

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Well-being

Areas of Competence

Free Will, Political Philosophy

Education

Syracuse University

August 2012 – present

Ph.D. in Philosophy

- All but Dissertation

University of Kansas

August 2009 – May 2012

M.A. in Philosophy

- Thesis: *Reflective Equilibrium, Moral Justification and the Charge of Emptiness*
- Oral Defense – Honors

National Autonomous University of Mexico

August 2007 – June 2009

M.A. in Philosophy

- Thesis: *Accountability, Reactive Attitudes and Free Will*
- Oral Defense – Honors

National Autonomous University of Mexico

September 2002 – June 2006

B.A. in Philosophy

- Thesis: *Kantian Theory of Moral Motivation*
- Oral Defense – Honors

Speaking Engagements

External Paper Presentations

“Objectivism and Alienation”

August 2016

Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference

“A Defense of Obligations to Learn” (co-authored with Preston J. Werner)

February 2016

Joint meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy and North Carolina Philosophical Society

“Externalism and Alienation”

November 2015

Central States Philosophical Association 2015

“Externalism and Alienation”

October 2015

Northwest Philosophy Conference

“Externalism Meets Alienation”

8th meeting of the American Association for Mexican Philosophers, Columbia University

April 2015

“Reflective Equilibrium, Emptiness and Conservatism”

5th meeting of the American Association for Mexican Philosophers, Rutgers

May 2012

“Moral Responsibility and the Notion of Control”

Pacific APA Conference, San Francisco, US

March 2010

“Determinism, Fate and Freedom in Sophocles’ Antigone” 3 rd Iberoamerican Conference of Philosophy Students, Bogota, Colombia	April 2009
“Kantian Theory of Moral Motivation” Mexican Association of Philosophy Conference, Mazatlan, Mexico	October 2007
<i>External Comments</i>	
On “Doxastic Blame” by Lindsay Rettler (Ohio State University) Pacific Division meeting, American Philosophical Association	March 2016
On “Moral Progress in the History of the Moral Norms” by Andres Luco (Nanyang Technological University) Eastern Division meeting, American Philosophical Association	January 2016
On “Reasons, Dispositions, and Value” by Aaron Elliott (University of Nebraska, Lincoln) Central States Philosophical Association 2015	November 2015
On “How Not to Defend the Factoring Account” by Sarah Raskoff (University of Arizona) Central Division meeting, American Philosophical Association	February 2015
On “Can we Believe for Practical Reasons” by Juan Comesaña (University of Arizona) 20th meeting of the Sociedad Filosofica Iberoamericana, Huatulco, Mexico	January 2015
On “On the Causal Import of the Looping Effects of Kinds of People” by Lourdes Ortiz (UCSC) 7 th meeting of the American Association for Mexican Philosophers, Stanford University	March 2014
On “Willing that Others” by Carlos Núñez (Stanford University) 6 th meeting of the American Association for Mexican Philosophers, Princeton University	May 2013
On “Is Historical Injustice beyond the Scope of Rawlsian Theory?” by Moises Vaca and Juan Espindola 4 th meeting of the American Association for Mexican Philosophers, UNAM, Mexico City	May 2011
<i>Home Institution Presentations and Comments</i>	
“Externalism and Alienation” Syracuse University ABD Workshop	December 2015
On “Hypocrisy: Tribute Vice Pays to Virtue” by Sam Elgin Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference	March 2015
“Externalism Meets Alienation” Working Papers, Syracuse University Philosophy Women’s Group	October 2014
“Moral Categoricity and Pragmatics” Working Papers, Syracuse University	November 2014
On “Rational Identities and the Myth of the Taken” by Andrew Flynn Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference	February 2014
“Inescapability and the Nature of Moral Normativity” Working Papers, Syracuse University	November 2013
“Reflective Equilibrium, Emptiness and Conservatism” Ethics Reading Group, MIT	November 2011
“Reflective Equilibrium and Justification: Some Methodological Issues” Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Kansas	March 2011

Teaching Experience

- Syracuse University** August 2014 – May 2015
Department of Philosophy
Main Instructor
- PHI 192 Introduction to Moral Theory, Fall 2014
 - PHI 192 Introduction to Moral Theory, Spring 2015
- Syracuse University** August 2012 – May 2014
Department of Philosophy
Teaching Assistant
- PHI 107 Theories of Knowledge and Reality, Fall 2012. Instructor: Dr. Robert Van Gulick
 - PHI 192 Introduction to Moral Theory, Spring 2013. Instructor: Dr. Ben Bradley
 - PHI 251 Logic, Fall 2013. Instructor: Dr. Thomas McKay
 - PHI 192 Introduction to Moral Theory, Spring 2014. Instructor: Dr. David Sobel
- University of Kansas** January 2010 – May 2010
Department of Philosophy January 2011 – May 2011
Grader, Medical Ethics, Dr. Donald Marquis
- National Autonomous University of Mexico** August 2007 – June 2008
Department of Philosophy and Literature
Grader
- Ethics I and II, Dr. Gustavo Ortiz
 - Topics in Metaphysics (The Metaphysics of Intentional Action) I and II, Dr. Enrique Villanueva

Student Visiting Positions

- Hebrew University of Jerusalem June – July 2015
Ph.D. Summer Fellowship
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology September 2011 – December 2011
Ph.D. student visiting position
- University of California, Riverside September 2008 – December 2008
M.A. student visiting position

Academic Service

Referee Work

- Revista de Filosofía*, Complutense University of Madrid January 2016
- Graduate Student Conference, Institute of Philosophical Research (UNAM) October 2014
- Diánoia*, Institute of Philosophical Research (UNAM) 2012
- Crítica: Revista Hispanoamericana de Filosofía*, Institute of Philosophical Research (UNAM) 2011

Chairing

- Arizona Normative Ethics Workshop, session on Adam Cureton's "The Concept of Right as the Proper Adjudication of Conflicting Claims" January 2016
- Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop, session on Ralph Bader's "The Grounding Argument against Non-Reductive Moral Realism" October 2015

Community Outreach

PIKSI-Boston, Graduate Fellow July 2016
Philosophy Class Discussion Leader, Southside Academy Charter School (sessions on racial discrimination, social rules, facts and opinions, and gender stereotypes) Spring 2014 – Fall 2015

Group Organization

Co-President of American Association for Mexican Philosophers (with Arturo Javier) May 2015 – September 2016
Co-Founder and organizer of Metaethics Reading Group at Syracuse University (with Nicole Dular) 2012-2015
Co-Organizer of the Syracuse University Philosophy Women’s Group (with Nicole Dular) 2013-2014
Founder and organizer of Graduate Student Reading Group at the University of Kansas 2010 – 2011

Honors/Awards

Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society Member March 2013-February 2014
Fulbright Scholarship August 2009 – May 2012
Templin Award, The University of Kansas March 2010
Intern, Institute of Philosophical Research (UNAM) January 2008 – June 2009

Other Work Experience

Syracuse University August 2014, August 2015
Teaching Mentor
• Small group leader and mentor during the SU teaching assistant orientation

National Autonomous University of Mexico March 2005 – July 2007
Institute of Law Research, Dr. Enrique Villanueva (supervisor)
Research Assistant
• Assisted with Dr. Villanueva’s research on moral philosophy

Languages

Fluent English and Spanish, basic French

Dissertation Abstract

There are two main guiding questions in my dissertation. The first is whether a person’s first-person’s perspective, especially the way she sees her own well-being and reasons to act poses any constraints on what can count as good for her or as a reason to act. Suppose that I try to convince Sarah that friendship is good for her, but she thinks that a life as a hermit suits her best. If friendship could not possibly resonate with Sarah, this seems to give her a reason to conclude that friendship is not good for her. Sarah’s well-being could not be completely alien to her. The second question is whether alienation concerns can help us settle disputes between different views about well-being and normative reasons. Objectivism and realism hold that there are facts, independent from the agent’s first-person perspective, which determined what is good for her and what her normative reasons are, respectively. Intuitively, objectivism and realism face alienation problems.

My answer to the first question is based on the centrality of beliefs. Views that try to do justice to the agent's first-person perspective usually focus on its motivational components such as desires and pleasure, and set aside its doxastic elements such as beliefs. The latter crucial component has thereby been underappreciated, even though our beliefs are central to the way we see the world, including our own well-being and normative reasons. The unfortunate result is that objectivism and realism have been deprived of a powerful resource to address alienation problems. I argue that believing that something is good for you and believing that a consideration is a normative reason for you is sufficient for that to resonate with you.

My answer to the second question is that, against widespread belief, alienation concerns do not settle the debate between subjectivism and objectivism, and between realism and its rivals because all plausible views have the resources to solve alienation problems. I argue that there is a counterfactual connection between the agent's first-person perspective, and the agent's well-being and her normative reasons. That is, if she reasoned well and were fully informed, she would come to have true beliefs about her well-being and normative reasons, and would not be alienated from them.

References

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Teaching

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