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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Ethics, Epistemology, Aesthetics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE
Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Action

EMPLOYMENT

2016–: Associate Professor, *Boston University*
2008–2016: Assistant Professor, *Boston University*
2006–08: Research Fellow, *Australian National University*

EDUCATION

2007: Doctor of Philosophy (Philosophy), *University of Oxford*
Committee: Robert M. Adams, Krister Bykvist, Roger Crisp, Brad Hooker, Ralph Wedgwood
2004: Bachelor of Philosophy (Philosophy), *University of Oxford*
Areas of specialization: Aristotle, Moral Philosophy, and Philosophy of Mind and Action
1997: Bachelor of Arts with Honours (Philosophy), *Murdoch University*
Bachelor of Asian Studies (Chinese Studies), *Murdoch University*

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *Appreciation* (work in progress), under contract with Oxford University Press, USA.
2. *The Ethics of Photography* (work in progress), under contract with Oxford University Press, UK.
3. *The International Encyclopaedia of Ethics,* 2nd ed., 11 volumes (associate editor), Wiley-Blackwell, 2021.
4. *History of Ethics: Essential Readings with Commentary* (editor and 30,000 words of commentary author, with Roger Crisp), Wiley-Blackwell, 2019.
5. *The Oxford Handbook of Reasons and Normativity* (editor), Oxford University Press, 2018 (Paperback in 2022).
6. *Knowing Better: Virtue, Deliberation, and Normative Ethics*, Oxford University Press, 2015.

Articles

1. "Photography and Artistic Luck," *Debates in Aesthetics* 18:2*,* 2024, 121-43.
2. "A Range of Reasons" (with Stephen Kearns), *Asian Journal of Philosophy* 3:1*,* 2024, 1-16.
3. "A New Pluralist Theory," *Analysis,* 84:1, 2024, 210-18 (Critical Discussion).
4. "The Truth of Photographs," *Aeon*, 2023 (https://aeon.co/essays/an-individual-cannot-be-captured-in-a-photograph).
5. "Reasoning with Reasons," in *Normativity: Epistemic and Practical*, edited by Conor McHugh, Jonathan Way, and Daniel Whiting, Oxford University Press, 2018, 241-59.
6. "Introduction," in *The Oxford Handbook of Reasons and Normativity*, Oxford University Press, 2018, 1-19.
7. "Précis of *Knowing Better: Virtue, Deliberation, and Normative Ethics*," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 93:3, 2016, 706-708.
8. "Replies to Cuneo, Driver, and Littlejohn," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 93:3, 2016, 728-44.
9. "Weighing Explanations" (with Stephen Kearns), in *Weighing and Reasoning: Themes from the Philosophy of John Broome*, edited by Andrew Reisner and Iwao Hirose, Oxford University Press, 2015, 232-51.
10. "Weighing Reasons" (with Stephen Kearns), *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 10:1*,* 2013, 70-86.
11. "Reasons, Facts-About-Evidence, and Indirect Evidence" (with Stephen Kearns), *Analytic Philosophy* 54:2, 2013, 237-43.
12. "Moral Metaphysics," in *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Ethics,* edited by Roger Crisp, Oxford University Press, 2013, 818-42.
13. "Two Levels of Moral Thinking," *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics* 1*,* 2011, 75-96.
14. "Three Conceptions of Practical Authority" (with Candice Delmas), *Jurisprudence* 2:1, 2011, 143-60.
15. "On Good Advice: A Reply to McNaughton and Rawling" (with Stephen Kearns), *Analysis* 71:3, 2011, 506-8.
16. "Moral Skepticism for Foxes," *Boston University Law Review* 90, 2010, 497-508.
17. "Reasons as Evidence" (with Stephen Kearns), *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 4, 2009, 215-42.
18. "Moral Knowledge, Epistemic Externalism and Intuitionism," *Ratio* 21:3, 2008, 329-43.
19. "Reasons: Explanations or Evidence?" (with Stephen Kearns), *Ethics* 119:1, 2008, 31-56.
20. "Do Confucians Really Care?" *Hypatia* 17:1, 2002, 77-106.

Book Reviews and Companion Piece

1. "John Gibbons, *The Norm of Belief*, Oxford University Press, 2013", *Ethics* 126:4, 2016, 1139-48.
2. "Alan Gibbard*, Reconciling Our Aims,* OUP*,* 2008,*" The Philosophical Review* 119:2, 2010, 259-63.
3. "Terence Cuneo, *The Normative Web*, OUP, 2007," *Mind* 119: 473, 2010, 210-15.
4. "Michael Smith," *Companion to Philosophy in Australia and New Zealand*, 2nd edition, edited by Graham Oppy and N. N. Trakakis, Monash University Publishing, 2014 [2010], 519-23.
5. "Sean McKeever and Michael Ridge, *Principled Ethics*, OUP 2006," *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2007.

PRESENTATIONS

2026: TBD, Symposium on D. Lopes' *Aesthetic Injustice, American Society for Aesthetics, Annual Meeting* (Upcoming)
2026: "Appreciation as a Process, and Well-being," *CRPLA Seminar, Warwick University*
2026: "Aesthetic Appreciation and Aesthetic Engagement," *Normativity Reading Group*, *Southampton University*
2026: "Aesthetic Appreciation, Testimony, Autonomy, and Respect," (with Joel Van Fossen), *American Philosophical Association Meeting, Eastern Division* (symposium, with commentator: Aaron Meskin)
2025: "Promiscuity and Moral Realism," Workshop on *The Moral Universe, Harvard University*
2025: "Appreciation, Inquiry, and Deliberation,", Philosophy Department Speaker Series, *University of Calgary*
2025: "Appreciation, Inquiry, and Deliberation," METIS Seminar, *UNED, Madrid*
2024: "Judgment, Testimony, and Appreciation," Ethics Colloquium, *LMU, Munich*
2024: "Aesthetic Appreciation, Aesthetic Judgments, and Love" (with Joel Van Fossen), *Kyoto Ethics Workshop, Kyoto University*
2024: "Aesthetic Appreciation, Aesthetic Judgments, and Love," Philosophy Society, *Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University*
2024: "Aesthetic Appreciation, Aesthetic Judgments, and Love," *Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference*, *University of Western Australia*
2023: "Artistic Rights," *British Society of Aesthetics Annual Conference, Oxford*
2023: "The Artistic Rights of Photographers," *Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference*, *University of Antwerp*
2023: "The Artistic Rights of Photographers," *American Philosophical Association Meeting, Pacific Division* (invited symposium; commentators: Paloma Atencia-Linares and Angela Sun)
2023: "Critical Discussion" (with Stephen Kearns), *Symposium on Daniel Whiting, 'The Range of Reasons'* (online).
2023: "The Artistic Rights of Photographers," Higher Seminar in Aesthetics, *Uppsala University, Sweden.*
2022: Commentator on Thi Nguyen, "Art vs Science: or, Why No Inferences in Aesthetics?," *American Society for Aesthetics, Annual Meeting*
2022: "Aesthetic Value Pluralism, Wellbeing, and Aesthetic Derivativism," *Bled Ethics Conference, Slovenia*
2022: "Aesthetic Derivativism and Epistemic Derivativism" *Epistemic Norms as Social Norms Workshop, Washington University, St. Louis*
2021: "Aesthetic Value Pluralism and Aesthetic Derivativism," *American Society for Aesthetics, Annual Meeting* (commentator: Antonia Peacocke).
2021: "Fundamental and Derivative Reasons, Value and Evidence" (with Stephen Kearns), "Reasons, Value, and Ought" Colloquium, *Congress of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie (DGPhil)* (German Society for Philosophy)
2021: Critic, "Author Meets Critics: Garrett Cullity, *Concern, Respect, and Cooperation*", *American Philosophical Association Meeting, Pacific Division*
2020: "Photography and Artistic Luck," *American Society for Aesthetics, Annual Meeting* (commentator: Diarmuid Costello)
2020: "Photography and Artistic Luck", Symposium, *American Philosophical Association Meeting, Central Division* (commentator: Aderemi Artis)
2019: "Photography and Artistic Luck", Higher Seminar in Aesthetics, *Uppsala University, Sweden*
2019: "Difficulty and Moral Knowledge", Higher Seminar in Practical Philosophy, *Uppsala University, Sweden*
2019: "Difficulty and Moral Knowledge", *Dubrovnik Moral Epistemology Conference, Croatia*
2018: "Moral Worth, Normative Ethics, and Moral Ignorance", *Shandong Conference on Ethics and Epistemology, Shandong University, People's Republic of China*
2018: "Moral Worth, Normative Ethics, and Normative Ignorance", *American Philosophical Association Meeting, Central Division* (invited symposium; other presenters: Nomy Arpaly and Julia Markovits)
2017: "Moral Uncertainty, Normative Ethics, and Moral Worth", *Moral and Rational Uncertainty Workshop, University of Reading*

2017: "Moral Worth, Normative Ethics, and Normative Ignorance", *Workshop in Normative Philosophy*, *Princeton University*
2017: "Normative Ignorance, Virtue, and Moral Worth", *Royal Ethics Conference*, *University of Texas, Austin*
2017: "Normative Ignorance, Responsibility, and Moral Worth", *Normativity and Reasoning Workshop, NYU Abu Dhabi Institute, New York* (commentator: Julia Markovits, *Cornell University*)
2016: "Normative Ignorance, Responsibility, and Moral Worth", *Rational Capacities Conference, University of Luxembourg*
2016: "Author Meets Critics: Daniel Star, *Knowing Better*", *American Philosophical Association Meeting, Eastern Division* (critics: Terence Cuneo, *University of Vermont,* and Julia Driver, *Washington University, St. Louis*)
2016: Critic, "Author Meets Critics: Paul Bloomfield, *The Virtues of Happiness*", *American Philosophical Association Meeting, Pacific Division*
2016: "Reasoning with Reasons", Department of Philosophy Colloquium, *Southern Methodist University*
2015: "Reasons, Inside Out", Department of Philosophy Colloquium, *Kansas University*
2015: "Reasoning with Reasons", *Dartmouth Ethics Workshop, Dartmouth College*
2015: "Knowing Better", Department of Philosophy Colloquium, *Ohio State University*
2015: "Reasoning with Reasons", *Epistemic and Practical Normativity Workshop*, *University of Southampton*
2015: "Reasoning with Reasons", *Normativity and Reasoning Workshop, New York University, Abu Dhabi*
2015: "Reasoning with Reasons", Department of Philosophy Colloquium, *Central European University*
2015: Commentator on papers by Ruth Chang and Kate Manne, *Metaethics of Reasons Symposium*, *American Philosophical Association Meeting, Central Division*
2014: "The Reasons of Virtue", *Value and Virtue in Ethics and Epistemology Workshop, New York University* (commentator: Michael Smith, Princeton University)
2014: "The Reasons of Virtue", *Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Australian National University (ANU)*
2014: "The Reasons of Virtue", Department of Philosophy Colloquium, *Boğaziçi University*
2014: "The Reasons of Virtue", Department of Philosophy Colloquium, *University of Mass., Boston*
2013: "Chapter 3 – Virtue", Ethics Reading Group*, University of Vermont*
2013: "When Is it Rational to Treat A Fact as a Practical Reason?", *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Colorado*
2013: "Knowledge, Reasons, and Virtue", Department of Philosophy Colloquium, *Syracuse University*
2012: "Ought and the Weight of Reasons", *Weighing Reasons Workshop*, *Princeton University*
2012: "Torture", *Author Meets Critics: Frances Kamm*, "*Ethics for Enemies: Terror, Torture, and War*", *American Philosophical Association Meeting, Eastern Division*
2012: "The Authority of Reasons", *Epistemology and Ethics Workshop*, *Fordham University*
2012: "Practical Reasons, Evidence, and Authority", *Stockholm June Workshop in Philosophy*, *Stockholm University*
2012: "Practical Reasons, Evidence, and Authority", Department of Philosophy Workshop, *University of Kent*
2012: "Why Facts That Are Evidence Concerning What One Ought To Do Are Reasons For Action", Department of Philosophy Colloquium, *Queen's University*
2012: "Virtues, Demons, and Reasons", *Brackenridge Philosophy Symposium (on Julia Driver's work)*, *University of Texas, San Antonio*
2011: "Virtues, Demons, and Reasons", Department of Philosophy Colloquium, *University of Maryland*
2011: "Virtues, Demons, and Reasons", Department of Philosophy Colloquium, *Florida State University*
2011: "Practical Reasons as Evidence, Consequentialism, and Virtue", *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Colorado*
2011: "Two Levels of Moral Thinking", Department of Philosophy Colloquium*, Washington University, St Louis*
2011: "Two Levels of Moral Thinking", *New England Consequentialism Workshop, Harvard University*
2010: "Two Levels of Moral Thinking", *Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics*
2010: "Two Levels of Moral Thinking", *Oxford-Scandinavia Ethics Summit*, *University of Oxford*
2010: "Weighing Reasons", *St Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality* (with Stephen Kearns)
2010: "Weighing Reasons", Moral Philosophy Seminar, *University of Oxford*
2010: "Weighing Reasons", *Practical and Theoretical Reasons Workshop, University of Leeds* (with Stephen Kearns)
2010: "Normative Reasons", *Philosophy TV* interview (with Roger Crisp)
2010: Commentator on Nicholas Sturgeon's "Mill's Hedonism", *Rights, Equality, and Justice: A Conference Inspired by the Moral and Legal Theory of David Lyons, Boston University*
2009: "Two Levels of Moral Thinking", *Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité, University of Montreal*
2009: Commentator on John Brunero's, "Reasons and Evidence One Ought" (a response to Kearns and Star, "Reasons as Evidence"), *American Philosophical Association Meeting, Pacific Division*
2009: "Moral Skepticism for Foxes", *Justice for Hedgehogs*: *a Conference on Ronald Dworkin's Work*, *Boston University*
2008: "Two Levels of Moral Thinking", *Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference*, *La Trobe University*
2008: "Reasons: Explanations or Evidence?", Department Seminar, *La Trobe University*
2008: "Reasons: Explanations or Evidence?", Department Seminar, *Melbourne University*
2007: "Reasons: Explanations or Evidence?" *Reasons, Reasoning and Rationality Conference for John Broome*, *ANU*
2007: "Reasons as Evidence", *Fourth Annual Metaethics Workshop* (with Stephen Kearns)
2007: "Reasons as Evidence", Department of Philosophy Colloquium, *Boston University*
2007: "Reasons as Evidence", Philosophy Society, *Research School of Social Sciences, ANU*
2007: "After Virtue Ethics", *Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference*, *University of New England*

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2026: Karbank Awards Committee, *Department of Philosophy*, *Boston University*
2025-: Program Committee, *American Philosophical Association*, *Eastern Division*
2008–: Organizer, Boston University Ethics Seminar, *Boston University*
2024-25: Director of Graduate Studies, *Department of Philosophy*, *Boston University*
2024-25: Annual Merit Raises Committee, *Department of Philosophy*, *Boston University*
2024-25: Organizer, Department of Philosophy Colloquia, *Boston University*
2023-24: Boston University Center for the Humanities Executive Committee, *Boston University*
2023-24: Selection Committee for College of Arts & Sciences Society of Fellows, *Boston University*
2023: Tenure and Promotion Committee, *Department of Philosophy*, *Boston University*
2021-22: Chair of Job Search Committee, *Boston University* (Ethics/Political Philosophy/Philosophy of Law)
2018-22: Director of Graduate Admissions, *Department of Philosophy*, *Boston University*
2018-19: Job Search Committee, *Boston University* (Social/Political Philosophy)
2018: Graduate Student Admissions Committee, *Department of Philosophy*, *Boston University*
2017–18: Director of Graduate Placement, *Department of Philosophy*, *Boston University*
2017–18: Humanities Curriculum Committee, *Boston University*
2016–20: Associate Editor for the blog *PEA Soup,* handling content for the journal *Ethics*
2015–16: Humanities Curriculum Committee, *Boston University*
2015–: Area Editor (Value Theory), *PhilPapers,* edited by David Bourget and David Chalmers
2014–15: Faculty Advisory Board on Course Scheduling and Classroom Use, *Boston University*
2013: Organizer, Karbank Environmental Philosophy Symposium (guest: John Broome), *Boston University*
2012–13: Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Philosophy Association, *Boston University*
2012: Graduate Student Admissions Committee, *Boston University*
2011–: Area Editor (Metaethics), *PhilPapers,* edited by David Bourget and David Chalmers
2011–12: Humanities Curriculum Committee, *Boston University*
2010–11: Job Search Committee*, Boston University* (Medical Ethics)
2010: Graduate Student Admissions Committee, *Boston University*
2010: Organizer, Karbank Environmental Philosophy Symposium, *Boston University*
2009–10: Organizer, Department of Philosophy Colloquia, *Boston University*
2008–09: Job Search Committee, *Boston University* (Philosophy of Language/Mind)
2007–08: Committee Member of Sustainable Ecosystems Animal Ethics Committee, *CSIRO*
2007: Conference Organiser, *Reasons, Reasoning and Rationality: Themes from the Work of John Broome (ANU)*

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2022: Senior Research Fellowship, *Boston University Center for the Humanities*
2009–26: Project Award for Boston University Ethics Seminar (x16), *Boston University Center for the Humanities*
2015–16: Summer Term Curriculum Development Grant, *Boston University Summer Term*
2012: H. L. A. Hart Visiting Fellowship, *University College, University of Oxford*
2010: Junior Faculty Fellowship, *Boston University Humanities Foundation*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate

2009–: PhD dissertation committee member for 15 candidates (6 as first reader), *Boston University*
2022: PhD external dissertation examiner, *Australian National University*
2021: PhD external dissertation examiner, *University of Calgary*
2018: PhD external dissertation examiner, *Australian National University*
2015: PhD external dissertation examiner, *Syracuse University*
2008–: *Boston University* courses

PH645 "Philosophy of Love" (x3), PH651 "Contemporary Ethical Theory" (x3), PH660 "Epistemology" (x3), PH880 "Normative Reasons and Values" (x3), PH881 "First Year PhD Proseminar" (x3), PH688 "Contemporary Aesthetics and the Philosophy of Photography" (x3), PH650 "Types of Ethical Theory" (x2), PH990, "Doctoral Dissertation Workshop" (x2), PH993 "Philosophy Placement Seminar"

Undergraduate

2008–: *Boston University* courses

PH150 "Introduction to Ethics" (x26), PH445 "Philosophy of Love" (x5), PH460 "Epistemology" (x3), PH451 "Contemporary Ethical Theory" (x3), PH350 "History of Ethics" (x2), PH488 "Contemporary Aesthetics and the Philosophy of Photography" (x3), PH450 "Types of Ethical Theory" (x2), PH244 "Applied Ethics", PH485 "Reasons, Value, and Normativity"

REFEREEING

2025: Edited Volume Referee, *Oxford University Press, UK*
2024: Monograph Referee, *Oxford University Press, USA*
2013–: Editorial Panel, *Thought*
2007–: Journal Paper Referee (often on multiple occasions)

American Philosophical Quarterly
Analysis
Analytic Philosophy
Australasian Journal of Philosophy
British Journal of Aesthetics
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Episteme
Ergo
Erkenntnis
Ethical Theory and Practice
Ethics
Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism
Journal of Ethics
Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy
Journal of Moral Philosophy
Journal of Philosophy
Journal of Political Philosophy
Journal of Practical Ethics
Mind
Noûs
Philosophers' Imprint
Philosophia
Philosophical Explorations
Philosophical Papers
Philosophical Quarterly
Philosophical Studies
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
Southern Journal of Philosophy
Synthese
Thought
Utilitas

2019: Monograph Referee, *Oxford University Press, UK*
2017: Conference Abstract Referee, *Madison Metaethics Workshop*
2013: Conference Abstract Referee, *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*
2012: New Journal Proposal Referee, *Oxford University Press*
2010–12: Review Board, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, ed.by Hugh LaFollette (Wiley-Blackwell)
2011: Conference Abstract Referee, *Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics*
2011: Conference Abstract Referee, *St Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality*
2008–09: Book Proposal and Paper Referee, *Oxford University Press, UK*
Two book proposals, and all of the papers submitted for *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 5

WEB PAGES

Professional Website
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"#nofilter: Philosophical Reflections on Photography in the Age of Instagram," *Aesthetics for Birds,* 2018
http://aestheticsforbirds.com/2018/04/18/nofilter-philosophical-reflections-on-photography-in-the-age-of-instagram/

"Experts Rank the Top 5 in this Decade's Art," (contributor), *Aesthetics for Birds,* 2019
http://aestheticsforbirds.com/2019/12/28/experts-rank-the-top-5-in-this-decades-art/

PhilPapers Editor for *Value Theory* and *Metaethics*
http://philpapers.org/browse/value-theory
http://philpapers.org/browse/meta-ethics

Associate Editor, *PEA Soup* (2016-2020)
https://peasoupblog.com/author/daniel-star/