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**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**      Normative Ethics, Metaethics

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**      Political Philosophy, Applied Ethics

### EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Florida State University (2018-present)  
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Florida State University (2017-2018)  
Lecturer, Dartmouth College (2016-2017)

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Arizona (2016)

*Dissertation*    *Constitutivism in Ethics*

*Committee*    Connie Rosati and Mark Timmons (co-chairs), Tom Christiano, David Enoch

B.A. Philosophy and Biology, Colgate University, summa cum laude (2007)

### PUBLICATIONS

- “Constitutivism,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Metaethics*, edited by David Copp and Connie Rosati (forthcoming).
- 2024    “Moral Uncertainty for Consequentialists,” *Philosophical Quarterly*  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqae139>
- 2023    “A Contractualist Approach to Moral Uncertainty,” in *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics*, volume 13, edited by Mark Timmons, 126-148. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2021    “Expressivism, Moral Fallibility, and the Approved Change Strategy,” *Journal of Ethics* 26: 115-129. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10892-021-09377-z>
- 2021    “Moral Uncertainty and Distributive Sufficiency,” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 24: 949-963. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10677-021-10236-x>
- 2018    “Korsgaard’s Arguments for the Value of Humanity,” *Philosophical Review* 127(2): 197-224. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00318108-4326604>
- 2017    “Self-Validation and Internalism in Velleman’s Constitutivism,” *Philosophical Studies* 174: 2267-2686. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-016-0804-2>
- 2016    “A Critique of Smith’s Constitutivism,” *Ethics* 127(1): 116-146.  
<https://doi.org/10.1086/687339>

## BOOK REVIEWS

- 2019 Review of Colin Marshall's *Compassionate Moral Realism*, *Utilitas* 31(3): 350-353.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0953820819000207>

## GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2019 First-Year Assistant Professor Grant (\$20,000)  
2015 Young Ethicist Prize, Eighth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress  
2015 Emil R. Riesen and Austin H. Riesen Graduate Prize, Best Essay  
2012 William H. Fink Prize, Overall Outstanding Graduate Student  
2012 Julia Annas Graduate Teaching Assistant Award  
2012 Feinberg Dissertation Fellowship  
2007 M. Holmes Hartshorne Memorial Award for Excellence in Philosophy

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 "Objective Consequentialism and the Superhero Problem," American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting.  
2024 "Objective Consequentialism and Obscure Actions," Moral Philosophy Working Group, Yale University.  
2024 "Objective Consequentialism and Obscure Actions," Seventeenth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado—Boulder.  
2024 "Moral Uncertainty for Consequentialists." Brain Freeze Talk, Florida State University.  
2023 "A Defense of 'Local' Approaches to Dealing with Moral Uncertainty" (Poster Presentation), Sixteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado—Boulder.  
2023 "A Kantian Duty of Moral Caution," Brown Bag Talk, Florida State University.  
2022 "A Defense of 'Local' Approaches to Dealing with Moral Uncertainty," Uncertain Oughts Workshop, University of Helsinki.  
2022 "A Kantian Duty of Moral Caution," Talk for Undergraduate Philosophy Club, Florida State University.  
2022 "A Contractualist Approach to Moral Uncertainty," Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics, University of Arizona.  
2021 "A Kantian Duty of Moral Caution," Fourteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado—Boulder.  
2021 "A Contractualist Approach to Moral Uncertainty," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting.  
2021 "Constitutivism and Normativity," American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting.  
2019 "Avoiding the Regress Problem for Moral Uncertainty Principles," invited colloquium talk, University of Florida.  
2019 "Expressivism and 'I Might Be Right'," Twelfth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado—Boulder.  
2018 "Moral Uncertainty and Intertheoretic Moral Value Comparisons," (Poster Presentation) Eleventh Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of

Colorado—Boulder.

- 2018 “Moral Uncertainty and Moral Demandingness,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting.
- 2017 “Moral Uncertainty, Demandingness, and Duties to Aid,” Tenth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado—Boulder.
- 2017 “Moral Uncertainty and Moral Demandingness,” Ethics of Giving Conference, University of St. Andrews.
- 2017 “Moral Uncertainty and Distributive Sufficiency,” New Mexico State University.
- 2017 “Two Arguments from Akrasia to Internalism about Practical Deliberation,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting.
- 2016 “Practical Deliberation and Normative Motivation,” Workshop on Ethics and Practical Reason, Dartmouth College.
- 2016 “Solving the Problem of Moral Equality,” (Poster Presentation) Ninth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado—Boulder.
- 2015 “Moral Uncertainty and Distributive Sufficiency,” Eighth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado—Boulder.

#### COMMENTARIES

- 2023 On Brian Berkey, “When is it Permissible to Impose and Offset Risks? A Response to Barry and Cullity.” Sixteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado—Boulder.
- 2018 On Anne Jeffrey, “Moral Reasons Hylomorphism: How to Get Metaphysical About Moral Reasons Without Losing Your Mind Dependence.” Eleventh Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado—Boulder.
- 2016 On Matjaž Potrč and Vojko Strahovnik, “Noncognitivism and Moderate Error Theory,” Ninth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado—Boulder.
- 2013 On Rusty Jones, “Akrasia, Stability, and Epistemic Value,” 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, University of Arizona.
- 2012 On Thomas C. Brickhouse and Nicholas D. Smith, “Obey or Persuade,” 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, University of Arizona.
- 2011 On Eric Brown, “Socratic Lawfulness (*Gorgias* 504d),” 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, University of Arizona.
- 2010 On Brook Sadler, “Acting Out of Character,” Third Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado—Boulder.

#### COURSES TAUGHT

##### Florida State University

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Ethical Issues and Life Choices
- Introduction to Political Philosophy
- Ethical Theory
- Seminar for Majors
- Contracts and Consequences (graduate seminar)

Deontology (graduate seminar)  
The Ethics of Ignorance, Uncertainty, and Risk (graduate seminar)  
Metaethics and Normativity (graduate seminar)  
Value Proseminar (graduate seminar)

### **Dartmouth College**

Introduction to Moral Philosophy  
Friends, Lovers, and Comrades: Ethical Issues of Special Relationships  
Ethical Theory: Consequences and Contracts  
Social and Political Philosophy

### **University of Arizona**

Metaethics  
Social and Political Philosophy  
The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation  
Environmental Ethics  
Minds, Brains, and Computers

### **University of Arizona (teaching assistant)**

Personal Morality (with Michael Gill, Carolina Sartorio)  
The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation (with Thomas Christiano, Jerry Gaus, Michael Gill, Guido Pincione, Steve Wall)  
Logic and Critical Thinking (with Jonathan Weinberg)

### **EDITORIAL WORK**

Referee, *Acta Analytica*; *Analysis*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*; Canadian Philosophical Association; *Ergo*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *Ethics*; *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *Journal of Philosophical Research*; *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*; *Journal of Value Inquiry*; *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Philosophy*; *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*; *Philosophy Compass*; *Philosophy, Politics, and Economics*; *Social Philosophy and Policy*; *Social Theory and Practice*.

Editorial Assistant, *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics*, vol. 2.

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Philosophical Association