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**Employment:**

2019-. Postdoctoral Scholar

Project: *Regulating Addiction: Paternalism, Stigma, and Health Disparities*

The Ohio State University College of Public Health/Center for Bioethics at OSU Medical Center

**Education:**

Ph.D., University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill 2019

Dissertation Title: “Responsibility and Relationship”

Committee: Susan Wolf (chair), Owen Flanagan, Douglas MacLean, Ryan Preston-Roedder, Ram Neta

M.A., University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill 2014

Thesis Title: “When You Must Take Responsibility Though You’re Not to Blame”

Committee: Geoffrey Sayre-McCord (chair), Susan Wolf, Matthew Kotzen

M.A., Tufts University 2011

Philosophy

B.A., Simmons College 2009

Majors: Philosophy and Psychology Minor: Studio Art

**Areas of Specialization:** ethics, moral psychology, bioethics, philosophy of psychiatry

**Areas of Competence:** philosophy of law, ancient philosophy, feminist philosophy

**Publications:**

“Opioid Treatment Agreements and Patient Accountability,” forthcoming, *Hastings Center Report*

“E-cigarettes and the Multiple Responsibilities of the FDA,” (with Dana Howard and Micah Berman) 2021, *American Journal of Bioethics*

“Holding Responsible Reconsidered,” 2020, *Public Affairs Quarterly*

“Responsibility and the Problem of So-Called Marginal Agents,” 2020, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*

“Weakness of Will” (with Sarah Stroud), 2019, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

**Works in Preparation for Publication (available upon request):**

“First, Do No Harm: Physician Discretion, Racial Disparities, and Opioid Treatment Agreements” (with Adrienne Beck and Dana Howard) – revise & resubmit, *Journal of Medical Ethics*

“Forgiving for One’s Own Sake”

“History Can Only Do So Much”

**Empirical Research Collaborations:**

With Martin Fried, Dana Howard, Nicole Thomas, and Patricia Zettler:

“Living Up to the Terms of Opioid Treatment Agreements: Shared Accountability and the Physician-Patient Relationship in the Midst of a Public Health Crisis”

Making a Difference Grant (Greenwall Foundation, finalist)

**Awards and Honors:**

UNC Distinguished Dissertation Award, departmental nominee	2020
Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2018-19
Poetry Residency at Vermont Studio Center	2016, 2017
Craig T. Newman Fellowship (UNC)	2013 – 2014
Horace Williams Fellowship (UNC)	2012 – 2013
Agora Award for Excellence in Philosophy (Simmons College)	2009
Honors Program (Simmons College)	2005 – 2009

**Presentations:**

“Forgiving for One’s Own Sake”

NUSTEP, Northwestern University (May 2022)

Varieties of Moral Address Workshop (April 2021)

Colloquium, University of Toronto (March 2021)

Colloquium, University of Alabama (February 2021)

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting (April 2020, cancelled)

PPE Society Annual Meeting (March 2020)

“Opioid Contracts and Patient Accountability” (with Dr. Martin Fried)

OSU Medical Ethics Conference (October 2019)

“Holding Responsible Reconsidered”

Blame, Punishment, and Health Workshop, Rutgers University Camden (April 2019)

“Responsibility and the Problem of So-Called Marginal Agents”

Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania (February 2019)

McCoy Center for Ethics in Society Junior Scholars Workshop, Stanford University (June 2018)

“Responsibility as a Relational Property”

Social Ontology, Tufts University (August 2018)

“Responsibility and Recovery”

Ethics and Mental Health, Viterbo University (April 2017)

“Practical Defects of the Perceptive Soul”

40<sup>th</sup> Ancient Philosophy Workshop, UT Austin (February 2017)

“Responsibility and Relationship”

Ethics Workshop Honoring Ryan Preston-Roedder, UNC Chapel Hill (August 2016)

“Why Ascriptions of Responsibility Matter in Eating Disorder Treatment and Recovery”

International Social Philosophy Conference, Quinnipiac University (July 2013)

Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, MIT (October 2012)  
UNC Philosophy of Psychiatry Research Group (September 2012)

“Necessary Conditions for Skepticism”  
Brandeis Graduate Student Conference: Intersections with Philosophy of Language (March 2010)

**Comments and Discussion:**

Brief Commentary on Travis Rieder’s *In Pain*  
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (October 2019)

Participant: AAPT Teaching and Learning in Philosophy Workshop  
UNC Chapel Hill (February 2019)

Invited Participant: Scaffolding Responsibility Workshop  
Princeton University (November 2018)

Participant: Mind Value, and Mental Health Summer School in Philosophy of Psychiatry  
St. Hilda’s College, Oxford (July 2017)

Comments on Etye Steinberg’s “Reflection and Responsibility for the Self”  
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting (January 2016)

Comments on Shane George’s “Can Coherentism Solve the Regress Problem for Autonomy?”  
Central States Philosophical Association Meeting (October 2014)

**Teaching Experience:**

**As Instructor of Record**

**UNC Chapel Hill – Chapel Hill, NC**

PHIL 280 Spring 2018  
(Morality and Law)

PHIL 210 Spring 2017  
(Ancient Greek Philosophy)

PHIL 165 Summer 2015  
(Bioethics)

PHIL 160 Spring 2015  
(Introduction to Ethics)

**As Teaching Assistant**

**UNC Chapel Hill – Chapel Hill, NC**

PHIL 112 Fall 2014  
(Making Sense of Ourselves, Prof. C.D. C. Reeve)

PHIL 155 Spring 2014  
(Introduction to Mathematical Logic, Prof. Keith Simmons)

PHIL 160 (Introduction to Ethics, Prof. Geoffrey Sayre-McCord)	Fall 2013
<b>Tufts University – Medford, MA</b>	
PHIL 24 (Introduction to Ethics, Prof. David Denby)	Spring 2011
PHIL 3 (Language and Mind, Prof. Daniel Dennett)	Fall 2010
<b>Center for Talented Youth (Johns Hopkins University) -- Santa Cruz site</b> <b>Summer Programs (gifted students from grades 7-10)</b> Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Philosophy and Introduction to Logic	Summer 2010
<b>Simmons College – Boston, MA</b>	
Writing Assistant for freshman honors learning community: HON 101 (Democracy, Justice, and the Individual, Prof. Diane Raymond) & HON 102 (Democracy, Education and Economics, Prof. Masato Aoki)	Fall 2007
<b>Other Academic Employment:</b>	
Research Assistant to Prof. Dorit Bar-On	2012-2013
Research Assistant to Prof. L.A. Paul	Fall 2015
<b>Professional Service:</b>	
Chapel Hill Colloquium Committee (2014, 2016)	
UNC Undergraduate Committee (2014-16)	
UNC Diversity Committee (2014-15)	
Graduate Representative on Hiring Committee (2016-17)	
Reviewer for <i>Mind</i> , <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> , <i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i> , <i>International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics</i> , <i>AMA Journal of Ethics</i>	
<b>Professional Memberships and Research Groups:</b>	
Workshop on Gender and Philosophy (MIT)	2010-12
Expressive Communication and Origins of Meaning Research Group (UNC)	2012-14
Philosophy of Psychiatry Research Group (UNC)	2012-15
North American Society for Social Philosophy	2013-14
American Philosophical Association	2013-present
Transformative Experience Working Group	2015-17
International Social Ontology Society	2018
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities	2019-present
<b>References:</b>	
<b>Susan Wolf</b>	
Edna J. Koury Distinguished Professor of Philosophy	
UNC – Chapel Hill	
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**Micah Berman**

Associate Professor  
The Ohio State University  
(614) 688-1438  
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**Dana Howard**

Assistant Professor  
The Ohio State University  
(818) 404-4475  
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**Douglas MacLean**

Professor  
UNC – Chapel Hill  
(919) 843-4500  
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**Owen Flanagan**

James B. Duke Professor of Philosophy  
Duke University  
(919) 660-3056  
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**Mariska Leunissen (teaching reference)**

Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies  
UNC – Chapel Hill  
(919) 962-2280  
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## **Graduate Coursework**

### **Metaphysics and Epistemology**

Epistemology  
Transcendental Arguments\*  
Talking about Nothing: Numbers, Hallucinations, and Fictions\*  
Causal Inference\*  
Formal Epistemology  
David Lewis

### **Value Theory**

Ethical Theory  
Contemporary Virtue Ethics  
Meta-Ethics  
  
Philosophy of Humor  
Responsibility  
Death  
Moral Psychology  
The Philosophy of Bernard Williams\*  
Objectivity in Ethics\*

### **History and Philosophy of Science**

Aristotle's Biology  
Science before Newton's Principia  
Newton's Principia

### **Philosophy of Mind**

Action, Expression, and Meaning  
Experience, Time, and Self

### **History of Philosophy**

Quine from Early to Late  
Early Modern Philosophy  
Plato's Republic  
Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations  
Locke and Kant  
Aristotle on Moral Responsibility (independent study)

### **Logic**

Introduction to Logic  
Mathematical Logic  
Gödel Theory

\*audited

## **Instructor**

Stephen White  
Berislav Marusic  
Jody Azzouni  
Patrick Forber  
Matthew Kotzen  
Sara Bernstein

Avner Baz  
Christiana Olfert  
Geoffrey Sayre-McCord  
& Simon Blackburn  
Matthew Kotzen & Ram Neta  
Susan Wolf  
Ryan Preston-Roedder  
Susan Wolf  
Susan Wolf & Doug MacLean  
Susan Wolf & Doug MacLean

Mariska Leunissen  
George Smith  
George Smith

Dorit Bar-On  
L.A. Paul

George Smith & Jody Azzouni  
Christiana Olfert  
C.D.C. Reeve  
Alan Nelson  
Alan Nelson  
Mariska Leunissen

George Smith  
Thomas Hofweber  
Keith Simmons