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EMPLOYMENT

Lund University, Department of Philosophy

Senior Researcher 2018—present

West Virginia University, Department of Philosophy

Associate Professor of Philosophy (on leave) 2013—present

Department Chair 2014—2018

Assistant Chair 2011—2014

Assistant Professor of Philosophy 2007—2013

West Virginia University, Humanities Program

Director 2014—2018

University of California, San Diego, Department of Philosophy

Faculty Fellow Researcher and Lecturer 2005—2007

EDUCATION

PhD (Philosophy) University of California, Riverside 2005

MA (Philosophy) University of South Carolina 2000

BA (Philosophy) University of South Carolina 1992

RESEARCH AREAS Ethics, Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Agency

PUBLICATIONS

Books

War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame, 2018, Oxford University Press. Co-authored with Jessica Wolfendale.

Moral Responsibility: An Introduction, 2016, Polity (Key Concepts in Philosophy).

Articles and Book Chapters

“Attributionism,” forthcoming, in D. K. Nelkin and D. Pereboom (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Moral Responsibility* (Oxford University Press).

“Judgmental Alternatives, Empathy, and Moral Responsibility,” 2018, *Philosophical Studies* 175: 973-90. Contribution to a symposium on D. Shoemaker’s *Responsibility from the Margins*.

“Akrasia, Awareness, and Blameworthiness,” 2017, in P. Robichaud and J. W. Wieland (eds), *Responsibility: The Epistemic Condition* (Oxford University Press), pp. 47-63.

“Omission and Attribution Error,” 2017, in D. K. Nelkin and S. C. Rickless (eds), *The Ethics and Law of Omissions* (Oxford University Press), pp. 17-35.

“Symmetry, Rational Abilities, and the Ought-Implies-Can Principle,” 2016, *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 10: 283-96. Invited discussion of D. K. Nelkin, *Making Sense of Freedom and Responsibility* (Oxford University Press, 2011).

“Responsibility without Causation, Luck, and Dying of Thirst: A Reply to Sartorio,” 2015, *Method – Analytic Perspectives* 4: 173-84. Invited reply to an article by C. Sartorio in the same issue.

“War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame,” 2015, in C. Miller, R. M. Furr, A. Knobel, and W. Fleeson (eds), *Character: New Directions from Philosophy, Psychology, and Theology* (Oxford University Press), pp. 671-692. Co-authored with Jessica Wolfendale.

“The Significance of Psychopathic Wrongdoing,” 2014, in T. Schramme (ed), *Being Amoral: Psychopathy and Moral Incapacity* (MIT Press), pp. 275-300.

“Unwitting Wrongdoers and the Role of Moral Disagreement in Blame,” 2013, in D. Shoemaker (ed), *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility* (Oxford University Press), pp. 225–245.

“Accountability, Aliens, and Psychopaths: A Reply to Shoemaker,” 2012, *Ethics* 122: 562–74.

“Praise and Prevention,” 2012, *Philosophical Explorations* 15: 47–61.

“Moral Competence, Moral Blame, and Protest,” 2012, *The Journal of Ethics* 16: 89–109.

“Unwitting Behavior and Responsibility,” 2011, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 8: 139–152. Invited discussion of G. Sher, *Who Knew?: Responsibility Without Awareness* (Oxford University Press, 2009).

“Situationism, Normative Competence, and Responsibility for Wartime Behavior,” 2009, *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 43: 415–432. Invited contribution to a special issue on responsibility.

“Compatibilism, Common Sense, and Prepunishment,” 2009, *Public Affairs Quarterly* 23: 325–335.

“Implanted Desires, Self-Formation and Blame,” 2009, *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 3: 1–18.

“Blame and Responsiveness to Moral Reasons: Are Psychopaths Blameworthy?,” 2008, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 89: 516–535.

“Contractualism and Our Duties to Nonhuman Animals,” 2006, *Environmental Ethics* 28: 201–215.

Book Reviews

Responsibility from the Margins, D. Shoemaker (Oxford University Press, 2015), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, March 13, 2016.

Free Will, Agency, and Meaning in Life, D. Pereboom (Oxford University Press, 2014), *Mind* 125 (2016): 248-52.

Blame: Its Nature and Norms, D. J. Coates and N. A. Tognazzini (Oxford University Press, 2013), *Ethics* 124 (2014): 603-608.

I Was Wrong: The Meanings of Apologies by N. Smith (Cambridge University Press, 2008), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, October 1, 2008.

Mapping Responsibility: Explorations in Mind, Law, Myth, and Culture by H. Fingarette (Open Court, 2004), *Philosophical Review* 117 (2008): 130–33.

Moral Responsibility: The Ways of Scepticism by C. Moya (Routledge, 2006), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, August 7, 2006.

Other Publications

“The Moral Responsibility of Child Soldiers and the Case of Dominic Ongwen,” 2018, *The Ethical War Blog*, Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace. Co-authored with Jessica Wolfendale.

In Preparation

“Moral Responsibility,” commissioned by the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

PRESENTATIONS

“Moral Responsibility for War Crimes,” Plenary Panel on M. Talbert and J. Wolfendale, *War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame*, International Society for Military Ethics Annual Conference, Cleveland, OH, January 2018.

“Doing What You Think is Right,” University of Richmond, Richmond, VA, November 2017.

“Attributionism's Half-Hearted Blame Scepticism,” Scepticism, Dualism, and Illusionism: Themes on Smilansky, Lund University, Lund, Sweden, October 2017.

“The Relevance of Judgmental Alternatives and Empathy for Moral Responsibility,” Author Meets Critics: D. Shoemaker, *Responsibility From the Margins*, APA Central Division Meeting, Kansas City, MO, March 2017.

Panel Participant, “Psychopathy, Emotion, and Moral Responsibility,” Princeton University Center for Human Values, Princeton, NJ, February 2017.

“Doing What You Think is Right,” Gothenburg Biennial Responsibility Conference, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden, August 2016.

Keynote Address: "Doing What You Think is Right," Mudd Center For Ethics Undergraduate Conference, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA, March 2016.

"Complicity, Moral Responsibility, and Joint Criminal Enterprise" (with Jessica Wolfendale), Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC, October 2015.

"Akrasia, Awareness, and Blame," The Epistemic Dimension of Responsibility, VU University Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands, May 2015.

"Omission and Attribution Error," The Ethics and Law of Omission, UC San Diego, San Diego, CA, April 2015.

"War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame" (with Jessica Wolfendale), The Ethics of War in the 21st Century, Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2014.

"Reasonable Expectations and Blame," APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2014.

"Doing What You Think is Right: The Role of Subjectivity in Praise and Blame," Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO, August 2013.

"War Crimes, Character, and Responsibility" (with Jessica Wolfendale), Character Project Workshop, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, June 2013.

"War Crimes, Character, and Responsibility" (with Jessica Wolfendale), Violence: Probing the Boundaries, Prague, Czech Republic, May 2013.

"The Significance of Psychopathic Wrongdoing," APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 2013.

"War Crimes, Character, and Responsibility" (with Jessica Wolfendale), Capacity-Character Workshop, Delft, The Netherlands, May 2012.

"Accountability, Aliens, and Psychopaths: A Reply to Shoemaker," APA Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle, WA, April 2012.

Comments on Stephen Kershner, "Galen Strawson versus George Sher on Moral Responsibility," APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 2012.

"Unwitting Wrongdoers," New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility, New Orleans, LA, November 2011.

"Unwitting Wrongdoers," Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, Indiana, PA, March 2011.

"Moral Competence, Moral Blame, and Protest," Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO, August 2010.

"Moral Blame and Protest," 36th Conference on Value Inquiry: Wrongdoing and Its Consequences, Carbondale, IL, April 2010.

“Moral Competence and Moral Blame,” APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 2009.

“Implanted Desires, Self-Formation, and Blame,” UC Riverside Alumni Conference, University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA, March 2008.

Comments on Edmund Wall, “Problems with Hooker’s Rule-Consequentialism,” APA Pacific Division Meeting, Pasadena, CA, March 2008.

“Blame and Responsiveness to Moral Reasons: Are Psychopaths Blameworthy?” and “The Irrelevance of Normative Competence for Blame,” Criminal Responsibility Workshop, University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA, December 2007.

“The Irrelevance of Normative Competence for Blame,” Conference on Responsibility, Agency, and Persons, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, October 2007.

Comments on John Doris and Dominic Murphy, “From My Lai to Abu Ghraib: The Moral Psychology of Atrocity,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2007.

“Moral Blindness and Moral Blame: Psychopathy and Responsibility,” Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: Action, Ethics and Responsibility, Moscow, ID, April 2006.

Comments on David Shoemaker, “Identification, Responsibility, and the Whim Problem,” APA Pacific Division Meeting, Portland, OR, March 2006.

Comments on Michael Nelson, “Breakin’ the Law,” Society of Christian Philosophers Conference, Pacific Division, San Diego, CA, February 2006.

“Moral Blindness and Moral Blame,” University of California, San Diego, Department of Philosophy, La Jolla, CA, October 2005.

“Self-Formation and Moral Responsibility,” Coastal Carolina University, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Conway, SC, November 2004.

“Normative Competence, Moral Responsibility, and Personal History,” Southern California Philosophy Conference, Riverside, CA, October 2003.

GRANTS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

“Failures of Character: War Crimes, Obedience, and Responsibility,” with Jessica Wolfendale, The Character Project, Wake Forest University, supported by the John Templeton Foundation, \$84,184	2012–2013
Faculty Senate Research Grant, West Virginia University, \$7,000	2011
Second Place, Young Ethicist Prize, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress	2010
Riggle Summer Fellowship in the Humanities, West Virginia University, \$5,000	2008

Faculty Fellow Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of California, San Diego	2005–2007
Harrah Applied Philosophy Prize, University of California, Riverside	2004
Finalist, Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation	2004
Chancellor’s Distinguished Fellowship, University of California, Riverside	2000, 2003
Josiah Morse Prize in Philosophy, University of South Carolina	1993
Phi Beta Kappa	1992
Graduation with honors, University of South Carolina Honors College	1992

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

West Virginia University

Ethics Bowl	Fall 2010, 2011
Ethical Theory	Fall 2007–2011; Spring 2009
Freedom and Responsibility	Spring 2018
Introduction to Philosophical Problems	Fall 2007–2008; Spring 2008, 2014
Introduction to Symbolic Logic	Spring 2009–2015, 2017; Fall 2009–2011, 2014–2017
Philosophy of Law	Spring 2012, 2013, 2016
Senior Seminar: Moral Responsibility	Spring 2010
Special Topics: Free Will	Spring 2008

Moscow Center for Consciousness Studies (Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia)

Free Will Summer School (with John M. Fischer)	Summer 2014
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University of California, San Diego

Bio-Medical Ethics	Spring 2006
Ethical Theory	Winter 2006
Ethics and Society	Spring 2007
Introduction to Ethics	Fall 2006
Introduction to Symbolic Logic	Summer 2006
Metaphysics	Fall 2005
Philosophy of Action	Winter 2007

University of California, Riverside

Business Ethics	Summer 2002, 2003
Evil, Free Will, and Moral Luck	Summer 2004
Senior Seminar: Law and Society	Summer 2005

University of South Carolina

Introduction to Symbolic Logic	Summer 1998; Spring 1999
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SERVICE

Service to the West Virginia University Department of Philosophy

Chair	2014–present
Assistant Chair	2011–2014
Coach, Ethics Bowl Team	2010–2012
Curriculum Committee	2008–2010
Faculty Evaluation Committee, Philosophy, Humanities, and Religious Studies	2007–2011
Hiring Committee	2008–2009
Undergraduate Advisor	2007–present

Service to Eberly College and West Virginia University

Eberly College Administrative Committee	2014–present
Bucklew Scholarship Committee	2011
Dean’s Advisory Committee	2011–2012
Faculty Advisor, WVU Brights	2008–2010
Foundation Scholarship Committee	2011
Outstanding Public Service Award Committee	2011–2012
Phi Beta Kappa Albert Lee Sturm Scholarship Committee	2012, 2013

Service to the Profession: Referee Reports for Journals

<i>Analysis</i>	2017
<i>Analytic Philosophy</i>	2012
<i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i>	2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017

<i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i>	2005, 2013, 2015, 2017
<i>Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence</i>	2016
<i>Crítica: Revista Hispanoamericana de Filosofía</i>	2018
<i>Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review</i>	2010, 2013, 2015
<i>Ergo</i>	2017
<i>Erkenntnis</i>	2016
<i>Ethical Theory and Moral Practice</i>	2012, 2014, 2015, 2018
<i>Ethics</i>	2013, 2014
<i>European Journal of Philosophy</i>	2016
<i>Faith and Philosophy</i>	2017
<i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i>	2013, 2017
<i>Journal of Moral Philosophy</i>	2014, 2015, 2016
<i>Journal of Philosophy</i>	2018
<i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i>	2016, 2018
<i>Mind</i>	2010, 2011, 2012, 2014
<i>Neuroethics</i>	2015
<i>Noûs</i>	2011, 2014
<i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i>	2009, 2011, 2012, 2016, 2017
<i>Philosophical Explorations</i>	2011, 2012, 2016, 2017
<i>Philosophical Papers</i>	2012, 2016
<i>Philosophical Psychology</i>	2013, 2017
<i>Philosophical Quarterly</i>	2009, 2015
<i>Philosophical Studies</i>	2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
<i>Philosophy and Technology</i>	2013
<i>Ratio</i>	2015
<i>Social Philosophy and Policy</i>	2018
<i>Social Theory and Practice</i>	2012, 2014

<i>Southern Journal of Philosophy</i>	2013
<i>Synthese</i>	2014, 2015
<i>The Philosophical Review</i>	2017
<i>Service to the Profession: Referee Reports for Conferences</i>	
Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology	2013
New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility	2013
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division	2016
<i>Service to the Profession: Reports to Publishers</i>	
Oxford University Press	2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2017
Routledge	2008
W. W. Norton	2009, 2011
Wadsworth Publishing	2008
<i>Service to the Profession: Reports on Grant Proposals</i>	
Austrian Science Fund	2013
Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research	2011, 2013

REFERENCES

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