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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2013-2019 — **PhD in Philosophy**, The University of Texas at Austin

2012-2013 — **Master of Arts (MLitt) in Philosophy**, The University of St Andrews

2008-2012 — **Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy**, The University of Utah (*Magna Cum Laude*)

Research

Areas of Specialization

Environmental Philosophy and Ethics, Philosophy of Psychology, Bio- and Medical Ethics, Indigenous Philosophy

Areas of Concentration

Philosophy of the Arts and Aesthetics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Religion (with a particular emphasis on Eastern and animistic traditions)

Overview

In my philosophical work, I articulate a series of arguments in defense of biodiversity, wildness, and dark night sky conservation. I contribute to the environmental ethics literature in a distinctive way by critically evaluating empirical research conducted in environmental psychology, which demonstrates that there are a variety of worrisome psychophysiological harms associated with the loss of biodiversity, wildness, and our starry night skies. Together, I contend, the loss of these environmental features constitutes a global threat to psychophysiological health. I situate this practical approach within a broader ethical framework (inspired largely by indigenous philosophy and justice), which conceives of our relationship with the more-than-human-world as being *reciprocally* beneficial in nature. To be more precise, when we actively work to conserve, optimize relationships with, and serve as environmental guardians, both biodiverse and human systems flourish.

My present work draws upon these general themes, interweaving them more explicitly with discussions pertaining to the relational values and virtues that we ought to cultivate with the more-than-human world.

Publications

Accepted & Forthcoming

- “In Defense of Wild Night” forthcoming in *Ethics, Policy, & Environment* (2021)
- “Mitigating Climate Change through Environmental Reverence” forthcoming in the *Handbook of the Philosophy of Climate Change*, eds. Gianfranco Pellegrino and Marcello Di Paolo (2021).

- “Three Criteria for Environmental Authenticity: A Response to the Simulation Problem” forthcoming in *Environmental Philosophy*.

Under Review

- “A Fork on the Road to Knowledge at Mauna Kea: Epistemic Injustice, Two-eyed Seeing, and the Thirty Meter Telescope”

Awards and Fellowships

1. Graduate Student Professional Development Award, UT Austin, (Spring 2018, Fall 2018 (x2), Fall 2017, Spring 2016)
2. Graduate School Recruitment Fellowship, UT Austin, Fall 2013

Presentations

Conference Presentations

- “A Call to Environmental Reverence”, APA Eastern (2020)
- “A Call to Environmental Reverence”, International Society for Environmental Ethics meeting, Zoom (October 2020)
- “Three Criteria for Environmental Authenticity, Revisited” panel with Dr. A. R. Gammon and Dr. Eric Godoy, Meeting of the International Association of Environmental Philosophy, State College (PA) (October 2018)
- “In Defense of Wild Night”, International Society for Environmental Ethics meeting, University of Alaska (Anchorage) (June 2018)
- “Three Criteria for [Environmental] Authenticity”, Bioethics and Applied Philosophy Conference, York University (Toronto) (April 2018)
- “Three Criteria for [Environmental] Authenticity”, Environmental Philosophy Graduate Conference, The University of Kentucky (March 2018)
- “A Care Ethical Interpretation of Guardianship”, 2017 Meeting of the International Association of Environmental Philosophy, Sheraton Memphis (October 2017)
- “A Care Ethical Interpretation of Guardianship”, PGSA Environmental Philosophy Meeting (March 2017)
- “Mindfulness as a Guide to Direct Mental Action”, Phenomenology and Mind: Collaborative Investigations Conference, The New School (February 2016)
- “Mindfulness as a Guide to Direct Mental Action”, Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, The University of Utah (March 2016)
- “A Defense of No-Self”, Tenth Annual MLK Conference, The University of Texas at Austin (January 2014)

Guest Lectures

- Invited guest lecture in the Department of Philosophy at San Jose State University (October 23rd, 2020)
- Lecture on environmental aesthetics in Kathleen Higgins’ Introduction the Philosophy of the Arts course (Fall 2018)
- Lecture on the philosophical implications of meditation practice in Galen Strawson’s Philosophy of Mind course (Spring 2017)

- Lecture on the Yoga Sutra's in Stephen Phillip's Yoga as Philosophy course (Fall 2017)
- Lecture on Peter Singer's "Famine, Affluence, and Morality" in Sinan Dogramaci's Introduction to Philosophy (PHL 301), Fall 2013

Comments

- Jeremy Bendik-Keymer's "The Other Species Capability & the Power of Wonder," at the International Society of Environmental Ethics meeting (Fall 2020)
- Alison Fritz's "Understanding the Role of Climate Change Visualizations In Increased Concern," at the International Society of Environmental Ethics meeting (Summer 2019)
- ... amongst others.

Teaching Experience

Primary Instructor

- Winter Quarter 2020 — Philosophy, Society, & Culture (C&I 1) x 2 — Santa Clara University
- Fall Quarter 2020 — Ethics and the Environment — Santa Clara University
- Fall Quarter 2020 — Indian Philosophy (UD) — Santa Clara University
- Spring Quarter 2020 — Environmental Ethics — Santa Clara University
- Spring Quarter 2020 — Ethics and the Environment — Santa Clara University
- Winter Quarter 2020 — Ethics and the Environment — Santa Clara University
- Winter Quarter 2020 — Culture and Ideas II — Santa Clara University
- Fall Quarter 2019 — Culture and Ideas I — Santa Clara University
- Spring 2019 — Human Nature — The University of Texas at Austin
- Spring 2018 — Introduction to the Philosophy of the Arts — The University of Texas at Austin
- Spring 2017 — Introduction to Philosophy of the Arts — The University of Texas at Austin

Professional Service

- SCU's Department of Philosophy Social Chair (present)
- SCU's Department of Philosophy Library Liaison (present)
- Founder, UT Austin's Meditation and Philosophy Group (Fall 2015-Present)
- Instructor, "Corrupt the Youth" Philosophy in Secondary Schools Program — Eastside Memorial High School, Austin, Texas (Spring 2016-Present)
- Social Chair, UT Austin's MAP Chapter (Spring 2016-2017)
- Policy Advisor, UT Austin's MAP Chapter (Spring 2015-2016)
- Undergraduate Liaison, UT Austin's MAP Chapter (Spring 2014-Fall 2015)
- Organizer, UT Austin's Graduate Philosophy Conference (Spring 2014)

Reviewer

- *Ethics, Policy and Environment and Conservation Science and Practice*

Professional Membership

American Philosophical Association
International Association of Environmental Philosophy

International Society for Environmental Ethics