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## Curriculum Vitae\*

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## Employment

Assistant Professor of Philosophy Clemson University	August 2022– current
Assistant Professor of Philosophy American University of Beirut	January 2019– August 2022
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy University of California, Berkeley	Summer 2019
Teaching Fellow, Global Perspectives on Society New York University Shanghai	September 2017– January 2019
Associate Instructor of Philosophy University of California, Berkeley	July 2011– August 2017

## Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy University of California, Berkeley	August 2017
B.A.(Hons) <i>First Class</i> in Philosophy University of Calgary	May 2010
B.A. <i>With Distinction</i> in Linguistics University of Calgary	May 2010

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## Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Science (psychology, psychiatry, medicine)

Philosophy of Mind

Ethics

## Areas of Competence

Ancient Philosophy

Political Philosophy

Epistemology

## Awards and Honours

Co-Principal Investigator, Middle East Partnership Initiative, Tomorrow's Leaders Graduate Program (MEPI-TLG): 'The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence', Spring 2020—Spring 2022.

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley, Spring 2015, Spring 2016

Graduate Division Summer Grant, UC Berkeley, Summer 2014

Ralph W. Church Fellowship, UC Berkeley, Fall 2010 and Spring 2011

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Masters Fellowship, Fall 2010 (declined)

University of Calgary Philosophy Department Convocation Medallion, Spring 2010

## Publications

- [ 7 ] 'Delusions and Rationality'. Forthcoming in *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Delusion*, Ema Sullivan-Bissett, ed. (with Adam Bradley)
- [ 6 ] 'Interventionism and Intelligibility: Why depression is not (always) a brain disease'. Forthcoming in *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*.
- [ 5 ] 'Monothematic Delusions and the Limits of Rationality'. Forthcoming in *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* (with Adam Bradley)
- [ 4 ] 'Rawlsian Contractualism and Healthcare Allocation'. *Diametros* 18 (68): 9–23, 2021. doi: 10.33392/diam.1682
- [ 3 ] 'Self-Deception as Omission'. *Philosophical Psychology*, 33 (5): 657-678, 2020. doi: 10.1080/09515089.2020.1751100
- [ 2 ] 'Rationalism, Optimism, and the Moral Mind'. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 42, e153, 2019.
- [ 1 ] 'Self-Deception in and out of Illness: Are some subjects responsible for their delusions?'. *Palgrave Communications*, 3(15): 1–12, 2017. (Part of *Self-Knowledge in and outside of Illness*, Sherrilyn Roush and Tuomas Pernu, eds.)

## Dissertation

*On the Fringes of Moral Responsibility: Skepticism, self-deception, delusion, and addiction*

My dissertation is a study of moral responsibility ‘at the margins’. I focus on three phenomena that put pressure on conventional approaches to agency and moral responsibility: self-deception, delusions, and addiction. I argue, among other things, that self-deception involves a culpable form of omission; that some forms of clinical delusion can be understood in similar terms; and that addiction functions to impair, but not disable completely, the addict’s capacities for agency. The discussion is framed by the idea that responsible agency involves responsiveness to reasons.

Committee: R. Jay Wallace & John Campbell (co-chairs, philosophy), and Tania Lombrozo (outside member, psychology)

## Work In Progress

A paper about moral responsibility and social psychology  
Under review (draft available)

A paper about the relation between affect and cognition  
Under review

‘A New Defense of Conditional Forgiveness’  
In preparation (draft available)

‘Addiction as Vulnerability’  
In preparation (draft available)

## Selected Presentations

‘Monothematic Delusions: Intelligibility Without Rationality’

- Moravian University, Mar. 11, 2022
- Minot State University, Feb. 25, 2022
- Clemson University, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Feb. 17, 2022
- St Norbert College, Department of Philosophy, Feb. 9, 2022

‘Interventionism and Intelligibility: Why depression is not (always) a brain disease’

- American University of Beirut Philosophy Society, November 6, 2020

‘Monothematic Delusions: An expressivist two-factor account’

- Canadian Philosophical Association meeting, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, University of British Columbia, Vancouver
- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, January 7–10, 2019, New York City
- Inaugural meeting of the Australasian Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Dec 5–7, 2018, Macquarie University, Sydney
- 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, July 9–11, 2018, University of Michigan

‘Self-Deception as Omission’

- American University of Beirut Philosophy Society, February 22, 2019
- Shandong University Department of Philosophy, Jinan, Shandong, China, October 25, 2018

‘Addiction as Desensitizing Vulnerability: A framework for excuse’

- Philosophical Moral Psychology: An International Meeting of Classic and Empirically Informed Philosophy, July 22-25, 2018, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich
- Canadian Philosophical Association meeting, Université de Québec à Montréal, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Duke Kunshan University, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- American University of Beirut, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Faculty Speaker Series, New York University Shanghai, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

‘Agency and Value: Lessons from disorder’

- Duke University, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

‘Self-Deception in and out of Illness: Are some subjects responsible for their delusions?’

- 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Johns Hopkins University, June 2017
- Graduate Research Colloquium, UC Berkeley, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- The Richard Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

‘Nozick’s critique of Rawls and the Illiberalism of Libertarianism’

- Series of three guest lectures for Véronique Munoz-Dardé at UC Berkeley, November 7, 9, and 11, 2016

‘The Brain Disease Theory of Addiction, Responsibility, and Causal Exclusion’

- 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Texas at Austin, June 2016

Comments on Rachelle Bascara’s ‘A Unified Theory of Oppression’

- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual UC Berkeley-London conference. University College London, May 2016

Comments on Jason D’Cruz’s ‘Self-Deception as Unwitting Pretense’

- The American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Washington DC, January 2016

‘Self-Deception and Dual-Process Theory’ (poster)

- 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Duke University, June 2015

‘The Analysis of Self-Deception’

- The Philosophy Forum, UC Berkeley, Spring 2014

‘Self-Deception, Intentionality, and Psychological Division’

- The Philosophy Forum, UC Berkeley, Fall, 2014

## Teaching Experience

### AUB

Bio-Medical Ethics	Spring 2021, Fall 2020
Political Philosophy	Fall 2021, Spring 2019
Philosophy of Mind	Fall 2021, Fall 2020
	Spring 2020, Fall 2019
MA Seminar: Philosophy of Psychiatry	Spring 2021
History of Moral Philosophy	Spring 2021, Spring 2020
MA Seminar: Special Topics in Moral Psychology	Fall 2019
MA Tutorial: Multiculturalism and Liberalism	Spring 2019

## MA Supervision

Alejandro Suarez, *Liberalism, Rationality, and the Subsidiarity Principle: A vindication of the rule-and-exemption approach for solving clashes in multicultural societies* Fall 2019- Fall 2020

## MA Committees

Huria Ibrahim, *Freedom in Leibniz* Spring 2022

Raed Khelifi, *The Myth of the Economic Hypothesis: An Examination of Wittgenstein's Critique of Psychoanalysis* Fall 2019

Fatima Sadek, *Moral Folk Intuitions: Psychological Foundations and Normative Implications* Summer 2019

## NYU Shanghai

Global Perspectives on Society Fall 2018  
Fall 2017

## Primary Instructor, UC Berkeley

Ancient Philosophy Summer 2019  
Summer 2017  
Summer 2016  
Summer 2015  
Individual Morality and Social Justice Summer 2014

## Volunteer Instructor with the Prison University Project at San Quentin State Prison

Introduction to Philosophy (with Melissa Fusco) Spring 2016

## Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley\*

Moral Psychology\* (Kwong-loi Shun) Spring 2017  
Political Philosophy\* (Véronique Munoz-Dardé) Fall 2016, Fall 2013  
Philosophy of Perception\* (Michael Martin) Fall 2015  
Ancient Philosophy (Klaus Corcilius) Fall 2014  
Political Philosophy\* (Florian Grosser) Summer 2014  
Philosophical Methods\* (Seth Yalcin) Spring 2014  
Aristotle\* (Klaus Corcilius) Summer 2013  
Philosophy of Religion (Lara Buchak) Spring 2013  
The Nature of Mind (John Campbell) Fall 2012, Fall 2011  
Individual Morality and Social Justice (Jeremiah Carey) Summer 2012  
Early Modern Philosophy (Hannah Ginsborg) Spring 2012  
Introduction to Logic (Michael Rieppel) Summer 2011

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\*Indicates an upper-division course

## Graduate Coursework

### Courses Taken and Audited<sup>†</sup>

Agency, Responsibility, and Context <sup>†</sup> (Manuel Vargas)	Spring 2016
Dissertation Seminar <sup>†</sup> (John Campbell)	Fall 2015
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Does the Mind Have a Causal Structure? <sup>†</sup> (John Campbell)	Fall 2014
Primary and Secondary Qualities in Early Modern Philosophy <sup>†</sup> (Daniel Warren)	Spring 2014
Philosophy of Perception (Michael Martin)	Fall 2013
Recent work on Reasons and Normativity <sup>†</sup> (R. Jay Wallace)	Spring 2013
Plato (Klaus Corcilius)	Fall 2012
Judgement, Competence, and ‘Practical Knowledge’ <sup>†</sup> (Barry Stroud)	Spring 2012
Promises and Promissory Obligation <sup>†</sup> (R. Jay Wallace and Niko Kolodny)	Spring 2012
The Philosophy of History <sup>†</sup> (Hans Sluga)	Spring 2012
Kant (Daniel Warren)	Fall 2011
Ethical Theories (R. Jay Wallace)	Fall 2011
Later Wittgenstein (Barry Stroud)	Spring 2011
Philosophical Logic (John MacFarlane)	Spring 2011
Science and Religion (Lara Buchak)	Spring 2011
First Year Graduate Seminar <sup>†</sup> (Barry Stroud and Michael Martin)	Fall 2010
Aristotle’s Nichomachean Ethics <sup>†</sup> (Dorothea Frede)	Fall 2010
A Society of Equals? <sup>†</sup> (Véronique Munoz-Dardé)	Fall 2010

### Memberships and Professional Service

Referee for <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Philosophy</i> , <i>Philosophical Psychology</i> (x3), <i>Philosophical Forum</i>	ongoing
Referee for Annual Meetings of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology	Feb. 2016–current
Member, Canadian Philosophical Association	Fall 2016–current
Member, American Philosophical Association	Fall 2014–current
Member, Society for Philosophy and Psychology	Summer 2014–current
Member, Australasian Society for Philosophy and Psychology	Winter 2017 – current

### Institutional Service

Member, AUB Arts and Sciences Student Disciplinary Action Committee	Fall 2019–Fall 2021
Member, AUB General Education Committee, Ethics Subcommittee	Spring 2019–Spring 2022
AUB Department of Philosophy Web Officer	Spring 2019–Spring 2022
Faculty Advisor, NYU Shanghai Philosophy Society	Fall 2017–Spring 2019
Judge, New Crop undergraduate essay prize, UC Berkeley	2016, 2017
Organizer, Richard Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley	Fall 2010–Spring 2011

### Languages

English, native
French, reading and speaking proficiency
Italian, reading and speaking competence
German, beginner speaking
Mandarin Chinese, beginner speaking (HSK 2)

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<sup>†</sup>Indicates a graduate seminar

## References

R. Jay Wallace  
William and Trudy Ausfahl Chair in Philosophy  
University of California, Berkeley

Michael Martin  
Wilde Professor of Mental Philosophy  
University of Oxford

Klaus Corcilius  
Professor of Philosophy  
Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

Brad Weslake (teaching)  
Associate Professor of Philosophy  
New York University Shanghai

John Campbell  
Slusser Professor of Philosophy  
University of California, Berkeley

Véronique Munoz-Dardé  
Professor of Philosophy  
University College London

Lara Buchak (teaching)  
Professor of Philosophy  
Princeton University

Chris Johns  
Associate Professor and Chair of Philosophy  
American University of Beirut