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Employment

2011-present: Professor, University of California, San Diego

2005-2011: Associate Professor, Philosophy, University of California, San Diego

2001-2005: Assistant Professor, Philosophy, University of California, San Diego

1995-2001: Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Florida State University

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles 1995

Dissertation: Rational Deliberation and the Sense of Freedom (Advisor: Tyler Burge)

Robert M. Yost Prize for Excellence in Teaching

B.A., Philosophy and Plan II Arts and Sciences Honors Program, University of Texas, Austin 1988

Areas of Research

Moral Psychology, Ethics, Philosophy of Action

Publications

Book:

Making Sense of Freedom and Responsibility. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011).

Edited Book:

The Ethics and Law of Omissions. Dana Kay Nelkin and Samuel C. Rickless (eds.) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, in press, expected 2017).

Articles:

“Free Will and Aesthetic Responsibility” in *Philosophy and Art: New Essays at the Intersection*, Christy Mag Uidhir, (ed.) (Oxford University Press) (in press).

“Moral Responsibility for Unwitting Omissions: A New Tracing Account” (with Samuel C. Rickless) in *The Ethics and Law of Omissions*, Dana Kay Nelkin and Samuel C. Rickless (eds.) (Oxford University Press) (in press).

“Accountability and Desert,” *The Journal of Ethics* (special issue: Responsibility) (2016): 173-179.

- “Fine Cuts of Moral Agency: Dissociable deficits in Psychopathy and Autism,” *Current Controversies in Bioethics*, Matthew Liao and Collin O’Neil (eds.) (Routledge) (in press).
- “Friendship, Freedom, and Special Obligations,” *Agency, Freedom, and Moral Responsibility*, Andrei Buckareff, Carlos Moya, and Sergi Rosell (eds.), (Palgrave MacMillan, 2015): 226-250.
- Free Will Skepticism and Obligation Skepticism: Comments on Derk Pereboom’s *Free Will Skepticism, Agency, and Meaning in Life, Science, Religion, Culture* 1 (2014): 209-217.
- “Difficulty and Degrees of Moral Praiseworthiness and Blameworthiness,” *Noûs* (2016): 356-378.
- “Psychopaths, Incurable Racists, and Faces of Responsibility,” *Ethics* (2015): 357-390.
- “The Relevance of Intention to Criminal Wrongdoing” (with Samuel C. Rickless), *Criminal Law and Philosophy* (special issue: Deontology and the Criminal Law) (in press/published online 2014).
URL: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11572-014-9343-0>
- “Moral Responsibility, the Reactive Attitudes, and the Significance of (Libertarian) Free Will,” *Libertarian Free Will: Essays for Robert Kane*, David Palmer (ed.) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), pp. 142-160.
- “So Close, Yet So Far: Why Solutions to the Closeness Problem for the Doctrine of Double Effect Fall Short” (with Samuel C. Rickless), *Noûs* (2015): 376-409.
- “Three Cheers for Double Effect” (with Samuel C. Rickless), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (2014): 125-158.
- “Freedom and Forgiveness,” *Free Will and Moral Responsibility*, Ishtiyaque Haji and Justin Caoette (eds.) (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2013): 165-188.
- “Responsibility, Conversation, and Desert: Comments on Michael McKenna’s *Conversation and Responsibility*,” *Philosophical Studies* (2013): 63-72.
- “Desert, Fairness, and Resentment,” *Philosophical Explorations* (Special Issue: Desert) (2013): 117-132.
- “Fairness and the Architecture of Responsibility” (with David O. Brink), *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility* (2013): 284-313.

- "Précis" and "Replies to Critics on *Making Sense of Freedom and Responsibility*" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* [Critics: Randolph Clarke, Laura Ekstrom, and Gary Watson] (2013): 443-450 and 476-491.
- "Replies to Critics of *Making Sense of Freedom and Responsibility*," *Philosophical Studies* [Critics: Michael McKenna and Daniel Speak] (2013): 123-131.
- "Immediate and Delayed Cardiovascular Effects of Forgiving," (with Britta Larsen (first author), Ryan Darby, Christine Harris, Per-Erik Milam, and Nicholas Christenfeld (last author)) *Psychosomatic Medicine* 74 (2012): 745-750.
- "Self-Deception and Responsibility: A Framework," *Humana Mente* (Special Issue: Self-Deception) (2012): 117-139.
- "Responsibility, Rational Abilities, and Two Kinds of Fairness Arguments," *Philosophical Explorations* (Special Issue: Action, Responsibility and Belief) (2009): 151-165.
- "Responsibility and Rational Abilities: Defending an Asymmetrical View," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (2008): 497-515.
- "Do We Have a Coherent Set of Intuitions about Moral Responsibility?" *Philosophy and the Empirical, MidwestStudies in Philosophy* 31 (2007): 243-259.
- "Good Luck to Libertarians: Reflections on Mele's *Luck and Free Will*," *Philosophical Explorations* 10 (2007): 173-184.
- "Discriminating Shoppers Beware," *San Diego Law Review* 43 (2006): 1035-1042.
- "Tradition and the Law: A Response to Wax," *San Diego Law Review* 42 (2005): 1111-1114.
- "Freedom, Responsibility, and the Challenge of Situationism," *Free Will and Moral Responsibility, Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 29 (2005): 181-206. [Reprinted in abridged form in *You Decide: Current Debates in Introductory Philosophy*, edited by Bruce Waller. (2005)]
- "Deliberative Alternatives," (Special Issue on Agency) *Philosophical Topics* 32 (2004): 215-240.
- "Irrelevant Alternatives and Frankfurt Counterfactuals," *Philosophical Studies* 121 (2004): 1-25.
- "The Sense of Freedom," in *Freedom and Determinism*, Volume II, *Topics in Contemporary Philosophy*, Joseph Keim Campbell, Michael O'Rourke, and David Shier (eds.) (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2004), pp. 105-134.

“Moral Luck,” *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Spring 2004 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL=<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/spr2004/entries/moral-luck/>. [Revised 2013 Summer Edition]

“Self-Deception, Motivation, and the Desire to Believe,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 83 (2002): 384-406.

“Warfield’s New Argument for Incompatibilism” (with Samuel C. Rickless), *Analysis* (2002): 104-107.

“Phenomenal Consciousness and Intentionality: Comment on Charles Siewert’s *The Significance of Consciousness*,” *Psyche: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Consciousness* (2001).

“The Consequence Argument and the *Mind* Argument,” *Analysis* 61 (2001): 107-115. [Reprinted in *The Philosophy of Free Will: Essential Readings from the Contemporary Debate*, Paul Russell and Oisín Deery (eds.) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 126-134.]

“How to Solve Blum’s Paradox” (with Samuel C. Rickless), *Analysis* 61 (2001): 91-94.

“The Lottery Paradox, Knowledge, and Rationality,” *The Philosophical Review* 109 (2000): 373-409.

“Two Standpoints and the Belief in Freedom,” *Journal of Philosophy* 97 (2000): 564-576.

Book Reviews:

Randolph Clarke, *Omissions: Agency, Metaphysics, and Responsibility* (with Samuel C. Rickless), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2015).

T. M. Scanlon, *Moral Dimensions: Permissibility, Meaning, and Blame*, *Philosophical Review* (2011): 603-607.

George Sher, *Who Knew? Responsibility Without Awareness*, *Ethics* 121 (2011): 675-680.

Other Reviews and Interviews:

“Interview on Free Will and Moral Responsibility,” *Methodes* (Special Issue: Free Will and Moral Responsibility) (2013).

“Freedom Fighters” (Review of *The Adjustment Bureau*) (with Samuel C. Rickless), *The Philosopher’s Magazine* 54 (2011): 112-113.

Work in Progress

Edited Books:

Forgiveness: New Essays (co-edited with Michael McKenna and Brandon Warmke) (under contract with Oxford University Press)

Oxford Handbook of Moral Responsibility (co-edited with Derk Pereboom) (under contract with Oxford University Press)

Articles:

"The Lottery Paradox, Belief, Action, and the Relevance of Reasons" (for *The Lottery Paradox*, Igor Douven, ed., Oxford University Press)

"Guilt, Grief, and the Good"

"Butler and the Relationship Between Resentment and Forgiveness"

"Strawson on Excuses, the Ability to Do Otherwise, and Determinism"

"Advance Directives, Autonomy, and the Value of Life as a Whole"

Presentations

"Guilt, Grief and the Good," Summer Program for Women in Philosophy, UC San Diego, June 2016

"Accountability and Desert," Inaugural Workshop for the Moral Responsibility Project, University of Gothenburg, September 2015, Simon Fraser University, October 2015, UCLA, November 2016, Trinity College Dublin March 2016, The Justice Without Retribution Conference, Cornell University June 2016

"Butler and the Relationship Between Resentment and Forgiveness," Seoul Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Seoul National University, June 2015

"Comments on Michael Zimmerman's 'Omissions, Agency, and Control,'" *The Ethics and Law of Omissions*, April 2015

"Free Will Skepticism and Obligation Skepticism: Comments on Derk Pereboom's Free Will, Agency, and Meaning in Life" Free Will and Philosophy of Mind Workshop on the Philosophy of Derk Pereboom, Sciences, Normes, Décision (SND), Université Paris-Sorbonne, November 2014

“Vihvelin on Abilities, Agent Causation, Free Will and Moral Responsibility,” Conference on Kadri Vihvelin’s Causes, Laws, and Free Will: Why Determinism Doesn’t Matter, University of Southern California, September 2014

“Friendship, Freedom, and Special Obligations,” Seminar on Free Will and Moral Responsibility (Derk Pereboom), Cornell University, December 2013, New York University Bioethics Center, November 2014, The Murphy Institute’s Center for Ethics and Public Policy, Tulane University, January 2015

“Difficulty and Degrees of Blameworthiness and Praiseworthiness,” University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, November 2013, Conference on Free Will, Determinism, and Moral Responsibility, Brookes University-Queen’s College, Oxford, March 2014

“The Relevance of Intention to Criminal Wrongdoing” (with Samuel Rickless), Workshop on Deontological Principles and the Law, Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy, October 2013

“Moral Responsibility, the Reactive Attitudes, and the Significance of (Libertarian) Free Will,” Bowdoin College, May 2013

“Desert, Fairness, and Resentment,” Perspectives on Moral Responsibility Seminar (David Palmer), University of Tennessee, Knoxville, April 2013

“Moral Responsibility, Conversation, and Desert: Comments on Michael McKenna’s Conversation and Responsibility,” Author Meets Critics Session, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meetings, San Francisco, March 2013

Commentator, Victor Tadros’ “Duress and Duty,” War Ethics Conference, University of California, San Diego, March 2013

“Psychopaths, Incurable Racists, and Faces of Responsibility,” Practical Philosophy Seminar, University of Gothenburg, Sweden June 2012, University of California, Santa Barbara, October 2012, Brown University Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Student Conference (keynote address), November 2012, Conference on Free Will, University of Arizona, February 2013, University of California, San Diego, April 2013, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, April 2013

Commentator, Margaret Holmgren’s “A Moral Assessment of Strawson’s Retributive Attitudes,” Responsibility and Relationships: Fifty Years of Strawson’s “Freedom and Resentment”, William and Mary College, September 2012

- “Luck, Blame and Fairness,” Thomas Jefferson School of Law, April 2012
- “Replies to Critics of Making Sense of Freedom and Responsibility,” Author Meets Critics Session with critics Randolph Clarke, Michael McKenna, and Daniel Speak, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meetings, Seattle, April 2012
- “The Architecture of Responsibility,” (with David O. Brink) New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility, November 2011
- “Freedom and Forgiveness,” Bowdoin Workshop on Free Will, Bowdoin College, October 2011
- “Three Cheers for Double Effect,” (with Samuel C. Rickless) Workshop on Doing Harm, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, July 2011
- “Advanced Directives, Autonomy, and the Value of Life as a Whole,” Essex Autonomy Project, University of Essex, June 2011
- Commentator, William Kabasenche’s “Genetic Testing, Parenting, and Moral Identity: A Response to Jeff McMahan,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meetings, April 2011
- “Moral Luck: Drawing the Right Lines in Moral Theory and in Distributive Justice of Health Care,” Department of Bioethics, National Institutes of Health, October 2009
- “Moral Responsibility and the Ought Implies Can Principle,” University of California, Los Angeles, May 2009; Cornell University, September 2009; University of Southern California, November 2009; University of Geneva April 2010
- “Responsibility, Resentment, and the Fairness Argument,” International Workshop on Belief, Responsibility, and Action, University of Valencia, Spain, November 2008
- “Reason and Responsibility: Defending an Asymmetrical View,” University of California, Irvine, March 2008
- Commentator, Derk Pereboom’s “A Compatibilist Account of the Beliefs Required for Rational Deliberation,” Online Philosophy Conference (OPC), May 2007
- “Do We Have a Coherent Set of Intuitions about Moral Responsibility?,” Institute for Cognitive and Decision Sciences, University of Oregon, January 2007
- Commentator, Joshua Knobe’s “Folk Morality and the Search for a Unified Theory,” Conference on New Perspectives on Free Will and Moral Responsibility, University of San Francisco, November 2006

“Heroes and Villians: Defending an Asymmetrical Capacity View of Responsibility,”
Conference on Psychopathology and Evil, University of San Francisco, April 2006

Commentator, Michael Blake’s “Discriminating Shoppers,” Conference on Discrimination,
Institute for Law and Philosophy, University of San Diego, April 2006
“Deliberative Alternatives (revised version),” UC Davis, November 2005

Commentator, Amy Wax’s “The Conservative Dilemma: Social Science, Social Change, and
Traditional Institutions,” Conference on the Meaning of Marriage, Institute of Law and
Philosophy, University of San Diego, April 2005

Panelist (with Barbara Herman and Alfred Mele), Conference on Actions and Values, celebrating
the publication of Gary Watson’s Agency and Answerability, February 2005

Commentator, Dan Speak’s “Responsibility and the Failure of the Counter-example Strategy,”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Pasadena, April 2004

“Deliberative Alternatives,” UC Riverside, March 2004

“Freedom, Responsibility, and the Challenge of Situationism,” Experimental Philosophy Lab,
UC San Diego, April 2003; Southern California Philosophy Conference, UC Riverside,
November 2003; Occidental College, April 2004; Cognitive Psychology Brownbag,
University of California, San Diego, May 2004

“She Would Not Have Done Otherwise Even If She Could Have,” Southern California
Philosophy Conference, UC Irvine, November 2001

“The Sense of Freedom,” Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference 2001: Freedom and
Determinism, Moscow, Idaho, April 2001

“Self-Deception, Motivation, and the Desire to Believe,” American Philosophical Association,
Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2001

“Phenomenal Consciousness and Intentionality: Comment on Charles Siewert’s The Significance
of Consciousness” Florida Philosophical Association Meeting, Tallahassee, November
1998 “An Argument from the Sense of Freedom to Freedom,” University of Florida,
Gainesville, February 1997

“The Skeptic and the Sense of Freedom,” Florida Philosophical Association Meeting, Tampa,
November 1995

Participation in Other Conferences, Roundtables, and Seminars

Roundtable on Legal Moralism, Institute for Law and Philosophy, University of San Diego,

May 2016

Guest Author, Seminar on Morality in the Face of Moral Ignorance (Elizabeth Harman),
Princeton University, October 2014

Guest Author, Senior Seminar on Free Will and Moral Responsibility (Scott Sehon), Bowdoin
College, May 2013

Guest Author, Graduate Super Seminar on Free Will and Responsibility (David Palmer),
University of Tennessee April 2013

Guest Author, Agency Workshop, UC Riverside, June 2012

Roundtable on the Jurisprudence of Sport, University of San Diego Law and Philosophy
Institute, February 2012

Roundtable on Freedom of Association, University of San Diego Law and Philosophy Institute,
November 2010

Roundtable on Blame and Retribution, University of San Diego Law and Philosophy Institute,
January 2008

Humanities Focus Group, Neuroethics Week, Center for Ethics in Science and Technology,
October 2007

Conference on The Rights and Wrongs of Discrimination, University of San Diego Law and
Philosophy Institute, April 2006

Roundtable on Criminal Responsibility, University of San Diego Law and Philosophy Institute,
March 2004

Roundtable on Moral Luck, University of San Diego Law and Philosophy Institute, April 2003

Roundtable on Defining the Moral Community, University of San Diego Law and Philosophy
Institute, November 2001

Fellowships and Grants

Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program Fellowship 2016 (“The Explanation and Justification of
Moral Judgments,” with Nicholas Christenfeld, Jonathan Knutzen, Samuel C. Rickless, and
Arseny Ryazanov)

Arts and Humanities Initiative Award, UCSD; 2011/2012

Chancellor's Interdisciplinary Collaboratories Grant ("The Nature of Forgiveness and Its Role in Cardiovascular Health" with Nicholas Christenfeld, Ryan Darby, Christine Harris, and Britta Larssen) 2010, 2011

Research Grant, UC Academic Senate, San Diego Division; Summer 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2014, 2015

Humanities Center Fellowship, UCSD; 2005

Hellman Faculty Fellowship, UCSD; 2003

Chancellor's Summer Faculty Fellowship, UCSD; 2002

Teaching

Graduate Level

Seminars:

Blame (with David Brink)

Friendship, Freedom, and Morality

The Ethics and Metaphysics of Omissions (with Sam Rickless)

Responsibility and Punishment (Proseminar)

Aspects of Responsibility (co-leader, Central European University)

Core Course in Ethics: The Doctrine of Doing and Allowing and the Doctrine of Double Effect
(with Sam Rickless)

Responsibility and the Reactive Attitudes

Partial Responsibility (with David Brink)

Psychology in Action (Theory) and Ethics

Moral Luck, Free Will and Responsibility

Deliberation and Freedom

Mental Causation

Rationality, Individualism and Mind

Teaching College Philosophy (for first-time TAs at UCLA)

Upper Division Level:

Responsibility

Biomedical Ethics

Moral Psychology

Responsibility for the Emotions

The Unity of the Mind

Free Will and Moral Responsibility

Philosophy of Mind

Philosophy of Action
Philosophy of Religion
Metaphysics
Contemporary Moral Issues
Personal Identity and Ethics
Methods Seminar for Majors: Situationism and Psychopathology, Two Puzzles about
Responsibility
Methods Seminar for Majors: Freedom, Friendship and Morality

Lower Division Level:

Ethics and Society
Introduction to Philosophy
Philosophy of Mind
Freshman Seminar: Situations, Character Traits, and Ethics
Freshman Seminar: Free Will and Film

Graduate Dissertation Advising

Current students

Craig Agule, co-chair with David Brink, “Responsibility And History”(2013-)

Drew Walker (Psychology), member, dissertation committee, A Formal Analysis of Social Inference (2014-)

Jonah Nagashima, (UC Riverside) member, dissertation committee, For Libertarianism: Two Alternative Ways With The Consequence Argument (2015-)

Jason Winning, member dissertation committee, Inclinatority versus Committal Agency: A Two-Level Framework (2015-)

Matthew Braich, member dissertation committee, Rational Guidance and Normative Motivation (2015-)

Cory Davia, member dissertation committee, Being a Rational Agent and Being a Particular Agent: On the Source(s) of Normativity (2016-)

Students who have completed dissertations

Serving as chair or co-chair:

Per-Erik Milam The Value of Free Will (2013)

Michael Tiboris Responsibility, Competence and the Juvenile Agent (2012) [co-chair with Richard Arneson]

Erick Ramirez, A Sensible Sentimentalism: The Role of the Emotions in Evaluative Concepts and Reactive Attitudes (2012) [co-chair with David Brink]

Serving as dissertation committee member:

On Philosophy committees:

Monique Wonderly, (UC Riverside) Toward a Theory of Emotional Attachment (2015)

Theron Pummer, The Moral Value of Well-Being (2013)

Eric Campbell, The Will to Morality and Its Discontents (2012)

Nina Brewer-Davis, The Associative Aspect of Political Obligation (2009)

Lisa Damm, The Architecture of Emotion Experience (2009)

Justin Barnard, (Florida State University), Rationally Justified Belief and Mental Causation: An Epistemic Argument Against Physicalism (2002)

On Psychology or other committees:

Hannah Tuller, (Psychology), When the Shoe Fits: Perspective Taking and the Limits of Empathy (2014)

Catherine Hicks, (Psychology), Competition and Peer Interaction in Evaluative Performance Situations (2014)

Kimmie Vanderbilt, (Psychology), Young Children's Judgments of Whom to Trust (2013)

Jonathan Leavitt, (Psychology), Motivations for Reading Fiction (2013)

Ryan Darby, (Psychology), Promoting Forgiveness Before An Offense Occurs (2012)

Frank Coffaro, (Psychology), The Effects of Power on Cognitive Appraisals and Emotion (2011)

Gregory Simon, (Anthropology), Self and Moral Obligations of Husbands and Fathers in a West Sumatran City (2007)

Departmental Service

At UC San Diego:

Director, Undergraduate Studies 2006-2013
Graduate Admissions, 2006, 2013, 2015
Hiring Committee, 2004-05, 2007-08, 2010-11, 2011-12
Colloquium Committee, 2002-04
Graduate Program Review Committee, 2001-02

At Florida State:

Metaphysics Preliminary Examination Committee, Chair, 1997-2001
Colloquium Committee, Chair, 1996-99
Graduate Admissions Committee, 1996-97
Faculty Advisory Committee, 1996-97
Werkmeister Conference Committee, 1996-97

University Service

UCSD Committee on Academic Freedom, 2015-present
UCSD Omics Bioethics and Biopolicy Search Committee (2015-16)
UCSD Dean of Arts and Humanities Search Committee 2014
UCSD Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee, 2007-2013
UCSD Committee on Educational Policy, Sub-committee on Undergraduate Courses 2010-11
UCSD Humanities Center Director Search Committee 2008-09
Florida State University Human Subjects Committee, 1997-1999

External Professional Service

Gothenburg Responsibility Project Advisory Board (2016-present)
Editorial Board Member, Ethics (2012-present)
Member, Organizing Committee, Society for the Philosophy of Agency (2011-present)
Affiliated Scholar, USD Institute for Law and Philosophy 2004-present
External Review Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of California,
Riverside (2014)
Associate Editor, Philosophical Explorations (2010-12)
Chair, External Review Committee, Department of Philosophy, Claremont-McKenna College
(2012)
Member, Task Force on Membership and Membership Services, American Philosophical
Association, 2011-12
Member, Program Committee, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, 2006-09
Referee for the following book publishers and journals: Analysis, Blackwell Publishers, British
Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Broadview Press, Canadian Journal of Philosophy,
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Ethics, Inquiry, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Journal of
Political Philosophy, Law and Philosophy, Legal Theory, Mind, Nous, Oxford University
Press, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Papers, Philosophical Explorations,
Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Review, Philosophy and

Phenomenological Research, Social Theory and Practice, Synthese