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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Metaphysics

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## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Moral Psychology, Epistemology, Applied Ethics

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## EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Davis	
Associate Professor of Philosophy	2024-present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2020-2024
Affiliate Faculty, Cognitive Science Program	2024-present
The University of Sydney	
Honorary Associate	2020-2023
Lecturer in Philosophy	2018-2020
Cornell University	
Stanford Taylor Postdoctoral Associate	2016-2018

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## EDUCATION

University of Arizona: Ph.D. in Philosophy	2016
Lewis & Clark College: B.A. in Philosophy	2010
<i>Summa Cum Laude, Departmental Honours</i>	

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## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

[1] (under contract) *Blame Yourself Better: A Self-Help Guide to Self-Blame*. Oxford University Press.

### *Articles and Book Chapters*

[1] (Provisionally forthcoming) “The Risky Business of Forgiveness” *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics*.

[2] (forthcoming) “Don’t Burst My (Blame) Bubble” *Philosophers’ Imprint*:  
<https://doi.org/10.3998/phimp.3761>.

- [3] (2023) “Forgetting to Un-Forgive” (with Lel Jones) *Revista de Estudios Sociales* 86: 45–61.
- [4] (2023) “Moving Ego Versus Moving Time: Investigating the Shared Source of Future-Bias and Near-Bias” (with Sam Baron, Brigitte Everett, Andrew J. Latham, and Kristie Miller) *Synthese* 202: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-023-04286-0>
- [5] (2023) “Freedom, Moral Responsibility, and the Failure of Universal Defeat” (with Andrew J. Latham and Somogy Varga) *Philosophical Issues* 33: 252–269.
- [6] (2023) “Moral Responsibility, Praise, and Blame” (with Robert H. Wallace) in *Bloomsbury Handbook of Ethics*, Miller, C. (ed.) Bloomsbury Publishing.
- [7] (2023) “Cruel Intentions and Evil Deeds” (with Eyal Tal) *Ergo* 9: <https://doi.org/10.3998/ergo.2621>.
- [8] (2023) “Making Amends: How to Alter the Fittingness of Blame” in *Fittingness*, Howard, C. & Rowland, R. (eds.) Oxford University Press: 380–404.
- [9] (2022) “Bias Towards the Future” (with Preston Greene, Andrew James Latham, Kristie Miller, James Norton, and Christian Tarsney) *Philosophy Compass*: <https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12859>.
- [10] (2022) “Defusing Existential and Universal Threats to Compatibilism: A Strawsonian Dilemma for Manipulation Arguments” (with Andrew James Latham) *The Journal of Philosophy* 119: 144–161.
- [11] (2022) “Robust Passage Phenomenology Probably Does Not Explain Future-Bias” (with Andrew James Latham, Kristie Miller, and Christian Tarsney) *Synthese*. DOI: 10.1007/s11229-022-03514-3.
- [12] (2022) “Don’t Suffer in Silence: A Self-Help Guide to Self-Blame” in *Self-Blame and Moral Responsibility*, Carlsson, A. (ed.) Cambridge University Press: 117–133.
- [13] (2022) “Belief in Robust Temporal Passage (Probably) Does Not Explain Future-Bias” (with Andrew James Latham, Kristie Miller, and Christian Tarsney) *Philosophical Studies*. DOI: 10.1007/s11098-021-01748-4.
- [14] (2021) “The Four-Case Argument and the Existential/Universal Effect” (with Andrew James Latham) *Erkenntnis*. DOI: 10.1007/s10670-021-00458-x.
- [15] (2021) “Hypercrisis and Standing to Self-Blame” *Analysis* 81: 262–269.
- [16] (2021) “Guilty Confessions” in *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility*, volume 7, Shoemaker, D. (ed.) Oxford University Press: 182–204.
- [17] (2021) “Expanding Understanding” *Australasian Philosophical Review* 3: 318–323.
- [18] (2020) “The Subscript View: A Distinct View of Distinct Selves” in *Oxford Studies in Experimental Philosophy*, Lobrozo, T., Knobe, J., & Nichols, S. (eds.) Oxford University Press: 126–157.

- [19] (2020) “Desperately Seeking Sourcehood” (with David Glick) *Philosophical Studies* 177: 953–970. First author.
- [20] (2019) “Quality of Reasons and Degrees of Moral Responsibility” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 97: 661–672. **Shortlisted for the Annette Baier Prize.**
- [21] (2019) “The Comparative Non-Arbitrariness Norm of Blame” (with Daniel Telech) *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 16: 25–43.
- [22] (2023) “The Future of the Causal Quest” in *Blackwell Companion to Free Will*, Campbell, J., Mickelson, K., & White, A. (eds.) Blackwell Press: 434–450.
- [23] (2017) “Nonconciliation in Peer Disagreement: Its Phenomenology and Its Rationality” (with David Henderson, Terence Horgan, and Matjaz Potrc) *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 94: 194–225.
- [24] (2016) “A Pilgrimage through John Martin Fischer’s *Deep Control: Essays on Free Will and Value*” *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 10: 179–196.
- [25] (2014) “Tackling it Head On: How Best to Handle the Modified Manipulation Argument” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 48: 663–675.
- [26] (2014) “How Many of Us Are There?” (with Christopher Howard, Victor Kumar, Trevor Kvaran, and Shaun Nichols) in *Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Mind*, Sytsma, J. (ed.) Bloomsbury Press: 181–202. First author.
- [27] (2013) “A Maneuver around the Modified Manipulation Argument” *Philosophical Studies* 165: 753–763.
- [28] (2012) “Keith Lehrer on the Basing Relation” (with Nicholas D. Smith) *Philosophical Studies* 161: 27–36. First Author.

#### *Book Reviews*

- [1] (forthcoming) Review of Luke Russell’s *Real Forgiveness*. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
- [2] (2020) Book note on Elinor Mason’s *Ways to Be Blameworthy: Rightness, Wrongness, and Responsibility*. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 98: 628.

#### GRANTS

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- [1] (2025) \$22,500 Dean’s Faculty Fellow
- [2] (2023) \$33,000 AUD Anderson Visiting Fellowship, The University of Sydney
- [3] (2022) \$15,500 UC Davis Hellman Fellow
- [4] (2020) \$8,000 AUD Faculty Research Support Scheme: *Future Bias and Devaluing the Past* (with Kristie Miller, Andrew James Latham, and James Norton)
- [5] (2019) \$30,000 AUD Usyd-Utrecht Partnership Collaboration Awards 2019: *Conspiracy Theories in the Information Age* (with Mark Colyvan, Brian Hedden, Sebastian Sequoiah-Grayson, Tim Smartt,

- Daniel Cohnitz, Johannes Korbmache, Stefan Werning, Tobias Stark, and Erik Stei)
- [6] (2019) \$5,000 AUD FASS Research Incubator Program
  - [7] (2019) \$3,800 AUD SOPHI Research Support Scheme: *Guilty Confessions*
  - [8] (2019) \$5,000 AUD SOPHI Research Support Scheme: *Future Bias and Devaluating the Past* (with Preston Greene, Andrew Latham, Kristie Miller, James Norton, and Christian Tarsney)

## HONORS

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- [1] (2015) Feinberg Dissertation Fellowship
- [2] (2014) William H. Fink Prize for Overall Outstanding Graduate Student
- [3] (2014) Julia Annas Graduate Teaching Assistant Award
- [4] (2014) SBS Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award
- [5] (2010) Phi Beta Kappa

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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- “More Than One Way to Meddle”
  - [1] Workshop on Standing, Copenhagen, Denmark 2025
- “The Risky Business of Forgiveness”
  - [2] Workshop in Normative Ethics, Tucson, Arizona 2025
  - [3] University of Sydney Seminar Series 2024
  - [4] University of Adelaide Seminar Series 2024
  - [5] Macquarie University Seminar Series 2024
  - [6] Agency and Responsibility Research Group, Zoom 2023
  - [7] Workshop on the Moral Emotions, University of Arizona 2022
- “Forgetting to Un-Forgive” (with Lel Jones)
  - [8] Poster, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, UC Boulder 2022
- “The Four-Case Argument and the Existential/Universal Effect” (with Andrew James Latham)
  - [9] American Philosophical Association (Eastern), Baltimore, MD 2022
  - [10] Agency and Intentions in Language Workshop 2022
- “The Limits of Blame” (with Rosalind Chaplin, Per-Erik Milam, and Robert Wallace)
  - [11] Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland, OR 2021
- “Don’t Burst My Blame Bubble”
  - [12] Berkeley, Stanford, Davis Graduate Conference (keynote) 2022
  - [13] UNSW Symposium Series 2021
  - [14] Lewis & Clark College Colloquium Series 2021
  - [15] Sydney Health Ethics Conversation Series 2020
- “Cruel Intentions” (with Eyal Tal)
  - [16] Slippery Slope Normativity Summit, Lillehammer, Norway 2020
- “Blame Yourself Better”/“Don’t Suffer in Silence”

[17] Seminar Series, The University of Sydney	2020
“Guilty Confessions”	
[18] University of California, Davis	2020
[19] Mind and Morality Lab, Boston University	2019
[20] New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility	2019
[21] AAP, University of Wollongong	2019
[22] Seminar Series, Monash University	2019
[23] Works in Progress Series, Macquarie University	2019
[24] Seminar Series, The University of Sydney	2019
[25] Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Theory seminar series, ANU	2019
[26] Fricke Workshop on Responsibility, University of Arizona	2019
“Desperately Seeking Sourcehood” (with David Glick)	
[27] American Philosophical Association (Eastern), New York City, NY	2019
[28] Current Projects Seminar, University of Sydney	2018
[29] Cologne Workshop on the Laws of Nature and Free Will	2018
“Reasons and Responsibility”/“Quality of Reasons and Degrees of Responsibility”	
[30] Philosophy Desert Workshop, Sedona, AZ	2018
[31] (poster) Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Johns Hopkins University	2017
[32] Conference on Reassessing Responsibility, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge	2017
[33] American Philosophical Association (Pacific), Seattle, WA	2017

#### SELECTED COMMENTS

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[1] Comments on Manuel Vargas’s “Adaptive Agency” American Association for Mexican Philosophers, UC Davis	2024
[2] Comments on Anna-Bella Sicilia’s “In Defense of Genuine Un-Forgiving” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, UC Boulder	2022
[3] Comments on Susan Wolf’s “Criticizing Blame” Kadish Lecture, University of California, Berkeley	2022
[4] Comments on Brian Weatheron’s “Against Symmetry” Workshop on <i>Normative Externalism</i> , ANU	2019
[5] Comments on Rina Tzinman’s “Constitution and Bodily Awareness: A Puzzle” American Philosophical Association (Central), Kansas City, MO	2017
[6] Comments on Heather Gert’s “Awareness Luck” American Philosophical Association (Pacific), San Francisco, CA	2016
[7] Comments on Walter Sinnott-Armstrong and Jesse Summers’ “Responsibility” Workshop on <i>Too Much Morality: Lessons from Scrupulosity</i> , University of Arizona	2014
[8] Comments on Mirja Pérez de Calleja’s “Determinism: Just as Lucky and Even More Alienating” Athena in Action, Princeton University	2014

#### SELECTED OUTREACH WORK

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[1] “Blame, Guilt, and Ethics of Self” Office Hour: Ethics for a Post-Ethical World with Naomi Janowitz	2025
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- [2] “Maximizing the Joys of Parenting and Getting Rid of Parental Guilt”  
The Philosophy of Child Rearing with Luara Ferracioli and Ryan Cox 2025
- [3] “Blaming Yourself Better”  
The Philosophy of Living Well Podcast with Luke Russell 2024
- [4] “Strawsonianism and Manipulation Arguments” (with Andrew James Latham)  
The Free Will Show 2022
- [5] “Where There’s Smoke, There are Conspiracy Theorists” (with Mark Colyvan and Tim Smartt)  
UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center 2021  
ABC Religion & Ethics 2020
- [6] “Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Guilt”  
Blackheath Philosophy Forum 2019  
Port Macquarie Philosophy Forum 2019
- [7] “Guilty”  
Philosopher’s Zone, ABC Radio 2019
- [8] “Fake News, Disagreement, and Tolerance”  
Critical Thinking for the IB Workshop, University of Sydney 2018–2019
- [9] “Blame”  
World Philosophy Day Q&A Panel, Stanton Library 2018

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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##### *University of California, Davis*

- [1] Graduate Seminar on Moral Responsibility: 2025
- [2] Graduate Seminar on Forgiveness: 2023
- [3] Graduate Seminar on Anger: 2022
- [4] Neuroethics: 2022
- [5] Introduction to Ethics: 2022, 2025
- [6] Problems in Normative Ethics: 2021, 2022, 2025
- [7] Moral Psychology: 2021, 2023, 2025
- [8] Graduate Seminar on Blame: 2021

##### *University of Sydney*

- [9] Moral Psychology: 2020
- [10] Thinking Critically OLE: 2019, 2020
- [11] Society, Knowledge, and Self: 2019
- [12] Critical Thinking: 2019
- [13] Research Topics in Ethics (Honours): 2019
- [14] Global Ethics OLE: 2018

#### TRAINING

- [1] Gatekeeper Inquiring Mind Training: University of California, Davis 2025
- [2] Graduate Mentoring Initiative: University of California, Davis 2021
- [3] ACCELERATE Fellows Program: University of California, Davis 2020
- [4] Coaching Workshop for Female Tutors and Lecturers: University of Sydney 2018
- [5] Inclusive Teaching Institute: Cornell University 2017
- [6] Safe Zone General Education Workshop: University of Arizona 2015
- [7] GTA Training Program: University of Arizona 2010–2011

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

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### REFEREEING

*Analysis; American Philosophical Quarterly; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Cognition; Dialectica; Episteme; Ergo; Erkenntnis; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice; Ethics; European Journal of Philosophy; Journal of the American Philosophical Association; Journal of Applied Philosophy; Journal of Ethics; Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy; Journal of Moral Philosophy; Journal of Philosophical Studies; Journal of Philosophy; Journal of Social Philosophy; Journal of Value Inquiry; Mind; Nous; Pacific Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophical Psychology; Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophical Review; Philosophical Studies; Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; Synthese; American Philosophical Association, Pacific; Canadian Philosophical Association; New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility; Oxford University Press; Routledge; Society for Philosophy and Psychology/European Society for Philosophy and Psychology.*

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- [1] University of Arizona Philosophy Department External Review Committee: 2023
- [2] Pacific APA Program Committee: 2022–present
- [3] New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility Council: 2022–present

### DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- [1] Undergraduate Program Committee: 2021–present
- [2] Internal Fellowship Committee, representative: 2024–present
- [3] Graduate Professionalization Committee: 2024–present
- [4] DEX Co-organizer: 2023–present
- [5] Graduate Teacher Training and Supervision Committee: 2022–2023
- [6] Assistant Professor in Value Theory Search Committee: 2021–2022
- [7] Graduate Admissions and Fellowship Committee: 2021

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- [1] Member of Australasian Association of Philosophy: 2019–present
- [2] Member of American Philosophical Association: 2013–present