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Research Areas

Specialization: Moral Philosophy, Philosophy of Cognitive Science

Competence: Bioethics, Philosophy of Mind, Experimental Philosophy

Current Position

 from September 2014

Assistant Professor / Faculty Fellow, NYU Center for Bioethics

Affiliate Faculty, Medical Ethics Division, NYU Langone Medical Center

Previous Position

 April 2011 – April 2014

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Oxford Faculty of Philosophy

Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics; Oxford Centre for Neuroethics

Junior Research Fellow, Jesus College Oxford

Education

2005-2011 **PhD in Philosophy**, NYU
2008 visiting student, Institut Jean Nicod / ENS, Paris
2005-2007 **MA in Philosophy**, NYU
2003 visiting student, Sophia University, Tokyo
2000-2004 **BA in Philosophy**, Georgetown University – Honors with Distinction
Awarded 2004 Ryan Medal, highest ranked Philosophy graduate
Minors in Psychology and Computer Science

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2016 **Why Moral Psychology is Disturbing.**
Philosophical Studies Online <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11098-016-0766-4>

2016 **Debunking debunking: A regress challenge for psychological threats to moral judgment**
Philosophical Studies. 173(3): 675-697.

... *Peer-Reviewed Publications (continued)*

- 2015 **How Not to Test for Philosophical Expertise.**
Synthese 192 (2): 431-452.
- 2015 **Feedback from Moral Philosophy to Cognitive Science.**
Philosophical Psychology 28(4): 569-588.
- 2014 **Analogies, Moral Intuitions, and the Expertise Defence.**
Review of Philosophy and Psychology 5(2): 169-181.
- 2014 **The Science of Morality and its Normative Implications.**
(with Tommaso Bruni and Matteo Mameli). *Neuroethics* 7(2): 159-172.
- 2013 **Making Psychology Normatively Significant.**
The Journal of Ethics. 17(3): 257-274.
- 2013 **Of course the baby should live: Against ‘after-birth abortion’.**
Journal of Medical Ethics 39: 353-356.
- 2007 **Categorization training results in shape- and category-selective human neural plasticity.** (third of six co-authors). *Neuron* 53: 891-903.

Invited Publications

- In prep* **Moral Agency: Normativity and Psychology**
Philosophy Compass
- 2017 **Archimedes in the Lab: Can Science Identify Good Moral Reasoning?**
(with Tommaso Bruni) In *Moral Inferences*, ed. Jean-François Bonnefon and Bastien Trémolière. Psychology Press.
- 2016 **Review of L. Tessman, *Moral Failure***
Mind. <http://mind.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/06/22/mind.fzw021.full>
- 2016 **Review of J. Olson, *Moral Error Theory***
Philosophical Quarterly. <http://pq.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/07/05/pq.pqw044.full>
- 2016 **Student Resistance to Thought Experiments**
APA Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy 15(2).
- 2015 **Morality and Cognitive Science.** *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
- 2015 **Neuromodulation and the (in)stability of moral cognition** (with Molly Crockett). In *The Moral Brain* ed. Jean Decety and Thalia Wheatley. MIT Press.
- 2015 **Psychology and the Aims of Normative Ethics.**
In *The Springer Handbook of Neuroethics*, ed. Jens Clausen and Neil Levy.
- 2012 **Review of J. Alexander, *Experimental Philosophy: An Introduction*.**
International Studies in the Philosophy of Science 26: 456-460.

Dissertation (NYU Philosophy 2011)

‘Within is the Fountain of Good: Moral Philosophy and the Science of the Nonconscious Mind’

- Committee* Ned Block (director), Thomas Nagel, Michael Strevens, Joshua Knobe
- Summary* I argue that the psychological origins of our moral intuitions can affect their suitability for use in moral theory. I give an account of balancing descriptive psychology against prescriptive theory.

Selected Presentations

- Taking Offense**
 2017, Apr *APA Pacific Division Meeting* main program, Seattle
- Comments on Calahan, ‘Explaining Moral Testimony’**
 2017, Mar *APA Central Division Meeting* main program, Kansas City
- Moral Disagreement is Special**
 2016, Nov *Workshop on Intellectual Humility and Public Discourse*, Univ Connecticut
 2016, Jun *Bled Philosophical Conference*, Slovenia
 2016, Jun *Workshop on Politics and Moral Difference*, Vienna
- Intuition Inversion**
 2016, Nov *Working Papers in Ethics* series, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine
 2016, Aug *Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference*
 2016, Mar *APA Central Division Meeting* main program, Chicago
- Experiments and Two Conceptions of Philosophy**
 2016, Oct *Experimental Philosophy and Philosophical Method Workshop*, Univ Warwick
 2014, Jun *Vienna Experimental Philosophy Workshop*, Vienna
 2013, Sep *UK Experimental Philosophy Annual Workshop*, Bristol (keynote)
- Microaggression and Moral Responsibility**
 2016, Sep Binghamton Univ Philosophy colloquium
 2016, Sep Brooklyn Public Library – public lecture
- The Ends of Philosophy**
 2016, Apr *Philosophy and Engagement* conference, Univ Pennsylvania
- Comments on P. Bloomfield, *The Virtues of Happiness***
 2016, Apr *APA Pacific Division Meeting* main program, San Francisco
- Peer-to-Peer Political Violence**
 2015, Dec *Political Violence Workshop*, Univ of Connecticut
- What is the Neuro in ‘Neuroethics’?**
 2015, Oct *Values, Morals, and Science* conference, Long Island Philosophical Society, New York
 2013, Nov *Eighth International Conference on Applied Ethics*, Hokkaido University, Japan
- What’s a moral theory for? Comments on Doggett’s ‘Killing Innocent People’**
 2015, Aug *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington Univ, Bellingham WA
- Epoch Relativism and Our Moral Hopelessness**
 2015, Jul *30 Years of Williams’ ‘Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy’* conference, Oxford
- The Science of Values and the Values of Scientists**
 2015, Jun *The Philosophy of the Science of Morality* conference, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- Political Invective**
 2014, Nov *Dominating Speech* conference, Univ of Connecticut
- Why Moral Psychology is Disturbing**
 2014, Oct *Naturalistic Approaches to Ethics and Metaethics* workshop, NYU
 2014, Jun *Experiments and Ethics* conference, Oxford

	<u>Abortion, Ultrasound, and Moral Persuasion</u>
2014, Jun	<i>Bled Philosophical Conference</i> Bled, Slovenia
2014, Jun	Oxford Moral Philosophy Seminar, Oxford
	<u>Moral Psychology and the Narrative Self</u>
2013, Nov	University of Tokyo Center for Philosophy
2013, Mar	Moral Philosophy Seminar, Oxford
2012, Nov	<i>Selfhood, Self-Representation and Agency</i> conference, U Sydney, Australia
2011, Jun	<i>What Makes us Moral?</i> , VU University, Amsterdam
	<u>Autonomous Agency and Implicit Bias Mitigation</u>
2013, Apr	<i>Implicit Bias, Philosophy, and Psychology</i> , University of Sheffield
	<u>Moral Responsibility for Implicit Bias</u>
2012, Oct	<i>Seventh International Conference on Applied Ethics</i> , Hokkaido University, Japan
	<u>The Value-Neutrality of Cognitive Science</u>
2012, May	<i>Naturalism and Normativity in the Social Sciences</i> , Hradec Kralove, Czech Rep.
	<u>The Self/Other Incongruity in Moral Psychology</u>
2012, May	<i>Experiments on Ethical Dilemmas</i> , University of London
	<u>Making Psychology Normatively Significant</u>
2011, May	<i>Morality and the Cognitive Sciences</i> , University of Latvia
2010, Nov	<i>Fifth International Conference on Applied Ethics</i> , Hokkaido University, Japan
	<u>Experimental Economics and Ethics: Methodological Lessons</u>
2010, Mar	<i>How and Why Economists and Philosophers do Experiments</i> , Kyoto, Japan
	<u>Structure, Mental and Moral</u>
2009, Sep	<i>Miami Graduate Conference on Ethics and Mind</i> , University of Miami

Teaching

Awards and Professional Development

2010-2011	NYU Arts and Sciences Prize Teaching Fellowship major award for excellence in graduate student teaching, only 3 awarded annually university-wide
2010	American Philosophical Association Teaching and Learning seminar competitive-admission summer program, highest APA teaching training
2009-2010	NYU Teaching and Learning Certificate

Graduate Teaching

2016	Topics in Bioethics: Controversy and Politics (NYU Bioethics seminar)
2015	Topics in Bioethics: Creating Persons (NYU Bioethics seminar)
2014, 15, 16	Advanced Introduction to Bioethics (NYU Bioethics seminar)
2013-2014	Philosophy of Cognitive Science (Oxford BPhil tutorial)
2011	20th Century Moral Psychology (Oxford graduate seminar)
2010	Topics in Bioethics: Ethical Theories (NYU Bioethics seminar)
2010	Bioethics Writing Seminar (NYU Bioethics seminar)

Undergraduate Teaching

- 2014, 15, 16 **Medical Ethics** (NYU lecture course)
 2013 **Empirical Moral Psychology** (Oxford tutorial)
 2012 **JS Mill** (Oxford tutorial)
 2010 **Empirical Moral Psychology** (NYU lecture course)
 2010 **Philosophy of Mind** (NYU lecture course)
 2008 **Life and Death** (NYU lecture course)
 2007 **Metaphysics** (NYU lecture course)

Teaching Assistant, graduate and undergraduate levels*

- 2009 **Advanced Intro to Bioethics*** (Greg Bognar)
 2009 **Reproductive Ethics*** (William Ruddick)
 2009 **History of Modern Philosophy** (Don Garrett)
 2007 **Consciousness** (Ned Block)
 2007 **Central Problems in Philosophy** (Jim Pryor)
 2006 **Medical Ethics** (William Ruddick)

Outreach Teaching

- 2009 **General Philosophy**, STAR Early College High School, Brooklyn NY
 2008 **Logic**, Manhattan/Hunter Science High School (TA for D. Velleman)

Media and Public Outreach

- 2016 Op-ed, *Los Angeles Times*, 'GOP's New Tactic: pitting the LGBT community against Muslims'. July 23. <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-rini-gop-gay-muslim-20160724-snap-story.html>
 2015 Op-ed, *Los Angeles Times*: 'Microaggression, Macro Harm'. October 12. <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-1012-rini-microaggression-solidarity-20151012-story.html>
 2015 Opinion, *Aeon* magazine: 'Should we rename institutions that honour dead racists?' <https://aeon.co/opinions/should-we-rename-institutions-that-honour-dead-racists>
 2015-2014 *Wi-Phi* Bioethics area co-editor (with Jeff Sebo)
 2014 Philosophy Bites podcast- 'Regina Rini on the Moral Self and Psychology' philosophybites.com/2014/06/regina-rini-on-the-moral-self-and-psychology.html

Consulting and Public Policy

- 2012, 2014 Committee on Standards in Public Life, London
 provided advice to quango (including MPs) on using cognitive science findings to improve ethical behaviour in public servants
 2006-2007 Masters Capital Management, New York
 advised financial firm on critical reflection and clarity of analysis

Other Research Training

2004-2005 Georgetown University Neuroscience Department
Laboratory Manager and Research Assistant – responsible for execution of fMRI research in computational visual neuroscience

Language Training

Reading: English (native), Spanish (intermediate), French (basic)
Speaking: English (native), Japanese (low intermediate), Mandarin Chinese (basic)

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