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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics
Epistemology
Aesthetics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind and Action
Applied Ethics
Chinese Philosophy

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*
Included a year of intensive language study at *Hangzhou University* in the *People's Republic of China*

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *Knowing Better: Virtue, Deliberation, and Normative Ethics*, Oxford University Press, 2015.
2. *The Oxford Handbook of Reasons and Normativity*, Oxford University Press, 2018.
3. *History of Ethics: Essential Readings with Commentary* (with Roger Crisp), Wiley-Blackwell, 2019.

Articles

1. "Reasoning with Reasons," in *Normativity: Epistemic and Practical*, edited by Conor McHugh, Jonathan Way, and Daniel Whiting, Oxford University Press, 2018, 241-59.
2. "Introduction," in *The Oxford Handbook of Reasons and Normativity*, edited by Daniel Star, Oxford University Press, 2018, 1-19.
3. "Précis of *Knowing Better: Virtue, Deliberation, and Normative Ethics*," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 93:3, 2016, 706-708.
4. "Replies to Cuneo, Driver, and Littlejohn," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 93:3, 2016, 728-44.
5. "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.
6. "Weighing Reasons" (with Stephen Kearns), *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 10:1, 2013, 70-86.
7. "Reasons, Facts-About-Evidence, and Indirect Evidence" (with Stephen Kearns), *Analytic Philosophy* 54:2, 2013, 237-43.
8. "Moral Metaphysics," in *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Ethics*, edited by Roger Crisp, Oxford University Press, 2013, 818-42.
9. "Two Levels of Moral Thinking," *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics* 1, 2011, 75-96.
10. "Three Conceptions of Practical Authority" (with Candice Delmas), *Jurisprudence* 2:1, 2011, 143-60.
11. "On Good Advice: A Reply to McNaughton and Rawling" (with Stephen Kearns), *Analysis* 71:3, 2011, 506-8.
12. "Moral Skepticism for Foxes," *Boston University Law Review* 90, 2010, 497-508.
13. "Reasons as Evidence" (with Stephen Kearns), *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 4, 2009, 215-42.
14. "Moral Knowledge, Epistemic Externalism and Intuitionism," *Ratio* 21:3, 2008, 329-43.
15. "Reasons: Explanations or Evidence?" (with Stephen Kearns), *Ethics* 119:1, 2008, 31-56.
16. "Do Confucians Really Care?" *Hypatia* 17:1, 2002, 77-106.

Book Reviews

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. “Sean McKeever and Michael Ridge, *Principled Ethics*, OUP 2006,” *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2007.

Companion Piece

“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.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Aesthetic Value Pluralism and Aesthetic Derivativism”
 “Photography and Artistic Luck”
 “Moral Worth, Normative Ethics, and Moral Ignorance”
 “Fundamental and Derivative Reasons, Value and Evidence” (with Stephen Kearns)
 “Garrett Cullity, *Concern, Respect and Coordination* (OUP 2018)” (Critical Discussion),
 A monograph on the ethics and aesthetics of photography

PRESENTATIONS

- 2021: “Aesthetic Value Pluralism and Aesthetic Derivativism,” *American Society for Aesthetics, Annual Meeting*, Upcoming. Commentator: Antonia Peacocke.
- 2021: “Fundamental and Derivative Reasons, Value and Evidence” (with Stephen Kearns), Colloquium (“Reasons, Value, and Ought”), *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 (APA), 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*
- 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”, *APA, Central Division* (invited symposium, “Virtue and Reasons”, 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, “Author Meets Critics: Daniel Star, *Knowing Better*”, *APA, 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*”, *APA, 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: Invited Commentator on papers by Ruth Chang and Kate Manne, *Metaethics of Reasons Symposium*, APA, 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*”, APA Conference, 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: Invited 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”), APA, 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

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2012–21: Project Award for Boston University Ethics Seminar (x8), *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*
- 2009–12: Project Award for Boston University Ethics Reading Group (x3), *Boston University Humanities Foundation*
- 2010–11: Junior Faculty Fellowship (a semester of research leave), *Boston University Humanities Foundation*

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2021-: Chair of Job Search Committee, *Boston University* (Ethics/Political Philosophy/Philosophy of Law)
- 2021-: Faculty Council Representative (elected), *Boston University*
- 2018-: Director of Graduate Admissions, *Department of Philosophy, Boston University*
- 2018-19: Job Search Committee, *Boston University* (successful search in 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*
- 2016-21: Associate Editor, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, 2nd Edition
- 2016-20: Associate Editor for the blog *PEA Soup*, handling content for the journal *Ethics*
- 2015-: Area Editor (Value Theory), *PhilPapers*, edited by David Bourget and David Chalmers
- 2008-: Organizer, Boston University Ethics Seminar, *Boston University*
- 2015-16: Humanities Curriculum Committee, *Boston University*
- 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*
- 2011-12: Humanities Curriculum Committee, *Boston University*
- 2011-: Area Editor (Metaethics), *PhilPapers*, edited by David Bourget and David Chalmers
- 2010-11: Job Search Committee, *Boston University* (successful search in 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* (successful search in 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)*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Graduate**

- 2009-: PhD dissertation committee member for 7 students, *Boston University* (2 as first reader; 6 completed)
- 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), PH650 “Types of Ethical Theory” (x2),
 PH651 “Contemporary Ethical Theory” (x3), PH660 “Epistemology” (x2),
 PH880 “Topics in Philosophy I: Normative Reasons” (x2), PH881 “First Year PhD Proseminar”
 (x3), PH993 “Philosophy Placement Seminar”
- 2007-08: Graduate Course Coordinator and Lecturer, *Australian National University*
 Designed and taught course for Masters in Professional Ethics
- 2006-08: Dissertation advisor for 1 PhD student and 1 MA student, *Australian National University*

Undergraduate

- 2008-: *Boston University* courses
 PH150 “Introduction to Ethics” (x21), PH244 “Applied Ethics”, PH350 “History of Ethics”
 (x2), PH445 “Philosophy of Love” (x4), PH450 “Types of Ethical Theory” (x2),
 PH451 “Contemporary Ethical Theory” (x3), PH460 “Epistemology” (x2)

REFEREEING

- 2007—: Journal Paper Referee (generally on multiple occasions)
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| <i>American Philosophical Quarterly</i> | <i>Mind</i> |
| <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> | <i>Noûs</i> |
| <i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> | <i>Philosophers' Imprint</i> |
| <i>Ergo</i> | <i>Philosophia</i> |
| <i>Erkenntnis</i> | <i>Philosophical Explorations</i> |
| <i>Ethical Theory and Practice</i> | <i>Philosophical Papers</i> |
| <i>Ethics</i> | <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> |
| <i>Journal of Ethics</i> | <i>Philosophical Studies</i> |
| <i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i> | <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> |
| <i>Journal of Moral Philosophy</i> | <i>Southern Journal of Philosophy</i> |
| <i>Journal of Philosophy</i> | <i>Synthese</i> |
| <i>Journal of Political Philosophy</i> | <i>Thought</i> |
| <i>Journal of Practical Ethics</i> | <i>Utilitas</i> |
- 2021: Monograph Referee, *Oxford University Press*
- 2019: Monograph Referee, *Oxford University Press*
- 2017: Conference Abstract Referee, *Madison Metaethics Workshop*
- 2013—: Editorial Panel, *Thought*
- 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 Publishing)
- 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*
Two book proposals, and all of the papers submitted for *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 5

WEB PAGES

Professional Profile with Papers
<http://daniel-star.net>

Boston University Ethics Seminar
<http://www.daniel-star.net/ethics-seminar.html>

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

Associate Editor (2016-2020), *PEA Soup*
<https://peasoup.princeton.edu/author/daniel-star/>

“#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/>