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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Moral Psychology, Epistemology, Applied Ethics

EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Davis
- Vice chair of Philosophy Department — 2026-present
- 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

EDUCATION

University of Arizona: Ph.D. in Philosophy — 2016

Lewis & Clark College: B.A. in Philosophy — 2010
Summa Cum Laude, Departmental Honours

PUBLICATIONS

Books

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

Articles and Book Chapters

[1] (forthcoming) "Commentary on "Causalism: A Framework for Moral Responsibility" (with Hayden Macklin and Alexis Woods) *Crítica*.

[2] (2026) "Decontamination, Dilution, and Diachronic Blameworthiness" (with Bobby Johnson, Zhexi Zhang, and Andrew Latham) *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*: https://doi.org/10.1080/00048402.2026.2720607

[3] (forthcoming) "The Risky Business of Forgiveness" *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics.*

[4] (2025) "Do Conspiracy Theory Interventions Rest on a Mistake?" (with Mark Colyvan and Tim Smartt) *Synthese* 206: https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-025-05257-3.

[5] (2025) "Don't Burst My (Blame) Bubble" *Philosophers' Imprint* 25: https://doi.org/10.3998/phimp.3761.

[6] (2023) "Forgetting to Un-Forgive" (with Lel Jones) *Revista de Estudios Sociales* 86: 45–61.

[7] (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.

[8] (2023) "Freedom, Moral Responsibility, and the Failure of Universal Defeat" (with Andrew J. Latham and Somogy Varga) *Philosophical Issues* 33: 252–269.

[9] (2023) "Moral Responsibility, Praise, and Blame" (with Robert H. Wallace) in *Bloomsbury Handbook of Ethics*, Miller, C. (ed.) Bloomsbury Publishing: 189–205.

[10] (2023) "Cruel Intentions and Evil Deeds" (with Eyal Tal) *Ergo* 9*:* https://doi.org/10.3998/ergo.2621.

[11] (2023) "Making Amends: How to Alter the Fittingness of Blame" in *Fittingness,* Howard, C. & Rowland, R. (eds.) Oxford University Press: 380–404.

[12] (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.

[13] (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.

[14] (2022) "Robust Passage Phenomenology Probably Does Not Explain Future-Bias" (with Andrew James Latham, Kristie Miller, and Christian Tarsney) *Synthese* 200: https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03514-3.

[15] (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.

[16] (2022) "Belief in Robust Temporal Passage (Probably) Does Not Explain Future-Bias" (with Andrew James Latham, Kristie Miller, and Christian Tarsney) *Philosophical Studies* 179: 2053–2075.

[17] (2021) "The Four-Case Argument and the Existential/Universal Effect" (with Andrew James Latham) *Erkenntnis* 88: 2379–2389.

[18] (2021) "Hypercrisy and Standing to Self-Blame" *Analysis* 81: 262–269.

[19] (2021) "Guilty Confessions" in *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility*, volume 7, Shoemaker, D. (ed.) Oxford University Press: 182–204.

[20] (2021) "Expanding Understanding" *Australasian Philosophical Review* 3: 318–323.

[21] (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.

[22] (2020) "Desperately Seeking Sourcehood" (with David Glick) *Philosophical Studies* 177: 953–970.

[23] (2019) "Quality of Reasons and Degrees of Moral Responsibility" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 97: 661–672. **Shortlisted for the Annette Baier Prize.**

[24] (2019) "The Comparative Non-Arbitrariness Norm of Blame" (with Daniel Telech) *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 16: 25–43.

[25] (2023) "The Future of the Causal Quest" in *Blackwell Companion to Free Will*, Campbell, J., Mickelson, K., & White, A. (eds.) Blackwell Press: 434–450.

[26] (2017) "Nonconciliation in Peer Disagreement: Its Phenomenology and Its Rationality" (with David Henderson, Terence Horgan, and Matjaz Potrc) *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 94: 194–225.

[27] (2016) "A Pilgrimage through John Martin Fischer's *Deep Control: Essays on Free Will and Value*" *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 10: 179–196.

[28] (2014) "Tackling it Head On: How Best to Handle the Modified Manipulation Argument" *Journal of Value Inquiry* 48: 663–675.

[29] (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.

[30] (2013) "A Maneuver around the Modified Manipulation Argument" *Philosophical Studies* 165: 753–763.

[31] (2012) "Keith Lehrer on the Basing Relation" (with Nicholas D. Smith) *Philosophical Studies* 161: 27–36.

Book Reviews

[1] (2026) Review of Luke Russell's *Real Forgiveness*. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 104: 604–607.

[2] (2020) Book note on Elinor Mason's *Ways to Be Blameworthy*: *Rightness, Wrongness, and Responsibility*. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 98: 628.

GRANTS

[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

[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

"More Than One Way to Meddle"
[1] New Perspectives on Moral Responsibilities, UC Riverside 2026
[2] California State University, Long Beach 2026
[3] Workshop on Standing, Copenhagen, Denmark 2025

"The Risky Business of Forgiveness"
[4] Workshop in Normative Ethics, Tucson, Arizona 2025
[5] University of Sydney Seminar Series 2024
[6] University of Adelaide Seminar Series 2024
[7] Macquarie University Seminar Series 2024
[8] Agency and Responsibility Research Group, Zoom 2023
[9] Workshop on the Moral Emotions, University of Arizona 2022

"Forgetting to Un-Forgive" (with Lel Jones)
[10] Poster, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, UC Boulder 2022

"The Four-Case Argument and the Existential/Universal Effect" (with Andrew James Latham)
[11] American Philosophical Association (Eastern), Baltimore, MD 2022
[12] Agency and Intentions in Language Workshop 2022

"The Limits of Blame" (with Rosalind Chaplin, Per-Erik Milam, and Robert Wallace)
[13] Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland, OR 2021

"Don't Burst My Blame Bubble"

[14] Berkeley, Stanford, Davis Graduate Conference (keynote) 2022
[15] UNSW Symposium Series 2021
[16] Lewis & Clark College Colloquium Series 2021
[17] Sydney Health Ethics Conversation Series 2020

"Cruel Intentions" (with Eyal Tal)

[18] Slippery Slope Normativity Summit, Lillehammer, Norway 2020

"Blame Yourself Better"/"Don't Suffer in Silence"

[19] Seminar Series, The University of Sydney 2020

"Guilty Confessions"

[20] University of California, Davis 2020
[21] Mind and Morality Lab, Boston University 2019
[22] New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility 2019
[23] AAP, University of Wollongong 2019
[24] Seminar Series, Monash University 2019
[25] Works in Progress Series, Macquarie University 2019
[26] Seminar Series, The University of Sydney 2019
[27] Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Theory seminar series, ANU 2019
[28] Fricke Workshop on Responsibility, University of Arizona 2019

"Desperately Seeking Sourcehood" (with David Glick)

[29] American Philosophical Association (Eastern), New York City, NY 2019
[30] Current Projects Seminar, University of Sydney 2018
[31] Cologne Workshop on the Laws of Nature and Free Will 2018

"Reasons and Responsibility"/"Quality of Reasons and Degrees of Responsibility"

[32] Philosophy Desert Workshop, Sedona, AZ 2018
[33] (poster) Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Johns Hopkins University 2017
[34] Conference on Reassessing Responsibility, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge 2017
[35] American Philosophical Association (Pacific), Seattle, WA 2017

SELECTED COMMENTS

[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 *Normative Externalism*, 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 *Too Much Morality: Lessons from Scrupulosity*, 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

[1] "Blame, Guilt, and Ethics of Self"
Office Hour: Ethics for a Post-Ethical World with Naomi Janowitz 2025
[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

Graduate/honours level
[1] Seminar on Mind and Morality: University of California, Davis (with Gabe Dupre)
[2] Seminar on Free Will: University of California, Davis
[3] Seminar on Moral Responsibility: University of California, Davis
[4] Seminar on Conceptual Engineering (with Sam Shpall and David Plunkett): University of Sydney
[5] Seminar on Forgiveness: University of California, Davis
[6] Seminar on Anger: University of California, Davis
[7] Seminar on Blame: University of California, Davis; University of Sydney

Undergraduate level
[1] Introduction to Ethics: University of California, Davis
[2] Problems in Normative Ethics: University of California, Davis
[3] Moral Psychology: University of California, Davis; University of Sydney
[4] Neuroethics: University of California, Davis

[5] Thinking Critically OLE: University of Sydney
[6] Society, Knowledge, and Self: University of Sydney
[7] Critical Thinking: University of Sydney
[8] Global Ethics OLE: University of Sydney

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

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; Inquiry; 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; Swiss National Science Foundation;

Professional Service

[1] Associate Editor, *Analysis*: 2026–present
[2] New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility Council: 2022–present
[3] University of Arizona Philosophy Department External Review Committee: 2023
[4] Pacific APA Program Committee: 2022–2025

University Service

[1] Committee on Courses of Instruction: 2025–present

Departmental Service

[1] Graduate Professionalization Committee: 2024–present
[2] DEX Co-organizer: 2023–present
[3] Undergraduate Program Committee: 2021–present
[4] Internal Fellowship Committee, representative: 2024–2025
[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