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Employment:

2023-present. Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Ethics at University of Toronto

2022-2023. Tutor, Cambridge Coaching

2021-2022. 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, public health ethics

Areas of Competence: philosophy of psychiatry, philosophy of law, feminist philosophy

Publications:

“Responsibility and the Prospect of Punishing Children,” 2023, *Pedagogies of Punishment: The Ethics of Discipline in Education*, eds. Winston Thompson and John Tillson, *Bloomsbury*

“E-cigarettes, the FDA, Public Health, and Harm Reduction: A Response to the Open Peer Commentaries,” (with Dana Howard and Micah Berman) 2022, *American Journal of Bioethics*

“First, Do No Harm: Physician Discretion, Racial Disparities, and Opioid Treatment Agreements,” (with Adrienne Beck and Dana Howard) 2021, *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):

“Clinician Perspectives on Opioid Treatment Agreements: A Qualitative Analysis of Focus Groups” (with Nathan Richards, Martin Fried, Nicole Thomas, Patricia Zettler, and Dana Howard) (revise and resubmit, *American Journal of Bioethics Empirical*)

“The Second-Personal Significance of Trauma”

“Forgiving for One’s Own Sake”

“Being on the Safe Side: Suicide Assessment as Human Interaction”

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)

With Martin Fried, Dana Howard, Nathan Richards, Nicole Thomas, and Patricia Zettler:
“Stigma, Trust, and the Physician-Patient Relationship: A mixed methods study of how physicians use and perceive opioid treatment agreements for long-term opioid therapy”
The Ohio State University Addiction Innovation Initiative Seed Grant (awarded, \$49,900)
with additional support from the OSU Drug Enforcement and Policy Center (\$5,000)

Awards and Honors:

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| 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 |

Selected Presentations:

“The Second-Personal Significance of Trauma”

Ethics@Noon, Centre for Ethics at University of Toronto (October 2023)

NUSTEP, Northwestern University (June 2022)

With Martin Fried, Dana Howard, Nathan Richards, Nicole Thomas, and Patricia Zettler:
“Stigma, Trust, and the Physician-Patient Relationship”
Engaging Ethics in a Polarized World, The Ohio State University (September 2023)

“Forgiving for One’s Own Sake”
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)

“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)

“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)

“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)

Selected 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)

Teaching Experience:

As Instructor of Record

University of Toronto, St. George Campus – Toronto, ON 2023-24
ETH 401H1Y – Seminar in Ethics

Brandeis University – Waltham, MA

On leave Spring 2022

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 2010
Summer Programs (gifted students from grades 7-10)

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

Advising

Brandeis University – Waltham, MA

Ella Miller (undergraduate honors thesis) 2021-22

Other Academic Employment:

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

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

Tutor, Varsity Tutors 2017-2018

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

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities 2019-present

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*, *Law and Philosophy*

References:

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