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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, MA, PhD, Philosophy	2008, 2010
Tufts University, MA, Philosophy	2004
Yale University, BS, Biology	1999

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

California State University, Long Beach, Lecturer	2018–2019
University of California, Irvine, Visiting Research Associate	2017–2018
Colgate University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2010–2017

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

History of Early Modern Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Moral Psychology; Free Will; Ethics

RESEARCH

Publications

“All in their Nature Good’: Descartes on the Passions of the Soul,” forthcoming in the *Journal of the History of Philosophy*.

“Imitation and ‘Infinite’ Will: Descartes on the *Imago Dei*,” forthcoming in *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy*, Volume VIII.

“Responsibility in Descartes’s Theory of Judgment,” *Ergo* 3, No. 12 (2016): 293–319.

“Descartes on Human Freedom,” *Philosophy Compass* 9, Issue 8 (2014): 527–39.

In Progress

“Re-examining Descartes on Divine Providence and Human Freedom” (Draft Available)

“Mary Astell on Custom and Liberty” (In Progress)

“Descartes on the Will” (In Progress)

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Latin and French (reading knowledge)

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Astell on Custom and Liberty”

Pacific Northwest/Western Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, refereed, University of Washington, Seattle, March 2018

“All in their Nature Good’: Descartes on the Passions of the Soul”

University of California, Irvine, presentation in Descartes Seminar, December 2017

“How is God a Threat to Cartesian Freedom?”

Marist College, invited colloquium, March 2017

“Action and Passion in Descartes’s Philosophy of Mind”

University of California, Irvine, *Scientia* Workshop in the History of Philosophy, June 2016

“Descartes on Responsibility and Judgment”

Carleton University, invited colloquium, October 2014

On Lex Newman’s “Descartes on Attention, Judgment, and Freedom”

Henle Conference, Saint Louis University, April 2014

On David Velleman’s “Time for Action”

Philosophy Mountain Workshop, Jackson Hole, WY, January 2014

On Omri Boehm’s “The Cogito and the Sublime: Freedom and the Foundations of Cartesian Epistemology”

Upstate New York Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Cornell University, December 2012

“Descartes on the Analogy between the Divine and Human Will”

South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, refereed, Texas A&M University, November 2012

On Georges Dicker’s “The Coherence of Cartesian Freedom”

Upstate New York Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Syracuse University, January 2012

“Descartes on the Intellect, the Will, and Freedom”

Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, refereed, Cal Poly Pomona, December 2011

“The Will and Freedom in the Fourth Meditation”

The Mentoring Project for Pre-tenure Women Faculty in Philosophy, UMass Amherst, June 2011

“Descartes on Passionate Action”

Upstate New York Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Syracuse University, May 2011

On Steve Campbell’s “A Surprise Twist in Hume’s *Treatise*”

Philosophy Graduate Students Working Group, University of Michigan, February 2010

“Descartes on the Goodness of the Passions”

Graduate Students Working Group, University of Michigan, January–February 2010

“Descartes on Human Freedom in the Fourth Meditation”

University of California, Irvine, *Scientia* Workshop in the History of Philosophy, May 2009

“Error and Judgment from the *Rules* to the *Meditations*”

Fourth Biennial Margaret Dauber Wilson Philosophy Conference, refereed, Cornell University, July 2009

On Ian Flora’s “Plato and Aristotle on the Epistemology of Competence”

Philosophy Graduate Students Working Group, University of Michigan, December 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

California State University, Long Beach

Lower Level

The Meaning of Life	Fall 2018
History of Modern Western Philosophy	Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Upper Level Undergraduate/Graduate

British Empiricism	Spring 2019
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Colgate University

Introductory

Introduction to Philosophical Problems	Spring 2011–Spring 2017
First-Year Philosophy Seminar	Fall 2012
Ethics	Fall 2010
Challenges of Modernity (interdisciplinary course)	Spring 2015, Spring 2012

Intermediate

History of Modern Philosophy	Fall 2010–Fall 2017
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Senior Seminar

Hume's <i>A Treatise of Human Nature</i>	Spring 2017
Moral Responsibility	Fall 2014
Senior Proseminar (for majors on conducting independent research)	Fall 2012
Descartes and the Will	Fall 2011

Independent Study

Psychopaths, Moral Blame, and Criminal Blame	Spring 2015
Thought Experiments and the Expertise Defense	Spring 2013
Moral Disagreement	Spring 2012

SERVICE & OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Institutional Service (to Colgate University)

Institutional Review Board	2016–2017
Philosophy Department Honors Coordinator	2016–2017, 2012–13
Animal Care and Use Committee	Fall 2016
Organized Audi Lecture (Cheshire Calhoun, Arizona State)	2014–15
Senior Thesis Advisor	Spring 2012, 2013, 2015
Senior Thesis Committee Member	2012–2015
Search Committee for Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Philosophy	2011–12
First-year Reading Discussion Leader and Seminar Instructor	Fall 2012
Audi Lecture Committee (Maggie Little, Georgetown)	2011–12
Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor in Philosophy	Spring 2011

Service to the Profession

Workshop Co-coordinator, Upstate New York Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy	2013–2017
Referee, <i>Res Philosophica</i>	2016
Session Chair, Pacific APA	2013

REFERENCES

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