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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2018-2019 Harvard University, Philosophy Department, College Fellow
- 2016-2018 McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society and the Center for Biomedical Ethics
Stanford University, Postdoctoral Fellow

EDUCATION

- 2016 UCLA, PhD in Philosophy
Dissertation: *Choosing Our Children: Role Obligations and the Morality of Reproductive Selection*
Chair: Barbara Herman
Committee: AJ Julius, John Carriero, Robert Goldstein
- 2010 UCLA, MA in Philosophy
- 2007 University of Wisconsin, BA in Philosophy and French

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethical Theory, Bioethics, Kant

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Education, Metaethics

PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 “Wronging Future Children”, forthcoming in *Ergo*
- 2016 “The Problem of Choosing (For) Our Children” in *Procreation, Parenthood, and Educational Rights: Ethical and Philosophical Issues*, edited by Jaime Ahlberg and Michael Cholbli, Routledge, 2017, pp. 73–93.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

- “The Practical Standpoint on Procreation”
I show that the non-identity problem is only a *moral* problem if we think of procreation as issuing in biological creatures, individuated by their unique genetics. If we look at

procreation as an imputable action of persons that puts them in a practical relation to their offspring, then the moral relevance of the offspring's genetic identity falls away.

“Loving a Fetus with No Future”

I argue that an early fetus can have moral standing in virtue of its relation to *other persons*, whether or not it has independent moral status in virtue of its own properties. The relational account of moral standing helps explain why it's appropriate to mourn the loss of an early fetus in the event of a miscarriage, even though it's typically permissible to abort fetuses at that same stage.

“Moral Dilemmas”

I motivate Peter Winch's account of moral dilemmas in “The Universalizability of Moral Judgements,” and, in doing so, I show what the possibility of such cases reveals about morality's indeterminacy and our contribution as co-authors of morality's requirements.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “On Kant's Right to a Person Akin to a Thing,” *The Nature of Rights Revisited: Philosophical, Legal, and Political Implications*, Stanford University
- Invited commentator for Paula Casal and Andrew Williams' “Asymmetric Procreative Justice: A defense,” Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University
- “Procreative Enhancement and Autonomy,” Group Session, APA Central Division Meeting
- “The Practical Standpoint on Procreation,” NYU Center for Bioethics
- “The Practical Standpoint on Procreation,” Children and Youth in Ethics and Politics Workshop, Stanford Center for Ethics
- 2017 “Procreation and Relational Wrongs,” Bioethics Workshop, Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics
- Invited commentator for Jake Monaghan's “Informed Consent in Politics,” APA Central Division Meeting
- 2016 “Wronging Future Children,” The Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University
- “Overstepping Parental Authority: Enhancement and the Value of Autonomy,” Canada's Atlantic Regional Philosophers' Association Annual Conference
- Invited commentator for Kenny Walden, “Incomparable Worth,” Stanford Workshop on Moral and Political Philosophy
- 2015 “The Problem of Choosing (For) Our Children,” *From Procreative Ethics to Parental Rights*, a Spencer Foundation Conference
- “Role Obligations: A Response to the Non-Identity Problem,” UCLA Job Workshop
- 2014 “Parental Ends,” UCLA Ethics Writing Workshop

“Wrongful Procreation: A Freedom-Based Account,” UCLA Job Workshop

2013 “Kantian Ethics and Permissible Procreation,” UCLA Institute for Society and Genetics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018-2019 Lecturer, Harvard Philosophy Department
Introduction to Ancient Greek Philosophy
Reproductive Ethics: Whose body is it anyway?
The Ethics of a Human Life
- 2018 Lecturer, Hope House Scholars Program, Stanford Center for Ethics
The Ethics of a Human Life (co-taught with Willie Costello)
- 2017 Lecturer, Humanities Circle, Stanford University
Topics in Applied Ethics (co-taught with Willie Costello and Blake Francis)
- 2013-2016 Lecturer, UCLA Philosophy Department
Ancient Greek Philosophy (2016)
Teaching Assistant Training Course (2014)
Introduction to Ethics (2014)
Medical Ethics (2013)
- 2009-2015 Teaching Assistant, UCLA Philosophy Department
History of Ethics - Ancient, Professor Gavin Lawrence (2015)
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind, Lecturer Steven Lookner (2015)
Introduction to Ethics, Professor Rob Hughes (2015)
Philosophy in Literature, Professor Mandel Cabrera (2013)
History of Ethics - Kant, Professor Barbara Herman (2013)
Kant (First Critique), Professor Tyler Burge (2012)
Existentialism, Professor Rachel Johnson (2012)
Kant (First Critique), Professor Tyler Burge (2011)
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind, Professor Jorah Dannenberg (2011)
Introduction to Political Philosophy, Professor A.J. Julius (2011)
Ancient Greek Philosophy, Professor Gavin Lawrence (2010)
Introduction to Political Philosophy, Professor Calvin Normore (2010)
Introduction to Political Philosophy, Professor A.J. Julius (2010)
Historical Introduction to Philosophy, Professor Brian Copenhaver (2009)
- 2007-2008 English Language Assistant, Lycée Emile Littré, Avranches, France

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2016-2017 Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University’s McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society and the Center for Biomedical Ethics
- 2013-2014 University Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCLA

- 2012-2013 Honorary Graduate Student Fellow, Institute for Society and Genetics, UCLA
- 2011-2012 Yost Award for Excellence in Teaching, Philosophy Department, UCLA
- 2011-2012 Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCLA

SERVICE

- 2017 Journal referee for: *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *Journal of Applied Ethics*
- 2016-2018 Organizer of the Moral Philosophy Reading Group, Stanford University
- 2014-2015 Teaching Assistant Consultant to the Philosophy Department, UCLA
- 2011-2012 Graduate Student Representative to the Philosophy Department, UCLA
- 2010-2011 Graduate Student Association Representative for the Philosophy Department, UCLA

COURSEWORK

Ethics and Value Theory

- Political Philosophy: Ideal and Non-Ideal Theory*, Professor Harry Brighouse, University of Wisconsin, Madison (2007)
- 1st Year Seminar: 20th Century Ethics*, Professor Barbara Herman (2008)
- Rawls (Theory of Justice* and Political Liberalism)*, Professor Seana Shiffrin (2008)
- Doing Things with Other People*, Professor AJ Julius (2009)
- Human Action*, Professor Pamela Hieronymi (2010)
- Controversial Communications*, Professor Seana Shiffrin, audited (2010)
- Other Persons*, Professor AJ Julius (2010)
- Freedom*, Professor AJ Julius (2012)
- Kant's Ethics**, Professor Barbara Herman, audited twice (2012, 2015)
- Nagel*, Professor Jorah Dannenberg, audited (2017)

History of Philosophy

- Descartes**, Professor John Carriero (2008)
- Hume*, Professor Barbara Herman and Professor Gavin Lawrence (2009)
- 1st Year Seminar: Frege to Kripke*, Professor Tyler Burge (2008)
- 1st Year Seminar: Moore to Strawson*, Professor Andrew Hsu (2008)
- Kant (Critique of Pure Reason)**, Professor Tyler Burge (2009)
- Kant (Critique of Practical Reason)*, Professor Barbara Herman (2009)
- Kant (Critique of Judgment)*, Professor Barbara Herman (2011)
- Medieval Seminar: Truth*, Professor Calvin Normore (2011)
- Kant (Religion)*, Professor Barbara Herman, audited (2012)
- Kant (Metaphysics of Morals)*, Professor Barbara Herman, audited (2016)

Other Courses

- Metalogic**, Lecturer Luka Struble (2009)
- Philosophy of Mind*, Professor Tyler Burge (2010)
- Philosophy of Mind*, Professor Mark Greenberg (2010)
- Central Seminar for Teaching Assistant Consultants*, Lecturer Kumiko Haas (2014)

* Denotes that the course was an upper division undergraduate course

REFERENCES

To solicit letters of recommendation, please contact:

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