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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, Philosophy and Psychiatry,
Philosophy and Religion
Other Teaching Interests: Epistemology, 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

“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):

<i>Graduate:</i>	Ethics and the Health Professions Healthcare Ethics and Advocacy
<i>Upper-level Undergrad:</i>	Ethics and the Media Professions Honors Capstone: Neuroethics Honors Capstone: Secondary Traumatic Stress Philosophy of Religion Special Topics: Classical Chinese Philosophy
<i>Lower-level Undergrad:</i>	Ethics and Value Theory Introduction to Moral Theory Theories of Knowledge and Reality
As Teaching Assistant:	Ethics and Value Theory Formal Logic Theories of Human Nature

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND AWARDS

- Next-Generation Humanities PhD Planning Committee, 2018
- Meredith Teaching Recognition Award, Syracuse University, 2017
- Promotion & Tenure Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, Syracuse University, 2007-2008

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
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
National Philosophical Counseling Association

REFERENCES

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