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Curriculum Vitae*

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Appointments

Assistant Professor of Philosophy Clemson University	August 2022– current
Assistant Professor of Philosophy American University of Beirut	January 2019– August 2022
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy University of California, Berkeley	Summer 2019
Teaching Fellow, Global Perspectives on Society New York University Shanghai	September 2017– January 2019
Associate Instructor of Philosophy University of California, Berkeley	July 2011– August 2017

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy University of California, Berkeley	August 2017
B.A.(Hons) *First Class* in Philosophy University of Calgary	May 2010
B.A. *With Distinction* in Linguistics University of Calgary	May 2010

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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Science (psychology, psychiatry, medicine)

Philosophy of Mind

Ethics

Areas of Competence

Ancient Philosophy

Political Philosophy

Epistemology

Awards and Honours

Co-Principal Investigator, Middle East Partnership Initiative, Tomorrow's Leaders Graduate Program (MEPI-TLG): 'The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence', Spring 2020—Spring 2022.

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley, Spring 2015, Spring 2016

Graduate Division Summer Grant, UC Berkeley, Summer 2014

Ralph W. Church Fellowship, UC Berkeley, Fall 2010 and Spring 2011

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRCC) Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Masters Fellowship, Fall 2010 (declined)

University of Calgary Philosophy Department Convocation Medallion, Spring 2010

Publications

[9] 'Delusions and Rationality.' Forthcoming in *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Delusion*, Ema Sullivan-Bissett, ed. (with Adam Bradley)

[8] 'Understanding, The Manifest Image, and Postmodernism in Philosophy of Psychiatry.' Forthcoming in *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology*

[7] 'Philosophy's Role in Theorizing Psychopathology.' Forthcoming in *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology*

[6] 'Interventionism and Intelligibility: Why depression is not (always) a brain disease.' Forthcoming in *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*.

[5] 'Monothematic Delusions and the Limits of Rationality.' Forthcoming in *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* (with Adam Bradley)

[4] 'Rawlsian Contractualism and Healthcare Allocation'. *Diametros* 18 (68): 9–23, 2021. doi: 10.33392/diam.1682

[3] 'Self-Deception as Omission'. *Philosophical Psychology*, 33 (5): 657-678, 2020. doi: 10.1080/09515089.2020.1751100

[2] 'Rationalism, Optimism, and the Moral Mind'. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 42, e153, 2019.

[1] 'Self-Deception in and out of Illness: Are some subjects responsible for their delusions?'. *Palgrave Communications*, 3(15): 1–12, 2017. (Part of *Self-Knowledge in and outside of Illness*, Sherrilyn Roush and Tuomas Pernu, eds.)

Dissertation

On the Fringes of Moral Responsibility: Skepticism, self-deception, delusion, and addiction

My dissertation is a study of moral responsibility 'at the margins'. I focus on three phenomena that put pressure on conventional approaches to agency and moral responsibility: self-deception, delusions, and addiction. I argue, among other things, that self-deception involves a culpable form of omission; that some forms of clinical delusion can be understood in similar terms; and that addiction functions to impair, but not disable completely, the addict's capacities for agency. The discussion is framed by the idea that responsible agency involves responsiveness to reasons.

Committee: R. Jay Wallace & John Campbell (co-chairs, philosophy), and Tania Lombrozo (outside member, psychology)

Work In Progress

A paper about the relation between affect and cognition (under review)

A paper about moral responsibility and social psychology (under review)

A paper about addiction (under review)

A paper about endogenous and exogenous depression (under review)

A paper about depression and normativity (under review)

A paper about forgiveness (draft in progress)

A paper about contractualism and socialism (draft in progress)

A paper about burnout (draft in progress)

Selected Presentations*

'Philosophy's Role in Theorizing Psychopathology'

 – 49th meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Pittsburgh, June 21-23, 2023

'The Process and Product of Forgiveness'

 – Philosophy in Southeast Asia, National University of Singapore, May 2-3

'Depression, Intelligibility, and Non-Rational Causation'

 – 10th annual International Philosophy of Medicine Roundtable, University of Bologna, June 8-9

 – Canadian Philosophical Association meeting, York University, Toronto, May 29-June 1.

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*Invited, otherwise refereed

'Monothematic Delusions: Intelligibility Without Rationality'

- Moravian University, Department of Philosophy, Mar. 11, 2022∗
- Minot State University, Feb. 25, 2022∗
- Clemson University, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Feb. 17, 2022∗
- St Norbert College, Department of Philosophy, Feb. 9, 2022∗

'Interventionism and Intelligibility: Why depression is not (always) a brain disease'

- American University of Beirut Philosophy Society, November 6, 2020∗

'Monothematic Delusions: An expressivist two-factor account'

- Canadian Philosophical Association meeting, June 1st, 2019, University of British Columbia, Vancouver
- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, January 7–10, 2019, New York City
- Inaugural meeting of the Australasian Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Dec 5–7, 2018, Macquarie University, Sydney
- 45th meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, July 9-11, 2018, University of Michigan

'Self-Deception as Omission'

- American University of Beirut Philosophy Society, February 22, 2019∗
- Shandong University Department of Philosophy, Jinan, Shandong, China, October 25, 2018∗

'Addiction as Desensitizing Vulnerability: A framework for excuse'

- Philosophical Moral Psychology: An International Meeting of Classic and Empirically Informed Philosophy, July 22-25, 2018, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich
- Canadian Philosophical Association meeting, Université de Québec à Montréal, June 7th, 2018
- Duke Kunshan University, May 10th, 2018∗
- American University of Beirut, April 4th, 2018
- Faculty Speaker Series, New York University Shanghai, December 7th, 2017∗

'Agency and Value: Lessons from disorder'

- Duke University, May 24th, 2018∗

'Self-Deception in and out of Illness: Are some subjects responsible for their delusions?'

- 44th meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Johns Hopkins University, June 2017
- Graduate Research Colloquium, UC Berkeley, December 6th, 2016∗
- The Richard Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley, October 7th, 2016∗

'Nozick's critique of Rawls and the Illiberalism of Libertarianism'

- Series of three guest lectures for Véronique Munoz-Dardé at UC Berkeley, November 7, 9, and 11, 2016∗

'The Brain Disease Theory of Addiction, Responsibility, and Causal Exclusion'

- 43rd meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Texas at Austin, June 2016

Comments on Rachelle Bascara's 'A Unified Theory of Oppression'

- 13th Annual UC Berkeley-London conference. University College London, May 2016∗

Comments on Jason D'Cruz's 'Self-Deception as Unwitting Pretense'

- The American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Washington DC, January 2016∗

'Self-Deception and Dual-Process Theory' (poster)

- 42nd meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Duke University, June 2015

'The Analysis of Self-Deception'

- The Philosophy Forum, UC Berkeley, Spring 2014∗

'Self-Deception, Intentionality, and Psychological Division'

- The Philosophy Forum, UC Berkeley, Fall, 2014∗

Teaching Experience

Clemson

Ancient Philosophy	Fall 2023
Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science	Fall 2023
Supervised Reading: Personality Disorders	Fall 2023
Philosophy of Medicine	Spring 2023
Introduction to Philosophical Problems	Spring, 2023, Fall 2022
Biomedical Ethics	Fall 2022

American University of Beirut

Biomedical Ethics	Spring 2021, Fall 2020
Political Philosophy	Fall 2021, Spring 2019
Philosophy of Mind	Fall 2021, Fall 2020
	Spring 2020, Fall 2019
MA Seminar: Philosophy of Psychiatry	Spring 2021
History of Moral Philosophy	Spring 2021, Spring 2020
MA Seminar: Special Topics in Moral Psychology	Fall 2019
MA Tutorial: Multiculturalism and Liberalism	Spring 2019

AUB MA Supervision

Alejandro Suarez, *Liberalism, Rationality, and the Subsidiarity Principle: A vindication of the rule-and-exemption approach for solving clashes in multicultural societies*	Fall 2019- Fall 2020

AUB MA Committees

Huria Ibrahim, *Freedom in Leibniz*	Spring 2022
Raed Khelifi, *The Myth of the Economic Hypothesis: An Examination of Wittgenstein's Critique of Psychoanalysis*	Fall 2019
Fatima Sadek, *Moral Folk Intuitions: Psychological Foundations and Normative Implications*	Summer 2019

NYU Shanghai

Global Perspectives on Society	Fall 2018
	Fall 2017

Primary Instructor, UC Berkeley

Ancient Philosophy	Summer 2019
	Summer 2017
	Summer 2016
	Summer 2015
Individual Morality and Social Justice	Summer 2014

Volunteer Instructor with the Prison University Project at San Quentin State Prison

Introduction to Philosophy (with Melissa Fusco)	Spring 2016

Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley[†]

Moral Psychology† (Kwong-loi Shun)	Spring 2017
Political Philosophy† (Véronique Munoz-Dardé)	Fall 2016, Fall 2013
Philosophy of Perception† (Michael Martin)	Fall 2015
Ancient Philosophy (Klaus Corcilius)	Fall 2014
Political Philosophy† (Florian Grosser)	Summer 2014
Philosophical Methods† (Seth Yalcin)	Spring 2014
Aristotle† (Klaus Corcilius)	Summer 2013
Philosophy of Religion (Lara Buchak)	Spring 2013
The Nature of Mind (John Campbell)	Fall 2012, Fall 2011
Individual Morality and Social Justice (Jeremiah Carey)	Summer 2012
Early Modern Philosophy (Hannah Ginsborg)	Spring 2012
Introduction to Logic (Michael Rieppel)	Summer 2011

[†]Indicates an upper-division course

Graduate Coursework

Courses Taken and Audited‡

Agency, Responsibility, and Context‡ (Manuel Vargas)	Spring 2016
Dissertation Seminar‡ (John Campbell)	Fall 2015
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Does the Mind Have a Causal Structure?‡ (John Campbell)	Fall 2014
Primary and Secondary Qualities in Early Modern Philosophy‡ (Daniel Warren)	Spring 2014
Philosophy of Perception (Michael Martin)	Fall 2013
Recent Work on Reasons and Normativity‡ (R. Jay Wallace)	Spring 2013
Plato (Klaus Corcilius)	Fall 2012
Judgement, Competence, and 'Practical Knowledge'‡ (Barry Stroud)	Spring 2012
Promises and Promissory Obligation‡ (R. Jay Wallace and Niko Kolodny)	Spring 2012
The Philosophy of History‡ (Hans Sluga)	Spring 2012
Kant (Daniel Warren)	Fall 2011
Ethical Theories (R. Jay Wallace)	Fall 2011
Later Wittgenstein (Barry Stroud)	Spring 2011
Philosophical Logic (John MacFarlane)	Spring 2011
Science and Religion‡ (Lara Buchak)	Spring 2011
First Year Graduate Seminar‡ (Barry Stroud and Michael Martin)	Fall 2010
Aristotle's Nichomachean Ethics‡ (Dorothea Frede)	Fall 2010
A Society of Equals?‡ (Véronique Munoz-Dardé)	Fall 2010

Memberships and Professional Service

Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy*, *Philosophical Psychology* (x3), *Philosophical Forum*	ongoing
Referee for Annual Meetings of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology	Feb. 2016–current
Member, Canadian Philosophical Association	Fall 2016–current
Member, American Philosophical Association	Fall 2014–current
Member, Society for Philosophy and Psychology	Summer 2014–current
Member, Australasian Society for Philosophy and Psychology	Winter 2017 – current

Institutional Service

Member, AUB Arts and Sciences Student Disciplinary Action Committee	Fall 2019–Fall 2021
Member, AUB General Education Committee, Ethics Subcommittee	Spring 2019–Spring 2022
AUB Department of Philosophy Web Officer	Spring 2019–Spring 2022
Faculty Advisor, NYU Shanghai Philosophy Society	Fall 2017–Spring 2019
Judge, New Crop undergraduate essay prize, UC Berkeley	2016, 2017
Organizer, Richard Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley	Fall 2010–Spring 2011

Languages

English, native

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‡Indicates a graduate seminar

French, reading and speaking proficiency

Italian, reading and speaking competence

German, beginner speaking

Mandarin Chinese, beginner speaking (HSK 2)

Levantine Arabic, bumbling

References

R. Jay Wallace
William and Trudy Ausfahl Chair in Philosophy
University of California, Berkeley

John Campbell
Slusser Professor of Philosophy
University of California, Berkeley

Michael Martin
Wilde Professor of Mental Philosophy
University of Oxford

Véronique Munoz-Dardé
Professor of Philosophy
University College London

Klaus Corcilius
Professor of Philosophy
Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

Lara Buchak (teaching)
Professor of Philosophy
Princeton University

Brad Weslake (teaching)
Associate Professor of Philosophy
New York University Shanghai

Chris Johns
Associate Professor and Chair of Philosophy
American University of Beirut