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Areas of Specialization Ethics, Moral Psychology
Areas of Competence Kant (esp. practical philosophy), Early Modern, Non-Western Ethics

Education

Feb 2020 (expected) Ph.D. in Philosophy, Brown University
Dissertation: *Well-being, Compassion, and Core-Desire*
Committee: Nomy Arpaly, James Dreier, David Estlund

2015 M.A. in Philosophy, Brown University

2012 B.A. in Philosophy, Columbia University in the City of New York
Summa cum laude, Departmental Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

2009 A.A. in Liberal Arts, Borough of Manhattan Community College
Departmental Honors in History, Phi Theta Kappa

Publications

“A Working Test for Well-being”, *Utilitas* 30 (2):129-142 (2018)

Review of Anna Alexandrova’s *A Philosophy for the Science of Well-Being* (2017, Oxford University Press), forthcoming in *Metascience*

Talks

February, 2020 (scheduled) *Well-being, Self-Sacrifice and Core Desires*
APA Central Division Meeting 2020, Chicago, IL

November 9, 2018 *Loss, Praise, and Desire: The Problem of Self-Sacrifice Revisited*
Department Colloquium, Illinois Institute of Technology

January 3, 2018 *A Working Test for Well-being*
APA Eastern Division Meeting 2018, Savannah, GA

September 20th, 2017 *Core Desires: Sketch of a New Theory of Well-being*
Philosophy Graduate Forum, Brown University

October 21st, 2016 *A Working Test for Well-being*
Lunch Talk Colloquium Series, State University of New York at Buffalo

April 10th, 2016 *Doing Right and Feeling Right: Cultivation of Character in Kant’s Ethics*
MARI Graduate Conference, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Talks (continued from previous page)

- March 30th, 2016 *Doing Right and Feeling Right: Cultivation of Character in Kant's Ethics*
 APA Pacific Division Meeting 2016, San Francisco, CA
- April 17th, 2015 *Autonomy, Wellbeing, and Compassion*
 LSU Graduate Conference at Louisiana State University

Commentaries

- April 18th, 2019 Commentary on *Culpable Unresentables* by Samuel Reis-Dennis, at the
 APA Pacific Division Meeting 2019, Vancouver, Canada
- October 26th, 2018 Commentary on *Music and Moral Virtue* by T.J. Broy, at the Central States
 Philosophical Association (CSPA) 2018 Meeting, Buffalo, NY
- March 28th, 2018 Commentary on *Frankfurt, Free Will, and the Problem of Self-Control*,
 symposium paper by Ryan Cummings & Adina Roskies, at the
 APA Pacific Division Meeting 2018, San Diego, CA
- November 7th, 2015 Commentary on *Luck and the Moral Psychology of Gratitude* by Daniel Telech at
 the 10th Annual Shapiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, Brown University

Teaching

- Current Appointment: Sawyer Pre-doctoral Teaching Fellow at Illinois Institute of Technology
 Fall 2019 *Applied Ethics*
 The Meaning of Life
- Summer 2019 *Global Ethics*
- Spring 2019 *Emotions and Morality*
 The Meaning of Life
- Fall 2018 *The Philosophy of Wellbeing*
 The Meaning of Life
- Summer 2018 Instructor at Brown University, Pre-College Program "Summer@Brown"
 How to Live: Ethical Perspectives from Buddhism, Islam & Native Americans
- Fall 2015 Instructor at Brown University (Teaching Fellowship)
 Introduction to Philosophy
- Summers 2014-2017 Instructor at Brown University, Pre-College Program "Summer@Brown"
 The Meaning of Life
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- April 7, 2018 AAPT Workshop on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy at MIT (participant)

Awards and Grants

Fall 2019 - Spring 2020	Sawyer Pre-doctoral Teaching Fellowship, Illinois Institute of Technology
Fall 2018 - Spring 2019	Sawyer Pre-doctoral Teaching Fellowship, Illinois Institute of Technology
January 2018	APA Graduate Student Stipend
Fall 2017 - Spring 2018	Andrew W. Mellon Graduate Workshop Grant (\$5000) Workshop Title: <i>Compassion - Nature, Morality, and Society</i>
April 2017	Conference Travel Grant, Brown Graduate School
Fall 2016–Spring 2017	Dissertation Fellowship, Brown Graduate School
March 2016	Conference Travel Grant, Brown Graduate School
Fall 2015	Teaching Fellowship, Brown Graduate School
April 2015	Conference Travel Grant, Brown Graduate School
Fall 2012–Spring 2013	Graduate Fellowship, Brown Graduate School
Fall 2009–Fall 2011	TOMS Scholarship, Columbia University

Service

Spring 2018 - present	Referee for <i>Utilitas</i>
Spring 2019	Created and piloted a two-day introductory Ethics Module for the <i>Center for the Study of Ethics in the Profession</i> , Illinois Institute of Technology
January 2019	Colloquium Chair at the APA Eastern Division Meeting 2019, New York
November 2018	Judge at the Upper Midwest Ethics Bowl, Chicago
Fall 2017–Spring 2018	Creating and leading interdisciplinary Andrew W. Mellon Graduate Workshop, titled <i>Compassion – Nature, Morality, and Society</i> Responsibilities included creating the syllabus, running bi-weekly seminars with graduate students from various departments, selecting and inviting guest speakers, and managing the \$5000 budget.
Falls 2012–2017	Referee for the Annual Shapiro Graduate Philosophy Conference
June 2014–May 2017	Founder and Organizer of the Brown Ethics Reading Group
April 2017	Colloquium Chair at the APA Pacific Division Meeting 2017, Seattle
Fall 2012–May 2017	Department Representative to the Graduate Student Council
August 2015	Peer Mentor for International Student Orientation, Brown University
June 2015	Admissions Referee, Tutor, and Panel Participant for <i>SIPP@Brown</i> (the Brown Philosophy Department’s Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy aimed at serving underrepresented groups in philosophy)
August 2014	Peer Mentor for Graduate Student Orientation, Brown University
Summer 2014	Referee for <i>Research Matters</i> (Brown’s showcase event of graduate work)
Spring 2014	Organizer of the Prospective Graduate Students Visiting Days
September 2013	Conference Assistant for <i>Nature and Freedom in Kant - A Conference in Honor of Paul Guyer</i> , Brown University

Languages

English (fluent; primary research language)

German (fluent; native speaker)

Spanish (fluent)

Farsi (beginner)

Teaching Assistantships

Spring 2018	Moral Philosophy (Nomy Arpaly)
Fall 2017	Consciousness (Christopher Hill)
Spring 2016	Early Modern Philosophy (Paul Guyer)
Spring 2015	The Philosophy and Psychology of Happiness (Bernard Reginster & Joachim
Fall 2014	Schopenhauer's Ethical Thought (Bernard Reginster) Krueger)
Spring 2014	The Meaning of Life (Charles Larmore)
Fall 2013	Deductive Logic (Richard Heck)
Summer 2013	The Meaning of Life (Alexandra King)

Regular responsibilities included weekly office hours and grading papers and exams. For Professor Guyer, Professor Heck, and Professor Larmore I was also responsible for weekly discussion and review sections.

Graduate Coursework

(* indicates audit)

Ethics and Metaethics

Spring 2017	Shame and Guilt (Bernard Reginster) *
Spring 2016	Moral Emotions (Michelle Mason) *
Spring 2015	The Nature of Morality (James Dreier) *
Fall 2014	Third Year Literature Review: Moral Psychology (Nomy Arpaly)
Spring 2014	Independent Research Study: Compassion (Nomy Arpaly)
Fall 2013	Moral Psychology (Nomy Arpaly)
Spring 2013	Graduate Proseminar: 20 th Century Value Theory (Nomy Arpaly)
Spring 2011	What are Values? (Katja Vogt)

Epistemology and Logic

Fall 2013	The Epistemic Significance of the Etiology of Belief (Joshua Schechter & David Christensen)
Spring 2013	Independent Study: Philosophical Logic (Joshua Schechter)

History

Spring 2015	Moral Sentiments from Hutchinson to Kant (Paul Guyer) *
	Kant's <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> (Paul Guyer) *
	Third Year Paper Workshop: <i>Kant and Cultivation</i> (David Estlund)
Fall 2014	Independent Research Study: Kant and Sympathy (Paul Guyer)
Spring 2014	Plato (Mary Louise Gill)
Spring 2013	Reception of Kant's Ethics (Paul Guyer)
Fall 2012	Aristotle and the Mind/Body Problem (David Charles)
	Kant's Practical Philosophy (Paul Guyer)
	Graduate Proseminar: 20 th Century Analytic Philosophy (Joshua Schechter)

Metaphysics and Mind

Spring 2014	Metaphysics of Chance (Nina Emery)
Fall 2013	Mental Causation (Jaegwon Kim)
Spring 2013	Metaphysical Grounding (Selim Berker)
Fall 2012	Emergence versus Reduction (Jaegwon Kim)
Spring 2012	Direction of Time (Tim Maudlin & David Albert) *
Fall 2011	Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics (David Albert)

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