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Employment

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

Assistant Professor

August 2019-Present

Clinical Ethics Consultant

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, Bioethics, Moral Psychology, Free Will & Responsibility

Areas of Competence

History of Ethics, Metaethics

Publications

- *Ethics*
 - “Rank Offense: The Ecological Theory of Resentment,” *Mind*, forthcoming
 - “Anger: Scary Good,” *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2019
 - “Responsibility and the Shallow Self,” *Philosophical Studies*, 2018
- *Applied Ethics*
 - “Are Conscientious Objectors Morally Obligated to Refer?,” (with Abram Brummett), *Journal of Medical Ethics*, forthcoming
 - “The Ethics of Vaccine Allocation,” (with Megan Applewhite), *Immunological Investigations*, forthcoming

- “Tolerance for Uncertainty and Professional Development: A Normative Analysis,” (with Martha Gerrity and Gail Geller), *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, forthcoming
 - “Rationing Ventilators,” (with Megan Applewhite), in *Difficult Decisions in Surgical Ethics*, eds. Vassyl Lonchyna, Peggy Kelley, and Peter Angelos (Springer, forthcoming)
 - “The Irrelevance of Data to the Ethics of Infant Intersex Surgery,” (with Elizabeth Reis), *Journal of Pediatric Ethics*, forthcoming
 - “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*, forthcoming
 - *Rethinking Health Care Ethics* by Stephen Scher and Kasia Kozłowska, *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

- “Dignity and the Founding Myth of Bioethics” at Oakland University (virtual); Spring 2021
- “Remembrance and Resilience in the Wake of Medical Error” at ASBH; Pittsburgh, PA; Fall, 2019
- “Egg Freezing and Autonomy” at ASBH; Pittsburgh, PA; Fall, 2019
- “Freezing Eggs and Creating Patients: Moral Risks of Commercialized Fertility” (With Elizabeth Reis) at Albany Medical College Reproductive Ethics Conference; Albany, NY; Spring 2019
- “Culpable Unresentables” at Pacific Division Meeting of the APA; Vancouver, BC; Spring 2019
- “A Theoretical Challenge for Implicit Bias Research” (With Vida Yao) at Central Division Meeting of the APA; Denver, CO; Winter, 2019
- “Rehabilitating Blame” at Alden March Bioethics Institute; Albany, NY; Winter 2018
- “Rehabilitating Blame” at Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference; Kalamazoo, MI; Fall, 2018
- “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

- *Albany Medical College*
 - Fundamentals of Clinical Ethics (fall, 2020, spring 2020)
 - Healthcare and Society I (2019, 2020, 2021)

- Healthcare and Society II (2019, 2020, 2021)
- Ethics of Pediatrics (2019, 2020, 2021)
- 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

- Clinical Ethics Consultant, Albany Medical Center
- Member, Albany Medical Center Complex Case Review Committee (2019-present)
- Member, Albany Medical Center Ethics Review Committee (2019-present)
- Member, Albany Medical Center Patient Grievance Committee (2019-present)
- Member, Albany Medical Center Neonatal ICU Ethics Group (2019-present)
- Advisor, Talia's Voice (patient safety and advocacy non-profit) (2017-present)
- Member, Sinai Hospital (Baltimore) Ethics Committee (2018-2019)
- Member, Sinai Hospital (Baltimore) Ethics Consult Team (2018-2019)
- Reviewer: *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Studies, Journal of Ethics, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*, Johns Hopkins Press
- 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)
- 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

References

UNC, Chapel Hill

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