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AOS: Ethics (especially metaethics, normative ethics, and applied ethics)

AOC: Epistemology, aesthetics, social and political philosophy

Education

Ph.D.	2012	Philosophy	University of Wisconsin-Madison
M.A.	2008	Philosophy	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate studies	2002-4	Philosophy	Loyola University-Chicago
B.A.	2001	Mathematics, Philosophy	Saint Louis University

Academic employment

Research Fellow 2016-present
Dianoia Institute of Philosophy
Australian Catholic University, Melbourne

Visiting Professor 2015-2016
Dept. of Philosophy
Northwestern University

Visiting Professor 2012-2015
Jackson Family Center for Ethics & Values
Coastal Carolina University

Publications

- ‘Three and a Half Ways to a Hybrid View in Animal Ethics’ (w/Rob Streiffer)
Provisionally forthcoming in a special issue of *Philosophical Studies*
- ‘Utilitarianism about Animals and the Moral Significance of Use’ (w/Rob Streiffer)
Philosophical Studies 177 (2020), pp. 1043-1063
- ‘Infinitism about Cross-Domain Conflict’
Oxford Studies in Metaethics 14 (2019), pp. 144-166
- ‘Animal Confinement and Use’ (w/Rob Streiffer)
Canadian Journal of Philosophy 49, 1 (2019): 1-21
- ‘A Demarcation Problem for Political Discourse’ (w/Jonathan Lang and Bekka Williams)
in Crookston, Killoren, and Trerise (eds.), *Ethics in Politics: The Rights and Obligations of Individual Political Agents*. Routledge (2017), pp. 181-201
- ‘Why Care About Moral Fixed Points?’
Analytic Philosophy 57, 2 (2016): 165-173
- ‘Robust Moral Realism: An Excellent Religion’
International Journal for Philosophy of Religion 79, 2 (2016): 223-237
- ‘Group Agency and Overdetermination’ (w/Bekka Williams)
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice 16, 2 (2013): 295-307

‘Moral Intuitions, Reliability, and Disagreement’
Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy 4, 1 (2010): 1-35

Works under Review

‘Omnivores Have Many Children’
‘An Occasionalist Response to Korman and Locke’
‘Strict Pluralism’
‘The Ethics of Deliberate Exposure to SARS-CoV-2 for Immunity’ (w/Richard Chappell and Rob Streiffer)

Editorial Work

Special issue on hybrid views in animal ethics, *Philosophical Studies*
(co-edited with Richard Rowland), commissioned and in progress
Ethics in Politics: The Rights and Obligations of Individual Political Agents
(co-edited with Emily Crookston and Jonathan Trerise). Routledge (2017)

Public Philosophy

‘[People hate cruelty to animals, so why do we do it?](#)’ (w/Rob Streiffer)
The Conversation (September 2020)
‘[What Should We Do If We Can’t Beat Coronavirus?](#)’
ABC Religion & Ethics (April 2020)
‘[Earthquakes, Infections, and Consent](#)’
University of Oxford’s *Practical Ethics* blog (April 2020)
‘Moral Dilemmas’
Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy, commissioned and in progress
‘[Vegan Activists: Spectacularly Inconvenient but Morally Right](#)’
Sydney Morning Herald (April 2019)
‘[Uncivil Disobedience](#)’ (with Richard Rowland)
Hi-Phi Nation podcast episode; [winner of 2020 AAP Media Prize](#)

Book Reviews

Shelly Kagan, *How to Count Animals, More or Less*
Between the Species (in progress)
Andy Lamey, *Duty and the Beast: Should We Eat Meat in the Name of Animal Rights?*
Journal of Applied Philosophy (in progress)
Quassim Cassim, *Vices of the Mind: From the Intellectual to the Political*
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews (in progress)
Thomas Carson, *Lincoln’s Ethics*
Journal of Moral Philosophy (in progress)
Seumas Miller, [Shooting to Kill: The Ethics of Police and Military Use of Lethal Force](#)
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews
Matthew Chrisman, [The Meaning of ‘Ought’](#)
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews

Works in progress

Our Relationships with Animals (with Rob Streiffer)

- Book project that develops a Rossian, relationalist approach in animal ethics
- Makes substantial contributions in both normative ethics and in animal ethics
- Continues a research program that Streiffer and I have been developing over the course of three co-authored papers thus far (all of which have been or soon will be published in top journals)

‘What is Activism?’ (with Richard Rowland)

- Develops a new theory about the nature and value of activism

‘Moral Occasionalism’

- A defense and elaboration of the sort of non-naturalist occasionalism suggested in my response to Korman and Locke (mentioned above)

‘Normative Domains’

- A defense and elaboration of a type of normative domain pluralism required by the infinitist view I defend in my OSME paper (mentioned above)

‘Moral Fixed Points, Wittgenstein-style’

- Develops a Wittgensteinian version of the fixed-points theory suggested by Cuneo and Shafer-Landau. Committed to a Routledge volume edited by Jonathan Beale and Richard Rowland

‘Causal Impotence and Veganism: Recent Philosophical Developments and New Ways Forward’

- Committed to a Routledge volume edited by Laura Wright

‘Grandstanding is Fine: Reply to Tosi and Warmke’ (w/Danny Weltman)

- Defends grandstanding (self-serving moral talk) against Tosi and Warmke’s critique

Selected professional presentations

‘Relationships, Harm, and the Environment’ (keynote address)

Australian Earth Laws Alliance Annual Conference, Melbourne, Nov. 2019

‘What Do We Really Have to Do?’ (with Richard Rowland)

Animal Activists Forum, Melbourne, Oct. 2019

‘Introduction to Moral Philosophy and Animal Ethics’

Animal Activists Forum, Melbourne, Oct. 2019

Comments on Brad Hooker, ‘Holding on to Our Moral Concepts’

Workshop on Demoralizing Ethics, Rome, Italy, Oct. 2019

‘Relationship-Sensitive Utilitarianism about Animals’

Utilitarian Approaches in Animal Ethics, University of Oxford, Oct. 2019

‘Moral Occasionalism’

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Aug. 2019

‘Despicable Meat’

Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals Workshop, Boulder, CO, Aug. 2019

‘Moral Occasionalism’

Australasian Association of Philosophy Meeting, July 2019

‘Utilitarianism about Animals and the Moral Significance of Use’ (with Rob Streiffer)

University of Oxford, January 2019

University of Bucharest, January 2019

‘Strict Pluralism’
Bowling Green Philosophy Colloquium, 2018

‘Is Elegance a Theoretic Virtue in Normative Ethics?’
6th Australasian Workshop in Moral Philosophy, ANU Kioloa Campus, 2017

‘Moral Disagreement and Deliberation’ (with Richard Rowland and Holly Lawford-Smith)
New Zealand Association of Philosophy Annual Meeting, 2017

‘On the Confinement of Animals,’ with Robert Streiffer
APA Pacific Division Meeting, Spring 2016

Comments on Ryan Davis, ‘The Fragility of Autonomy’
Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, Summer 2015

‘Livestock, Pets, and Narrativity’
APA Eastern Division, Fall 2014

‘Robust Moral Realism: An Excellent Religion’
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Summer 2014
Philosophers’ Cocoon Annual Conference, Summer 2014
South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Fall 2013

‘Moral Imagination in Robert Audi’s *Moral Perception*’
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Summer 2013

‘Probability and Desirability in Political Discourse’ (with Jonathan Lang and Bekka Williams)
MANCEPT Workshop on Political Possibility, Manchester, UK, Fall 2012

‘Non-Naturalist Moral Perception’
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Summer 2012

‘Moral Causation and the Hazards of Pure Metaethics’
Central States Philosophical Association, Fall 2011

‘The Possibility of Moral Dilemmas’
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Summer 2011

Comments on Avram Hiller, ‘A ‘Famine, Affluence, and Morality’ for Climate Change?’
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Summer 2011

Comments on Nathan Carson, ‘Thick Ethical Concepts Still Cannot Be Disentangled’
APA Central Division Meeting, Spring 2011

‘Group Agents, Obligations, and Feasibility’
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Summer 2010

Comments on Abe Roth, ‘Intention, Shared Activity, and Team Reasoning’
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Summer 2010

‘Consequentialism, Time, and Value’
International Society for Utilitarian Studies, UC-Berkeley, Spring 2008

Teaching Experience

At the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison Area Technical College, Coastal Carolina University, and Northwestern University, I've taught numerous undergraduate courses. I have an especially large amount of experience in teaching the following courses (syllabi available upon request):

Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Ethics
Contemporary Moral Issues
Political Philosophy
Ethical Theory
Business Ethics
Biomedical Ethics
Environmental Ethics
Philosophy of Art

References

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