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## Academic Appointments

University of Georgia, Athens, GA	
Associate Professor of Philosophy	2014 - present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2007 – 2014
Institute for Women's Studies Affiliate Faculty	2014-present

## Education

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN  
Ph.D. in Philosophy July 2007  
Dissertation: *Duties of Love and Kant's Doctrine of Obligatory Ends*  
Directed by: Marcia Baron

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

**Area of Specialization:** Ethics, Kantian Ethics

**Areas of Competence:** Biomedical Ethics, Environmental Ethics, History of Ethics, Political Philosophy

## Fellowships and Grants

University of Georgia Research Foundation Grant, July 2012  
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

## Publications

"Love's Reasons," *Journal of Value Inquiry* (forthcoming)

"Understanding Kant's Duty of Respect as a Duty of Virtue," *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 10.6 (2013): 723-740.

"On Procreative Responsibility in Assisted and Collaborative Reproduction," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 16.1 (2013): 55-70.

"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 Reviews:

*Reading Onora O'Neill*, eds. David Archard, Monique Deveaux, Neil Manson, and Daniel Weinstock (Routledge, 2013). *Kantian Review* (2015) 20.1, pp. 140-145.

Robert N. Johnson, *Self-Improvement: An Essay in Kantian Ethics* (Oxford University Press, 2011). *The Philosophical Quarterly* (2013), pp. 382-4.

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.

## Presentations

"The Kantian Innate Right to Freedom: Independence from What?" (*refereed*)  
12<sup>th</sup> International Kant Congress, University of Vienna  
22 September 2015, Vienna, Austria

- “Disability, Vulnerability, and Quality of Life Assessments” (*invited*)  
Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association  
Group Session: Society for Philosophy and Disability  
29 December 2014, Philadelphia, PA
- “Reading Kant on the Highest Good and Obligatory Ends” (*invited*)  
Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University  
4 April 2014, Atlanta, GA
- “Kantian Virtues: Thick or Thin?” (*invited*)  
Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina  
22 March 2014, Chapel Hill, NC
- “Humiliation, Respect for Persons, and Kant’s Formula of Humanity” (*invited*)  
Department of Philosophy, St. Andrews University  
7 June 2013, St. Andrews Scotland, UK
- “Interpreting Kant’s Formula of Humanity” (*refereed*)  
Eastern Study Group of the North American Kant Society  
21 April 2013, Waltham, MA
- “Exploitation in Collegiate Football: A Kantian Assessment” (*refereed*)  
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) Annual Meeting  
1 March 2013, San Antonio, TX
- “Kant’s Three Models of Moral Perfection” (*refereed*)  
American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting  
21 February 2013, New Orleans, LA
- “Promoting the Happiness of Others: Kantian Beneficence and Positive...” (*refereed*)  
American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting  
29 December 2012, Atlanta, GA
- “Human Trafficking and Public Shame” (*invited*)  
Society for Analytic Feminism Group Session  
American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting  
28 December 2012, Atlanta, GA
- “Reflecting on the Use of Animals in Research” (*invited*)  
University of Georgia School of Veterinary Medicine  
26 April 2012, Athens, GA
- “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*)  
Society for Empirical Ethics Group Session  
American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting  
28 December 2009, New York, NY
- “Kantian Respect and the Ethics of Care” (*refereed*)  
Kant: Morality & Society - UK Kant Society Annual Conference  
29 August 2009, Lancaster University, 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
- “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” (*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  
29 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:

- PHIL 2030 Introduction to Ethics (Spring 13, Fall 14, Fall 15)
- PHIL 2030H Introduction to Ethics Honors (Spring 09, Spring 11, Fall 13)
- PHIL 3200 Ethical Theory (Fall 09)
- PHIL 3220 Biomedical Ethics (Every Spring 08-15)
- PHIL 4220/6220 Environmental Ethics (Fall 07, Fall 13)
- PHIL 4900 Problems in Philosophy (Fall 15)

Graduate Courses Taught:

- PHIL 8210 Political Philosophy Seminar – Kant's *Rechtslehre* (Spring 14)
- PHIL 8200 Ethics Seminar - Virtue (Fall 12)
- PHIL 8200 Ethics Seminar - Ethics and Non-Existent Persons (Spring 12)
- PHIL 8200 Ethics Seminar - Kant's Practical Philosophy (Spring 10)
- PHIL 8200 Ethics Seminar - Normative Ethical Theory (Fall 08, Fall 10, Fall 14)
- PHIL 8200 Ethics Seminar - Kant's Moral Anthropology (Spring 08)

### 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

### North American Kant Society

Organizer & Host for the 2016 Southern Study Group Meeting  
Program Committee for 2012 Southern Study Group Meeting

### University of Georgia

Interim Graduate Coordinator, Dept. of Philosophy, UGA 2015  
Faculty Affairs Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, UGA, 2013-2016  
Curriculum Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, UGA, 2012-2014  
Student Affairs (Admissions) Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, UGA, 2009-2010, 2013-2014, 2014-2015  
Hiring Committee (Junior/Metaphysics), Department of Philosophy, UGA, 2012-2013  
Planning Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia, 2010-2013  
Awards Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia, 2010-2012

Guest Lecturer, GHSU/UGA Medical Partnership, August 23, 2011  
Hiring Committee (Junior/Environmental Ethics), Dept. of Philosophy, UGA, 2007-2008  
Secretary for the Faculty, Department of Philosophy, University of Georgia, 2007-2008

### **Professional Membership**

American Philosophical Association  
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics  
North American Kant Society