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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Well-being

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics (Business Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Bioethics), Philosophy of Law, Free Will.

Education

Syracuse University

August 2012 – present

Ph.D. in Philosophy

- Thesis: *On the Resonance Constraint: Well-being and the First-Person Perspective*
- All but Dissertation
- Dissertation advisor: David Sobel
- Dissertation committee: Ben Bradley, Janice Dowell, Hille Paakkunainen, Chris Heathwood (University of Colorado, Boulder), Connie Rosati (University of Arizona)

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

Publications

Bruno-Niño, Teresa, Werner, Preston J. (2019): You Oughta Know: A Defence of Obligations to Learn, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, DOI: 10.1080/00048402.2018.1547915

Bruno-Niño, Teresa (September 2019). Review of the book *Happiness Explained: What Human Flourishing is and What We Can Do to Promote It* by Paul Anand. *Teaching Philosophy* (42, 3).

Paper Presentations

“The Limits of the Pragmatic Account of Moral Categoricity”

Pacific Division meeting, American Philosophical Association (symposium)

April 2021

“Cognitive Resonance and Well-being”

Eastern Division meeting, American Philosophical Association (symposium)

January 2021

“Does All Well-being Resonate? (minor title changes)”

Central Division meeting, American Philosophical Association (colloquium)

February 2020

Kansas Workshop on Well-being, University of Kansas

August 2018

“Objectivism without Alienation” (minor title changes)	
Central Division meeting, American Philosophical Association (colloquium)	February 2019
Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference	August 2016
Central States Philosophical Association	November 2015
Northwest Philosophy Conference	October 2015
8 th meeting of the American Association for Mexican Philosophers, Columbia University	April 2015
“You Oughta Know: A Defence of Obligations to Learn” (co-authored with Preston J. Werner)	
Eastern Division meeting, American Philosophical Association (Poster)	January 2019
Joint meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy and North Carolina Philosophical Society	February 2016
“Autonomy, Alienation and Well-being: Seeing one’s Well-being through Autonomous Action”	
Central Division meeting, American Philosophical Association (Poster)	February 2018
Society for Mexican-American Philosophy, Eastern Division meeting, American Philosophical Association	January 2018
10 th meeting of the American Association for Mexican Philosophers, UC, Boulder	September 2017
“Reflective Equilibrium, Emptiness and Conservatism”	
5 th meeting of the American Association for Mexican Philosophers, Rutgers	May 2012
“Moral Responsibility and the Notion of Control”	
3 rd meeting of the American Association for Mexican Philosophers, at the Pacific Division meeting, American Philosophical Association	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

Comments

On “Arguments for Temporal Biases” by Dong-yong Choi (University of Kansas)	
Central Division meeting, American Philosophical Association	February 2021
On “Solving the ideal world problem” by Caleb Perl (UC Boulder)	
Eastern Division meeting, American Philosophical Association	January 2020
On “The Multivocality of Well-being” by Jason Raibley (University of Kansas)	
Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, University of Kansas	July 2019
On “The Resonance Constraint” by Chris Heathwood (UC Boulder)	
Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, University of Kansas	July 2017
On “On the Connection Between Racist Ideology and Institutional Racism” by César Cabezas (Columbia)	
The 2 nd Latinx Philosophy Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick	April 2017
On “Well-being and Compliance with Oppression” by Rosa Terlazzo (Kansas State University)	
Pacific Division meeting, American Philosophical Association	April 2017
On “Sibling Partiality” by Jeremy Davis (University of Toronto)	
Central Division meeting, American Philosophical Association	March 2017
On “Because I said So” by Juan S. Piñeros Glasscock (Yale University)	
Eastern Division meeting, American Philosophical Association	January 2017
On “Moral Torch Fishing: A Signaling Theory of Blame” by David Shoemaker and Manuel Vargas	
9 th meeting of the American Association for Mexican Philosophers, Syracuse University	September 2016

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

Home Institution Presentations and Comments

Paper Presentations

“Group Well-being and Paternalism” Working Papers, Syracuse University Philosophy Women’s Group	November 2019
“Objectivism without Alienation” (minor title changes) Syracuse University ABD Workshop Working Papers, Syracuse University Philosophy Women’s Group	December 2015 October 2014
“Moral Categoricity and Pragmatics” Working Papers, Syracuse University	November 2014
“Inescapability and the Nature of Moral Normativity” Working Papers, Syracuse University	November 2013
“Reflective Equilibrium, Emptiness and Conservatism” (minor title changes) Ethics Reading Group, MIT Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Kansas	November 2011 March 2011

Comments

On “Failing to Resonate with Subjective Accounts of Well-being” by Nikki Fortier Syracuse University ABD Workshop	March 2019
On “Non-Sensory Phenomenology and the Metaphysics of Pleasure and Pain” by Lorenza D’Angelo Syracuse University ABD Workshop	April 2018
On “Moral Torch Fishing: A Signaling Theory of Blame” by Manuel Vargas and David Shoemaker 9 th meeting of the American Association for Mexican Philosophers, Syracuse University	September 2016
On “Hypocrisy: Tribute Vice Pays to Virtue” by Sam Elgin Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference	March 2015
On “Rational Identities and the Myth of the Taken” by Andrew Flynn Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference	February 2014

Teaching Experience

The Pennsylvania State University
Department of Philosophy

August 2020 – Present

Main Instructor

- PHIL 12 Symbolic Logic, Fall 2020
- PHIL 132 Bioethics, Spring 2021

Syracuse University
Department of Philosophy

January 2020 – May 2020

Main Instructor

- PHI 175 Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy, Spring 2020

Syracuse University
Department of Philosophy

August 2019 – December 2019

Teaching Assistant

- PHI 191 Ethics & Contemporary Issues: The Meaning of Life, Fall 2019. Instructor: Dr. Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson

The Pennsylvania State University
Department of Philosophy

August 2016 – May 2019

Main Instructor

- PHIL 105 Philosophy of Law, Spring 2019
- PHIL 132 Bioethics, Fall 2018
- PHIL 13 Philosophy, Nature and Environment, Spring 2018
- PHIL 12 Symbolic Logic, Spring 2017
- PHIL 106 Introduction to Business Ethics, Fall 2016

Syracuse University
Department of Philosophy

August 2014 – May 2015

Main Instructor

- PHI 192 Introduction to Moral Theory, Fall 2014
- PHI 192 Introduction to Moral Theory, Spring 2015

Syracuse University
Department of Philosophy

August 2012 – May 2014

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
Department of Philosophy

January 2010 – May 2010

January 2011 – May 2011

Grader, Medical Ethics, Dr. Donald Marquis

National Autonomous University of Mexico
Department of Philosophy and Literature

August 2007 – June 2008

Grader

- Ethics I and II, Dr. Gustavo Ortiz
- Topics in Metaphysics (The Metaphysics of Intentional Action) I and II, Dr. Enrique Villanueva

Visiting Positions

Global Priorities Institute, University of Oxford Summer Research Visitor Programme	May – June 2019
Hebrew University of Jerusalem Ph.D. Summer Fellowship	June – July 2015
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ph.D. student visiting position	September 2011 – December 2011
University of California, Riverside M.A. student visiting position	September 2008 – December 2008

Academic Service

Chairing

Madison Metaethics Workshop, session on James Brown’s “Conceptual Role Expressivism and Defective Concepts”	September 2020
Madison Metaethics Workshop, session on Daniel Wodak’s “Approving on the Basis of Moral and Aesthetic Testimony”	September 2019
Madison Metaethics Workshop, session on Dan Korman and Dustin Locke’s “Against Minimalist Responses to Moral Debunking Arguments”	September 2018
Athena in Action. A Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Student Women in Philosophy	June 2018
Central Division meeting, American Philosophical Association, session on Robert Gruber’s, “Evaluating the Uncooperativeness Solution to the Mismatch Problem”	February 2018
Eastern Division meeting, American Philosophical Association, session on Eden Lin’s “Attitudinal and Phenomenological Theories of Pleasure”	January 2018
Madison Metaethics Workshop, session on Michael Milona and Mark Schroeder’s “Desiring under the Proper Guise”	September 2017
Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network (SPAWN) on Well-being, session on Steve Campbell’s “The Good Death”	June 2016
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

Referee Work

<i>Ergo, An Open Access Journal of Philosophy</i>	2019
Graduate Student Conference, Institute of Philosophical Research (UNAM)	2019, 2014
<i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i>	2017
SWIP Analytic Mexico, First Essay Contest	2017
<i>Diánoia</i> , Institute of Philosophical Research (UNAM)	2017, 2012
<i>Revista de Filosofía</i> , Complutense University of Madrid	2016
<i>Crítica: Revista Hispanoamericana de Filosofía</i> , Institute of Philosophical Research (UNAM)	2012, 2011

Coordination

Associate Editor for PEA Soup Blog	January 2017 – August 2019
Co-President of American Association of 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 and Awards

Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society Member
Fulbright Scholarship
Templin Award, The University of Kansas
Intern, Institute of Philosophical Research (UNAM)

March 2013 – February 2014
August 2009 – May 2012
March 2010
January 2008 – June 2009

Other Work Experience

Syracuse University

Teaching Mentor

- Small group leader and mentor during the SU teaching assistant orientation

August 2014, August 2015

National Autonomous University of Mexico Institute of Law Research, Dr. Enrique Villanueva (supervisor)

Research Assistant

- Assisted with Dr. Villanueva's research on moral philosophy

March 2005 – July 2007

Languages

Fluent English and Spanish, basic French

Dissertation Abstract

The Resonance Constraint is crucial claim in the contemporary literature about well-being: if something is good for a person, it must resonate with her. As Connie Rosati and Peter Railton put it, a person's well-being must be "suited" to her, it should be "compelling or attractive" and it should not be "intolerably alienating." Many have concluded that subjectivism and hybrid theories can meet the Resonance Constraint and that objectivism cannot. Surprisingly, the Resonance Constraint has received little direct attention. In chapter 1, I focus on one aspect that has been severely under explored. It is widely assumed that the relevant attitude for the Resonance Constraint must be motivational. I argue that resonance can be cognitive too: if an individual believes that something is good for her, it resonates with her.

In chapter 2, I explore one consequence of cognitive resonance for the debate between different theories of well-being. I argue that objectivism can meet the Resonance Constraint. The novel strategy that I suggest starts with this claim: If there are facts about a person that ground facts about her well-being, she is alienated from what is good for her when she does not recognize those facts. I argue that a person's well-being is counterfactually connected to her beliefs. An idealized person would be acquainted with facts about her own well-being and so would come to have true beliefs about what is good for her.

In chapter 3, I explore further issues related to the nature of the Resonance Constraint. I argue that the traditional Resonance Constraint is not false, but severely limited. It tells us what is needed for something to benefit us at all, even if the benefit is minimal. I argue that both resonance and well-being come in degrees, different kinds of prudential goods demand responding with different attitudes, and the capacities of a well-being subject are also relevant to determine what attitudes are relevant for resonance. I formulate and defend a stronger Resonance Constraint: For an individual to fully benefit from a prudential good, it must resonate to the right degree and in the right way (it must engage the capacities and attitudes needed to enjoy specific prudential goods). This stronger constraint has consequences for theories of well-being. Surprisingly, subjectivists do not meet it. This constraint has an additional advantage. It provides the apparatus to accommodate the intuition that the Resonance Constraint must apply universally. My view is not committed to that intuition, but it is flexible enough to accommodate it.

References

Research

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Teaching

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