- “Novel Ethical Issues in Indigenous Water Inequality” (with Lydia Rehman) 2021
Concerned Philosophers for Peace, Pellissippi State Community College, California
- “Unexplored Metaphilosophical Connections Between Ikuenobe Polycarp and Josef Pieper” 2021
C. Dalrymple-Fraser’s “Topics in “Non-Western” Philosophy” (PHLC14), University of Toronto*
- “What, If Anything, is Wrong with Abortion?” 2021
Keynote Speaker for *Philosophers on a Mission’s* (PoAM), Annual Seminar, Mississauga, Ontario*
- “An Ethical Impasse? Defining and Approaching Pornography” 2021
Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Alberta, Alberta
- “Questions and Directions in Intersex Pediatric Healthcare” 2021
Canadian Bioethics Society, Virtual Conference
- “Sharing Food, Sharing Hunger” (with Emily Lehman) 2021
St. Michael’s College’s Research Colloquium “Community, Citizenship & Belonging”,
University of Toronto
- “The Ethics of Pornography: Defining an Emerging Public Health Concern?” 2021
University of Toronto’s Graduate Anthropology Society Conference, University of Toronto
- “Aquinas’ *Commentary on the Gospel of John* (14.7)” 2021
Concerned Philosophers for Peace, Fresno State University, California

- “In Defense of the *Artes Liberales*: The Case of Josef Pieper” 2020
 Fordham’s Graduate Philosophy Conference: Philosophy and Education, Fordham University,
 New York
- “A Philological Reading of Alypius’ *Curiositas* in Augustine’s *Confessiones* (VI, 8, 13)” 2019
 Canadian Philosophical Association, University of British Columbia, British Columbia
- “What is ‘Philosophical Research?’: Three Examples, Tendencies and Answers” 2018
 Western Student Research Conference’s (WSRC) Science Exposition, Western University,
 Ontario*
- “Pieper on Θεωρία in Plato and σχολή in Aristotle” 2017
 University of Toronto’s Graduate Classics Conference, University of Toronto

COMMENTS

- Commentary on Jordan Craib’s “Supervenience Physicalism and Aristotle's Treatise on Time” 2019
 Canadian Philosophical Association, University of British Columbia, British Columbia
- “Applying to Ph.D. and MA Programs in Philosophy and Law” 2020
 with Julia Smith, Socrates Project, University of Toronto

TEACHING

ADVANCED CERTIFICATION

- Writing-Integrated Teaching (WIT) Training, University of Toronto 2019 & 2021
 Teaching Fundamentals Certificate, Teaching Assistants Training Program, University of Toronto 2021

FACILITATED SEMINARS

- “Pediatrics Ethics” Co-Delivered Ethics Seminar, 2nd Year Foundations 2023
 Temerty, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto

CO-FACILITATED SEMINARS

- “Population Health Ethics” Co-Delivered Ethics Seminar, 1st Year Foundations 2022
 Temerty, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

- Foundations of Ethics, Franciscan 2023
 Introduction to Metaphysics (x2), Franciscan 2023
 Philosophy of Human Sexuality, University of Toronto 2022

TEACHING ASSISTANT: HEAD TUTORIAL LEADER (All TA roles at University of Toronto)

- Biomedical Ethics (Eric Mathison) 2022-2023

TEACHING ASSISTANT: TUTORIAL LEADER

Bioethics (Eric Mathison)	2022
Biomedical Ethics (Joshua Brandt)	2021
Law & Morality (Julia Smith)	2021
Ancient Philosophy (James Allen; Rachel O’Keefe)	2021 (x2), 2020
Philosophy of Mind (Elliot Carter)	2021
17 th and 18 th Century Philosophy (Michael Blezy)	2020
Introduction to Philosophy: Persons and Value (Andrew Sepielli; Sergio Tenenbaum)	2019, 2020

TEACHING ASSISTANT: GRADER

Philosophy of Religion (Elisa Freschi)	2022
Themes in Medieval Philosophy (Marleen Rozemond)	2022
Topics in “Non-Western” Philosophy (C. Dalrymple-Fraser)	2021
Philosophy of Human Sexuality (Belinda Piercy)	2020

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS

Peter A. Singer Award in Bioethics	2023
Ontario Graduate Student (OGS) Award	2022-3
Schwartz Reisman Institute (SRI) for Technology & Society Graduate Fellowship	2022-3
Graduate Student Service Award (GSSA)	2022
Research Assistantships	2016, 2019-2022
Jonathan Hellman Best Poster Award – Bioethics Week, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)	2021
Concerned Philosophers for Peace Graduate Student Award (for best presented graduate paper)	2021
Department of Philosophy Graduate Program Award	2020
Sitzmann Memorial Annual Scholarship	2020
Balzan Graduate Research Fellowship	2019-20
Richard W. Yee Fellowship in Medieval Philosophy	2019-20
University of Toronto Arts & Sciences (& Tuition) Fellowship	2019-Present

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Philosophy & Disability (SPD)	2020-Present
Canadian Bioethics Society (CBS)	2020-Present
Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA)	2019-Present
American Philosophical Association (APA)	2019-Present
Concerned Philosophers for Peace (CPP)	2019-Present

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Reviewer, <i>Conatus Journal of Philosophy</i>	2022-Present
Reviewer, <i>Aristotle Essay Contest</i>	2022-Present
Reviewer, <i>Concerned Philosophers for Peace Book Series</i>	2022-Present
Reviewer, <i>Dialogue</i>	2022-2023
Moderator, <i>Joint Center for Bioethics Seminar Series</i>	2022-2023
Director of Judges, <i>Ontario Ethics Bowl (OEB)</i>	2021-2023

COURSEWORK

BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Intersex Traits: Clinical and Ethical Considerations in Care Across the Lifespan (Frances Grimstadt)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Collaborative Specialization in Bioethics Interdisciplinary Seminar Course (Jennifer Gibson)

Topics in Bioethics (Jennifer Bell & James Anderson)

Proofs for God's Existence (David Novak)

Theoretical and Practical Reasoning (Andrew Sepielli & Phillip Clarke)

Philosophy of Action (Sergio Tenenbaum)

Advanced Reading Course in Logic & Metaphysics: Ontological Commitment (Byeong-Uk Yi)

Seminar in The Philosophy of Mind: Pleasure (Mohan Matthen)

Seminar in Contemporary Metaphysics: Universals (Byeong-Uk Yi)

Proseminar for the *Collaborative Program in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy* (CPAMP)

Free Will and Human Action in Medieval Philosophy (Martin Pickave)

Topics in Medieval Islamic Metaphysics: Avicenna's *Metaphysics of The Healing* (Deborah Black)

Late Greek Philosophy: Plotinus (Lloyd Gerson)

Philosophy and Teaching (Robert Gibbs)

Logic (focused on sentential & predicate, minor coverage of modal logic & proofs) Requirement – Passed

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

St. John Henry Newman (Daniel Deavel)

RELEVANT UNDERGRADUATE COURSEWORK

Philosophy of John Paul II (Michael Fox)

Thomistic Philosophy (Michael Fox)

Bernard Lonergan (John Heng)

Augustine's *Confessions* (John Heng)

Advanced Reading Course: Virtue in Augustine's *City of God & Confessions* (John Heng)

Advanced Reading Course: Kierkegaard and Pieper on Human and Divine Love (Antonio Calcagno)

COURSERA (*-in progress)

Introduction to Statistics & Data Analysis in Public Health (Alex Bottle)*

Qualitative Data Analysis with MAXQDA Software (Karen Andes)*

REFEREES

Dr. Amy Mullin (thesis supervisor)

Director of Graduate Studies & Professor of Philosophy

Department of Philosophy & Religion, The University of Toronto

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Dr. Darius Bagli (committee member)

Senior Associate Scientist & Programme Director, Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada & AFC Diploma Fellowship Programme in Paediatric Urology

Division of Developmental & Stem Cell Biology, Division of Urology, Institute For Medical Science
The Hospital for Sick Children & Research Institute
Professor of Surgery & Physiology, University of Toronto
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Dr. Cheryl Misak (committee member)
University Professor and Professor of Philosophy
Department of Philosophy, The University of Toronto
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Dr. Andrew Franklin-Hall (committee member, Joint Centre for Bioethics Affiliate)
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Dr. James Allen (teaching supervisor)
Professor of Philosophy
Department of Philosophy, The University of Toronto
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SHORT DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

Intersex pediatric surgery is a surgical practice performed by pediatric urologists which aims to sex binarize individuals with differences of sexual development i.e., persons with “intersex” conditions. It aims to functionally and aesthetically disambiguate an individuals’ binary sex that is obscured by intersex conditions. I ethically reassess intersex pediatric surgery in light of contemporary biotechnology, formal specialization in pediatric urology and long-term data on the efficacy of intersex pediatric surgery, finding that there are only select contexts in which intersex pediatric surgery is morally justifiable. I develop novel, operationalizable and testimonially-informed moral criteria to regulate intersex pediatric surgery, working out the details for how medical professionals in pediatric healthcare facilities are best able to facilitate and augment the decision-making of parents as they decide whether intersex pediatric surgery is in the best interests of their child with intersex conditions.

Please note. The dissertation, “The Ethics of Intersex Pediatric Surgery”, will be (*Deo volente*) published through the University of Toronto Libraries in December 2023. At this time, it will be accessible for public viewing, sharing, and citing. Should you desire a copy of the dissertation before then, please email me and I will gladly send a copy. As well, for those either new on the job market or those who will be soon (or even more ideally those entering graduate school as they read this), I would be happy to discuss how I prepared my Teaching Dossier. I know it can

be a frightening ordeal, so feel no hesitancy in asking your questions in whatever form they may take – it would be a pleasure to help.