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## Academic Appointments

University of Georgia  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
August 2007 – Present

## Education

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana  
Ph.D. in Philosophy July 2007  
Dissertation: *Duties of Love and Kant's Doctrine of Obligatory Ends*  
Committee: Marcia Baron (chair), Paul D. Eisenberg, Richard B. Miller, Kevin Toh

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia  
B.A., Philosophy, 1998 (*summa cum laude*).

## Area of Specialization

Ethics, Kantian Ethics

## Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics, History of Ethics, Political Philosophy

## Fellowships and Grants

University of Georgia Research Foundation Grant, August 2010  
University of Georgia Research Foundation Grant, August 2009  
University of Georgia Research Foundation Grant, August 2008  
Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship, August 2004 – 2007  
American Philosophical Association (APA) Graduate Student Travel Stipend, April 2006  
Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) Travel Grant, May 2005  
American Philosophical Association (APA) Graduate Student Travel Stipend, April 2005  
North American Kant Society (NAKS) Travel Stipend, April 2005

## Honors and Awards

Academic Excellence Award, Department of Philosophy, Indiana University, May 2004  
Outstanding Associate Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Indiana University, May 2001

## Publications

“On Procreative Responsibility in Assisted and Collaborative Reproduction,” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (forthcoming 2012).

“Love, Respect, and Interfering with Others,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 92 (May 2011): 174-192.

“On the Supposed Moral Harm of Selecting for Deafness,” *Bioethics* 25.3 (March 2011): 128-136.

“Kantian Practical Love,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 91.3 (Sept. 2010): 313-331.

“Active Sympathetic Participation: Reconsidering Kant’s Duty of Sympathy,” *Kantian Review* 14.1 (2009): 31-52.

“Beneficence and Other Duties of Love in The Metaphysics of Morals,” co-authored with Marcia Baron, in *The Blackwell Guide to Kant’s Ethics*, ed. Thomas E. Hill, Jr. (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2009): 211-228.

“Widening the Field for the Practice of Virtue: Kant’s Wide Imperfect Duties,” *Proceedings from 10th International Kant Congress* vol. III (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2008): 423-433.

### Book Note:

Jean Bethke Elshtain, *Just War Against Terror: The Burden of American Power in a Violent World* (Basic Books, 2003). *Ethics* Vol. 115 no. 4 (July 2005), pp. 855-856.

## Papers under Review

“Understanding Kant’s Duty of Respect as a Duty of Virtue” under review at the *Journal of Moral Philosophy*

## Works in Progress

“Promoting the Happiness of Others: Positive Psychology and Kantian Beneficence”

“Kantian Respect and the Ethics of Care”

“Kant on Moral Perfection and Virtue”

## Presentations

“Is There a Kantian Argument for Duties to One’s Ancestors?” (*invited*)

Biannual Meeting of the North American Kant Society (NAKS)

3 June 2011, Urbana-Champaign, IL

“Kant’s Duty of Respect for Other Human Beings” (*refereed*)

American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting

19 February 2010, Chicago, IL

- “A Kantian Picture of Moral Development” (*invited*)  
 American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting  
 Society for Empirical Ethics Session  
 28 December 2009, New York, NY
- “Kantian Respect and the Ethics of Care” (*refereed*)  
 Kant: Morality & Society - UK Kant Society Annual Conference  
 Lancaster University  
 29 August 2009, Lancaster, UK
- “Kantian Practical Love” (*invited*)  
 Bowling Green State University, Department of Philosophy  
 16 February 2007, Bowling Green, OH
- “Kantian Practical Love” (*invited*)  
 University of Georgia, Department of Philosophy  
 7 February 2007, Athens, GA
- “Kantian Practical Love” (*invited*)  
 University of Guelph, Department of Philosophy  
 19 January 2007, Guelph, Canada
- “Loving One’s Neighbor as Oneself: Kantian Practical Love” (*invited*)  
 University of New Mexico, Department of Philosophy  
 27 October 2006, Albuquerque, NM
- “Loving One’s Neighbor as Oneself: Kantian Practical Love” (*invited*)  
 Indiana University, Department of Philosophy  
 22 September 2006, Bloomington, IN
- “Kant’s Later Argument for Beneficence” (*refereed*)  
 American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting  
 26-29 April 2006, Chicago, IL
- “Widening the Field for the Practice of Virtue: Reconsidering a Rigorous Account of Kant’s  
 Imperfect Duty of Beneficence” (*refereed*)  
 10th International Kant Congress  
 4-9 September 2005, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
- “Benevolence and Beneficence: Two Distinct Duties of Love” (*refereed*)  
 American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting  
 22-25 April 2005, Chicago, IL
- “The Happiness of Others: Kantian Foundations for Obligatory Beneficence” (*refereed*)  
 Eastern Study Group Meeting of the North American Kant Society (NAKS)  
 22-23 April 2005, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

## **Workshop Participation**

“The Concept of *Menschenliebe* in Kant’s *Tugendlehre*,” Siegen University, Siegen, Germany, July 2006 (*invited participant*)

## **Research Position**

Research Assistant, The Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions, Indiana University, 2004-2007

## **Teaching Experience**

### **University of Georgia**

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

- Introduction to Ethics Honors (Spring 2009, Spring 2011)
- Ethical Theory (Fall 2009)
- Biomedical Ethics (Spring 2008 - 2012)
- Environmental Ethics (Fall 2007)

Graduate Courses Taught:

- Ethics and Non-Existent Persons (Spring 2012)
- Kant’s Practical Philosophy (Spring 2010)
- Normative Ethical Theory (Fall 2008, Fall 2010)
- Kant’s Moral Anthropology (Spring 2008)

### **Indiana University**

- Introduction to Ethics (Summer 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Summer 2004)
- Thinking and Reasoning (Fall 2002, Spring 2003)

Coach for Indiana University Undergraduate Ethics Bowl Team, Spring 2005

## **Professional Service**

### **University of Georgia**

Guest Lecturer, GHSU/UGA Medical Partnership, August 23, 2011

Awards Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia, 2010-2011

Admissions Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia, 2009-2010

Hiring Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia, 2007-2008

### **Indiana University**

Bloomington Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, 2004-2006

President of the Graduate Association of Students of Philosophy, Indiana University, 2003-2004

## **Professional Service**

### **Indiana University (continued)**

Ethics Hiring Committee, Department of Philosophy, Indiana University, 2002-2003

## **Professional Membership**

American Philosophical Association

Association for Practical and Professional Ethics

North American Kant Society