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## Research Interests

**Areas of Specialization**

Ethics, Epistemology

**Areas of Competence**

Early Modern Philosophy,  Aesthetics

## Education

**2018- University of Texas at Austin** / PhD. (Philosophy)

**Dissertation**: *The Significance of Genealogy in Moral Epistemology: Moral Realism, Evolutionary Debunking, and Hume*

> Many have argued that reflection on the evolutionary origins of moral thought should lead moral realists toward a skeptical conclusion. After I defuse that skeptical argument, I argue that reflection on Hume's account of origins of moral thought is sufficient to
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> vindicate the epistemic status of many of the moral realist's central claims. (Successfully defended on Nov. 30, 2018)

**Dissertation Committee**: John Deigh (Co-supervisor), David Sosa (Co-supervisor), Ray Buchanan, Sinan Dogramaci, Matthew Evans,  Geoffrey Sayre-McCord (External Examiner).

**2012- University of Alberta** / M.A. (Philosophy)

**Thesis**: *Of the Standard of Sentiments: Hume on Virtue and Beauty*

**Supervisor**: Amy Schmitter

**2010- University of Alberta** / B.A. (Philosophy)
With highest distinction; Minor: Political Science

## Teaching

**As Lead Instructor**

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- Social and Political Philosophy (Spring 2020, Fall 2019)(Online)
- Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2020, one Hybrid, one Online)

Guilford Technical Community College
- Philosophical Issues (Summer 2020 (Online), Spring 2020)
- Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2020 (x3, one Online), Summer 2020 (Online), Spr Fall 2019 (x2, with one Online)
- College Transfer Success (Fall 2019)

University of Texas at Austin
- Introduction to Early Modern Philosophy (Fall 2016)

**As Teaching Assistant**

University of Texas at Austin
(* Indicates a course where I led discussion sections.)
- Undergraduate Studies: Medical Ethics (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, with W. Winslade)
- Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2017, with J. Morton)
- Environmental Philosophy (Spring 2016, with S. Sarkar)*
- Early Modern Philosophy - Upper Division (Fall 2015, with J. Leon)*
- Undergraduate Studies: The Discovery of Freedom  - (Spring 2015, with P. Woo
- Introduction to Early Modern Philosophy (Fall 2014, with R.J. Hankinson)*
- Problems of Knowledge and Valuation (Fall 2013 and Spring 2014, with R.M. Sa
- Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2013, with J. Evans)

## Publications

Book Reviews
- Review of Peter Singer's Practical Ethics, third edition, in *Ethics, Policy and Environment*. 16:3, 2013, (p. 362-5).
- Review of Patrick Curry's Ecological Ethics, revised edition, in *Environmental Values* 21:2, 2012 (p. 245-8).

Works In Progress (Drafts Available on Request)
- "Hume's Vindicatory Genealogy of Morals"
- "Debunking isn't a Matter of Disagreement"
- "Targeted Moral Debunking"

## Refereed Presentations

- **"Hume's Vindicatory Genealogy of Morals"** presented at the Great Lakes Philosophy Conference. April 6-8, 2018 in Adrian, Michigan.

- **"Debunking Isn't a Matter of Disagreement"**  presented at the 49th annual meeting of the Tennessee Philosophical Association.  October 28, 2017 in Nashville, Tennessee.

- **"Targeted Moral Debunking**" presented at the 53rd annual meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association. October 29, 2016 in Edmonton, Alberta.
  - *Winner of the prize for Best Student Paper at the 2016 WCPA.*

- **"Evolutionary Debunking Arguments as Genealogical Arguments"** presented at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society. February 27, 2016 in Boone, North Carolina.

- **"Empathy and Moral Judgment: On Prinz and Hume"** presented at the 51st annual meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association. October 4, 2014 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

- **"Parfit on the Impartial and the Impersonal"** presented at 50th annual meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association. October 19, 2013 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

- **"On the Aesthetics of Morality in 'Of the Standard of Taste'"** presented at the 39th annual Hume Society Conference. July 21, 2012 in Calgary, Alberta.
  - Also presented at the 2012 Spring Conference at the Center for the Study of Scottish Philosophy. March 2, 2012 in Princeton, New Jersey.

- **"Knowing How and Epistemic Luck"** presented at 48th annual meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association. October 21-23, 2011 in Lethbridge, Alberta.

- **"Hume on Moral and Aesthetic Disagreement"** presented at the 12th annual Michigan State Graduate Philosophy Conference. March 25-26, 2011 at in Lansing, Michigan.

## Conference Comments

- Comments on "A Problem of Racism for Kant's Moral Theory" by William Reckner at the 2016 Austin Graduate Ethics and Normativity Talks Conference, November 12, 2016, in Austin, Texas.
- Comments on "On The Rationality of Fictional Emotions" by Hannah Trees at the 2015 UT-Austin MLK Graduate Conference, March 29, 2015 in Austin, Texas
- Comments on "Epistemic Injustice and Victim Blaming" by Audrey Yap at the 51st annual meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association. October 4, 2014 in Vancouver, British Columbia.
- Comments on "Self-Involving Representationalism: In favor of a Weak Interpretation of Hume's Observation" by Miguel Ángel Sebastián at the 2013 UT-UNAM Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy. Oct. 25, 2013 in Mexico City, Mexico.
- Comments on "Errors about Nietzsche and Error Theory" by Mark Migiotti presented at 50th annual meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association. October 19, 2013 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- Comments on "Ability, Modality and Luck: On Epistemic Agency" by Eric Dayton at the 48th annual meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association. October 23, 2011 in Lethbridge, Alberta.

## Service

- Teaching mentor for Corrupt the Youth (2017, 2018)
  - A philosophy outreach program at Eastside Memorial High School in Austin, Texas. Visit www.corrupttheyouth.org for more information.

- Research Assistant, University of Texas at Austin (Summer 2017)
  Research on Philosophy of Law and Philosophy of Sport for Tara Smith

- Graduate Student Representative-at-Large
  University of Texas, Philosophy Department (2016-17)

- Graduate Colloquium Series Organizer
  University of Texas Philosophy Department (2014-15, 2015-16)

- Lead organizer for 2015 Austin Graduate Ethics and Normativity Talks (AGENT) Conference

- Co-organizer for 2014 Austin Graduate Ethics and Normativity Talks (AGENT) Conference

- Co-organizer for 2014 University of Texas at Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference

# Graduate Coursework
(* Indicates Audit)

*University of Alberta*
Hume's Ethics and Aesthetics (A. Schmitter, 2010)
Philosophy of Language (F.J. Pelletier, 2010)
Philosophy of Mind: Sympathy, Empathy, Remorse, Regret (A. Morton, 2010)
Social and Political Philosophy (H. Nye, 2011)
Generics and Mass Terms (F.J. Pelletier, 2011)
Epistemology - Knowing How (B. Hunter, 2011)
*Topics in Ethics - The Ethics of Killing (H. Nye, 2010)
*Women in Early Modern Philosophy (A. Schmitter, 2011)
* Descartes (A. Schmitter, 2011)

*University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill*
* Aristotle's Ethics and Biology (C.D.C Reeve and M. Leunissen, 2012)

*University of Texas at Austin*
Proseminar (G. Strawson, 2012)
Arts and the Emotions (K. Higgins, 2012)
Moral Agency (J. Deigh, 2012)
Parfit's Moral Theory (J. Dancy, 2013)
Higher-Order Evidence (M. Schoenfield, 2013)
Higher-Order Logic (D. Bonevac, 2013)
Conference Course - Moral Blame (J. Deigh, 2014)
Kant's First Critique (I. Proops & K. Dunlop, 2013)
Nietzsche (K. Higgins, 2013)
Philosophy of Emotions (J. Deigh, 2013)
Political Philosophy - Hobbes and Locke (A.P. Martinich, 2014)
Plato's Ethics (P. Woodruff, 2014)
Does it Matter What it's Like? - Topics in Mind and Value (D. Sosa, 2014)
Seminar on Teaching Philosophy (M. Tye, 2014)
*20th Century Metaethics (J. Deigh, 2014)
*Moral Responsibility (J. Deigh, 2015)
*Action Theory and Ethics (J. Dancy, 2014)
*20th Century Moral Theory (J. Dancy, 2015)
*Intention and Meaning (R. Buchanan, 2015)
* Internalism & Externalism in 20th Century Ethics (J. Deigh, 2016)
*Virtue Ethics (P. Woodruff and M. Evans, 2017)

# References

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