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ACADEMIC POSITIONS Associate Professor, Brigham Young University 2021-present
Assistant Professor, Brigham Young University 2014-2021

EDUCATION Harvard University
M.A., Philosophy 2016
Princeton University
Ph.D. (Program in Political Philosophy) 2011
advised by: Charles Beitz, Philip Pettit, Stephen Macedo
M.A., Politics 2007
Arizona State University
B.A., Political Science 2005

INTERESTS

A.O.S. Political Philosophy, Normative Ethics
A.O.C. Applied Ethics, Metaethics, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Social Science

PUBLICATIONS

"Gaslighting Citizens," (with Eric Beerbohm) *American Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming.
"Individual Valuing of Social Equality in Personal and Political Relationships," (with Jessica Preece)
Review of Philosophy and Psychology, forthcoming.
"Public Reasoning, Together: Gender and Political Deliberation" (with Rachel Finlayson) *The Journal of Politics*, forthcoming.
"Self-Authorship and the Moral Claim to Non-Interference," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 102:2 (2021): 220-242.
"When Should We Be Open to Persuasion?" (with Rachel Finlayson) *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 24:1 (2021): 123-136.
"The Democratic Limits of Political Experiments," (with Eric Beerbohm and Adam Kern)
Politics, Philosophy & Economics 19:4 (2020): 321-342.
"Symbolic Values," *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 5:4 (2019): 449-467.
"What Must Good Samaritans Do? Skepticism about the Political Enforceability of Duties to Aid,"

- Public Affairs Quarterly* 33:1 (2019): 43-65.
- "Frontier Kantianism: Autonomy and Authority in Emerson and Joseph Smith"
Journal of Religious Ethics 46:2 (2018): 332-359.
- "Divine Love as a Model for Human Relationships"
International Journal for Philosophy of Religion 83:3 (2018): 271-290.
- "A Buck-Passing Account of the Common Good" (with Eric Beerbohm)
Journal of Political Philosophy 25:4 (2017): 60-79.
- "Dementia, Advance Directives, and the Problem of Temporal Selfishness,"
The Ethics of Ability and Enhancement, eds. Terry L. Price and Jessica Flanigan, (Palgrave Macmillan, 2017).
- "Toleration and Autonomy as a Moral Attitude"
Journal of Social Philosophy 28:1 (2017): 92-116.
- "Rational Persuasion, Paternalism, and Respect"
Res Publica 23 (2017): 513-522.
- "Which Moral Requirements Does Constitutivism Support?"
Law, Ethics and Philosophy 4 (2016): 8-31.
- "Can Consequentialism Require Selfishness?"
Journal of Philosophical Research 41 (2016): 239-262.
- "Manipulation and the Grounds of Institutional Obligation: An Argument for International Equality,"
Ethics & Global Politics 8 (2015).
- "The Authority of God and the Meaning of the Atonement"
Religious Studies 50:4 (2014): 405-423.
- "Teaching Philosophy through Lincoln-Douglas Debate" (with Jake Nebel, Ben Holguin, and Peter van Elswick).
Teaching Philosophy 36:3 (2013): 271-289.
- "Equality, Procedural Justice, and the World Trade Organization" (with Adam Chilton)
Intercultural Human Rights Law Review 101:7 (2012): 277-327.
- "A Moral Defense of the Moral Values Voter"
Political Studies 59:4 (2011): 996-1016.
- "Justice: Metaphysical, After All"
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice 14:2 (2011): 207-222.
- "Is Revolution Morally Revolting?"
The Journal of Value Inquiry 38 (2004): 561-568.

IN PROGRESS

- "Partisanship and Trolleys: Republicans and Democrats are more willing to Sacrifice an out-partisan than nearly any other individual to save their co-partisans" (with Michael Barber)
- "Justice: Do it."
- "Neo-republicanism, Nondomination, and Gun Rights in Uncertain Times"
- "Skepticism about Associative Obligation"

REVIEWS

Review of Robert Audi, *Reasons, Rights, and Values* (Cambridge University Press, 2015)

Faith and Philosophy, 33:4 (2016): 487-490.

Review of Patrick Riordan, *Global Ethics and Global Common Goods* (Bloomsbury, 2015), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, August 8, 2015.

CONFERENCES

AND TALKS

Comment on Chris Freiman, "Why It's Ok to Ignore Politics,"

University of Arizona (via Zoom), May 28-29, 2020

Comment on Anna Bialek, "Accountability and Optimism,"

Political Philosophy & Religion Workshop, University of Notre Dame, November 9, 2019

"Love and Agency in Moroni 7 and 1 Corinthians 13"

Colloquium: Beyond Choice, Brigham Young University, March 29, 2019.

Comment on Japa Pallikkathayil, "Shadows of the Self: Reflections on the Authority of Advance

Directives," BYU, March 1, 2019

Panel Chair: Philosophy of Religion and Nonbelief

American Philosophical Association, Central Meeting, February 20, 2019

"Political Gaslighting"

Invited talk: University of Chicago, Political Theory Workshop, November 26, 2018

Comment on Mary Clayton Coleman, "Non-naturalistic Constructivism"

Northwestern University, October 5, 2018.

"Political Gaslighting"

American Political Science Association, September 2, 2018

Comment on Jorah Dannenberg, "Everywhere Chimerical"

Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, March 9, 2018.

"Skepticism about Associative Obligation"

Invited talk: University of Richmond, October 24, 2017.

Comment on Steven McFarlane, "Enhancing Agency"

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August, 2017.

"Justification and Non-Interference"

Oxford University, Workshop on Liberty and Well-Being, June 24-25, 2017.

"Does Kantianism Support Political Authority?"

Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Meeting, New Orleans, March 16-19, 2017.

"Skepticism about Associative Obligation"

American Philosophical Association, Central Meeting, March 1, 2017.

"Rational Persuasion, Paternalism, and Respect"

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Meeting, January 5, 2017.

Comment on Kelly Sorensen, "Sympathy, Love, and the Faculty of Feeling in Kant,"

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August, 2016.

“Divine Love as a Model for Human Relationships”

Wake Forest University, Inaugural Theistic Ethics Workshop, October 9, 2015.

“Autonomy and Toleration as a Moral Attitude”

Wheaton College, Workshop in Christian Political Thought, July 29, 2015.

“The Fragility of Autonomy”

Northwestern University Society for Ethical Theory and Political Philosophy, May 22, 2015.

“Skepticism about Associative Obligation”

New England Political Science Association, April 25, 2015.

Comment on Jessy Giroux, “Are Deontic Concepts Simply Negative Evaluative Concepts?”

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, March 31, 2015.

“Skepticism about Associative Political Obligation,”

University of Arizona, January 10, 2015.

“Leadership and Associative Obligation”

ILA Global Leadership Conference, November 1, 2014.

“Toleration and the Value of Autonomy”

Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain. The Ethics of Citizenship in the 21st Century, May 30-31, 2014.

“The Authority of God and the Meaning of Salvation”

University of Notre Dame, Logos 2014: The Atonement (May 8-10, 2014).

“Divine Authority and the Conditions of Salvation”

Brigham Young University, Neal A. Maxwell Institute, July, 2013.

“Respect as a Political Value”

Brigham Young University, November 1, 2012.

“Reasons without Realism.”

Workshop on Reasons and Rational Choice, London School of Economics, February 3-5, 2011.

“Is an International Egalitarianism Empirically Defensible?”

Dartmouth Government Department, October, 2010.

“Justice: Do it.”

Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 19-21, 2009. (also panel organizer)

“Justice: Do it.”

American Political Science Association, Sep. 3-6, 2009.

“Statism about Justice”

Princeton/Oxford Collaboration, Nuffield College, Oxford, October, 2008.

“Surveying Justice”

Association for Political Theory, October, 2008.

“International Politics and Moral Blackmail”

American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2008.

“Dealing with Trespassers in the Kingdom of Ends.”

Northwestern University Society for Ethical Theory and Political Philosophy, May 15-17, 2008.

“Morality and Manipulation: Mapping the Terrain of Justice.”

New England Political Science Annual Meeting, April 25-26, 2008.

Discussant, David Wiens, “Taking the Higher Order Road: An Institutional Critique of Statism”

Princeton University Graduate Conference in Political Theory, April 11-12, 2008.
 “A Moral Defense of the Moral Values Voter”
 Northeastern Political Science Association, November 15-17, 2007.
 Discussant, “The Promise and the Perils of the Person, the People, and Plebiscitary Democracy”
 Northeastern Political Science Association, November 15-17, 2007.
 “Why Vote? A Moral Defense of the Moral Values Voter.”
 American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, 2007.
 “Can States be Moral? On the Formation of Normative Concepts in IR Theory”
 American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, 2007.
 “A Threshold for Human Rights: Global Public Reason and the Case of Democracy”
 Northeast Political Science Association, 2006.

HONORS

2021	Martin B. Hickman FHSS Excellence in Teaching, BYU College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences
2018	Professor of the Year, BYU Political Science Department
2014	Religious Studies Postgraduate Essay Prize, Co-Winner
2013-2014	Edmond J. Safra Fellowship, Harvard University
2011-2014	Humane Studies Fellowship
2012-2013	Bernard Marcus Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies
2012	Summer Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies
2007-2008	Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University
2005-2010	Graduate Student Fellowship, Princeton University
2005	Finalist, Carnegie Endowment Junior Fellowship
2005	Co-Winner, Philosophy Department Undergraduate Essay Competition, Arizona State University
2005	Winner, Pi Sigma Alpha Writing Contest, Political Science Department, Arizona State University
2005	Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

SERVICE

Co-Organizer, Political Philosophy & Religion Working Papers Group, 2020
 Co-Organizer, Ethics and The Book of Mormon Workshop, BYU, October 27-28, 2019
 Co-Organizer, Political Philosophy & Religion Workshop, November 8-9, 2019
 Organizer, Workshop in Ethics & Political Philosophy, BYU, March 1, 2019
 Organizer (with Jessica Flanigan), Agency and Autonomy Speaker Series, Princeton University, 2009.
 Organizer (with Jessica Flanigan), Morality and Moral Psychology Speaker Series, Princeton University, 2009-2010.
 Co-Organizer, Princeton Graduate Political Theory Conference, 2009.
 Co-Organizer, Politics Department Senior Thesis Writing Group, 2009-2010.

REFEREE

American Political Science Review
Philosophy and Economics
Political Studies
Journal of Philosophical Research
Journal of Value Inquiry
Religious Studies
Philosophical Studies
American Philosophical Quarterly
American Journal of Political Science

Pacific Philosophical Quarterly
Journal of Political Philosophy
Moral Philosophy and Politics
Journal of Politics
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice
Religions

REFERENCES

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