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Academic Employment

2021-2023 | Teaching Fellow in the Department of Philosophy and in the College, University of Chicago

Education

2021 | PhD in Philosophy, University of Chicago
2019 | JD, University of Chicago Law School
2014 | MA in Philosophy, University of Chicago
2010 | BA in Philosophy, University of California Los Angeles, *Magna Cum Laude*

Research

AOS | Ethics, Political Philosophy, Moral Psychology, Feminist Philosophy
AOC | Philosophy of Law, 19th Century Philosophy, Social Epistemology

Dissertation

The Contingency of Moral Personhood
Committee: Agnes Callard (chair), Matthias Haase, Sally Haslanger (MIT)

My dissertation challenges Kantian conceptions of the person on which moral personhood is an inviolable feature of the human condition. In its place, my dissertation argues for a novel account of moral personhood on which having the status as an end in oneself is contingent on the social and political factors of the environment in which one lives. By investigating the moral psychology of living under conditions of oppression, I argue that the distinct interpersonal trauma constituting oppression has the potential to transform full moral beings, ends in themselves, into mere means for the advancement of the ends of others. This moral vulnerability is at the heart of what it is to be human, and our ethical theories must be revised on account of it. Further, I argue that this intervention requires a corresponding revision to accounts of justice in the Kantian social contract tradition if the concept of justice is to apply to people as they are (and not as they might be). In practice, this requires us to expand contractarian theories to include political safeguards that facilitate and protect the full expression of moral personhood. Finally, I argue that consideration of the contingency of moral personhood reveals that revenge is a rational moral motivation under conditions of oppression where the requirements of justice, modified in accordance with my novel account of moral personhood, have not been met. Rejecting those accounts of revenge that view it as both irrational and morally objectionable, I instead develop a view on which the act of revenge is also an act of moral emancipation under conditions of oppression.

Publications

August 2018 | ‘A Social Location Theory of Gender: How Gender Borders Create the Category ‘Woman’
The Empire of Disgust: Prejudice, Discrimination and Policy in India and the U.S., Oxford University Press: New Delhi

Presentations

2018 | ‘Burden of Proof’
Society for Analytical Feminism Group Session, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division

2018	'Informal Evidentiary Standards and Epistemic Injustice' <i>Practical Philosophy Workshop</i> , University of Chicago
2016	'A Social Location Theory of Gender' Conference on ' <i>Prejudice, Stigma, Discrimination: Combatting Exclusions Through Policy and Law</i> ,' New Delhi, India
2015	'Constraining Ideal Theory' <i>Society of Fools</i> , University of Chicago
2015	'Burden of Proof: Unequal Epistemological Burdens for Victims of Sexual Assault' <i>Society of Fools</i> , University of Chicago
2014	Commentary on Jesse Prinz's 'Moral Bondage' <i>Skepticism about Freedom and Responsibility</i> , University of Chicago

Teaching

As Lecturer

Spring 2022	<i>Race, Gender, and the Production of Knowledge</i> , University of Chicago
Winter 2022	<i>Human Being and Citizen II</i> , University of Chicago
Winter 2022	<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> , University of Chicago
Fall 2021	<i>Wrongdoing and its Aftermath</i> , University of Chicago
2020-2021	<i>BA Preceptor</i> , University of Chicago Lead an advanced colloquium for upper-level undergraduates writing a bachelor's thesis on a topic of their choosing.
Spring 2019	<i>Race, Gender, and the Production of Knowledge</i> , University of Chicago An exploration of the field of social epistemology with a special emphasis on gender and race, epistemic interdependence, testimony, white ignorance, and epistemic injustice.

As Course Assistant

Spring 2021	<i>Introduction to Ethics</i> , University of Chicago Course Assistant for Prof. Candace Vogler
Spring 2020	<i>Introduction to Political Philosophy</i> , University of Chicago Course Assistant for Prof. Ben Laurence
Winter 2020	<i>Introduction to Marx</i> , University of Chicago Course Assistant for Prof. Anton Ford
Spring 2018	<i>Introduction to Political Philosophy</i> , University of Chicago Course Assistant for Prof. Ben Laurence
Winter 2018	<i>Introduction to Ethics</i> , University of Chicago Course Assistant for Prof. Candace Vogler
Spring 2015	<i>Introduction to Political Philosophy</i> , University of Chicago Course Assistant for Prof. Ben Laurence

Pedagogy

Teaching

Fall 2019	Panel Member, Orientation for New Graduate Student Course Assistants in Philosophy
2014-16	Co-Creator, ‘Creating an Enabling Classroom Environment’ Co-designed and taught numerous workshops offered by the University of Chicago Center for Teaching intended to help graduate instructors create classroom environments that promote open dialogue for women and minority students
2016	Co-Creator, Curriculum for Pedagogy Training of All Philosophy Graduate Students

Training

2021	Workshop on Philosophy Pedagogy, Matthias Haase, University of Chicago
2020	Pedagogical Considerations for Remote and Hybrid Teaching, Chicago Center for Teaching
2020	Creating Inclusive and Accessible Remote Environments, Chicago Center for Teaching
2016-20	Philosophy Departmental Pedagogy Certification, University of Chicago Comprehensive pedagogy training, including classroom workshops, seminars on course design, and training on climate and diversity issues within the field
2018	Workshop on Course Design, Chicago Center for Teaching
2017	Workshop on Philosophy Pedagogy, Agnes Callard, University of Chicago
2008-10	Peer Learning Facilitation and Training, UCLA Weekly pedagogy training on teaching to non-philosophy majors and underrepresented students

Awards and Grants

2021	The Department of Philosophy Graduate Student Prize for Excellence in Teaching (<i>The University of Chicago</i>)
2015-17	The Lidia and Samuel Martini Memorial Scholarship Fund
2015-17	The Ruth Wyatt Rosenson Scholarship Fund
2010	UCLA Philosophy Departmental Highest Honors (<i>Awarded for substantial graduate level scholarship</i>)
2009	UCLA Kalish Prize (<i>Awarded annually to the most promising undergraduate students in philosophy</i>)

Graduate Coursework

<i>University of Chicago</i>	Global Justice	(D. Brudney)	Marx’s Capital	(A. Ford)
	Global Inequality	(M. Nussbaum)	Kant’s Doctrine of Right	(Laurence and Ford)
	Political Liberalism	(D. Brudney)	Hegel’s Philosophy of Right (<i>audit</i>)	(M. Haase)
	Rawls	(M. Nussbaum)	Marx’s Theory of History	(A. Ford)
	Utopianism	(B. Laurence)	Law & Philosophy: Race & Gender	(M. Nussbaum)
	Feminist Philosophy	(M. Nussbaum)	Greek Tragedy & Philosophy	(M. Nussbaum)
	Utilitarian Ethics (<i>audit</i>)	(M. Nussbaum)	Observation: Senses & Self	(L. Daston)
	John Stuart Mill (<i>audit</i>)	(M. Nussbaum)	Knowing How	(M. Kremer)
	Moral Resp. & Free-Will	(B. Leiter)		
	<i>UCLA</i>	Kant	(B. Herman)	Rawls’ Theory of Justice (<i>audit</i>)

University of
Chicago Law
School

Selected Courses:

Freedom of Speech
Freedom of Religion
Equal Protection and Due Process
Ethics in Government Practice
Elements of the Law
Jurisprudence: Theories of Law and Adjudication

History of Civil Liberties
Racism, Law, and Social Sciences
The New Jim Crow
Parent, Child, and the State
Evidence

Service and Professional Development

- 2012-2021 Women in Philosophy
Active organizer of all community building, outreach, and ongoing peer support, University of Chicago
- 2018-2020 Graduate-Undergraduate Mentorship Program, Minorities and Philosophy
Spearheaded and manage multi-year mentorship program connecting graduate students with minority undergraduate students interested in philosophy. Mentor to two students in this program.
- 2018-2019 Minorities and Philosophy
Founding member of the University of Chicago MAP Chapter
- 2013-2019 Research Assistant to Prof. Martha Nussbaum
Assist with research for upcoming books, lectures, and courses
- 2012-2018 Diversity Working Group in Philosophy
Spearheaded comprehensive data collection for gender, race, and sexual orientation minorities in Philosophy; Developed recommendations for undergraduate retention, improving graduate climate, and recruitment of diverse faculty, and followed through with implementation of these recommendations; Represented graduate student diversity concerns at annual departmental meetings; Formulated pedagogy curriculum for graduate training; University of Chicago
- 2015 Kapnick Leadership Development Initiative
- 2012-2014 Gender and Academia
Founding member, organizer of a daylong 'Women in Academia' conference for International Women's Day, and spearheaded a poster campaign addressing peer harassment in graduate school, University of Chicago