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AOS: Social and political philosophy, and normative and applied ethics

AOC: Environmental philosophy and logic

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

High Point University

Associate Professor of Philosophy

Fall 2024- Present

Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Fall 2017- Spring 2024

Furman University

Visiting Instructor of Philosophy

2015-2016

EDUCATION

Rice University

Ph.D. in Philosophy

Advisor: George Sher

Dissertation: "Global Justice: A Structural Approach"

2011- 2017

Virginia Polytechnic Institute

M.A. in Philosophy

2009-2011

Furman University

B.A. in Philosophy

2004-2008

PUBLICATIONS

["From Bednets to Rocket Ships:](#)

Efficiency in the Long-Term and Neglect for the Present"

Journal of Applied Philosophy 42:4 (August 2025): 1190-1209.

2025

["Inefficient Charity"](#)

Social Theory and Practice 50:1 (January 2024): 105-125.

2024

["Humanitarian Nations"](#)

Journal of Global Ethics 18:3 (2022): 312-329.

2022

["Distributing Welfare and Resources: A Multi-Currency View"](#)

Journal of Philosophical Research 44 (2019): 273-292.

2019

[“Mutually Beneficial Coercion: A Critique of the Coercive Approach to Distributive Justice”](#)

Law and Philosophy 38:2 (2019): 195-220.

2019

SELECTED CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“Moral Panics”

Co-Presented (with Jonathan Dixon) at the Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society of Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical Society, Furman University, Greenville, SC

2026

“AI: Longtermism’s Ruin or Savior?”

Presented at the “The Era of Artificial Intelligence and the Merging of Human and Machine” International Conference by the University of Sassari, Alghero, Italy (Hybrid Event)

2024

“AI: Longtermism’s Ruin or Savior?”

Presented at the “Existential Threats and Other Disasters: How Should We Address Them?” International Conference by the Center for the Study of Bioethics, The Hastings Center, and The Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, Budva, Montenegro

2024

“From Bednets to Rocket Ships:

Efficiency in the Long-Term and Neglect for the Present”

Presented at the “Moral Theory and the Challenge of Future People Workshop” by the Value Theory and Philosophy of Public Policy, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

2023

“Inefficient Charity”

Presented at the 39th International Social Philosophy Conference of the North American Society for Social Philosophy (NASSP), virtual event

2022

“Inefficient Charity”

Presented at the Kentucky Philosophical Association (KPA) Conference, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY

2022

“Rawls, Statism, and the Justice of Global COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution”

Presented at “After Justice: John Rawls’ Legacy in the 21st Century,” University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania (Hybrid event)

2021

“Rawls, Statism, and the Justice of Global COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution”

Presented at the “International Symposium on John Rawls,” University of Girona, Barcelona, Spain (Hybrid event)

2021

“Inefficient Charity”

- Presented at the Kentucky Philosophical Association (KPA) Summer 2021 Scholars Workshop, Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY (Hybrid event) **2021**
- “Humanitarian Nations”
Presented at the North Carolina Philosophical Society, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC **2019**
- “The Benefits of Coercion: The Coercive Approach to Distributive Justice”
Presented at the “Freedom and Autonomy Conference,” Birkbeck College, University College London, London, UK **2018**
- “The Benefits of Coercion: The Coercive Approach to Distributive Justice”
Presented at Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society of Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical Society, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC **2018**
- “A Move Towards Global Distributive Justice: The Structures of Coercion and Cooperation”
Presented at the 10th Annual Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton, NJ **2017**
- “The Coercive Approach: Problems with a Limited View of Distributive Justice”
Presented at the American Philosophical Association (APA): Eastern Division, Baltimore, MD **2017**
- “Public Reasons and the Inclusion Argument”
Presented at the 33rd International Social Philosophy Conference (NASSP), “Power and Public Reason,” Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada **2016**
- “Global Distributive Justice: Coercion, Cooperation, and Structures”
Presented at the 17th Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference, “Starting from the Actual: Working Against Oppression and Marginalization,” Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI **2016**
- “Distributing Welfare and Resources: A Multi-Threshold Sufficiency View”
Presented at the University of Texas, Austin Graduate Ethics and Normativity Conference (AGENT), Austin, TX **2014**
- “Distributing Welfare and Resources: A Multi-Threshold Sufficiency View”
Presented at the “Ethics of Poverty Alleviation Conference,” University of Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria **2014**
- “The Basic Structure and the Inclusion Argument: A Move Towards the Expansion of Public Debate”

Presented at the “Feminism and Liberalism Conference,” University of
Memphis, Memphis, TN 2012

“The Voice of the Marginalized: The Influence of Feminist Standpoint
Epistemology on the Understanding of Structural Oppression”
Presented at the Southeastern Women’s and Gender Studies
Association Conference (SEWSA), Charlotte, NC 2008

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

“AI and the Long Term”
“Inquiry and Impact: Faculty Research Talks,” High Point University,
High Point, NC 2025

“AI and the Long Term”
Presidential Address for the North Carolina Philosophical Society,
Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC 2025

“Effectiveness in the Long Term”
Presented on the North American Society for Social Philosophy
(NASSP) Panel “Effectiveness and Obligations in the Long-Term
of Effective Altruism” at the American Philosophical Association,
Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA (with Brian Berkey and
Timothy Weidel) 2023

“Humanitarian Nations”
Presented at Furman University, Greenville, SC 2019

OTHER RESEARCH/PEDAGOGY EXPERIENCE

Finalist for the 2025 Paper of the Year prize by the *Journal of
Applied Philosophy* for “From Bednets to Rocket Ships:
Efficiency in the Long-Term and Neglect for the Present” 2025

“Moral Panics”
Work in Progress Talk, Department of Philosophy, Wake Forest
University, Winston Salem, NC (with Jonathan Dixon) 2025

Invited blog post “[Bednets Versus Rocket Ships: Should We Care More for
People Alive Today or the Future of Humanity?](#)”
Justice Everywhere 2025

Invited Presentation Referee and Chair for “Teaching Applied Philosophy
to Non-Humanities Students”
at the APA Committee on Public Philosophy and the American
Association of Philosophy Teachers at the American
Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA 2025

Provided commentary for “Stress as Slow Death”
at the Kentucky Philosophical Association (KPA), Morehead State
University, Morehead, KY **2022**

Referee, *Philosophy Compass* **2020**

RECENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

High Point University (Fall 2017-Spring 2026)

Associate Professor of Philosophy

Intellectual Discovery (DIS 1000), 11 sections
First Year Seminar (FYS 1000), 8 sections
Logic and Critical Thinking (PHL 1006), 7 sections
Contemporary Moral Problems (PHL 2008), 11 sections
Business Ethics (PHL 2043), 13 sections
Civic Responsibility and Social Innovation (PHL/CSI-SL
3010/2610), 8 sections
Morality of Globalization (GBS/PHL 3311), 3 sections
Senior Seminar (PHL/REL 4099), 1 section

Furman University (2016-2017)

Visiting Professor

Ethics of Globalization (Phil 304)
Introduction to Philosophy (Phil 101), Four sections

Rice University (2014)

Instructor

Contemporary Moral Issues (Phil 101)

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Douglas S. Witcher School of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences Research and Scholarship Award
(High Point University 2024)

Silvershein/Gutenstein Faculty Service Learning Fellow (High Point University 2018)

Center for Energy and Environmental Research in the Human Sciences Course Development Grant
(Rice University 2017)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

President of the North Carolina Philosophical Society (2023-2025)

Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina Philosophical Society (2019-2023)

Conference coordinator for the 2023 North Carolina Philosophical Society Conference, Duke
University

Conference co-coordinator for the 2022 Joint North Carolina Philosophical Society and South
Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference, Winthrop University

Conference coordinator for the 2020 Joint North Carolina Philosophical Society and South Carolina
Society for Philosophy Conference, UNC-Ashville (canceled due to COVID-19)

Graduate Prize Advisor for the 2019 North Carolina Philosophical Society Conference

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

High Point University

Philosophy Honors Senior Thesis Advisor (2025)

Service Learning University Committee (2022-present)

Legal Studies Minor University/College Committee (2021-present),
Committee Chair (2023- present)

Legal Studies Exploratory Committee (2019-2021)

Global Studies University Committee (2018-2022)

First Year Seminar University Committee (2018-2021)

Philosophy Senior Thesis Advisor (2017-2022)

Majors Recruitment and Retention Committee, Religion and Philosophy Department (2017-present)

MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the honor society, *Phi Beta Kappa*

Member of the American Philosophical Association (APA)

Member of the North Carolina Philosophical Society (NCPS)

Member of the North American Society for Social Philosophy (NASSP)

REFERENCES

George Sher: Dissertation Advisor

Herbert S. Autrey Professor of Humanities, Professor of Philosophy

Rice University

gsher@rice.edu

Clint Corcoran: Previous High Point University Department Chair

Professor of Philosophy (Retired)

High Point University

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Sarah Worth: Previous Furman University Department Chair

Professor of Philosophy

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Gwen Bradford: Dissertation Committee

Associate Professor and Chancellor Jackman Professor in Philosophy

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