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Employment

Clemson University: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2020–present

Education

University of Chicago: Ph.D. Philosophy, 2020

Tufts University: M.A. Philosophy, 2011

University of Oxford: B.A. Philosophy, Politics and Economics (First Class Honors), 2009

Specialization

AOS Ethics · Social and Political Philosophy · Nineteenth-Century Philosophy

AOC Philosophy of Race · Feminist Philosophy

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. **“Freedom, Desire, and Necessity: Autonomous Activity as Activity for Its Own Sake,”**
Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, forthcoming

Selected Work in Progress

1. **A paper on coercion**, under review
2. **A paper on Marx on alienated labor**, under revision
3. **A paper on meaningful work**, under revision, committed to a special issue of the *Journal of Applied Philosophy*

Awards

1. **Humanities Hub Research Fellowship**, Clemson University, Summer 2021
2. **Vigeneron Dissertation Fellowship**, University of Chicago, 2018–2019
3. **Ph.D. Fellowship**, University of Chicago, 2011–2016
4. **M.A. Tuition Remission**, Tufts University, 2009–2011

Presentations

Peer-Reviewed Talks

1. **“Two Faces of Alienated Labor in Marx,”** Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, St. Andrews, United Kingdom, July 2022

2. **“The Difficulty of Securing Good Work for All,”** Conference on the Future of Work: Philosophical and Economic Perspectives, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands, June 2022
3. **“Sticks and Carrots: A Privative Form of Instrumental Rationality,”** St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, University of Missouri, St. Louis, May 2022
4. **“Two Faces of Alienated Labor in Marx,”** Spring Workshop of the Indiana Philosophical Association, Wabash College, March 2022
5. **“Incentives Compromise Autonomy: The Unfreedom of Extrinsically Motivated Activity,”** Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, delivered online, January 2022
6. **“Equality Is Not Enough: Freedom, Work, and the Limits of Republicanism,”** Workshop on Labor Justice and the Transformation of Work, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain, delivered online, July 2021
7. **“Incentives Compromise Autonomy,”** Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, United Kingdom, delivered online, July 2021
8. **“Two Faces of Alienated Labor: Why ‘Meaningful Work’ Is Not Enough,”** Annual Conference of the Marx and Philosophy Society, delivered online, June 2021
9. **“Why We Work,”** Colloquium on the Ends of Autonomy, Monash University, Australia, delivered online, December 2020
10. **“Why We Work,”** Workshop on Ethical Issues in Today’s Turbulent World, Georgia Philosophical Society, delivered online, October 2020

Invited Talks

11. **No Title,** Workshop on Marx and Marx-Related Philosophy, University of Chicago, cancelled due to pandemic
12. **“What Is Wrong with Coercion?”**, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Clemson University, March 2020

Invited Commentaries

13. **On Wayne Wapeemukwa, “Cedric Robinson’s ‘Black Idealism’ and W.E.B. Du Bois’ ‘Black Marxism’,”** Symposium at the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, scheduled for January 2022, cancelled
14. **On Paul Katsafanas, “Nietzsche and Murdoch on the Moral Significance of Perceptual Experience,”** Council on Advanced Studies Visiting Speakers Series, University of Chicago, February 2015

Talks at Graduate Workshops and Conferences

15. **“Freedom as Activity for Its Own Sake,”** Philosophy Graduate Research Symposium, University of Chicago, December 2019
16. **“Species of External Unfreedom and Their Unity,”** Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2018
17. **“Freedom and Instrumentality,”** Practical Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, February 2017
18. **“The Philosophical Insignificance of Intuitions about Moral Responsibility,”** Practical Philosophy Workshop, March 2015

19. “Contextualism and the Very Idea of a Philosophical Theory,” Wittgenstein Workshop, University of Chicago, March 2014

Teaching

Instructor of Record, Clemson University

- **Gender, Race, and Class**, Fall 2022
- **Nineteenth Century Philosophy**, Fall 2021
- **Introduction to Ethics**, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022
- **Introduction to Logic**, Fall 2020, Fall 2022

Instructor of Record, University of Chicago

- **Freedom and Its Absence**, Spring 2018
- **Moral Luck**, Fall 2015

Instructor of Record, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

- **Introduction to Feminist Philosophy**, Fall 2016

Thesis Advising, University of Chicago

- **B.A. Preceptor**, Advising Philosophy majors on B.A. Theses, 2017–2018

Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago

- **Medical Ethics: Central Topics**, with Daniel Brudney, Winter 2020
- **Character and Commerce: Practical Wisdom in Economic Life**, with Candace Vogler, Winter 2020
- **History of Philosophy I: Ancient Philosophy**, with Agnes Callard, Fall 2017
- **Introduction to Political Philosophy**, with Ben Laurence, Spring 2017 and Spring 2018
- **Human Rights: Philosophical Foundations**, with Ben Laurence, Spring 2017
- **Racial Injustice**, with Anton Ford and Ben Laurence, Winter 2017
- **Introduction to Ethics**, with Ben Callard, Spring 2015
- **Agency and Self-Knowledge**, with David Finkelstein, Winter 2015
- **Karl Marx’s Theory of History**, with Anton Ford, Spring 2014

Teaching Assistant, Tufts University

- **Metaphysics**, with Brian Epstein, Spring 2011
- **Ethical Theory**, with Avner Baz, Fall 2010
- **Global Justice**, with Lionel McPherson, Spring 2010

Service

- **Referee**, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* and *Moral and Political Philosophy*, 2022–present
- **Chair of the Departmental Curriculum Committee**, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Clemson University, 2021–present

- **College Curriculum Committee**, College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities, Clemson University, 2021–present
- **Webmaster**, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Clemson University, 2021–present
- **Undergraduate Advisor**, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Clemson University, 2021–present
- **Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Philosophy**, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Clemson University, 2021–2022
- **Chair’s Advisory Committee**, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Clemson University, 2020–2021
- **Mentor in the Minorities and Philosophy Undergraduate Mentorship Program**, University of Chicago, 2019–2020
- **Coordinator of the Practical Philosophy Workshop**, University of Chicago, 2016–2017
- **Coordinator of the Wittgenstein Workshop**, University of Chicago, 2015–2016
- **Co-Facilitator of the Philosophy Club**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. College Preparatory High School, Chicago, 2011–2012

Languages

- German (native)
- English (native-equivalent)
- Spanish (basic)

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