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Employment:

2021-2023. Lecturer, Brandeis University Philosophy Department

2019-2021. 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:

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

“Opioid Treatment Agreements and Patient Accountability,” 2021, *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):

“Forgiving for One’s Own Sake”

“History Can Only Do So Much”

“Responsibility and the Prospect of Punishing Children”

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)

“Stigma, Trust, and the Physician-Patient Relationship”

The Ohio State University Addiction Innovation Initiative Seed Grant (under review)

Awards and Honors:

ACLS Emerging Voices Fellowship, university-wide nominee	2021
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:

“E-cigarettes and the Multiple Responsibilities of the FDA” (with Dana Howard & Micah Berman)
The Ohio State University Center for Bioethics, Grand Rounds (June 2021)

“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 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”
40th 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

Brandeis University – Waltham, MA

PHIL 125B – Philosophy of Law Fall 2021

PHIL 148A – Free Will and Responsibility

UNC Chapel Hill – Chapel Hill, NC

PHIL 280 – Morality and Law Spring 2018

PHIL 210 – Ancient Greek Philosophy Spring 2017

PHIL 165 – Bioethics Summer 2015

PHIL 160 – Introduction to Ethics Spring 2015

As Teaching Assistant

UNC Chapel Hill – Chapel Hill, NC

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

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

PHIL 160 – Introduction to Ethics, Prof. Geoffrey Sayre-McCord Fall 2013

Tufts University – Medford, MA

PHIL 24 – Introduction to Ethics, Prof. David Denby Spring 2011

PHIL 3 – Language and Mind, Prof. Daniel Dennett Fall 2010

**Center for Talented Youth (Johns Hopkins University) -- Santa Cruz site
Summer Programs (gifted students from grades 7-10)** Summer 2010

Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Philosophy and Introduction to Logic

Simmons College – Boston, MA

Writing Assistant for freshman honors learning community: Fall 2007

HON 101 - Democracy, Justice, and the Individual, Prof. Diane Raymond &

HON 102 - Democracy, Education and Economics, Prof. Masato Aoki

Other Academic Employment:

Research Assistant to Prof. Dorit Bar-On 2012-2013

Research Assistant to Prof. L.A. Paul Fall 2015

Professional Service:

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 *Mind*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*, *AMA Journal of Ethics*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*

Professional Memberships and Research Groups:

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

References:

Susan Wolf

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Owen Flanagan

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Duke University
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Mariska Leunissen (teaching reference)

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UNC – Chapel Hill
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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