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**Employment**

*Department of Philosophy, Rice University – Houston, TX*

Assistant Professor July 2022 – Present

*Alden March Bioethics Institute, Albany Medical College – Albany, NY*

Assistant Professor August 2019 – May 2022

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

Hecht-Levi Postdoctoral Fellow August 2017 – June 2019

**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, Moral Psychology, Bioethics, Free Will & Responsibility

**Areas of Competence**

History of Ethics, Metaethics

**Publications**

* *General Philosophy Journals*
  + “Guilt: The Debt and the Stain,” committed to *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Mind*
  + “Rank Offence: The Ecological Theory of Resentment,” *Mind*, 2021
  + “‘I *Love*Women’: An Explicit Explanation of Implicit Bias Test Results,” (with Vida Yao), *Synthese*, 2021
  + “Anger: Scary Good,” *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2019
  + “Responsibility and the Shallow Self,” *Philosophical Studies*, 2018
* *Applied Ethics* *Journals*
  + “Dignity and the Founding Myth of Bioethics,” *Hastings Center Report*, 2023
  + “Death Row Organ Donation, Revisited,” (with Laura Hansman), *Bioethics*, 2023
* “Rationing Ventilators,” (with Megan Applewhite), in *Difficult Decisions in Surgical Ethics*, eds. Vassyl Lonchyna, Peggy Kelley, and Peter Angelos (Springer, 2022)
* “The Irrelevance of Data to the Ethics of Infant Intersex Surgery,” (with Elizabeth Reis), *Journal of Pediatric Ethics*, 2021
* “Are Conscientious Objectors Morally Obligated to Refer?,” (with Abram Brummett), *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 2021
* “The Ethics of Vaccine Allocation,” (with Megan Applewhite), *Immunological Investigations*, 2021
* “Tolerance for Uncertainty and Professional Development: A Normative Analysis,” (with Martha Gerrity and Gail Geller), *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 2021
* “The Ethics of Elective Growth Hormone Therapy in Children with Idiopathic Short Stature,” (with Kevin Kecskemeti (first author)), *Journal of Clinical Ethics*, 2021
* “The Need for a Unified Ethical Stance on Child Genital Cutting,” (with Brian Earp (first author), Arianne Shahvisi, and Elizabeth Reis), *Nursing Ethics*, 2021
* “Understanding Autonomy: An Urgent Intervention,” *Journal of Law and the Biosciences*, 2020
* “Rehabilitating Blame,” in *Ethics and Error in Medicine*, eds. Fritz Allhoff and Sandra Borden (Routledge, 2019)
* ‘“What’s in a name?’: The University of Oregon, De-Naming Controversies, and the Ethics of Public Memory” (With Matthew Dennis), *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, 2019
* “What ‘Just Culture’ Doesn’t Understand About Just Punishment,” *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 2018
* “Gun Violence, Shame, and Social Change,” (with Nancy Berlinger), *Hastings Center Bioethics Forum*, 2018
* “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
* *Reviews*
* *The Limits of Free Will* by Paul Russell, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 2021
* *Rethinking Health Care Ethics* by Stephen Scher and Kasia Kozlowska, *Monash Bioethics Review,* 2020

**Honors, Awards, and Fellowships**

* Albany Medical College Junior Faculty Development Program (2020-21)
* 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**

* “Elevation and Dignity”; University of Edinburgh; Edinburgh, Scotland; summer 2023
* “Guilt: The Debt and the Stain”; Humanistic Ethics Workshop; King’s College, London; summer 2023
* “Guilt: The Debt and the Stain”; Workshop in Honor of Susan Wolf; Rice University; spring 2023
* “Guilt: The Debt and the Stain”; Rice University Workshop in Philosophy of Mind; spring 2023
* “Against Shared Decision Making”; Rhode Island Hospital/Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; spring 2023
* “Against Shared Decision Making”; ASBH; Portland, OR; fall 2022
* “How Righteous is Indignation?”; Gothenburg Workshop on Moral Responsibility and Third-Party Blame; Gothenburg, Sweden; summer, 2022
* “Elevation and Dignity”; University at Albany, SUNY; spring 2022
* “Dignity and the Founding Myth of Bioethics”; The Hastings Center; spring 2022
* “Elevation and Dignity”; Rice University; spring, 2022
* “Elevation and Dignity”; Cambridge University; fall, 2021
* “Dignity and the Founding Myth of Bioethics”; ASBH (virtual); selected as the featured presentation of the Philosophy Affinity Group; fall, 2021
* “A Non-Consequentialist Argument for Death Row Organ Donation” (with Laura Hansman); ASBH (virtual); fall, 2021
* “Pediatric Intersex Surgery and Human Rights” (with Elizabeth Reis); ASBH (virtual); fall, 2021
* “Dignity and the Founding Myth of Bioethics”; Oakland University; spring 2021
* “Remembrance and Resilience in the Wake of Medical Error”; ASBH; Pittsburgh, PA; fall, 2019
* “Egg Freezing and Autonomy”; ASBH; Pittsburgh, PA; fall, 2019
* “Freezing Eggs and Creating Patients: Moral Risks of Commercialized Fertility” (with Elizabeth Reis); Albany Medical College Reproductive Ethics Conference; Albany, NY; spring 2019
* “Culpable Unresentables”; Pacific Division Meeting of the APA; Vancouver, BC; spring 2019
* “A Theoretical Challenge for Implicit Bias Research” (with Vida Yao); Central Division Meeting of the APA; Denver, CO; winter, 2019
* “Rehabilitating Blame”; Alden March Bioethics Institute; winter 2018
* “Rehabilitating Blame”; Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference; Kalamazoo, MI; fall, 2018
* “Medical Error: A Call to Listen”; Medical Error Mini-Conference at meeting of the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics; Chicago, IL; spring, 2018
* “Rehabilitating Blame”; University of Texas, San Antonio; winter 2018
* “Anger: Scary Good”; Eastern Division Meeting of the APA; Savannah, GA; winter, 2018
* ‘“I *Love* Women’: The Conceptual Inadequacy of ‘Implicit Bias’” (with Vida Yao); 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”; Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference at the University of British Columbia; Vancouver, BC; summer, 2017
* “Responsibility and the Shallow Self”; Pacific Division Meeting of the APA; Seattle, WA; spring, 2017
* “Anger: Scary Good”; Rice Humanistic Ethics Workshop at Rice University; spring, 2017
* “Rehabilitating Blame: Responding to Medical Error”; Children’s Mercy Hospital, Center for Bioethics; Kansas City, MO; winter, 2017
* “Responsibility and the Shallow Self”; Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME); Boulder, CO; summer 2016
* “How Not To Argue About Blame”; Wittgensteinian Approaches to Moral Philosophy conference at Leuven University; Leuven, Belgium; fall, 2016
* “Reality Television and Moral Philosophy”; Conference of the Southwest Popular/American Culture Association; Albuquerque, NM; spring, 2015

**Teaching**

* *Rice University*
  + Philosophy
    - Non-Consequentialist Ethics (fall, 2023)
    - Dissertation Research Seminar (fall, 2023)
    - Medical Ethics (spring, 2023)
    - Freedom, Value, and Love (fall, 2022)
  + Medical Humanities
    - Ethics and the Human Body (spring, 2024)
    - Ethical Debates in Medicine (spring, 2023, spring 2024)
  + Other
    - Mellon Dissertation Writing Seminar (fall, 2023)
* *Albany Medical College*
  + Philosophical Foundations of Bioethics (summer, 2021)
  + Fundamentals of Clinical Ethics (fall, 2020, spring 2020)
  + Healthcare and Society I (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
  + Healthcare and Society II (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
  + Ethics of Internal Medicine (2021, 2022)
  + Ethics of Pediatrics (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
  + Ethics of Intensive Care (2019, 2020, 2021)
  + Ethics of Hospice Care (2019)
* *Johns Hopkins University*
  + Basics of Bioethics (summer, 2018)
  + Foundations of Bioethics for Masters of Bioethics Students (fall, 2017)
* *University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*
  + Introduction to Philosophy, Main Problems (summer, 2016)
  + Ethics in Practice (fall, 2015)
  + Bioethics (spring, 2014)
  + Bioethics (fall, 2013)
  + Introduction to Ethics (Teaching Assistant, spring, 2013)
  + Making Sense of Ourselves (Teaching Assistant, 2012)

**Professional Activities & Services**

* Director of Graduate Studies, Rice University Department of Philosophy (2023-)
* Member, Medical Humanities Research Institute Steering Committee, Rice University (2023-)
* Chair, Speaker Series Committee, Rice University Department of Philosophy (2023)
* Member, Baruch A. Brody Lecture in Bioethics Selection Committee (2022-)
* Member, Medical Humanities Steering Committee, Rice University (2022-)
* Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Rice University Department of Philosophy (2022-)
* Director, Clinical Ethics Fellowship Program, Alden March Bioethics Institute (2021-2022)
* Clinical Ethics Consultant, Albany Medical Center (2019-2022)
* Member, Albany Medical Center Complex Case Review Committee (2019-2022)
* Member, Albany Medical Center Ethics Review Committee (2019-2022)
* Member, Albany Medical Center Patient Grievance Committee (2019-2022)
* Member, Albany Medical Center Neonatal ICU Ethics Group (2019-2021)
* Advisor, Talia’s Voice (patient safety and advocacy non-profit) (2017-)
* Member, Empire State Bioethics Consortium (2021-2022)
* Member, Sinai Hospital (Baltimore) Ethics Committee (2018-2019)
* Member, Sinai Hospital (Baltimore) Ethics Consult Team (2018-2019)
* Coach, UNC Collegiate Ethics Bowl Team (2014-2016)
* National High School Ethics Bowl Case Writing Team (2014-2020)
* 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)
* Judge, North Carolina Regional High School Ethics Bowl (2012-2017)
* Led Philosophy Discussion Group at C.A. Dillon Youth Correctional Facility (2011-2013)
* Member, American Philosophical Association
* Referee: *Ethics*, *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy,* *Philosophers’ Imprint*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies, Synthese, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Ethics, Journal of Medical Ethics, Perspectives in Biology and Medicine, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Journal of Bioethical Inquiry, Journal of Law and the Biosciences* Johns Hopkins Press, Rowman and Littlefield

**References**

**UNC, Chapel Hill**

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