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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- National Humanities Center, Philip L. Quinn Fellow, 2021-2022
- Associate Professor, Swarthmore College, Fall 2019-present
- Assistant Professor, Swarthmore College, Fall 2014-Spring 2019
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Swarthmore College, Fall 2011-Spring 2014
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Mount Holyoke College, Fall 2010-Spring 2011
- Instructor, Lamar University, Fall 2009-Spring 2010

## EXPERTISE

- Specialization: Moral Philosophy, Kant's Moral Theory, Social/Political Philosophy
- Competence: Philosophy of Law, Bioethics, Race and Gender Theory, Ancient Philosophy

## EDUCATION

- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Ph.D., October 2009
- University of Illinois M.A., August 2006
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro B.A., May 2002 (magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

- *Naked: The Dark Side of Shame and Moral Life*, Oxford University Press, February 2018
- *Worms in the Garden: Bad Feelings in a Good Life* (in progress)

## INVITED PUBLICATIONS

- "How Should We Feel About Recalcitrant Emotions?" in *Self-Blame and Moral Responsibility*, ed. Andreas Carlsson, forthcoming with Cambridge University Press.
- "The Moral Risks of Online Shaming" in *Oxford Handbook of Digital Ethics*, forthcoming with Oxford University Press
- "The Moral Necessity of Anger" in *The Ethics of Anger*, ed by Court D. Lewis and Gregory L. Bock, Rowman & Littlefield 2020
- "The Philosopher's Medicine of the Mind: Kant's Account of Mental Illness and the Normativity of Thinking" in *Kant on Morality, Legality, and Humanity: Dimensions of Normativity*, Palgrave Macmillian 2020
- Commentary and Introduction for an annotated edition of Immanuel Kant's *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*, ed. Steven Kahn and trans. Andrea Tschemplik, Rowman & Littlefield 2020
- "Our Own Flesh and Blood: The Moral Psychology of Dehumanizing Bodies" in *Embodied Difference: Divergent Bodies in Public Discourse*, edited by Jamie Thomas and Christina Jackson, Lexington Books, 2019.
- "Seeing Child Soldiers as Morally Compromised Warriors: The Ambiguous Moral Responsibility of Child Soldiers" *The Critique* magazine, September/October Issue 2016
- "Jean Hampton" entry in Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, Springer Reference
- "Jeffrie Murphy" entry in Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, Springer Reference
- Guest editor for *Essays in Philosophy* Vol. 18, Issue 2: Moral Psychology and War, 2017

## PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "The Symbol of Justice: Bloodguilt in Kant" *Kantian Review*, Vol. 26, No. 1, March 2021
- "I'll Show You: Spite as a Reactive Attitude" *The Monist*, Vol. 103, No. 2, April 2020
- "Wild Chimeras: Enthusiasm and Intellectual Virtue in Kant" *European Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 28, No. 2, June 2020

- "A Good Enough Heart: Kant on the Cultivation of Emotions" *Kantian Review* Vol. 22, No. 3, September 2017
- "Guilt and Child Soldiers" in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* Vol. 19, No. 1, February 2016
- "Shame, Violence, and Morality" in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* Vol. XCI, No. 1 July 2015
- "Forgiveness or Fairness?" in *Philosophical Papers* Vol. 44, No. 2, June 2015
- "The Moral Value of Envy" in *Southern Journal of Philosophy* Vol. 53, No. 1, March 2015
- "A Kantian Argument for Sovereignty Rights of Indigenous Peoples," in *Public Reason: Journal of Moral and Political Philosophy* Vol. 6, No. 1-2, 2014
- "Shame and Contempt in Kant's Moral Theory," *Kantian Review* Vol. 18, No. 2, July 2013

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Maria Borges's *Emotion, Reason, and Action in Kant*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 58 (2) 2020.
- Review of Eric Watkin's (ed.) *Kant on Persons and Agency*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 57 (1) 2019.
- Review of Agnes Callard's *Aspiration: The Agency of Becoming*, *Essays in Philosophy* 20 (1) 2019.
- Review of Adrienne Martin's *How We Hope: A Moral Psychology*, *The European Legacy* 24 (1) 2019.
- Review of Berel Lang's *Genocide: The Act as Idea*, *Journal of Genocide Research* 20 (3) 2018.
- Review of Jill Stauffer's *Ethical Loneliness: The Injustice of Not Being Heard*, *Philosophy Today* 62 (2) 2018.
- Review of Cheshire Calhoun's *Moral Aims: Essays on the Importance of Getting it Right and Practicing Morality with Others*, *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* (online)
- Review of Martha C. Nussbaum's *Anger and Forgiveness*, *Essays in Philosophy* Vol. 18 (1) January 2017

- "Civic Education and the Ideal of Public Reason: Review Essay of Meira Levinson's *No Citizen Left Behind*," *Social Philosophy Today*, Vol. 31, 2015
- Review of Avishai Margalit's *On Compromise and Rotten Compromises*, Phi Beta Kappa's *The Key Reporter*, October 2013.
- Review of Dale Dorsey's *The Basic Minimum: A Welfarist Approach*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, August 2012.

#### PUBLIC WRITING, INTERVIEWS, PODCASTS

- The Philosopher's Digital Dialogues: The Philosophy of Envy (with Sara Protasi)
- Episode 16, Season 1: Living Philosophy podcast (interview about negative emotions)
- Episode 14: Shame, Hotel Bar Sessions podcast (interview about *Naked*)
- "It is totally normal to have vaccine envy right now" *Philadelphia Inquirer*, March, 22, 2021
- Interview for CGTN segment on travel shaming, March 10, 2021
- Interview for Business Traveler with Richard Quest on CNN, episode aired October 10, 2020
- Interviewed for "Travel Shaming—Another Trend in 2020" by Terry Ward in *CNN*, September 7, 2020
- Interviewed for "Guilt is Powerful for Those Doing Fine in Lockdown" by Nancy Keates in *The Wall Street Journal*, May 22, 2020.
- Episode 138, Embrace the Void podcast (interview about *Naked*)
- Episode 476, Ipse Dixit with host Brian L. Frye podcast (interview about *Naked*)
- Aeon Magazine, "If you feel ashamed, does that mean you're a moral failure?" online November 23, 2018
- Oxford University Press Blog, "The Varieties of Shame," online July 6, 2018

#### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

##### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- "Does Contempt Belong in Public Life?" Parr Center for Ethics at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, September 2021

- "Contempt and Resilience in W.E.B Du Bois" Invited Symposium: Hope, Resilience, and Resistance, Central Division APA Annual Meetings, February 2021.
- "The Philosopher's Medicine of the Mind: Kant's Account of Mental Illness" University of Pennsylvania (co-sponsored by Philosophy Department and the Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy)
- "The Moral Risks of Online Shaming" University of North Carolina at Greensboro, November 2020.
- "How Should We Feel About Recalcitrant Emotions?" Invited Symposium: Moral Emotions and Responsibility, Central Division APA Annual Meeting, February 2020
- "The Moral Risks of Online Shaming" Saint Joseph's University, October 2019
- "The Moral Risks of Online Shaming" Cal Poly Pomona, August 2019
- "Self-Blame for Recalcitrant Emotions" Workshop on Self-blame and Responsibility, University of Oslo, September 2019
- "In Defense of Vengeful Anger" Emotions and Punishment conference, University of Kent, June 2019
- "Toward a Unified Account of Shame as a Moral Emotion" SPEL Colloquium, Binghamton University, September 14, 2018
- "Active Sympathy, Passive Feelings: Rethinking the Duty to Cultivate Sympathy" (co-authored with Jeremy Schwartz) Central Division APA North American Kant Society session, February 2018
- "Wild Chimeras: Kant on the Dangers of Enthusiasm" Dimensions of Normativity: Kant on Morality, Legality and Humanity, Purdue University, February 19-21 2017
- "A Kantian Argument Against Solitary Confinement" Rowan University, October 2017
- "Moral Responsibility and Child Soldiers" Rachel Kohl Library, July 2017
- Author-Meets-Critics on Jill Stauffer's *Ethical Loneliness*, Greater Philadelphia Philosophical Consortium, February 2017
- "Should We Shame on Social Media?" Lawrence University, May 2016
- Respondent for John Tasioulas "Custom, Jus Cogens, and Human Rights," Joseph T. McCullen Jr. Symposium on Catholic Social Thought, Villanova University School of Law, March 2015

- Author-Meets-Critics session on Anthony Cunningham's *Modern Honor: A Defense*, North American Society for Social Philosophy session at Central Division APA, February 2015
- "Is Envy a Moral Emotion?" Kutztown University, December 2013
- "Accepting Responsibility," Knox College, May 2013

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "A Sturdy Dwelling: The Discipline of Pure Reason and Resistance to Ideology" 4<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the Society for Kantian Studies in the Spanish Language, October 2018
- "Wild Chimeras: Kant on the Dangers of Enthusiasm" Eastern Division APA (main program), January 2018
- "A Kantian Argument Against Solitary Confinement" International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2017
- "Wild Chimeras: Kant on the Dangers of Enthusiasm" Eastern Meeting of the North American Kant Society, April 2017
- "Putting Emotions in their Place: Questioning the Duty to Cultivate Moral Emotions" co-author Jeremy Schwartz (Texas Tech University), Tennessee Value and Agency Conference, September 2016
- "Bloodguilt: Kant, Vengeance, and the Iron Necessity of Justice" Central Division APA (main program), March 2016
- "A Good Enough Heart: Kant and the Cultivation of Emotions" 12<sup>th</sup> International Kant Congress, University of Vienna, September 2015
- "Bloodguilt: Kant, Vengeance, and the Iron Necessity of Justice" Eastern Meeting of the North American Kant Society, April 2015
- Commentary on Meira Levison's *No Citizen Left Behind*, International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2014
- "Dehumanization and the Victims of Genocide," at the conference "Perspectives on Evil and Human Wickedness," Prague, Czech Republic, March 2014
- "The Moral Significance of Immoral Emotions," International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2013
- "A Kantian Argument for Sovereignty Rights of Indigenous Peoples," Pacific Division APA Meeting (main program), March 2013

- "Philosophy and Human Rights: Scholarship and Activism," Pacific Division APA Meeting, organized by Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy's session on Academic Service-Learning, March 2013
- "A Kantian Argument for Sovereignty Rights of Indigenous Peoples," Midwestern Study Group of the North American Kant Society, March 2013
- "Kant and the Negative Emotions," at the conference "Kantian Ethics and Moral Life," University of Antwerp, Belgium, September 2012

#### PROFESSIONAL COMMENTARY

- "Constraint, Autonomy and Self-Formation (Bildung): A Reading of Kant's Theory of Education" by Hao Liang at Central Division APA February 2018
- "Humanizing Feeling and Desire: The Rational Structure of Emotion" by Janelle DeWitt at Eastern Division APA January 2017
- "Good Moral Judgment and Moral Decision-Making Without Deliberation" by Asia Ferrin at Central Division APA February 2015
- "Not Yet Holy: Kant on Striving for Virtue" by Mavis Biss at Central Division APA Meeting, February 2013
- "Public-Reason, Private-Reason: A State Soul Analogy" by Benjamin Richards, University of Pennsylvania Graduate Conference, November 2012
- "Punishment, Fairness, and Forgiveness" by Zachary Hoskins at Eastern Division APA Meeting, December 2010
- "Kantian Supererogation" by Michael Byron at Central Division APA Meeting, February 2010

#### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS**

- National Humanities Center, Philip L. Quinn Fellow, 2021-2022
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Grant, President Initiatives through Swarthmore College, 2018-2019 (co-holder Ameet Soni)
- Lang Faculty Research Fellowship, Swarthmore College, 2016-2017
- Faculty Fellow, Institute for Liberal Arts, Swarthmore College, 2013-2014
- SEED Grant, Swarthmore College, Summer 2013 (Education Technology Grant)
- Smalley Fellowship, University of Illinois, 2008-2009 (Merit Fellowship)

- Philosophy Department Fellowship, University of Illinois, 2004-2005, Summer 2008, 2008- 2009 (Merit Fellowships)
- Selected to University of Illinois List of Instructors Ranked "Excellent" by their students, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008
- Student Excellence Award, UNC-Greensboro, May 2002
- Phi Beta Kappa, inducted April 2002
- Roger A. Schwirck Award, for excellence in philosophy at UNC Greensboro, April 2001

## **PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS**

- Participant in workshop "Contempt in Public Life" co-organized by Zachary Hoskins and Joan Woolfrey, July 2020
- Participant in NEH workshop "Coming Home Dialogues," September 2018
- Participant in Op-Ed Project workshop, hosted at Swarthmore College, May 2018
- Participant North American Kant Society Junior Women's Workshop, November 2017
- Participant Women in Philosophy Mentoring Workshop, June 2015
- Participant in Institute for Liberal Arts Faculty Seminar on Poverty and Inequality, Swarthmore College, Fall 2013
- Participant in Hess Faculty Seminar at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial and Museum, January 2012

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Participant in Women in Kant Scholarship Mentoring Program, North American Kant Society, 2021-2022
- Mentor for Job Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy, 2015-2016
- Executive Committee for North American Society for Social Philosophy, 2013-2014
- External examiner for undergraduate honors thesis "Virtual Bodies and Immortal Flesh: What Transhumanism's Valuation of the Human Body Means for Human Life" by Jennifer Kaufman, Knox College, May 2013
- Reviewer for *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Hypatia*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Canadian*



*Journal of Philosophy, Res Philosophica, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Kantian Review, Journal of Ethics, Legal Studies, Dialogue, Mind and Language*

## **SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES AT SWARTHMORE COLLEGE**

- College Judiciary Committee (CJC), 2018-present
- Swarthmore Phi Beta Kappa Secretary/Treasurer, Fall 2019-present
- Program Committee for Peace and Conflict Studies at Swarthmore College, 2012-present
- First-Generation/Low Income Faculty Liaison, 2014-present
- Richard Rubin mentor, 2018-present
- Mellon-Mays mentor, 2021-present
- Social Media Coordinator for Department of Philosophy, 2014-present
- COVID-19 Student Life Continuity Committee, summer 2020-present
- Judge for Swarthmore/Rikers Debate Project, summer 2020
- Interim Coordinator, Peace and Conflict Studies Program, 2019-2020
- Ad Hoc Committee for Revising Grievance Procedures, 2019-2020
- Faculty presenter for Participating Effectively in Class Student Workshop, Fall 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
- Faculty speaker at First Gathering, Fall 2019
- Peaslee Debate Society Bathtub Debate Champion, 2018, 2016, and 2013
- Presenter for Lang Center Grantee Workshop, April 2018
- Panelist for "Body, Space, Gender" sponsored by Women's Resource Center, March 2018
- Middle States Working Group: Ethics and Integrity 2017-2018
- Aydelotte Faculty Fellow for Frank 5 Program, 2017-2018
- Aydelotte Foundation Tuesday Café presenter, December 2017
- Humanities Café Presenter, February 2016

- Aydelotte Foundation Faculty Research Dinner series participant, November 2015
- Faculty Panel "Science and Society," *Peripeteia*, October 2015
- Faculty Panel for Discover Swarthmore Fall 2015, Spring 2021
- Lang Center Fellow, 2015-2016
- Aydelotte Foundation Steering Committee, 2014-2015
- Presenter "Making Moral Arguments about Divestment" with Hans Oberdiek April, 2015
- Represented Swarthmore at LACOL conference and presented on a panel for teaching close reading (Liberal Arts Consortium for Online Learning), Fall 2014
- Invited Panelist on "The Future of the Liberal Arts," sponsored by the Institute for the Liberal Arts, Swarthmore College, March 2013
- Invited Panelist on "Public Forum on Health Care Reform," sponsored by Swarthmore College Health Society, November 2012
- Selection Committee for "Davis Projects for Peace," Swarthmore College, 2012-2013

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- American Philosophical Association
- North American Kant Society
- DC/Baltimore Kant Working Group
- North American Society for Social Philosophy
- Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love