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RESEARCH AREAS

Areas of Specialization: Normative Ethics, Applied Ethics
Areas of Competence: Metaphysics, Metaethics, Social and Political Philosophy

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology August 2020 – Present
Ph.D. in Philosophy

University of Toronto September 2016 – June 2020
Honours Bachelor of Arts: Specialist in Philosophy, Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0
Minor in Ethics, Law, and Society

PUBLICATIONS

- Review of *Forgiveness and Its Moral Dimensions* by Brandon Warmke, Dana Kay Nelkin, and Michael McKenna (eds.), *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 20 (3-4):342-5 (2023).

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

- “Forgive, Because You Were Forgiven”
 - Seventh Theistic Ethics Workshop, Wake Forest University, September 2023
- “The Normative Significance of Repentance”
 - MIT Works in Progress, November 2022
 - Eastern APA (New York), January 2024
- “Why Common-Sense Presentists Shouldn’t Believe in Time Travel”
 - University of Toronto Undergraduate Philosophy Research Conference, April 2019

COMMENTS

- Julia Markovits, “Praise and Blame in the Absence of Moral Knowledge”, MITing of the Minds, 2023

AWARDS

- Governor General’s Silver Medal June 2020
Awarded by the Governor General of Canada to the graduating undergraduate student with the highest academic standing across the University of Toronto’s three campuses.
- John Black Aird Scholarship June 2020
Awarded by the University of Toronto to the graduating undergraduate student with the highest academic standing across the university’s three campuses.

- Jacqueline Brunning Award May 2020
Awarded by Department of Philosophy at the University of Toronto Mississauga for outstanding academic performance in the final year of study as a specialist or major.
- Community Enrichment Award May 2019
Awarded by the Department of Philosophy for exceptional co-curricular contributions to the philosophical community at the University of Toronto Mississauga.

TEACHING

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- Philosophy of Religion (Jack Spencer), MIT Spring 2024
- Ethics (Tamar Schapiro), MIT Fall 2023
- Ethics of Technology (Kevin Mills), MIT Spring 2023
- Bioethics (Robin Scheffler, Haley Schilling), MIT Fall 2022
- Minds and Machines (E.J. Green), MIT Spring 2022
- Problems of Philosophy (Caspar Hare), MIT Fall 2021
- Persons and Value (James E. Davies), University of Toronto at Mississauga Spring 2019

GUEST LECTURES

- Thomas Nagel's "War and Massacre" September 2023
Ethics (Tamar Schapiro), MIT
- Lying and Freedom of Speech on the Internet April 2023
Ethics of Technology (Kevin Mills), MIT
- The Ethics of Animal Experimentation November 2022
Bioethics (Robin Scheffler, Haley Schilling), MIT
- Thomas Nagel's "What Is It Like To Be a Bat?" March 2022
Minds and Machines (E.J. Green), MIT

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

COURSES FOR CREDIT

- Topics in Moral Philosophy (Caspar Hare), MIT Spring 2022
- Metaethics (Justin Khoo, Tamar Schapiro), MIT Spring 2022
- Topics in Aesthetics (Bradford Skow), MIT Fall 2021
- Insincerity (Sam Berstler), MIT Fall 2021
- Self-Knowledge (Caspar Hare, Roger White), MIT Spring 2021
- Rawls' *A Theory of Justice* (Gina Schouten, Tommie Shelby), Harvard Spring 2021
- Proseminar II (Alex Byrne, Caspar Hare), MIT Spring 2021
- Problems in Metaphysics (Bradford Skow), MIT Fall 2020
- Kant's Ethics (Tamar Schapiro), MIT Fall 2020
- Proseminar I (Agustin Rayo), MIT Fall 2020

COURSES AUDITED

- Love (P. Quinn White), Harvard Fall 2023
- Decision Theory (Jack Spencer, Branden Fitelson), MIT Fall 2021
- Logic (Andreas Ditter), MIT Spring 2021

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

- Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, MIT Teaching and Learning Lab Fall 2023

SERVICE

- Chapter Director, Corrupt the Youth - Boston (Philosophy outreach program for high school students) 2023-24
 - Volunteer with Corrupt the Youth - Boston 2021-24
- Co-organizer of MITing of the Minds, MIT Philosophy's annual alumni conference 2023-24
- Co-organizer of MIT Philosophy's Colloquium Series 2022-23
- Co-organizer of SHAPE, MIT's reading group on ethics, aesthetics, history, and social/political philosophy 2022-24
- Organizer of MATTI, MIT's graduate student work-in-progress group 2021-22
- Undergraduate representative, Department Chair Search Committee, University of Toronto at Mississauga Spring 2020
- President of the Philosophy Academic Society, University of Toronto at Mississauga 2019-20

REFERENCES

- Kieran Setiya (Committee Chair)
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