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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Rice University (2010-current)
Faculty Fellow, Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, Murphy Institute, Tulane University (2013-2014)

EDUCATION

Yale University, Philosophy Department
Ph.D. (2010)
M.Phil (2008)
M.A. (2006)
University of Toronto, Trinity College
B.A. Hons., Philosophy (2003)

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Moral philosophy (value theory, normative ethics)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of moral philosophy; epistemology; applied ethics

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Achievement. Oxford University Press, 2015.

Papers

- “Problems for Perfectionism,” *Utilitas* (forthcoming).
“Achievement, Wellbeing, and Value,” *Blackwell Philosophy Compass* (forthcoming).
“Perfectionism,” *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Well-Being*. Ed. Guy Fletcher. Routledge, 2016.
“Achievement and Well-being,” with Simon Keller. *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Well-Being*. Ed. Guy Fletcher. Routledge, 2016.
“Knowledge, Achievement, and Manifestation,” *Erkenntnis* (2015): 97-116.
“Evil Achievements and the Principle of Recursion,” *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics* vol. 3. Ed. Mark Timmons (2013): 79-97.
“The Value of Achievements,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (2013): 204-224.
“Moral Knowledge in Descartes’ *Passions*,” *Descartes and Cartesianism*. Eds. Nathan D. Smith and Jason P. Taylor. Cambridge Scholars Press, 2005.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Motive Utilitarianism,” *The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism*. Ed. James E. Crimmins. Bloomsbury, 2013.

Book Reviews

- Fred Feldman, *What is this thing called Happiness?* *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2012): 269-273.
Thomas Hurka, *Drawing Morals*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (20 November 2011).
Thomas Hurka, *The Best Things in Life*. *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2011): 487-490.
Andre Gombay, *Descartes*. *University of Toronto Quarterly* (2010): 393-395.

Other

- “Achievement,” <<https://politicalphilosopher.net/2016/05/27/featured-philosopher-gwen-bradford/>>
“Evil Achievements,” *The Philosophers’ Magazine* 59 (2012): 51-56.
“Kudos for *Ludus*: Game Playing and Value Theory,” *Noesis: University of Toronto Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy* 6 (2003).

In preparation and under review

- “The Badness of Pain” (under review)
“Hard to Know,” for *Responsibility: The Epistemic Condition*, Oxford University Press (under review)
“Reliability and Virtue Epistemology” for *The New Evil Demon: New Essays on Knowledge, Justification, and Rationality*, Oxford University Press (under review)

In progress

- “Pain and Perfectionism”
“Uniqueness”
“Uniqueness, Intrinsic Value, and Reasons”

PRESENTATIONS

Upcoming

- “History of Perfectionist Bads,” Perfectionism: Ancient and Modern, University of California San Diego, November 2016
TBA, Invited Symposium: Videogame Aesthetics, APA Pacific, April 2016

Invited Talks

- “The Badness of Pain,” University of Delaware, September 2016
“The Badness of Pain,” Virginia Tech, September 2016
Author-meets-critic, *Achievement*, Canadian Philosophical Association, Calgary, Alberta, May 2016
“The Badness of Pain,” University of Missouri, May 2016
Author-meets-critic, *Achievement*, APA Pacific, San Francisco, March 2016
“Achievement,” Lone Star Book Symposium, Houston, TX April 2016
“Achievement,” Brown University, February 2016
“The Badness of Pain,” University of Toronto, January 2016
“The Badness of Pain,” University of California San Diego, November 2015
“Uniqueness,” University of Alabama Huntsville, March 2015
“Achievement and the Meaning of Life,” Invited session, APA Central, St. Louis, February 2015
“Pain and Perfectionism,” Tulane University, New Orleans LA, January 2014
“Pain and Perfectionism,” New Orleans University, March 2014
“Uniqueness,” Tulane University Philosophy Club, New Orleans LA, November 2013
“Problems for Perfectionism,” University of Houston, Houston TX, April 2013
“Problems for Perfectionism,” University of Mississippi, Oxford MS, November 2012
“Evil Achievements and the Principle of Recursion,” SMU, Dallas TX, February 2012
“Difficulty,” Northern Illinois University, 2010
“Difficulty,” University of Florida, 2010
“Difficulty,” Rice University, 2010

Selected Conference Presentations and Other Talks

- “Achievement” and “Uniqueness, Intrinsic Value, and Reasons” Young Philosophers Lecture Series, DePauw University, September 2016
“The Badness of Pain,” Syracuse Annual Workshop and Network (SPAWN), Syracuse University, July 2016
“Achievement,” Wellbeing Development Workshop, Costa Rica, June 2016
“Qualitative Uniqueness,” New Orleans Invitational Seminar in Ethics, Tulane University, March 2016
“Reliability and Virtue Epistemology,” Penn Reasons and Foundations in Epistemology Conference, University of Pennsylvania, November 2015
“The Badness of Pain,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO, August 2015
“The Badness of Pain,” Kansas Wellbeing Workshop, University of Kansas, July 2015
“Pain and Perfectionism,” Hebrew University, Jerusalem, July 2015
“Hard to Know,” Responsibility: The Epistemic Dimension Workshop, VU Amsterdam, May 2015
“Uniqueness,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO, August 2014
“Pain and Perfectionism,” Kansas Wellbeing Workshop, University of Kansas, July 2014

“Difficulty and Degrees of Praise and Blame,” Pacific APA, San Diego, CA, April 2014
 “Problems for Perfectionism,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO, August 2012
 “The Value of Achievements,” Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Waterloo, Kitchener
 Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, May 2012
 “Evil Achievements and the Principle of Recursion,” Arizona Normative Ethics Workshop, January 2012
 “Being a Sports Fan: Paradox, Recursion, and Intrinsic Value,” American Philosophical Association
 meeting, Eastern division, Washington D.C., December 2011
 “The Value of Achievements,” Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis and Clark, Portland, OR,
 November 2011
 “Evil Achievements and the Principle of Recursion,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO,
 August 2011
 “Evil Achievements and the Principle of Recursion,” Joint Sessions of the Mind and Aristotelian Societies,
 University of Sussex, UK, July 2011
 “Evil Achievements and the Principle of Recursion,” Canadian Philosophical Association, University of
 New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, May 2011
 “Moral Knowledge in Descartes’ *Passions*,” Boston College Graduate Student Conference: Descartes and
 Cartesianism, Boston College, 2004
 “Kudos for *Ludus*: Games and Value Theory,” undergraduate prize, University of Toronto Annual
 Graduate Student Conference, 2003

Selected Comments

Comments: Anthony Skelton and Lisa Forsberg, “The Argument from Achievement and the Permissibility
 of Biomedical Enhancement,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2016
 Comments: Kirsten Egerstrom, “Meaningless Lives,” Pacific APA, Vancouver BC, April 2015
 Comments: Bradford Cokelet, “Virtue is a Great Good” Virtue and Value Conference, New York
 University, May 2014
 Comments: Mikhail Valdman, “Autonomy: Incoherent or Unimportant?” Northwestern University Society
 for the Theory of Ethics and Politics Conference, Evanston, IL, May 2013
 Comments: Valerie Tiberius, “Well-being for the Uniformed: Prudential Reasons and the Value-
 Fulfillment Theory,” Central APA, New Orleans, LA, February 2013
 Comments: Richard Kraut, “Against Absolute Goodness,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, 2010

AWARDS

Rice University Humanities Research Center Symposium Award, as part of the Why So Few committee
 (2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016)
 Faculty Fellowship, Murphy Institute Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, Tulane University (2013-2014)
 Rice University Humanities Research Center Faculty Fellow (2012-2013)
 Mellon Sawyer Seminar participant (2012-2013)
 NSF ADVANCE Departmental Grant and Rice Humanities Research Center Grant (2010)
 Prize Teaching Fellowship, Yale University (2010)
 John F. Enders Fellowship, Yale University (2008)
 University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University (2007-2008)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Area Editor, Value Theory, Misc., and Category Editor, Perfectionism, PhilPapers.org (2015-current)
 Referee, Oxford University Press, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Utilitas*, *Canadian Journal of
 Philosophy*, *American Philosophical Quarterly* (2016)
 Referee, Oxford University Press, *Erkenntnis*, *Utilitas*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Pacific
 Philosophical Quarterly* (2015)
 Referee, *Utilitas*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics, *Pacific
 Philosophical Quarterly*, *Dialogue* (2014)
 Referee, *Utilitas*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Theoria*, Oxford University Press (2013)
 Referee, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2012)
 Referee, *Mind* (2011)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Resident Associate and Faculty Fellow, Will Rice College (2015-current)

CURRICULUM VITAE
 Gwen Bradford

Center for Energy & Environmental Research in Humanities, Steering Committee (2015-current)
Senator, Faculty Senate, Rice University (2014-current)
Honor System Task Force (2015-2016)
Healthy Campus Committee (2015)
Mellon Sawyer Seminar in Cultures of Energy Participant (2012-2013)
Library Committee, Rice University (2011-2012, 2012-2013)
Faculty Associate, Will Rice College (2011-current)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Director of Admissions (Spring 2016-current)
Why So Few Committee (2012-current)
Search Committee (2015-2016)
Admissions Committee (2014-2015)
Search Committee (2014-2015)
Tsanoff Prize Committee (2013-2014)
Search Committee (2012-2013)
Tsanoff Prize Committee (2012)
Admissions Committee (2012)
Director of Placement (2011-2012)
ADVANCE Committee (2010-2012)
Fulton Prize Committee (2010-2011)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Houston Grand Opera Opening Nights for Young Professionals Advisory Board (2015-current)
Urban Green Steering Committee (2012-2016)
Hermann Park Conservancy Advisory Board, Houston TX (2011-current)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association
Canadian Philosophical Association
Aristotelian Society

TEACHING

Advising

Ally Arias, Undergraduate Honors Thesis in philosophy, advisor, 2015
Heather Phillips, Doctoral Thesis in philosophy, reader, 2014
Dustin Tune, Doctoral Thesis in philosophy, reader, 2013
Summer Henderson, Master's Thesis in philosophy, reader, 2011
Page Summerville, Undergraduate Honors thesis in anthropology, outside reader, 2011
Renee Dudley, Undergraduate Honors Thesis in kinesiology and philosophy, advisor, 2011

Courses

- *PHIL 506 Graduate Seminar in Ethics*, Rice University, Spring 2015
- *PHIL 101 Contemporary Moral Issues*, Rice University, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Fall 2014
- *PHIL 535 Graduate Seminar in Value Theory*, Rice University, Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2016
- *PHIL 334 Achievement and the Meaning of Life*, Rice University, Fall 2010 (as PHIL 390), Spring 2012, Fall 2014, Fall 2016
- *PHIL 306 Ethics*, Rice University, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016
- *Achievement and the Meaning of Life*, Instructor, Yale University, Fall 2009
- *Introduction to Ethics*, Instructor, Yale, Summer 2007, 2008