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## Areas of Specialization

Ethics, philosophy of action, philosophy of mind

## Areas of Competence

Social & political philosophy, applied ethics

## Employment

2016- Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
*GRIN/CRÉ, Université de Montréal*

## Education

2016 Ph.D. in Philosophy  
*University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

Dissertation: *Affect, Representation, and the Standards of Practical Reason*

Committee: Peter Railton & Sarah Buss; Allan Gibbard, Chandra Sripada

*I articulate and defend an affect-based Guise of the Good theory according to which any action done for a reason is based on an affective state that represents the existence of a normative reason to perform it.*

2013 M.A. in Philosophy  
*University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

2010 A.B. *magna cum laude* in Philosophy  
Minor: Finance  
*Princeton University*

## Publications

### Articles

2018 “Intelligibility and the Guise of the Good”. *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*, vol. 13 (1): 1-31.

2016 “Making Sense of Unpleasantness”. *Philosophical Studies*, vol. 173 (11): 2969–2992.

## Reviews

- 2017 “Review of Nada Gligorov: *Neuroethics and the Scientific Revision of Common Sense*”. *Neuroethics*, vol. 10 (2): 319-323.

## Works in Progress

Au sommet de la montagne : le cognitivisme non-réaliste de Derek Parfit (invited at *Klêsis*, shortly under review)

Nonconceptual Content and Emotions (with Christine Tappolet; planned for a volume with Routledge)

There Are No Intrinsic Desires

Welfarism and Objective Value-Adjusted Welfare

Evil Demons, Holy Fools: The Psychological Hallmark of Evil

## Selected Presentations

\* indicates a refereed conference or workshop

- 2018 “Welfarism and Objective Value-Adjusted Welfare”  
*Philosophical Society of Finland (January)\** (did not present due to illness)
- 17-18 “There Are No Intrinsic Desires”  
*Central APA, Chicago (February '18)\**  
*Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis (October)\**  
*Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto (May)\**
- 2017 “Intelligibility and the Guise of the Good”  
*Eastern APA, Savannah, GA (upcoming, January '18)\**  
*University of Toronto & Université de Montréal Rencontre Annuelle (April)*  
*NUSTEP, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (March)\**
- 2017 “Welfarism and Hybrid Welfare”  
*GRIN Workshop on Well-Being, Montréal, Canada (February 2017)*  
*La république des savoirs, Paris, France (February 2017)*
- 15-16 “Making Sense of Unpleasantness”  
*Institut Jean-Nicod, Paris, France*  
*Moral Phenomenology Workshop, Budapest, Hungary\**
- 2015 Comments on Barry Maguire’s “There Are No Reasons for Attitudes”  
*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO*

- 2015 “Evil Demons, Holy Fools: A Psychological Hallmark of Evil”  
*Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO (poster)\**  
*Felician Ethics Conference, Rutherford, NJ\**
- 2013 “Do Practical Problems Require Normative Solutions?”  
*Princeton-Michigan Graduate Metaethics Conference, Ann Arbor*
- 2012 “Fiction and Idea in Hume’s Treatise”  
*Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Wollongong, NSW*
- 2012 Comments on Peter Railton’s “Value as a Tertiary Quality”  
*Michigan Philosophy Department Spring Colloquium on Ethics & Aesthetics, Ann Arbor*

## **Honors & Awards**

- 2016 Chateaubriand Fellowship  
*Competitive grant awarded by the Embassy of France in the United States for study at a French university; award included a stipend, airfare, and benefits. I studied at the Institut Jean-Nicod under the supervision of Uriah Kriegel.*
- 2013 Cornwell Fellowship  
*Awarded by the Michigan Department of Philosophy for outstanding intellectual curiosity.*
- 2012 Marshall M. Weinberg Summer Fellowship  
*Awarded by the Michigan Department of Philosophy for academic distinction in the second year of study.*
- 2011 University of Michigan Summer Research Grant
- 11-12 University of Michigan Department of Philosophy Fellowship
- 2010 John Martyn Warbeke Prize in Metaphysics and Epistemology  
*Princeton University Department of Philosophy*
- 2010 Elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society  
*Princeton University*
- 2009 Elected to the Behrman Undergraduate Society of Fellows  
*An interdisciplinary humanities discussion group at Princeton University*
- 2006 Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence  
*Princeton University*

## Teaching Experience

### Primary Instructor

- 2017 Théories éthiques contemporaines : la métaéthique (Fall, Université de Montréal)
- 2017 La philosophie des émotions (co-taught with Christine Tappolet, Winter, Université de Montréal)
- 2014 The Nature of Evil (Fall, University of Michigan)
- 2013 Global Justice (Summer, University of Michigan)

### Assistant Instructor

- 2015 Bioethics (for Sarah Buss, Fall, University of Michigan)
- 2014 Intro to Political Philosophy (for Iskra Fileva, Winter, University of Michigan)
- 2012 Moral Principles & Problems (for Daniel Jacobson, Fall, University of Michigan)
- 2012 Problems of Philosophy (for James Joyce, Winter, University of Michigan)
- 2011 Introductory Logic (for Gordon Belot, Fall, University of Michigan)

### Qualifications

- 2016 Graduate Teaching Certificate (University of Michigan)  
*Requirements include nearly 20 hours of workshop participation on teaching strategies, a faculty mentorship, and observation of and feedback on one's teaching.*

### Service

- 17-18 Referee for *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialogue* (twice), and *Les ateliers de l'éthique*
- 2017- Founder and organizer of the Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) chapter at the Université de Montréal
- 15-16 Co-organizer of the Ethics Discussion Group (EDGe), University of Michigan
- 13-16 Editor of [Go Gruel](#), Michigan Philosophy's graduate student blog
- 14-15 Ethics Bowl coach for Henry Ford Academy, Detroit
- 14-15 Co-founding organizer of the Princeton-Michigan Graduate Metaethics Conference
- 2014 Co-editor of *The Philosopher's Annual*, vol. 33
- 12-14 Graduate Student Reading Groups Coordinator
- 2013 Volunteer philosophy club teacher, Henry Ford Academy, Detroit (Winter semester)
- 10-13 Member, Admissions Welcoming Committee
- 10-11 Member, Tanner Library Acquisitions Committee

## Professional Memberships

APA (American Philosophical Association)

CPA (Canadian Philosophical Association)

SoPhA (Société de Philosophie Analytique)

## Languages

English: Native

French: DALF-C1 (June 2018)

Italian: Intermediate reading, basic speaking

## References

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