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Employment

Colgate University

Assistant Professor, 2013 - present
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2009 – 2012

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Faculty Fellow of the Parr Center for Ethics, 2012 –2013

Education

University of Texas-Austin, Ph.D. Philosophy, December 2008
Northwestern University, M.A. Philosophy, 2003
Cornell University, B.A. Philosophy, 2001

Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Moral Psychology, Nietzsche

Areas of Competence

Social & Political Philosophy, Free Will, Philosophy of Mind, Environmental Ethics,
Medical Ethics, Business Ethics, Ethics and Technology

Courses Taught

- **100-200 Level:** Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Medical Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, Challenges of Modernity
- **300 Level:** Metaethics, Philosophy of Mind
- **400 Level:** Practical Reason, Free Will

Publications

- "Nietzsche's Repudiation of Guilt" in The Moral Psychology of Guilt, ed. Brad Cokelet and Corey Maley. Rowman and Littlefield International (forthcoming).
- "Reasons for Emotion and Moral Motivation," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, printed online February 16, 2018. DOI: 10.1080/00455091.2018.1435611
- "Nietzsche's Metaethics: Fictionalism for the Few, Error Theory for the Many" in The Nietzschean Mind, ed. Paul Katsafanas, Routledge 2018.
- "Why Compatibilists Need Alternative Possibilities" *Erkenntnis* 81 (3):529-544, 2016.
- "Meta-Ethical Realism with Good of a Kind," *The European Journal of Philosophy*, 23 (2): 273-292, 2015.
- "Intentionality and Compound Accounts of the Emotions," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 51(1), 67-90, 2013.
- "Nietzsche's 'Interpretation' in the *Genealogy*," *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 18 (4): 693-711, 2010.

Review

- Review of The Nature of Intrinsic Value, by Michael Zimmerman, *Ethics*, 118 (2):375-377, 2008.

Scholarly work completed and submitted for publication

- Internalism, Role-Based Reasons, and the Ethics of Blame
- Explaining Role-Based Reasons
- The Proper Functions of Roles and Institutions
- Nietzsche's Genealogical Critique of Social Institutions and Morality

Scholarly work in progress

- "The Normative Independence of Institutional Roles"
- "Problems for the Causal Account of Parental Obligations"
- "Intentions Do Not Determine Artifactual Functions"

Conferences and Workshops

"Can Internalists Account for Role-Based Reasons?"

- The Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Chicago, March 2018 (Invited)

"Roles, Reasons for Emotion, and PAP: A New Threat to Internalism about Practical Reason"

- Open University (London), Role Ethics Network Conference, September 2017 (Invited)

"Role-Grounded Normative Reasons"

- Open University (Edinburgh), Role Ethics Network Conference, July 2017 (Invited)

"Problems for the Causal Account of Parental Obligations"

- Open University (Manchester), Role Ethics Network Conference, March 2017 (Invited)

International Society for Nietzsche Studies Workshop, March 2017 (Invited Participant)

"What Biological Functions Can Teach Us About Social Roles and Institutions"

- Arts and Humanities Colloquium Series, Colgate University, February 2017

"Roles Ground Reasons (so Internalism is False)" (Invited)

- "Featured Philosopher" blog post on PEA Soup (Philosophy, Ethics, and Academia)
- <http://www.peasoup.us/2017/01/roles-ground-reasons-internalism-false-reid-blackman/#comment-15212>

"Can Roles Ground Reasons?"

- University of Vermont, September 2016 (Invited)

"The Normative Independence of Institutional Roles"

- Open University (London), Role Ethics Network Workshop, June 2016 (Invited)

"On Preferring the Scratching of One's Finger"

- The University of Miami, March 2016 (Invited)

"Social Roles and Ethics: How What You Are Tells You What To Do"

- Arts and Humanities Colloquium Series, Colgate University, November 2014

"Pathetic Rationality and Moral Motivation"

- Colgate University, February 2013

“Pathetic Rationality and Practical Reason”

- Visiting Professor Colloquium, UNC Chapel Hill, August 2012 (Invited)

“Nonconceptual Content and the Philosophy of Emotion”

- Colgate University, October 2010

“What Should We Learn from Nietzsche’s Ethics?”

- Pacific Meeting, American Philosophical Association, April 2010 (Invited)

“Rousseau and the Universal Healthcare Debate”

- Northern Michigan University, April 2010 (Peer-reviewed)

“Meta-Ethical Realism with Good of a Kind”

- SUNY-Oneonta, April 2009 (Invited)

Commentator at Conferences

“Can a Biological Account of Function Vindicate Neo-Aristotelianism?”

- Eastern American Philosophical Association, January 2018

Vincent Kumar’s “A Posteriori Reduction of Moral Judgment”

- Pacific Meeting, American Philosophical Association, April 2012

Nomy Arpaly’s and Timothy Schroeder’s ‘Deliberation and Acting for Reasons’

- Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics 5th Annual Conference, May 2011

Travis Rieder’s ‘Why Parity Arguments Cannot Save Normative Realism’

- Pacific Meeting, American Philosophical Association, April 2011

Professional Recognition

- **Grant, Project Member, The Role Ethics Network**
The Role Ethics Network, funded by a grant from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK), addresses ethical questions about social roles, including professional roles (e.g. doctor, lawyer), family roles (e.g. parent, sibling), and informal roles (e.g. friend, neighbor). Its core goals are to generate recognition of the vital contribution role occupancy makes to ethical reasoning and practice, and to build, disseminate, and apply an enhanced theoretical understanding of this contribution. The network consists of 14 philosophers throughout the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada.
- **Critical Discussion reply by Haji, Ishtiyaque**, “Do Compatibilists Need Alternative Possibilities” in *Erkenntnis* 82. (2017): 1085-1095.
- **2nd Place, PEA Soup Award for Metaethics (editor selected), 2016-2017**
PEA Soup is a blog forum for discussing philosophy, ethics, and academia. In conjunction with the Janet Prindle Institute of Ethics at DePaul University, the annual PEA Soup awards go to contributors and commentators for PEA Soup and other online magazines and blogs.

Professional Service: Referee for: Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Erkenntnis, The Journal of Value Inquiry, International Journal of Philosophical Studies, British Journal for the History of Philosophy

University Service:

- **Mentor, Thought Into Action (TIA)**, September 2014-present
 - TIA is a entrepreneurship program, founded and operated by Colgate alumni. After a competitive selection process, participants make a yearlong commitment to work on their respective not-for-profit or for-profit ideas with the guidance of TIA mentors. Required meetings are held one Saturday every month, from 9 am to 4 pm. Additional informal meetings (standardly via conference call) are held between each of those meetings.
- **Chair, Committee on Information Technology**, Fall 2017 - present
- **Member, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)**, Spring 2015-present
 - Quarterly meetings are held to discuss proposals for research conducted on live animals. Inspection of facilities housing animals is performed annually.
- **Challenges of Modernity**: Spring 2015 (one section), Spring 2017 (two sections)
- **First Year Seminar**: Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2017

Departmental Service:

- **Hospitality Officer**, Fall 2009-Spring 2011, Fall 2013-Spring 2015
 - Responsible for organizing faculty/student events.
- **Speaker Series organizer**, Fall 2013-Spring 2014, Fall 2017 - 2018
 - Responsible for inviting speakers throughout the academic year and ensuring that their respective travel arrangements, honoraria, etc. are secured in a timely and efficient manner.
- **Ethics Bowl Coach**, Fall 2009 – Spring 2011, Fall 2013 – Spring 2015
 - The Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (IEB) is a team competition sponsored by the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE). Teams debate ethical issues ranging from the obligations of doctors to an individual's responsibility for standing up to bigotry to the obligations individuals and nations have to other individuals and nations. Teams that place in the top three or four in the Regional Competition qualify for the National Competition.
- **Departmental Honors program**
Chaired 13 theses and served as a member of other committees
 1. Alison Kimble, 2011
 2. Alexander Merola, 2011
 3. Madeline Goldberg, 2011
 4. Edan Lisovicz, 2011
 5. Alexander Boyd, 2012
 6. Iman Afif, 2012
 7. Ryan Nelson, 2012
 8. RJ Szuba, 2014
 9. Lucas Luttmann, 2014
 10. Randall Weber-Levine 2015
 11. Juliane Wiese, 2015
 12. Felix Taube, 2017
 13. James Long, 2018