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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Moral Psychology, Epistemology, Applied Ethics

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

EDUCATION

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

PUBLICATIONS

Books

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

Articles and Book Chapters

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

[2] (forthcoming) "Do Conspiracy Theory Interventions Rest on a Mistake?" (with Mark Colyvan and Tim Smartt) *Synthese*.

- [3] (2025) “Don’t Burst My (Blame) Bubble” *Philosophers’ Imprint* 25: <https://doi.org/10.3998/phimp.3761>.
- [4] (2023) “Forgetting to Un-Forgive” (with Lel Jones) *Revista de Estudios Sociales* 86: 45–61.
- [5] (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>
- [6] (2023) “Freedom, Moral Responsibility, and the Failure of Universal Defeat” (with Andrew J. Latham and Somogy Varga) *Philosophical Issues* 33: 252–269.
- [7] (2023) “Moral Responsibility, Praise, and Blame” (with Robert H. Wallace) in *Bloomsbury Handbook of Ethics*, Miller, C. (ed.) Bloomsbury Publishing.
- [8] (2023) “Cruel Intentions and Evil Deeds” (with Eyal Tal) *Ergo* 9: <https://doi.org/10.3998/ergo.2621>.
- [9] (2023) “Making Amends: How to Alter the Fittingness of Blame” in *Fittingness*, Howard, C. & Rowland, R. (eds.) Oxford University Press: 380–404.
- [10] (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>.
- [11] (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.
- [12] (2022) “Robust Passage Phenomenology Probably Does Not Explain Future-Bias” (with Andrew James Latham, Kristie Miller, and Christian Tarsney) *Synthese* 200: 63.
- [13] (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.
- [14] (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.
- [15] (2021) “The Four-Case Argument and the Existential/Universal Effect” (with Andrew James Latham) *Erkenntnis* 88: 2379–2389.
- [16] (2021) “Hypercrisy and Standing to Self-Blame” *Analysis* 81: 262–269.
- [17] (2021) “Guilty Confessions” in *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility*, volume 7, Shoemaker, D. (ed.) Oxford University Press: 182–204.
- [18] (2021) “Expanding Understanding” *Australasian Philosophical Review* 3: 318–323.
- [19] (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.

- [20] (2020) “Desperately Seeking Sourcehood” (with David Glick) *Philosophical Studies* 177: 953–970. First author.
- [21] (2019) “Quality of Reasons and Degrees of Moral Responsibility” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 97: 661–672. **Shortlisted for the Annette Baier Prize.**
- [22] (2019) “The Comparative Non-Arbitrariness Norm of Blame” (with Daniel Telech) *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 16: 25–43.
- [23] (2023) “The Future of the Causal Quest” in *Blackwell Companion to Free Will*, Campbell, J., Mickelson, K., & White, A. (eds.) Blackwell Press: 434–450.
- [24] (2017) “Nonconciliation in Peer Disagreement: Its Phenomenology and Its Rationality” (with David Henderson, Terence Horgan, and Matjaz Potrc) *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 94: 194–225.
- [25] (2016) “A Pilgrimage through John Martin Fischer’s *Deep Control: Essays on Free Will and Value*” *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 10: 179–196.
- [26] (2014) “Tackling it Head On: How Best to Handle the Modified Manipulation Argument” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 48: 663–675.
- [27] (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.
- [28] (2013) “A Maneuver around the Modified Manipulation Argument” *Philosophical Studies* 165: 753–763.
- [29] (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

- [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] 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

[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

[1] “Blame, Guilt, and Ethics of Self”	
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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 Moral Responsibility: University of California, Davis
- [2] Seminar on Conceptual Engineering (with Sam Shpall and David Plunkett): University of Sydney
- [3] Seminar on Forgiveness: University of California, Davis
- [4] Seminar on Anger: University of California, Davis
- [5] 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.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- [1] New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility Council: 2022–present
- [2] University of Arizona Philosophy Department External Review Committee: 2023
- [3] Pacific APA Program Committee: 2022–2025

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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