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## EMPLOYMENT

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Rhodes College, Philosophy Department (2021 – present)  
Junior Faculty Fellow (postdoc), Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics,  
Georgetown University, McDonough School of Business (2020 - 2021)

## EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Philosophy	University of North Carolina	2020
M.A.	Philosophy	University of Wisconsin	2015
M.A.	Philosophy	Texas Tech University	2012
B.A.	Philosophy	University of Tennessee	2009

**AOS** Ethics, Epistemology

**AOC** PPE, Political Philosophy, Applied Ethics (esp. business ethics, bioethics)

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Moorean Arguments Against the Error Theory: A Defense  
*Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, vol. 18 (forthcoming)
2. Do the Standards of Rationality Depend on Resource Context?  
*Acta Analytica* (forthcoming)
3. What if Ideal Advice Conflicts?: A Dilemma for Idealizing Accounts of Practical Reasons  
*Philosophical Studies*, (2021): 1-21.
4. How Level-Splitting Beliefs Can Help You Rationally Respond to Moral Disagreement?  
(with Margaret Greta Turnbull) in Michael Klenk (ed.), *Higher Order Evidence and Moral Epistemology*. New York: Routledge. (2020): 239-55.
5. The Self-Undermining Arguments from Disagreement  
*Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, vol. 14 (2019): 23-46.
6. Against Scanlon's Theory of the Strength of Practical Reasons  
*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 3 (2015): 1-6.
7. On Believing the Error Theory (with Alexander Hyun)  
*Journal of Philosophy* 111 (2014): 631-640.
8. Parsimony and the Argument from Queerness (with Justin Morton)  
*Res Philosophica* 91 (2014): 609-627.

## UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION

Intellectual Courage in the Face of Normative Disagreement (R&R at *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*)  
The Semantic Insignificance of Fundamental Moral Disagreement  
Are Political Partisans as Irrational as they Appear?  
Effective Altruism, Disaster Prevention, and the Possibility of Hell

## PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- “Are Political Partisans as Irrational as they Appear?”
- Bowling Green State Workshop in Applied Ethics and Public Policy (April 2022)
- “Moorean Arguments Against the Error Theory: A Defense”
- MadMeta: 16th Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop (September 2021)
- “Intellectual Courage in the Face of Intractable Normative Disagreement”
- European Epistemology Network Conference, University of Glasgow (June 2021)
  - Humboldt Normativity Conference, Berlin (December 2020)
  - Tennessee Philosophical Association, Vanderbilt University (November 2019)
- “Effective Altruism, Disaster Prevention, and the Possibility of Hell”
- Princeton-Rutgers Philosophy of Religion Incubator Conference (May 2021)
  - Religious Perspectives on Effective Altruism, U of Fribourg, Switzerland (September 2019)
- “What if Ideal Agents Disagree?: A Dilemma for Idealizing Reasons Subjectivism”
- Chapel Hill Normativity Conference (March 2020)
  - International Conference on Ethics, University of Porto, Portugal (June 2019)
  - Cyprus Metaethics Conference, University of Cyprus (April 2019)
- “Can We Rationally Believe Conciliationism?”
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Social Epistemology Networking Event, University of Oslo (May 2018)
  - APA Central Division, Chicago (February 2018)
  - Social Epistemology Summer School, University of Madrid (August 2017)
  - Northwestern-Notre Dame Epistemology Conference (April 2017)
  - IIFS-UNAM Philosophy Conference, Mexico City (February 2017)
- “The Self-Undermining Arguments from Disagreement”
- MadMeta: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop (September 2017)
- “What Good are Bioethicists if they Disagree so Much?”
- Penn Bioethics Bootcamp, University of Pennsylvania (June 2017)
- “Group Conciliationism”
- Workshop on Groups and Disagreement, University of Copenhagen (March 2017)
- “Why You Should Be Agnostic about Composite Objects” (with Justin Morton)
- Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, U of Colorado-Boulder (April 2015)
  - Western Michigan Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (December 2014)
- “Parsimony and the Argument from Queerness” (with Justin Morton)
- 40<sup>th</sup> Conference on Value Inquiry: The Foundations of Morality (May 2014)
- “On Believing the Error Theory” (with Alex Hyun)
- Wisconsin Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (April 2014)
  - The Arizona State University Philosophy Graduate Conference (April 2014)

## COMMENTS

- Evan Williams’s “An Actualist Argument for Scalar Consequentialism”
- APA Central Division, Chicago (March 2020)
- Stan Husi’s “Das Nichts Nichtet”
- RoME: Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (August 2019)
- Marc-Kevin Daoust’s “Apparent Reasons and Second-Best Epistemology”
- SLACRR, St. Louis Area Conference on Reasons and Rationality (May 2019)
- Invited Commentator-at-Large
- Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference (November 2018)

Susanne Mantel's "Levels of Reasonableness and Worldly Reasons"

- Rationality & Reasonableness Conference, University of Cologne (April 2018)

Aaron Wolf's "Do Reasons Drain Away?"

- APA Central Division, Chicago (March 2016)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Instructor of Record*

History of Western Political Thought	Rhodes College	Fall 2022
The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence	Rhodes College	Summer 2022
Money, Markets, and Morals	Rhodes College	Spring 2022
Ethics (x4)	Rhodes College	Fall 2021 – Fall 2022
Ethical Values in Business (for school of business)	Georgetown	Spring 2021
Business Ethics	Georgetown	Fall 2020
Business Ethics & the Legal Environment (x2)	George Washington U.	Fall 2020
Bioethics (Online) (x2)	North Carolina	Summer 2019, 2020
Political Philosophy	North Carolina	Spring 2019
The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense	North Carolina	Fall 2018
Philosophy of Western Religion	North Carolina	Summer 2018
Bioethics	North Carolina	Spring 2018
PPE: Philosophy, Politics, & Economics	North Carolina	Fall 2017
Introduction to Ethics	Texas Tech	Spring 2012
Introduction to Philosophy (x4)	Texas Tech	Fall 2011-2012

## SERVICE

Referee: *Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (x2), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (x2), *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *The Journal of Ethics* (x2), *Erkenntnis*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy*

Co-organizer: "Pandemic Ethics: A Conversation with Peter Singer" at Rhodes College (2021)

PPE Reading Group Leader: Locke's *Second Treatise* and *A Letter Concerning Toleration*

PPE Graduate Student Advisor (2018-19)

Planning Committee Member: PPE Society Meeting in New Orleans (2019, 2020)

Judge: North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)

Judge: National High School Ethics Bowl Championships (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)

## HONORS & AWARDS

### *North Carolina*

Adam Smith PPE Fellow (2019-2020)

Langman PPE Fellow (2017-2019)

Penn Bioethics Boot Camp Participant (Summer 2017)

### *Wisconsin*

College of Letters and Sciences Teaching Fellow Nominee (2014)

Early Excellence in Teaching Nominee (2013)

## REFERENCES

### **Geoffrey Sayre-McCord**

Morehead-Cain Alumni Distinguished Professor  
University of North Carolina  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

### **Alex Worsnip**

Associate Professor of Philosophy  
University of North Carolina  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

### **Russ Shafer-Landau**

Professor of Philosophy  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, WI 53706

### **Rebecca Tuvel**

Associate Professor of Philosophy  
Rhodes College  
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