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Employment

Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University – Baltimore, MD

Hecht-Levi Postdoctoral Fellowship

August 2017 - Present

Education

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, NC

Ph.D. in Philosophy

May 2017

- Thesis: “On the Hook: Responsibility in Real Life”
- Committee: Susan Wolf (chair), Thomas E. Hill, Jr., Douglas MacLean, Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, Rebecca Walker

M.A. in Philosophy

May 2013

- Thesis: “Blame”
- Committee: Thomas E. Hill, Jr. (chair), Gerald Postema, Ryan Preston-Roedder

Cornell University - Ithaca, NY

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude

May 2010

- Honors Thesis Supervisor: Derk Pereboom

Areas of Specialization

Normative Ethics, Bioethics, Moral Psychology, Free Will & Responsibility

Areas of Competence

History of Ethics, Metaethics, Feminism

Publications (For abstracts and papers under review, see <http://www.samuelreisdennis.com>)

- *Ethics*
 - “Anger: Scary Good,” *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming)
 - “Responsibility and the Shallow Self,” *Philosophical Studies*, 2017
- *Bioethics*
 - “What ‘Just Culture’ Doesn’t Understand About Just Punishment,” *Journal of Medical Ethics* (forthcoming)
 - “Rehabilitating Blame,” in *Ethics and Error in Medicine*, eds. Fritz Allhoff and Sandra Borden (forthcoming)
 - “Freezing Eggs and Creating Patients: Moral Risks of Commercialized Fertility,” (With Elizabeth Reis), *The Hastings Center Report*, 2017
 - “Are Pediatricians to Blame for Unnecessary Genital Surgeries?” (With Elizabeth Reis), *American Medical Association Journal of Ethics*, 2017
 - “Gun Violence, Shame, and Social Change,” (With Nancy Berlinger), *Hastings Center Bioethics Forum*, 2018

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

- MAP Ethicist Prize for “*I Love Women: The Conceptual Adequacy of Implicit Bias*” (awarded at 2017 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress; shared with Vida Yao)
- Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (Accepted for 2016-17 academic year)
- Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (Awarded but declined for 2016-17 academic year)
- UNC Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship (Awarded but declined for 2016-17 academic year)
- UNC Graduate School Mellon Fellowship (2011-16)
- Parr Center for Ethics Research Assistantship (2014-2015)
- Horace Williams Fellowship (2012-2014)

Presentations

- “A Theoretical Challenge for Implicit Bias Research” (With Vida Yao) at Central Division Meeting of the APA; Denver, CO; Winter, 2019
- “Medical Error: A Call to Listen” at Medical Error Mini-Conference at meeting of the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics; Chicago, IL; Spring, 2018
- “Rehabilitating Blame” at University of Texas, San Antonio; San Antonio, TX; Winter 2018
- “Anger: Scary Good” at Eastern Division Meeting of the APA; Savannah, GA; Winter, 2018
- “‘*I Love Women*’: The Conceptual Inadequacy of ‘Implicit Bias’” (With Vida Yao) at Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME); Boulder, CO; Summer 2017 (Winner of the MAP Ethicist Prize for most meritorious paper regarding philosophy of gender, race, sexual orientation, class, disability, native language, etc.)
- “Anger: Scary Good” at Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference at the University of British Columbia; Vancouver, BC; Summer, 2017
- “Responsibility and the Shallow Self” at Pacific Division Meeting of the APA; Seattle, WA; Spring, 2017
- “Anger: Scary Good” at Rice Humanistic Ethics Workshop at Rice University; Houston, TX; Spring, 2017
- “Rehabilitating Blame: Responding to Medical Error” at Children’s Mercy Hospital, Center for Bioethics; Kansas City, MO; Winter, 2017
- “Responsibility and the Shallow Self” at Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME); Boulder, CO; Summer 2016
- “How Not To Argue About Blame” at Wittgensteinian Approaches to Moral Philosophy conference at Leuven University; Leuven, Belgium; Fall, 2016
- “Reality Television and Moral Philosophy” at Conference of the Southwest Popular/American Culture Association; Albuquerque, NM; Spring, 2015

Teaching (For syllabi, see <http://www.samuelreisdennis.com/teaching.html>)

Instructor of Record

- Basics of Bioethics (Johns Hopkins, Summer, 2018)
- Foundations of Bioethics for Masters of Bioethics Students (Johns Hopkins, Fall, 2017)
- Introduction to Philosophy, Main Problems (UNC, Summer, 2016)
- Ethics in Practice (UNC, Fall, 2015)
- Bioethics (UNC, Spring, 2014)
- Bioethics (UNC, Fall, 2013)

Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Ethics (Spring, 2013)
- Making Sense of Ourselves (Fall, 2012)

Professional Activities & Services

- Reviewer: *Ethics, The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, Johns Hopkins Press
- Ethics Committee and Ethics Consult Team member, Sinai Hospital (2018-present)
- Coach, UNC Collegiate Ethics Bowl Team (2014-2016)
- National High School Ethics Bowl Case Writing Team (2014-Present)
- UNC Philosophy Hiring Committee, Graduate Student Representative (2015-2016)
- UNC Philosophy Graduate Committee (2015-2016)
- President, UNC Philosophy Graduate Students (2014-2015)
- Research Assistant, Parr Center for Ethics (2014-2015)
- Philosophy Outreach at Durham Academy (2014-2017)
- Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl (2012-2017)
- Led Philosophy Discussion Group at C.A. Dillon Youth Correctional Facility (2011-2013)
- Member, American Philosophical Association

References

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