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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2012
MA Philosophy, Fordham University, 2002
BA Philosophy, Comparative Religion, Pacific Lutheran University, 1999

RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Areas of Specialization: Applied and Professional Ethics, Moral Psychology
Areas of Competence: Classical Chinese Philosophy, Metaethics, Normative Ethics, Philosophy and Psychiatry, Philosophy and Religion
Other Teaching Interests: Feminist Philosophy, Formal and Informal Logic, Greek and Roman Philosophy, Human Nature, Philosophy of Science

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2012— Part-Time Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Syracuse University
Lecturer, Bioethics and Humanities, SUNY Upstate Medical University

PUBLICATIONS

“Kantian Contributions to the Ethics of Communication” (w Shannon Bowen). *Ethical Space: The International Journal of Communication Ethics*, Vol.12/2 (2015), pp. 38-44.
“Unthinkable ≠ Unknowable: On Charlotte Delbo’s ‘Il Faut Donner à Voir.’” *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol. 48/3 (2014), pp. 457-468.
“What Pessimism Is.” *Journal of Philosophical Research*, Vol. 37 (2012), pp. 337-356.

DISSERTATION

Committee: M. Stocker (director), K. Baynes, B. Bradley, R. Daly, M. Walker

Title: *On Pessimism: A Study in Normative Psychology*

I argue that pessimism is a stance—or compound of attitudes, commitments, and intentions—which is not necessarily the product of an emotional problem, a character defect, or unjustified metaphysical assumptions. As such, pessimism can be warranted.

PRESENTATIONS

- Comments on Keisha Ray (McGovern Medical), “Vulnerable Black Bodies, Victim-blaming, and the Media’s Deadly Influence.” *International Association for the Philosophy of Death & Dying*, Syracuse University, May 2016.
- “The Secular Problem of Evil.” *Analytic Existentialism in Istanbul*, Boğaziçi University, Nov 2015.
- Comments on Eric Griez MD PhD (Maastricht), “The Neurobiology of Freedom.” Department of Psychiatry, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Nov 2012.
- “Self and Stance.” *Self Among Selves: Emotion and the Common Life*, Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Syracuse University, Oct 2011.
- “Pessimism, Acedia, Depression.” *The Future of Psychiatric Nosology*, Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry, Honolulu HI, May 2011.
- Comments on Maura E. Tumulty (Colgate), "Explaining Mismatches Between Belief and Behavior." Central APA, Minneapolis MN, Apr 2011.
- “Pessimism, Acedia, Depression.” Department of Psychiatry, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Mar 2011.
- Comments on Eric Silverman (St. Louis), “An Underappreciated Benefit of the Virtue of Love: Final Ends.” Eastern APA, Philadelphia PA, Dec 2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Primary Instructor (evaluations available upon request):

- Graduate:* Ethics and the Health Professions (25 students, fall semesters)
Healthcare Ethics and Advocacy (40 students, summer semesters)
- Upper-level Undergrad:* Honors Capstone: Neuroethics (1 student)
Philosophy of Religion (11 students)
- Lower-level Undergrad:* Ethics and the Media Professions (120 students per semester)
Ethics and Value Theory (30 students)
Introduction to Moral Theory (30 students)
Special Topics: Chinese Philosophy (25 students)
Theories of Knowledge and Reality (10 sections, 25 students each)
- As Teaching Assistant: Ethics and Value Theory (6 sections)
Formal Logic (2 sections)
Theories of Human Nature (2 sections)

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND AWARDS

- Meredith Teaching Recognition Award, Syracuse University, 2017
- Curriculum Development, “Occupational Therapy Ethics,” Le Moyne College, 2016-
- Curriculum Development, “Entertainment Media Ethics,” Syracuse University, 2008-
- Promotion & Tenure Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, Syracuse University, 2007-2008
- Co-Organizer (with Eric Schliesser), Philosophy Dissertation Workshop, 2006-2008

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

SPAWN 2010: Metaphysics (with Kris McDaniel & Joshua Spencer)
SPAWN 2009: Nature & Purpose (with Kara Richardson & Melissa Frankel)
SPAWN 2008: Perception (with Bence Nanay)
SPAWN 2007: Practical Reason (with Ernesto V. Garcia)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry
International Society for Chinese Philosophy
National Philosophical Counseling Association

REFERENCES

Michael Stocker (supervisor)
Emeritus Gutttag Professor of Ethics and Political Philosophy, Syracuse University
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Ben Bradley
Allan and Anita Sutton Professor of Philosophy, Syracuse University
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