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Education

- Ph. D. Philosophy, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC (expected July 2024)
Dissertation: Partiality and Animal Ethics: Special Obligations to Animal Companions
Committee: Matthew Kisner, Christopher Tollefsen, Kathryn Lindeman, and Bob Fischer
- M.A. Philosophy, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, 2015
- B.A. Philosophy with Minor in Political Science and Minor in Ethics, Values, and Society, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI, 2013

Areas of Specialization

Normative Ethics, Animal Ethics, and Environmental Ethics

Areas of Competence

Biomedical Ethics and Logic

Publications

- “Parental Responsibility and Our Special Relationship with Animal Companions”, *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10790-023-09973-2>

Conferences & Colloquiums (*Invited)

- “Taking Partiality Seriously: Extending Moral Partiality to Non-Human Animals”, *Queen Street Symposium*, University of South Carolina, March 2024.*
- “What is an Animal Companion? Revisiting the Barnbaum-Varner Definition”, *2024 Joint Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society and the South Carolina Society of Philosophy*, Davidson College, March 2024.
- “The Parent-Child Relationship: Do We Owe Our Animal Companions What We Owe Our Children?”, *Georgia Philosophical Society 2022 Online Conference on Contemporary Issues*, University of Georgia, December 2022.
- “Special Obligations to Animal Companions: The Parent-Child Relationship”, *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, University of Colorado, August 2022.
- “Partiality and Animal Companions”, *Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals 2021 Virtual Colloquium Series*, December 2021.*
- “Can Utilitarian or Rights-Based Approaches Justify Veganism?”, *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, University of Colorado, August 2019.
- “Aristotle’s Conception of Justice: The Standard and Bifunctional Accounts”, *South Carolina Society for Philosophy*, University of South Carolina, March 2019.
- “Moral Disagreement and Audi’s Account of Moral Intuitionism”, *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, University of Washington, November 2014.
- “Moral Disagreement and Audi’s Account of Moral Intuitionism”, *Graduate Philosophy Conference*, University of Nevada, Reno, October 2014.
- “Moral Disagreement and Audi’s Account of Moral Intuitionism”, *Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Workshop*, Western Michigan University, October 2014.
- “The Inconsistencies in Hume’s *Of the Standard of Taste*”, *1st Annual Spring Philosophy Workshop*, Western Michigan University, March 2014.*

Commentaries

- Comments on Jonathan Ichikawa's, "A Euthyphro Problem for Consent Theory", *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2023.
- Comments on Brendan Cline's, "Designing Species", *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2021.
- Comments on Tommy Graves's, "Permissive Cases and Conciliationism Are Friends", *8th Annual Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference*, Western Michigan University, December 2014.
- Comments on Patrick Cronin's, "Abduction, Induction, and Reduction", *Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Workshop*, Western Michigan University, October 2014.
- Comments on Joey Miller's, "What We Can Learn from the Moral Twin Earth Thought Experiments", *7th Annual Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference*, Western Michigan University, December 2013.

Teaching Experience (*Taught Online)

Instructor of Record

University of South Carolina

- PHIL213: Communicating Moral Issues (Fall '19 – Spring '22)
- PHIL325: Engineering Ethics (Summer '19, Summer '21*)

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

- PHI106: Critical Thinking (Fall '15 – Spring '17)
- PHI201: Introduction to Philosophy (Spring '16)
- PHI205: Ethics (Fall '16 – Spring '17)

Albion College

- PHIL101: Introduction to Philosophy (Fall '15)

Western Michigan University

- PHIL2000: Introduction to Philosophy (Fall '14)
- PHIL2010: Contemporary Problems in Ethics (Spring '15, Summer '15*)

Teaching Assistant

University of South Carolina

- PHIL213: Communicating Moral Issues (Fall '17)
- PHIL322: Environmental Ethics (Spring '19)
- PHIL325: Engineering Ethics (Spring '18, Fall '18)

Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth

- Logic: Principles of Reasoning (Summer '14, Summer '15)

Western Michigan University

- PHIL2200: Critical Thinking (Spring '14)
- PHIL3340: Biomedical Ethics (Fall '13*)

Professional Service

- Assistant Editor, *Daily Nous*, July 2023 – present.
- Web Design, Department of Philosophy, University of South Carolina, July 2023 – present.
- Web Design, American Pragmatics Association, July 2023 – September 2023.
- Chair, David DeGrazia, "*The Concept of Moral Status*", *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, University of Colorado, August 2022.
- Chair, Anna-Bella Sicilia, "*In Defense of Genuine Un-Forgiving*", *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, University of Colorado, August 2022.

- Member, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, University of South Carolina, December 2021 – June 2023.
- Colloquia Committee Member, University of South Carolina, Fall 2019 – Spring 2021, Fall 2022 – Spring 2023.
- Chair, A.J. Holdier, “*Diathetic Injustice: Factory Farms and the Ethics of Alief*”, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, August 2019.
- Chair, Sophia Huerter, “*Animal Standpoint Theory: The Imperative of Interpretation*”, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, August 2019.
- Graduate Student Representative, University of South Carolina, August 2019-May 2020.
- Conference Co-Organizer, Annual Western Michigan University Philosophy Graduate Conference, Western Michigan University, Fall 2014.

Graduate Coursework

Philosophical Logic

- Symbolic Logic (Michael Dickson, USC, Fall '17)
- Independent Study: *More Precisely* (Timothy McGrew, WMU, Summer '14)
- Philosophical Applications of Probability (Timothy McGrew, WMU, Spring '14)
- Independent Study: Inference to the Best Explanation (Timothy McGrew, WMU, Spring '14)
- Independent Study: Medieval Logic (Peter Distelzweig, WMU, Spring '14)
- Philosophical Applications of Logic (Arthur Falk, WMU, Fall '13)

Epistemology and Philosophy of Science

- Epistemology (Michael Stoeltzner, USC, Fall '17)
- Epistemology (Marc Alspector-Kelly, WMU, Spring '15)
- Advanced Philosophy of Science (Marc Alspector-Kelly, WMU, Spring '14)

Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind

- Metaphysics (Christopher Frey, USC, Fall '18)
- Problems of Intentionality and Intensionality (Like Manning, WMU, Spring '15)
- Philosophy of Mind (John Dilworth, WMU, Fall '14)

Ethics and Value Theory

- Ethical Theory (Jennifer Frey, USC, Fall '18)
- Studies in Ethics: The Ethics of Killing (Christopher Tollefsen, USC, Fall '17)
- Independent Study: Moral Psychology (Michael Pritchard, WMU, Spring '15)
- Ethical Theory - Kant (Janelle DeWitt, WMU, Spring '15)
- Freedom and Responsibility (Richard Glatz, WMU, Fall '14)
- Ethical Theory – Darwall and Audi (Michael Pritchard, WMU, Summer '14)
- Peter Railton Survey (Marc Alspector-Kelly, WMU, Fall '13)
- Aesthetics (John Dilworth, WMU, Fall '13)

History of Philosophy

- Independent Study: British Moralists (Matthew Kisner, USC, Spring '19)
- Independent Study: Pragmatism (Thomas Burke, USC, Spring '19)
- Aristotle (Heike Sefrin-Weis, USC, Spring '18)

Other

- Research Methods of Animal Welfare Science (Shayne Barlow, USC, Spring '22)
- Teaching Philosophy (Justin Weinberg, USC, Fall '18)
- Special Topics: Metaphilosophy (Justin Weinberg, USC, Spring '18)

Awards, Certificates, and Fellowships

- Russel J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Dissertation Fellowship, University of South Carolina, Fall 2022 – Spring 2023.
- Richard Greener Graduate Student Award, University of South Carolina, Spring 2022.
- Center for Teaching Excellence Certification: Teaching Online for Graduate Students, University of South Carolina, Fall 2021.
- Graduate Teaching Award, University of South Carolina, Spring 2021.
- Graduate Research and Creative Scholar Award, Western Michigan University, Spring 2015.

Professional References

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