

# KRISTA K. THOMASON

## Curriculum Vitae

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EXPERTISE

- AOS: Moral Philosophy, Kant's Moral Theory, Social/Political Philosophy
- AOC: Philosophy of Law, Bioethics, Continental Philosophy, Race and Gender Theory, Ancient Philosophy

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 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

### EDUCATION

- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Ph.D., October 2009  
Thesis: "Rethinking Shame"  
Committee: David Sussman (chair), Arthur Melnick, William Schroeder, Helga Varden
- 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

### **INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS**

1. “Anger as a Necessary Response” in *The Ethics of Anger*, forthcoming with Lexington Books
2. “The Moral Risks of Online Shaming” in *Oxford Handbook of Digital Ethics*, forthcoming with Oxford University Press
3. Notes and Introduction for a translation of Kant’s *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*, ed. Steven Kahn and trans. Andrea Tschemplik, forthcoming with Rowman & Littlefield
4. “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.
5. “Seeing Child Soldiers as Morally Compromised Warriors: The Ambiguous Moral Responsibility of Child Soldiers” *The Critique* magazine, September/October Issue 2016
6. “Jean Hampton” entry in *Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*, Springer Reference
7. “Jeffrie Murphy” entry in *Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*, Springer Reference
8. Guest editor for *Essays in Philosophy* Vol. 18, Issue 2: Moral Psychology and War

### **PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

1. “Wild Chimeras: Enthusiasm and Intellectual Virtue in Kant” *European Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming
2. “I’ll Show You: Spite as a Reactive Attitude” *The Monist*, forthcoming
3. “A Good Enough Heart: Kant on the Cultivation of Emotions” *Kantian Review* Vol. 22, No. 3, September 2017
4. “Guilt and Child Soldiers” in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* Vol. 19, No. 1, February 2016
5. “Shame, Violence, and Morality” in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* Vol. XCI, No. 1 July 2015
6. “Forgiveness or Fairness?” in *Philosophical Papers* Vol. 44, No. 2, June 2015

7. "The Moral Value of Envy" in *Southern Journal of Philosophy* Vol. 53, No. 1, March 2015
8. "A Kantian Argument for Sovereignty Rights of Indigenous Peoples," in *Public Reason: Journal of Moral and Political Philosophy* Vol. 6, No. 1-2, 2014
9. "Shame and Contempt in Kant's Moral Theory," *Kantian Review* Vol. 18, No. 2, July 2013

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

1. "Transitional Justice as Structural Justice," in *Theorizing Transitional Justice*, edited by Claudio Corradetti, Nir Eisikovits, and Jack Volpe Rotondi, Ashgate Publishing, 2015.

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

1. Review of Eric Watkin's (ed.) *Kant on Persons and Agency*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 57 (1) 2019.
2. Review of Agnes Callard's *Aspiration: The Agency of Becoming*, *Essays in Philosophy* 20 (1) 2019.
3. Review of Adrienne Martin's *How We Hope: A Moral Psychology*, *The European Legacy* (available in online early view May 2018)
4. Review of Berel Lang's *Genocide: The Act as Idea*, *Journal of Genocide Research* (available in online early view April 2018)
5. Review of Jill Stauffer's *Ethical Loneliness: The Injustice of Not Being Heard*, *Philosophy Today* 62 (2) 2018.
6. 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)
7. Review of Martha C. Nussbaum's *Anger and Forgiveness*, *Essays in Philosophy* Vol. 18 (1) January 2017
8. "Civic Education and the Ideal of Public Reason: Review Essay of Meira Levinson's *No Citizen Left Behind*," *Social Philosophy Today*, Vol. 31, 2015
9. Review of Avishai Margalit's *On Compromise and Rotten Compromises*, Phi Beta Kappa's *The Key Reporter*, October 2013.
10. Review of Dale Dorsey's *The Basic Minimum: A Welfarist Approach*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, August 2012.

#### **PUBLIC WRITING AND PUBLIC LECTURES**

1. Aeon Magazine, "If you feel ashamed, does that mean you're a moral failure?" online November 23, 2018

2. "Moral Responsibility and Child Soldiers" Rachel Kohl Library, July 2017
3. Oxford University Press Blog, "The Varieties of Shame," online July 6, 2018

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

1. "How Should We Feel About Recalcitrant Emotions?" Invited Symposium: Moral Emotions and Responsibility, Central Division APA Annual Meeting, February 2020.
2. "The Moral Risks of Online Shaming" Saint Joseph's University, October 2019
3. "The Moral Risks of Online Shaming" Cal Poly Pomona, August 2019
4. "Self-Blame for Recalcitrant Emotions" Workshop on Self-blame and Responsibility, University of Oslo, September 2019
5. "In Defense of Vengeful Anger" Emotions and Punishment, University of Kent, June 2019
6. "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
7. "Wild Chimeras: Kant on the Dangers of Enthusiasm" Dimensions of Normativity: Kant on Morality, Legality and Humanity, Purdue University, February 19-21 2017
8. "A Kantian Argument Against Solitary Confinement" Rowan University, October 2017
9. Author-Meets-Critics on Jill Stauffer's *Ethical Loneliness*, Greater Philadelphia Philosophical Consortium, February 2017
10. "Should We Shame on Social Media?" Lawrence University, May 2016
11. 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
12. 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
13. "Is Envy a Moral Emotion?" Kutztown University, December 2013
14. "Accepting Responsibility," Knox College, May 2013

#### **RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

1. "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
2. "Wild Chimeras: Kant on the Dangers of Enthusiasm" Eastern Division APA (main program), January 2018
3. "A Kantian Argument Against Solitary Confinement" International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2017
4. "Wild Chimeras: Kant on the Dangers of Enthusiasm" Eastern Meeting of the North American Kant Society, April 2017
5. "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
6. "Bloodguilt: Kant, Vengeance, and the Iron Necessity of Justice" Central Division APA (main program), March 2016
7. "A Good Enough Heart: Kant and the Cultivation of Emotions" 12<sup>th</sup> International Kant Congress, University of Vienna, September 2015
8. "Bloodguilt: Kant, Vengeance, and the Iron Necessity of Justice" Eastern Meeting of the North American Kant Society, April 2015
9. Commentary on Meira Levison's *No Citizen Left Behind*, International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2014
10. "Dehumanization and the Victims of Genocide," at the conference "Perspectives on Evil and Human Wickedness," Prague, Czech Republic, March 2014
11. "The Moral Significance of Immoral Emotions," International Social Philosophy Conference, July 2013
12. "A Kantian Argument for Sovereignty Rights of Indigenous Peoples," Pacific Division APA Meeting (main program), March 2013
13. "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
14. "A Kantian Argument for Sovereignty Rights of Indigenous Peoples," Midwestern Study Group of the North American Kant Society, March 2013
15. "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, AND HONORS**

- 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 NEH workshop “Coming Home Dialogues,” September 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**

- 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*

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

- Interim Coordinator, Peace and Conflict Studies Program, 2019-2020
- Swarthmore Phi Beta Kappa chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Fall 2019-present
- 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
- 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," *Peripetea*, October 2015
- Faculty Panel for Discover Swarthmore Fall 2015
- Lang Center Fellow, 2015-2016
- Aydelotte Foundation Steering Committee, 2014-2015
- Presenter "Making Moral Arguments about Divestment" with Hans Oberdiek April, 2015
- First-Generation Faculty Liaison, 2014-present
- Social Media Coordinator for Department of Philosophy, 2014-present
- Represented Swarthmore at LACOL conference and presented on a panel for teaching close reading (Liberal Arts Consortium for Online Learning), Fall 2014
- Program Committee for Peace and Conflict Studies at Swarthmore College, 2012-present
- 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
- North American Society for Social Philosophy
- Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love