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### **EMPLOYMENT**

Associate Professor; 2016-Present  
University of Vermont, Department of Philosophy

Assistant Professor; 2009–2016  
University of Vermont, Department of Philosophy

### **EDUCATION**

Stanford University (Stanford, CA); 1999–2009  
Ph.D. (joint) in Philosophy and Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities

Columbia University (New York, NY); 1995–1999  
B.A. *magna cum laude* in Philosophy and Music

### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Philosophy of Action  
Philosophy of the Social/Behavioral Sciences  
Ethics  
Metaphysics

### **AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Metaethics  
Ancient Greek Philosophy  
Logic  
Political Philosophy  
Philosophy of Mind

### **PUBLICATIONS ( ACADEMIC PEER-REVIEWED)**

#### **ARTICLES**

(2019) "Reid's Regress" (co-authored equally with Terence Cuneo); *The Philosophical Quarterly* 69(277), pp. 678–698.

(2017) "Collective actions and rational choice explanations"; *Journal of Philosophical Research* 42, pp. 149–176.

(2017) "Reid on the Autonomy of Ethics" (co-authored equally with Terence Cuneo); *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 2(4), pp. 523–541.

(2015) "Why Pursue Unification? A Social-Epistemological Puzzle" (co-authored equally with Kareem Khalifa); *Theoria* 30(3), pp. 431–447.

## REVIEWS

(2017) "Raimo Tuomela: *Social Ontology*"; *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 14(5), pp. 608–611.

(2014) "Review Essay: Christine Korsgaard's *Self-Constitution*" (co-authored equally with Terence Cuneo); *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 11(1), pp. 97–110. Invited.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES &C.

(2017) "Thomas Reid" (co-authored equally with Terence Cuneo); *Routledge Companion to Free Will*, ed. M. Griffith, N. Levy, & K. Timpe. Invited.

(2016) "Realism and Antirealism" (co-authored equally with Kareem Khalifa); *Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Social Science*, ed. L. McIntyre & A. Rosenberg. Invited.

## PUBLICATIONS (NOT ACADEMIC PEER-REVIEWED)

### ARTICLES

(2019) "Why it's so difficult for scientists to predict the next outbreak of a dangerous disease" (co-authored equally with C. Brandon Ogbunu and Samuel V. Scarpino); *The Conversation*, <https://theconversation.com/why-its-so-difficult-for-scientists-to-predict-the-next-outbreak-of-a-dangerous-disease-110978>.

(2016) "Social Ontology and the Black Lives Matter Movement"; *The Critique*. Invited. (4500 words)

## DISSERTATION

*Collective Goals, Collective Reasoning, Collective Action*

Principal Advisor: Michael E. Bratman

Readers: Debra Satz, Joshua Landy (Department of French and Italian), John Ferejohn (Department of Political Science)

## REFEREED TALKS

"Collective Consent in Networks"

Social Ontology 2021, UC San Diego (online); August 2021

"Ethical Considerations of Dark Data: Making FAIR Data Fair"

Data, Society, and Open Science III, Delft University of Technology (online); March 2021

"Dominance Hierarchy in the Network of Hockey Fighters"

Network Science Society Conference (NETSCI), Rome, Italy (online); September 2020

"Do group intentions explain collective actions?"

Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, University of South Florida (international conference); March 2016

"Why do scientific communities unify? Some game-theoretic proposals"

The Collective Dimension of Science, Université Nancy 2 (international conference); December 2011

"Collective epistemic goals and theoretical unity"

Episteme Conference, Carnegie Mellon University (international conference); June 2011

“Collective goals and individual rational choice”  
Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, Saint Louis University (international conference);  
March 2010

“A rational choice model of intentions”  
Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, University of Washington (international  
conference); March 2008

#### **INVITED TALKS**

“Individual Consent and Data Transactions”  
PIKSI Boston (online); June 2021

“Policing Powers and Policing Institutions: Implications for Police Accountability, Reform, and  
Abolition”  
Parr Center for Ethics, University of North Carolina; October 2020

“On Erin Kelly’s *The Limits of Blame*”, Author meets critics panel  
American Philosophical Association Conference, Eastern Division (national conference);  
January 2020

“Can We Consent to Giving Away Our Data?”  
New England Research Data Management Roundtable, University of Vermont (regional  
conference); July 2019

“Punishment” (with Kathy Fox)  
Public Philosophy Week, Vermont (local talk); March 2019

“More Data, More Problems: On tracking, consent, and control of personally identifying  
information”  
Reckless Ideas Lecture Series, Generator Makerspace, Burlington, VT; November 2018

“Predictive Algorithms and Criminal Justice” (with Brandon del Pozo)  
Public Philosophy Week, Vermont (local talk); May 2018

“Comments on Aly Massof, ‘Can the Master and Slave Work Together?’ “  
American Philosophical Association Conference, Central Division (national conference);  
March 2017

“Race, Social Construction, and the Curious Case of Rachel Dolezal”  
Blackboard Jungle keynote panel, University of Vermont (local talk); March 2016

“Social Ontology and the Black Lives Matter Movement”  
George Washington Henderson seminar, University of Vermont (local talk); October 2015

“On shared attitudes in collective actions: motivation, justification, and goals”  
George Washington Henderson seminar, University of Vermont (local talk); October 2012

- “Comments on Svetlana Beggs, ‘Maturity and self-preservation’ “  
American Philosophical Association Conference, Pacific Division (national conference);  
April 2011
- “Altruism, egoism, and collective intentions”  
George Washington Henderson seminar, University of Vermont (local talk); October 2010
- “Comments on Heidi Maibom, ‘I feel what you think’”  
Vermont-Dartmouth Philosophy Conference, University of Vermont (local conference);  
September 2009
- “In search of the ‘I’ in ‘team’: individual deliberation, collective goals, and collective action”  
George Washington Henderson seminar, University of Vermont (local talk); April 2009
- “Deliberation under constraints: preferences, intentions, and values”  
Department of Philosophy, University of Vermont (local talk); April 2009
- “On the intrinsic normativity of shared actions”  
Spring Colloquia Series, University of California-Santa Cruz (local talk); May 2006
- “Cooperation and the limits of economic theory”  
Social Ethics and Normative Theory Workshop, Stanford University (local talk); April 2005
- “Comments on Tony Bezsylko, ‘Is Frankfurt’s self vulnerable to Moran’s alienation?’”  
Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Student Conference, Stanford University (local conference);  
May 2003
- “Comments on Wayne Wu, ‘On motivating reasons’”  
Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy, University of California-  
Berkeley (local conference); May 2002
- “Why bad puppets make for good tragedy: agency and morality in ancient Greece”  
Graduate Program in Humanities Symposium, Stanford University (local talk); May 2001

#### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- Fulbright Canada – Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Fellow / Joint Chair in Contemporary Public  
Policy; 2020–2021
- George Washington Henderson Fellow, University of Vermont; 2007–2009
- Fellow, Introduction to Humanities Program, Stanford University; 2005–2006
- Stanford University Centennial Teaching Assistant Award; 2004
- Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies; 1999
- Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship for Minority Students (Honorable Mention); 1999

#### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- “Big Data and Narrative Explanations in the Social Sciences”
- “Say Their Names: Resurgence in the collective attention toward Black victims of fatal police  
violence following the death of George Floyd” (primary author Henry Wu)

“Imitation Games: Exploring Biases in Human Deepfake Detection” (co-authored with Lovato et al.)

“Networks and Groups”

“Ethical Considerations of Dark Data”, co-authored with Juniper Lovato, Julia Zimmerman, Carter Ward, and Megan Ardren

“The adequacy of individual consent”, co-authored equally with Juniper Lovato

“Limits of Individual Consent and Models of Distributed Consent in Online Social Networks” (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.16140>), co-authored equally with Juniper Lovato, Laurent Hébert-Dufresne, and Antoine Allard

“Collective consent and networks”

“On the adequacy of individual consent for data transactions”

“Dominance hierarchy in the network of hockey fighters”, co-authored equally with Laurent Hébert-Dufresne, Daniel B. Larremore, and Antonio D. Sirianni

“Egoism, altruism, and collective intentions”

#### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Ethics (undergraduate introductory lecture)

Introductory Logic (undergraduate introductory lecture)

Introduction to Philosophy (undergraduate introductory lecture)

Food Ethics (undergraduate introductory lecture)

Pandemics (honors undergraduate introductory seminar)

Ancient Philosophy (undergraduate intermediate lecture)

Philosophy of Action (undergraduate intermediate lecture)

Free Will (undergraduate intermediate lecture/advanced seminar)

The Meaning of Freedom (honors undergraduate intermediate seminar)

Philosophy of Social Science (undergraduate advanced seminar)

Social Metaphysics (undergraduate advanced seminar)

Teaching Methods in Philosophy (graduate student teaching methodology seminar)

#### **INDIVIDUAL WORK SUPERVISED**

Grant-winning project (undergraduate): “Neuroscience, volitional agency, and legal responsibility”

Honors thesis on ethics and automobile use

Honors thesis on moral fictionalism

Honors thesis on game theory and explanation

Honors thesis on AI and the singularity

Honors thesis on philosophy of economics

Honors thesis on criminal justice and rehabilitation

Honors thesis on data privacy and autonomy

Independent study on the philosophy of social science and religion

Independent study on the philosophy of action

Independent study on game theory and rationality  
Independent study on personhood and agency

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Member, Philosophy Department Chair Search Committee; 2016–2017, 2018–2019  
Member, Simon Scholarship interview committee, 2012–  
Member, Nominations and Elections Committee; 2012–2015  
University faculty senator (replacement), Fall 2009

**Doctoral advisor:** Juniper Lovato (Complex Systems)

**Member of doctoral thesis committee:** Nolan Rampy (Psychology)

**Member of masters thesis committee:** Mark Ibrahim (Mathematics)

**Undergraduate honors thesis advisor:** Nicholas Cioffi (Philosophy), Ross Huntley (Philosophy),  
David Kasofsky (Philosophy), Lilian Traviato (Philosophy), Emma Jarnagin (Philosophy), Seth  
Wade (philosophy), Liam O'Brien (philosophy), Dalton Doyle (Philosophy)

**Member of undergraduate honors thesis committee:** Justice Gudorf (Philosophy), Umer Shaikh  
(Philosophy), Kyle Mitofsky (Economics), Justin Hoekstra (Studio Art), Laura Duane  
(English), Thomas Campbell (Philosophy), Emma Lettiere (Philosophy), Bretton Klinedinst  
(Psychology), Samantha Berthelette (Philosophy), Megan Ardren (Complex Systems)

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Member, Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Advisory Committee on Diversity, 2020–  
Organizer, Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable 2019

Member, American Philosophical Association Program Committee (Pacific), 2018–  
Chair, Colloquium: Philosophy of Race

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division conference, April 2015

Chair, "The ethics of compromise in democracy" (panel discussion)

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division conference; December 2010

Referee for: *Erkenntnis*, MIT Press, *Philosophy of Social Science*, *AI and Ethics*, *The Southern  
Journal of Philosophy*, *Economics and Philosophy*,

Member, Society for Young Black Philosophers

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Commissioner, Burlington Police Commission; 2018–2021

Chair, Committee to Reform Policing Policies, Burlington, 2019–2020

Member, Joint Committee on Public Safety and Policing, Burlington, 2020–2021