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Curriculum Vitae

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APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Associate Center on Forced Displacement Jan. 2024 - present
Boston University

EDUCATION

Boston University | Ph.D. in Philosophy Jan. 2024

Dissertation: “Refugees and a Right to Place”

Committee: Daniel O. Dahlstrom, Susanne Sreedhar, Serena Parekh (Northeastern Univ.)

In my dissertation, I map and critique a series of significant recent shifts in the spatial management of refugees. I focus, in particular, on the unique harms of protracted displacement, locating them not in the loss of national membership or specific rights as most philosophers have done, but in the prolonged deprivation of the environmental background conditions necessary for leading a minimally dignified life. Drawing on phenomenological insights into the way our spatial environment shapes various aspects of our agency and well-being, I identify and articulate a set of under-recognized harms in the function of encampment, the non-durability of refugee infrastructure, and the liminality of contemporary asylum processing spaces. Ultimately, I make the case that the meaning of displacement today has changed: refugees no longer merely lose their homes, they are also deprived (often indefinitely) of access to genuinely habitable places.

Boston University | Graduate Certificate in Teaching Writing Aug. 2023

Vassar College | B.A. in Philosophy 2013

RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization:

Social and Political Philosophy | Post-Kantian Continental Philosophy

Areas of Competence:

Ancient Greek Philosophy | Ethics (Applied and Moral Psychology) | Philosophy of the Emotions

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

“Non-Durable Solutions: The Harm of Permanently Temporary Refugee Housing.” *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2024): <https://doi.org/10.1111/japp.12718>.

“The Wrong of Refugee Containment.” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* (2023): <https://doi.org/10.1111/sjp.12546>.

In Progress:

“Life in Limbo: Refugee Camps and the Material Conditions of Hope”

“A Politics of Trust: Arendt on the Recognitive Structure of Political Action”

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations:

“The Wrong of Refugee Containment”
Immigration Workshop, Hoffberger Center for Ethics, Univ. of Baltimore 2022

Refereed Presentations:

“Life in Limbo: Refugee Camps and the Material Conditions of Hope”
SPHS-ICNAP Joint Meeting, Duquesne University 2024

“Hannah Arendt and a Right to a Place in the World”
Rethinking Migration Colloquium, Villa Vigoni, IT 2024

“Non-Durable Solutions: The Harm of Permanently Temporary Refugee Housing”
MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester 2022

“The Wrong of Refugee Containment”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting 2022

“Arendtian Trust: The Recognitive Structure of Political Action”
Arendt Circle Meeting 2022

“Heidegger on Homecoming”
American Phil. Association, Eastern Division, Heidegger Circle Satellite Meeting 2021

“Apolis: Ostracism in Aristotle’s Politics”
Ancient Philosophy Society (Emerging Scholar Essay Prize Winner) 2021

“Hegel and Arendt on Recognition and Forgiveness”
Collegium Phaenomenologicum 2019

“Refugium: Arendt and Agamben on the Spatial Conditions of Hospitality”
Stakes of Sanctuary Workshop, McGill University 2019

“A Heideggerian Hospitality: The Ethical Significance of *Unheimlichkeit*”
The Heidegger Circle 2018

Borders and Walls Conference, The New School 2018

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

The Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar Graduate Fellowship,
Center on Forced Displacement, Boston University 2023

Helen G. Allen Humanities Award & Angela and James J. Rallis Memorial Award,
BU Center for the Humanities 2023

Summer Research Fellow, Center on Forced Displaced, Boston University 2023

Boston Phenomenology Circle, BU Center for the Humanities “Humanities
Enhancement Project” Grant (with Daniel O. Dahlstrom) 2021, 2022

Writing Program Fellowship, Boston University 2021-2023

Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, Boston University 2020

Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, BU 2020

Fellow, Summer Institute for Research in Forced Displacement, Boston University 2020

Emerging Scholar Prize, Ancient Philosophy Society	2020
John R. Silber Professorship Research Stipend, BU	2017, 2019
Vernon Venable Prize for Excellence in Philosophy, Vassar College	2013
Departmental and Institutional Honors, Vassar College Dept. of Philosophy	2013

TEACHING (“*”co-taught)

Principal Instructor:

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Forced Displacement*	Boston University Spring 2024
Moral Psychology	Boston University Fall 2022
Political Emotions	Boston University Spring 2022
Moral Psychology	Boston University Fall 2021
History of Ancient Philosophy	Boston University Summer 2021

Teaching Assistant:

Introduction to Economic Justice	Northeastern University Fall 2020
Great Philosophers	Boston University Spring 2020
Existentialism	Boston University Spring 2019
Existentialism	Boston University Fall 2019
Introduction to Philosophy	Harvard Extension School Fall 2019
Introduction to Philosophy	Boston University Fall 2018
Medical Ethics	Boston University Spring 2018
Political Philosophy	Boston University Fall 2017

Additional Pedagogical Experience and Training:

Co-organizer and Trip Leader, BU Summer School on Forced Displacement, Belgrade, SRB	2024
Co-instructor, Migration and Displacement in the Balkans, BU HUB Co-Curricular	2024
Graduate Certificate in Teaching Writing, BU Writing Program	2023
Co-Trip Leader, BU Interdisciplinary Border Studies Program, Texas	2023
Faculty Seminar on Linguistic Justice in the Classroom, BU Writing Program	2022
Teaching College Writing Courses (WR 698+699), BU Writing Program	2021
Participant, Pedagogy Workshops, BU Center for Teaching and Learning	2018-2020
Participant, Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop Series, BU Philosophy Dept.	2017-2022
Participant, Teaching Fellow Observation Exchange, BU Philosophy Dept.	2018-2022

SERVICE

Equity, Diversity, and Pedagogy Service

Pedagogy Officer, Dept. of Philosophy, BU	2020-2021
Organizer, Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop Series	
Facilitator, New Teaching Fellow Workshop	2019, 2020
Coordinator, Teaching Fellow Observation Exchange	
Committee on Climate and Diversity, Dept. of Philosophy, BU	2018-2020

Departmental Subcommittee on Faculty-Graduate Feedback	2017, 2022
Graduate Student Mentor, Dept. of Philosophy, BU	2017-2020

Service to the Profession

Co-organizer, BU Mellon Sawyer Seminar Series, “Border Externalization”	2023-2024
Principle Organizer, Mellon Seminar “The Ethics of Border Externalization”	2023
Convener, Boston Phenomenology Circle	2021-2023
Organizer, BPC Conference “Margins of Phenomenology”	2022
Organizer, BPC Conference “Phenomenology and Emotion”	2023
Referee, Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, Boston University	2017, 2018, 2022
Comments, Benjamin Boudou, “Retrieving the Political Meaning of Hospitality for Sanctuary Practices,” Stakes of Sanctuary Workshop, McGill University	2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association
The Heidegger Circle
The Ancient Philosophy Society
The Boston Phenomenology Circle

READING PROFICIENCY

German
Spanish

GRADUATE COURSEWORK (*audit)

History of Philosophy:

Plato: Philosophy v. Rhetoric	David Roochnik, Boston University
Aristotle’s <i>Politics</i>	David Roochnik, Boston University
Aristotle’s <i>De Anima</i> *	David Roochnik, Boston University
Spinoza’s <i>Ethics</i>	Aaron Garrett, Boston University
The Enlightenment and Its Critics	James Schmidt, Boston University
19th Century German Philosophy	Paul Katsafanas, Boston University
Nietzsche*	Paul Katsafanas, Boston University
Phenomenology	Daniel O. Dahlstrom, Boston University
Heidegger’s <i>Being and Time</i>	Daniel O. Dahlstrom, Boston University
Later Heidegger	Daniel O. Dahlstrom, Boston University
Phenomenology of the Stranger	Richard Kearney, Boston College
Early Wittgenstein	Juliet Floyd, Boston University
Later Wittgenstein	Juliet Floyd, Boston University
Naturalism	Walter Hopp, Boston University

Contemporary Philosophy:

Ethics: Value and Agency	Paul Katsafanas, Boston University
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Global Justice and Forced Displacement (Ind. Study)	Susanne Sreedhar, Boston University
Self-Knowledge and Self-Opacity*	Paul Katsafanas, Boston University
Philosophy and Narrative	Allen Speight, Boston University
Philosophy of Language*	Juliet Floyd, Boston University
Formal Logic	Juliet Floyd, Boston University

REFERENCES (*'research; †'teaching)

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- † **Dr. Michaela McSweeney** | *Assistant Professor of Philosophy*, Boston University
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