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## Research and Teaching Interests

Primary      Ethics, Action Theory, Metaethics

Secondary    Bioethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Race and Gender, Political Philosophy

## Academic Employment

2022-            **Macalester College**, St. Paul, MN  
                    Chair, Department of Philosophy  
2021-            Associate Professor of Philosophy  
2015-2021      Assistant Professor of Philosophy

## Education

2015            **Stanford University**, Stanford, CA  
                    Ph.D. in Philosophy  
  
2008            **Swarthmore College**, Swarthmore, PA  
                    B.A. in Philosophy

## Book (In Progress)

202(?)          *The Reasoning View: Agency, Morality, and Reasons for Action*  
(under contract with Oxford University Press)

## Commissioned Article (In Progress)

2023            “Intention”  
*Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*  
(Routledge, M.N.S. Sellers and Stephan Kirste, eds.)

## Published Articles

- 2022           “Judgment Internalism” (w/ David E. Taylor)  
*Oxford Handbook of Moral Psychology* (Manuel Vargas and John Doris, eds)
- 2021           “Action and Rationalization”  
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (vol. and pages TBD)
- 2020           “Noncognitivism in Metaethics and the Philosophy of Action”  
*Erkenntnis* (vol. and pages TBD)
- 2020           “Shared Agency without Shared Intention”  
*The Philosophical Quarterly* 70, 281 (665-688)
- 2019           “Internal Reasons and the Boy Who Cried Wolf”  
*Ethics* 130, 1 (32-58)
- 2019           “On Not Getting Out of Bed”  
*Philosophical Studies* 176, 6 (1639–1666) (Note: published online March 2018)
- 2017           “The Reasoning View and Defeasible Practical Reasoning”  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 95, 3 (614-636)
- 2016           “Rational Internalism”  
*Ethics* 127, 1 (147-178)

## Book Reviews

- 2019           Review of Tim Henning, *From a Rational Point of View*, *Ethics* 130, 1 (113-118)
- 2019           Review of David Sobel, *From Valuing to Value: A Defense of Subjectivism*, *The Philosophical Review* 128, 2 (246-249)

## Selected Presentations

\* selected by anonymous review; all others invited.

- Oct. 2022       \*\*“Imperfect Intentions” (w/ Carlos Núñez)  
*Brazilian Society for Analytic Philosophy, Rio de Janeiro*

- May 2020 \**“Psychosis and Moral Responsibility”* (w/ Rebecca Grossman-Kahn)  
*Workshop on Free Will and Agency, UNAM*  
 Note: event cancelled due to COVID-19
- April 2020 \**“Psychosis and Moral Responsibility”* (w/ Rebecca Grossman-Kahn)  
*Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry*  
 Note: event cancelled due to COVID-19
- Feb. 2020 *“Subjective Reasons and Caligula’s Amusement”*  
*Workshop on Reasoning and Normativity, NYU-Abu Dhabi*
- Mar. 2019 *“Action and Rationalization”*  
*Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna*
- Mar. 2018 *“Action and Rationalization”*  
*Department of Philosophy, University of Manitoba*
- Apr. 2017 \**“On Not Getting Out of Bed”*  
*American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division Meeting*
- Apr. 2016 *“The Reasoning View and Defeasible Practical Reasoning”*  
*Carleton College / St. Olaf College Joint Colloquium*
- Feb. 2016 *“Normative Reasons and Non-Monotonic Reasoning”*  
*Moral, Political, Legal, and Social Theory Workshop, University of Minnesota*
- Nov. 2015 *“Frege-Geach Is a Problem in the Philosophy of Action”*  
*Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota*
- May 2015 \**“Internal Reasons and the Boy Who Cried Wolf”*  
*St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality*
- Apr. 2015 \**“Frege-Geach Is a Problem in the Philosophy of Action”*  
*American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division Meeting*
- Feb. 2015 *“Internal Reasons and the Boy Who Cried Wolf”*  
*Varieties of Agency Workshop, Stanford University*

## **Selected Comments**

- Mar. 2018      Comments on Justin E.H. Smith, “Racial Difference and Biological Taxonomy in Early Modern Philosophy”  
*Macalester College Colloquium*
- Feb. 2018      Comments on Adam Marushak, “On the Hypothetical Given”  
*American Philosophical Association – Central Division Meeting*
- Jun. 2017      Comments on Arden Ali, “Virtue and Excuse”  
*Midsummer Philosophy Workshop, University of Leeds*
- Mar. 2016      Comments on Berislav Marušić and John Schwenkler, “Intending Is Believing”  
*American Philosophical Association – Central Division Meeting*
- Mar. 2015      Comments on John Broome, *Rationality through Reasoning Varieties of Agency Workshop, Stanford University*
- Dec. 2014      Comments on Andrew Forcehimes, “Reasons Fundamentalism and the Appropriation Problem”  
*American Philosophical Association – Eastern Division Meeting*
- Aug. 2014      Comments on Chris Howard, “In Defense of the Wrong Kind of Reasons”  
*Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference*
- May 2014      Comments on Jennifer Frey, “Against Autonomy”  
*St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality*
- Nov. 2013      Comments on R.J. Leland and Han van Wietmarschen, “Political Liberalism and Political Community”  
*Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University*
- May 2013      Comments on Bart Streumer, “Reasons and Ability”  
*St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality*

## **Awards, Honors, Fellowships**

- 2021            Senior class “Last Lecturer” (Macalester College)
- 2018            Wallace Scholarly Activities Grant (Macalester College)
- 2018            “Educator of the Year” Nominee (Macalester College)

2015-2016 Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (Declined)  
2015 Pacific APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend  
2012-2014 Ric Weiland Graduate Fellowship (Stanford University)  
2012 Centennial Teaching Assistant Award (Stanford University)  
2009-2015 Graduate Fellowship (Stanford University)  
2008 Phi Beta Kappa (Swarthmore College)  
2008 High Honors (Swarthmore College)

### **Service to the College**

2022-2023 Co-Chair, Community and Global Health Concentration  
2020-2021 Secretary of the Faculty

### **Teaching Experience**

#### *Macalester College*

Courses taught: Bioethics, Epistemology, Ethical Theory, Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy, Philosophy of Race and Gender, Senior Capstone Seminar

Honors theses advised: Ziv Ben-Shahar (price discrimination), Ignasi Dorca (luck egalitarianism), Nicola Morrow (biometrics).

#### *Stanford University*

Courses taught: Bioethics, Intention and Normative Judgment (w/ Michael Bratman and Carlos Núñez), Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Race and Gender (w/ Govind Persad)

#### *Hope House (a residential drug treatment and prisoner re-entry facility for women)*

Course taught: The Ethics of Friendship (w/ Blake Francis).

### **Professional Affiliations and Service to the Profession**

2019-2021 Member, LATAM Free Will, Agency, and Responsibility Project  
2020 Program Committee, APA Central Division  
2016 Program Committee, St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality  
2010- American Philosophical Association

Referee (often multiple times) for *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Critica: Revista*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, Routledge, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Theoria*, *Thought*, and *Utilitas*.