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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, Rice University, 2017-current  
Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Rice University, 2010-2017  
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, metaethics, applied ethics, social and political philosophy, philosophy of law, epistemology

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Book

*Achievement*. Oxford University Press, 2015.

#### Papers

- “Problems for Perfectionism.” *Utilitas*, vol. 29, no. 3, 2017, pp. 344-364.  
“Hard to Know.” *Responsibility: The Epistemic Condition*, edited by Jan Willem Wieland and Philip Robichaud, Oxford University Press, 2017, pp. 180-198.  
“Achievement, Wellbeing, and Value.” *Philosophy Compass*, vol. 11, no. 12, 2016, pp. 795-803.  
“Perfectionism.” *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Well-Being*, edited by Guy Fletcher, Routledge, 2016 pp. 124-134.  
“Achievement and Well-being.” co-authored with Simon Keller. *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Well-Being*, edited by Guy Fletcher, Routledge, 2016, pp. 271-280.  
“Knowledge, Achievement, and Manifestation.” *Erkenntnis*, vol. 80, no. 1, 2015, pp. 97-116.  
“Evil Achievements and the Principle of Recursion.” *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics vol. 3*, edited by Mark Timmons, Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 79-97.  
“The Value of Achievements.” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 94, no. 2, 2013, pp. 204-224.  
“Moral Knowledge in Descartes’ *Passions*.” *Descartes and Cartesianism*, edited by Nathan D. Smith and Jason P. Taylor, Cambridge Scholars Press, 2005.

#### Encyclopedia Entries

- “Achievement.” *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, edited by Hugh LaFollette (forthcoming).  
“Motive Utilitarianism.” *The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism*, edited by James E. Crimmins, Bloomsbury, 2013.

## Book Reviews

Fred Feldman, *What is this thing called Happiness?* *Journal of Value Inquiry*, vol 46, no. 2, 2012, pp. 269-273.

Thomas Hurka, *Drawing Morals*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 20 November 2011.

Thomas Hurka, *The Best Things in Life*. *Journal of Value Inquiry*, vol. 45, no. 4, 2011, pp. 487-490.

Andre Gombay, *Descartes*. *University of Toronto Quarterly*, 2010, pp. 393-395.

## Other

“Achievement.” <<https://politicalphilosopher.net/2016/05/27/featured-philosopher-gwen-bradford/>>

“Evil Achievements.” *The Philosophers’ Magazine* vol. 59, 2012, pp. 51-56.

“Kudos for *Ludus*: Game Playing and Value Theory.” *Noesis: University of Toronto Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 6, 2003.

## AWARDS

APA Book Prize, for *Achievement*, 2017

Rice University Humanities Research Center Faculty Fellow, 2017-2018

Rice University Humanities Research Center Symposium Award, to support the *Why So Few* committee, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2017-2018

Faculty Fellowship, Murphy Institute Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, Tulane University, 2013-2014

Rice University Humanities Research Center Faculty Fellow, 2012-2013

NSF ADVANCE Departmental Grant and Rice Humanities Research Center Grant, to support *Why So Few*, 2010

Prize Teaching Fellowship, Yale University, 2010

John F. Enders Fellowship, Yale University, 2008

University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University, 2007-2008

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Talks

“The Badness of Pain,” University of California Santa Barbara, March 2017

“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,” 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

“Pain and Perfectionism,” Tulane University, New Orleans LA, January 2014

“Pain and Perfectionism,” New Orleans University, March 2014

“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

“Uniqueness, Intrinsic Value, and Reasons,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO, August 2017

“Uniqueness, Intrinsic Value, and Reasons,” Kansas Wellbeing Workshop, University of Kansas, July 2017

“Uniqueness, Intrinsic Value, and Reasons,” Canadian Philosophical Association, May 2017

“The Good in the Pursuit of the Bad,” Invited Session, APA Pacific, April 2017

“A Brief History of Perfectionist Bads,” Perfectionism: Ancient and Modern, University of California San Diego, November 2016

“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

“Achievement,” Lone Star Book Symposium, Houston, TX April 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  
 “Achievement and the Meaning of Life,” Invited session, APA Central, St. Louis, February 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  
 “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

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Area Editor, Value Theory, Misc., and Category Editor, Perfectionism, PhilPapers.org  
 Referee, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialogue*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Mind*, Oxford University Press, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Theoria*, *Utilitas*.

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Kaizen Coalition Task Force for university graduate program improvement (2017-current)  
 Resident Associate and Faculty Fellow, Will Rice College (2015-current)  
 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, Spring 2017
- *PHIL 101 Contemporary Moral Issues*, Rice University, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Fall 2014, Spring 2017
- *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