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EMPLOYMENT

2017-	Associate Professor of Philosophy, Drexel University
2011-17	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Drexel University
2008-11	Postdoctoral Fellow, Lawrence University

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

2021- Assistant Department Head, English and Philosophy, Drexel University

VISITING POSITIONS

Fall 2018 Visiting Fellow, Center for Values and Social Policy, CU Boulder

EDUCATION

2008 Ph.D., Philosophy, Syracuse University

2002 B.S., Aerospace Engineering, University of Florida

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Philosophy of Law

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Engineering Ethics, Political Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

20. "Against Legal Punishment"

The Palgrave Handbook on the Philosophy of Punishment (ed. Matt Altman), forthcoming.

19. "Punitive Intent"

Philosophical Studies, 179: 655-69 (2022).

18. "Why Punitive Intent Matters"

Analysis, 81: 426-35 (2021).

17. "The Nature of Punishment Revisited: Reply to Wringe"

Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, 23: 89-100 (2020).

16. "Hitting Retributivism Where It Hurts" *Criminal Law and Philosophy*, 13: 109-27 (2019).

- 15. "The Nature of Punishment: Reply to Wringe" Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, 20: 969-76 (2017).
- 14. "Harm: Omission, Preemption, Freedom" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 93: 251-73 (2016).
- 13. "Philosophical Success" *Philosophical Studies*, 172: 2109-121 (2015).
- 12. "Moral Luck Defended" *Noûs*, 48: 683-98 (2014).
- 11. "Retributivism Revisited" *Philosophical Studies*, 167: 473-84 (2014).
- 10. "Facing the Consequences" *Criminal Law and Philosophy*, 8: 589-604 (2014).
- 9. "Two Claims About Desert" Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, 94: 41-56 (2013).
- 8. "It's Only Natural: Legal Punishment and the Natural Right to Punish" *Social Theory and Practice*, 38: 598-616 (2012).
- 7. "Against Phenomenal Conservatism" *Acta Analytica*, 26: 213-21 (2011).
- 6. "Cosmic Coincidence and Intuitive Non-Naturalism" *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, 4: 1-5 (2010).
- 5. "The Passions of Punishment" Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, 90: 232-250 (2009).
- 4. "Liberalism and the General Justifiability of Punishment" *Philosophical Studies*, 145: 325-349 (2009).
- 3. "An Argument for Voting Abstention" *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 23: 275-286 (2009).
- 2. "Say What? A Critique of Expressive Retributivism" Law and Philosophy, 27: 123–150 (2008).
- 1. "Socrates and Superiority"

 The Southern Journal of Philosophy, 45: 251-268 (2007).

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

"On Using Those We Punish"

• Uppsala University, May 2022

"Against Legal Punishment"

• Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2021

"Gambler's Justice"

- Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2019
- North American Society for Social Philosophy, July 2019
- North Carolina Philosophical Society, March 2019
- University of Colorado, Boulder, November 2018

"Hearts of Darkness: Why Punitive Intent Matters"

- Eastern Division Meeting of the APA, January 2020
- Roskilde University, June 2018
- Northwest Philosophy Conference, October 2018
- University of Colorado, Boulder, October 2018

"(Un)just Deserts"

• University of Colorado, Boulder, November 2018

"Punishment, Permissibility, and Justification"

- Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Sept 2016
- Northwest Philosophy Conference, Oct 2016
- Northwestern Law School Criminal Theory Workshop, May 2017
- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, July 2017
- Eastern Division Meeting of the APA, Jan 2018

"Desert's Moral Significance Reconsidered"

- UK Experimental Philosophy Group Conference, June 2015
- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Aug 2015
- Buffalo Experimental Philosophy Conference, Sept 2015
- Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference, Nov 2015
- Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, April 2016

"Defending the Counterfactual Comparative Account of Harm"

- International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2014
- Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference, July 2014
- Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Sept 2014
- Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Oct 2014
- Central States Philosophical Association, Oct 2014

"Philosophical Success"

- North Carolina Philosophical Society Meeting, Feb 2014
- Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, April 2014

"The Free Will Defense Reconsidered"

• Philosopher's Cocoon Philosophy Conference, Oct 2013

"Retributivism Revisited"

• Northwest Philosophy Conference, Oct 2012

"Moral Luck Defended"

- International Social Philosophy Conference July 2011
- Northwest Philosophy Conference, Nov 2011
- Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, April 2012

"Two Claims About Desert"

• Indiana Philosophical Association, Oct 2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Drexel University: Lawrence University: Syracuse University: Business Ethics Ethics Intro to Philosophy

Computer Ethics Metaphysics

Criminal Justice Ethics
Intro to Philosophy
Engineering Ethics
Ethics
Philosophy
Political Philosophy
Intro to Philosophy
Symbolic Logic

Political Philosophy Philosophy of Law

SERVICE (SELECTED)

To Drexel University's Department of English and Philosophy:

Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, 2020.

Committee on Professional Development, 2017, 2018-20 (chair).

Curriculum Committee, 2017-18.

Committee on Tenure Stream Faculty Review, 2020-21.

Department Head Performance Review Committee, 2021.

Elections Committee, 2020, 2021.

Executive Advisory Committee, 2021 (chair).

Teaching Professor Hiring Committee, 2022

To Drexel University and Drexel's College of Arts and Sciences:

College of Arts and Sciences Assessment Steering Committee, 2013-2014.

Committee on Ethics Across the Curriculum, 2013-14.

To the Philosophy Profession:

Referee for: Acta Analytica, Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Erkenntnis, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, European Journal of Philosophy, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Journal of Value Inquiry, Mind, Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Palgrave MacMillan, Philosophia, Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Quarterly, Public Affairs Quarterly, Social Theory and Practice, Synthese, Teaching Philosophy, Theoria, Thought.

REFERENCES

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