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 Philosophy Department
 University of Saskatchewan
 Arts Building

Research Interests

Pragmatism, Bioethics, Normative Ethics, Metaethics, Epistemology, History of Moral Philosophy

Degrees Earned

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Toronto, Fall 2014
 M.A., Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan MA, Fall 2008
 B.A., Philosophy, University of Ottawa, Spring 2004

Employment History

Assistant Professor, Philosophy, University of Saskatchewan, 2025 – present
 Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 2019 – 2025
 Affiliated Faculty, Center for Biomedical Ethics & Society, Vanderbilt, 2023 – 2025
 Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Fordham University, 2016 – 2019
 Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Fordham University, 2015 – 2016
 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Philosophy, Fordham University, 2014 –2015

Honors & Awards

2025-2026	Student Union Teaching Excellence Award University of Saskatchewan
2022-2023	Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellow Vanderbilt University
2019-2022	Greg S. Allen Dean's Faculty Fellowship in Philosophy Vanderbilt University
2021	Teaching Award Nomination, Vanderbilt University
2019	Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Humanities Fordham University
2017	British Society for the History of Philosophy Rogers Prize, Honorable Mention
2016	Angus Kerr-Lawson Essay Prize, George Santayana Society
2015	Charles S. Peirce Essay Prize, Honorable Mention
2013	University of Toronto Doctoral Completion Award
2012	University of Toronto Fellowship
2009-2011	SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship
2009	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (declined)
2008	University of Toronto Fellowship
2007	SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Master's Scholarship
2006	University of Saskatchewan Graduate Teaching Fellowship

Grants

2026	DARE Undergraduate Training Mentorship Award, "Treatment Trust in Mental Health Care"
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- 2026 Faculty Advisor for Mitacs INDRA Grant, “Ontological Horror and Ethical Subjectivity in *The Passion According to G.H.*” (Student PI: Josie Nuszdofer)
- 2020-22 NEH Planning Grant, “Integrating the Humanities in the Communication of Science and Technology”, Planning Member (PIs: Bonnie Dow, David Wright)

Books

- (2025) *American Ethics: An Introduction to Pragmatist Moral Philosophy*
Oxford University Press
- (2016) *Toward a Pragmatist Metaethics*
Routledge

Articles & Chapters

- (2026) “Trust and the Challenge of Functional Misalignment in Neurotechnology Research.”
American Journal of Bioethics – Neuroscience, 17 (2).
- (2026) “Deliberation as Drama and Discovery.”
John Dewey's Human Nature and Conduct: A Centennial Handbook
eds. Andrea English and Leonard Waks, Cambridge University Press.
- (2024) “Reframing Coercion in Mental Health Care: A Focus on Treatment Trust”
American Journal of Bioethics, 24 (12).
- (2024) “Laying Siege to the Truth: Santayana’s Discourse on Method.”
The Palgrave Companion to George Santayana’s Scepticism and Animal Faith
eds. Martin Coleman and Glenn Tiller, Palgrave Macmillan, 57-73.
- (2023) “Pragmatism and the Prudential Good.” (2023)
Neo-Pragmatism: Interventions in First-Order Philosophy
ed. Joshua Gert, Oxford University Press, 327-348.
- (2023) “The Virtue Ethics of Ella Lyman Cabot.”
History of Philosophy Quarterly, 40 (4): 279-301.
- (2023) “Perceptions of Invasiveness and Fear of Stigmatization in Mental Health Care”
American Journal of Bioethics – Neuroscience, 14(1): 20-23
- (2022) “Solving for Stigma in Mental Health Care.”
Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice, 28 (4).
- (2022) “Pragmatism and the Moral Life.”
In *The Routledge Companion to Pragmatism*, eds. Scott Aikin and Robert Talisse, Routledge.

- (2022) “The Work of the Normative Sciences: On Liszka’s Charles S. Peirce on Ethics, Esthetics, and the Normative Sciences.”
Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society, 58 (3): 235-252.
- (2022) “Truth, pragmatic theory of.”
In *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
- (2020) “A Peircean Argument for Epistemic Cosmopolitanism.”
Yearbook for Practical Philosophy in a Global Perspective, No.4: Normativity Beyond Borders.
- (2020) “On Moral Architecture.”
In *Explorations in Ethics*, ed. David Kaspar, Palgrave Macmillan.
- (2019) “Many Gaps, One Chasm: Pragmatism, Reality, and Representationalism.”
Syndicate Philosophy.
- (2018) “Mental Disorder as a Puzzle for Constitutivism.”
Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice, 24 (5): 1107-1113.
- (2017) “Peirce on Intuition, Instinct, and Common Sense.”
Co-authored with Kenneth Boyd – authorship shared equally, with both authors collaborating on every aspect of the article.
European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy, IX-2.
- (2017) “Metaethics for Mavericks: Santayana and Nietzsche on False Idols and True Poetry.”
Winner of the 2016 Angus Kerr-Lawson Essay Prize
Overheard in Seville: Bulletin of the Santayana Society, 35: 78-92.
- (2017) “Rascals, Triflers, And Pragmatists: Developing a Peircean Account of Assertion.”
Co-authored with Kenneth Boyd – authorship shared equally, with both authors collaborating on every aspect of the article.
Honourable Mention for the 2017 Rogers Prize
British Journal for the History of Philosophy, 25 (2): 287-308.
- (2017) “C.I. Lewis: From Conceptual Pragmatism to Contemporary Metaethics.”
In *Contemporary Perspectives on C.I. Lewis: Pragmatism in Transition*, eds. Peter Olen & Carl Sachs, Palgrave Macmillan.
- (2017) “From Method to Medicine: A Pragmatist Framework for Bioethics.”
In *Pragmatism and Objectivity: Essays Sparked by the Work of Nicholas Rescher*, ed. Sami Pihlström, Routledge, 239-253.
- (2016) “Practitioner Narrative Competence in Mental Health Care.”
Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology, 23(2): 115-127.
- (2015) “Reality as Necessary Friction.”
Journal of Philosophy, 112 (9): 504-514.

(2014) “Peirce on Science, Practice, and the Permissibility of ‘Stout Belief.’”
In *Charles S. Peirce in His Own Words – The Peirce Quote Volume*, eds. Torkild Thellefsen and Bent Sørensen, Mouton de Gruyter.

(2012) “Santayana on Value: Expressivism, Self-Knowledge, and Happiness.”
Overheard in Seville: Bulletin of the Santayana Society, 30: 4-13.

Book Reviews

(2021) Review of *John Dewey’s Ethical Theory: The 1932 Ethics*.
Eds. Roberto Frega & Steven Levine, Routledge, 2021.
European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy, 13(2).

(2017) Review of *Peirce and the Conduct of Life: Sentiment and Instinct in Ethics and Religion*.
Richard Kenneth Atkins, Cambridge, 2016.
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews.

(2010) “The Genteel Tradition Revisited: Review of ‘*The Genteel Tradition in American Philosophy*’ and *Character and Opinion in the United States*”.
Ed. James Seaton, New Haven: Yale University Press.
Overheard in Seville: Bulletin of the Santayana Society, 28: 35-38.

Talks, Presentations & Workshops

Is Growth Good?
Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting, Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 2026.

The Competent Moral Judge.
University of Saskatchewan, Department Colloquium, March 27, 2026.

Is Growth Good?
Philosophy in the Community, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, February 13, 2026.

Doubt, Drama, and Discovery: A Pragmatist Approach to Hard Choices.
Western Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting, Edmonton, Alberta, October 2025.

Two Puzzles for Roycean Ethics.
Josiah Royce Society Meeting. *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, San Francisco, California, April 2025.

Stigma Reduction for Mental Health Care.
Vanderbilt University, *Women in Bioethics Panel*, March 19, 2024.

Laying Siege to the Truth.
George Santayana Society Annual General Meeting, January 28, 2024.

Stigma Reduction for Mental Health Care.
University of Toronto, March 24, 2023.

The Virtue Ethics of Ella Lyman Cabot.

American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Denver, Colorado, February 2023.

The Peculiar Place of Virtue in Peirce's Philosophy. Charles. S. Peirce Society Meeting,

American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Denver, Colorado, February 2023.

Creating an Archive of Renewal: From Routine to Ritual.

Co-presenting with Laura Carpenter, Leah Lowe, and Elizabeth Meadows.

Imagining America National Gathering, New Orleans, LA, October 14-16, 2022.

The Normative Scientist at Work: Comments on James Liszka's *Charles Peirce on Ethics,*

Esthetics, and the Normative Sciences, Charles S. Peirce Society Author Meets Critics Session,

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore, MD, January 2022.

Deep Learning, Ethics, and Human Culture: Reflections on AI & Human Intelligence.

Panelist. Vanderbilt Center for Digital Humanities, April 6, 2021.

Answerable to the World: Comments on Steven Levine's *Pragmatism, Objectivity, and*

Experience, Author Meets Critics Session, American Philosophical Association: Eastern

Division Meeting, Virtual, January 8, 2021.

Philosophy Colloquium: Well-Being for Weirdos. Vanderbilt University, February 21, 2020.

Dark Days and the Universal Continuum: Pragmatist Cosmopolitanism for the 21st Century.

Canadian Philosophical Association, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, June 2019.

Mental Disorder as a Challenge for Constitutivism. *American Philosophical Association, Pacific*

Division Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 28, 2018.

Philosophy Colloquium: Mental Disorder and the Shape of a Life. Illinois State University,

March 23, 2018.

Ethics & Mental Health Workshop, Illinois State University, March 23, 2018.

Birth, Death, and the Inbetween. Introductory Public Talk for the Young Philosophers

Lecture Series at the Prindle Institute, DePauw University, September 2017.

Mental Disorder and the Shape of a Life. Research Talk for Young Philosophers Lecture

Series at the Prindle Institute, DePauw University, September 2017.

Peirce on Instinct, Intuition, and Common Sense – talk for Panel Session on Pragmatism in

the 21st Century Symposium (co-organized with Kenneth Boyd), *Canadian Philosophical*

Association, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, May 29, 2017.

Logic, Love, and Conversation (Address for *Phi Sigma Tau* Induction Ceremony), Fordham

University, Bronx, NYC, April 18, 2017.

Workshop on *Toward a Pragmatist Metaethics*, University of Waterloo, ON, March 14, 2017.

Metaethics for Mavericks: Santayana and Nietzsche on False Idols and True Poetry, *American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division – Meeting of the George Santayana Society*, Baltimore, MD, January 4-7, 2017.

On Moral Architecture, *St. John's Speculative Ethics Forum*, New York, NY, November 19, 2016.

Rascals, Triflers and Scientists: Charles S. Peirce and the Centrality of Assertion, *American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division – Meeting of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, Washington, DC, January 7, 2016 (co-authored with Kenneth Boyd).

Conceptual Pragmatism and the Moral Life, *European Pragmatism Conference II*, Paris, France, September 9-11, 2015.

'Even in Solitary Meditation': Considering Private Judgment as Genuine Assertion, *American Philosophical Association, Central Division – Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy Symposium*, St. Louis, MO, February 19, 2015.

From Roots to Branches: Ethical Theory in Classical American Pragmatism, *New York Pragmatist Forum*, New York, NY, December 5, 2014.

The Methadone Man: Peirce vs. Price on Truth and Assertion. *The Charles S. Peirce International Centennial Congress*, Lowell, MA, July 16-19, 2014.

The Peircean Strand in Pragmatist Ethics: The Value Theory of C.I. Lewis, *American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division – Meeting of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, Atlanta, GA, December 27-30, 2012.

A Pragmatist Response to Disagreement, *Truth, Morality and Democracy: Themes from the Work of Cheryl Misak*, University of St. Andrew's, Scotland, December 8-9, 2012.

Santayana on Value: Expressivism, Self-Knowledge, and Happiness, *American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division – Annual Meeting of the George Santayana Society*, Washington, D.C., December 27-30, 2011.

Peircean Inquiry & Prospects for Ethics, *Southwestern Ontario Peirce Workshop*, Waterloo, ON, May 12, 2011.

Revisiting Peirce on Vital Matters, *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, May 25-28, 2009.

Truths, Lies & Poetics: A.P. Martinich on Metaphor, *Western Canadian Philosophical Association*, Saskatoon, SK, October 26-28, 2007.

The (Ir)relevance of Causation
Canadian Philosophical Association, Saskatoon, SK, May 26-June 3, 2007.

Commentaries

Comments on “Pragmatism and Post-Truth” Panel (Sami Pihlström, John Capp, David Hildebrand), *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, April 2025.

Comments on Shivani Aggarwal, “A Role for Epistemic Protectionism in Regulating Access to Medicine”, *Fourth Annual NYU Bioethics Workshop*, New York, May 3-4, 2024.

Comments on Patricia Marino, “Cost-Effectiveness Analysis and Community Values in Health Care Resource Allocation”, *Second Annual NYU Bioethics Workshop*, New York, April 29-30, 2022.

Comments on Griffin Klemick, “Peirce, Empiricism, and the Pragmatic Maxim”, *Canadian Philosophical Association*, University of British Columbia, Canada, June 4, 2019.

Comments on Joshua Gert, “Two Express Lanes to Neo-pragmatism”, *Representation and Evaluation Conference*, University of British Columbia, Granville Island, Canada, June 24, 2017.

Comments on Corey Steiner, “Emotional Ethics: William James on Emotion and Habit-Formation”, *Graduate Symposium*, Fordham University, Bronx, NY, October 28, 2016.

Comments on Julia Annas, “Why virtue ethics does not have a problem with right action”, *What’s Virtue Got to Do With It: University of Toronto Graduate Conference in Philosophy*, Toronto, ON, May 3-4, 2013.

Comments on Christopher Collins, “Dewey on Thinking and Acting”, *Action, Agency, and Explanation: University of Toronto Graduate Conference in Philosophy*, Toronto, ON, May 8-9, 2009.

Comments on David Johnston, “Gettier’s Dichotomy”, *Western Canadian Philosophical Association*, Saskatoon, SK, October 26-28, 2007.

TEACHING

University of Saskatchewan

Undergraduate

- Introduction to Ethics and Values
- Bioethics
- Early Modern Philosophy

Graduate

- Well-Being

Vanderbilt University

Undergraduate

- Introduction to Ethics
- Introduction to Medical Ethics
- First Year Writing Seminar: Ethics Life/Death
- First Year Core Seminar: Being Human
- Death and Dying
- Contemporary Moral Problems
- Ethics and Medicine
- Ethics and Mental Health
- American Philosophy

Graduate

- American Ethics
- Theories of Well-Being
- History of Normative Ethics
- Pragmatism and Value
- Ethics and Mental Health (Independent Study)
- Ethics and Narrative (Independent Study)
- Narrative Medicine (Independent Study)

Fordham University

Undergraduate

- Philosophy of Human Nature
- Philosophical Ethics
- Introduction to Metaethics
- Ethics & Mental Health
- Freedom & Responsibility
- Issues of Life & Death

Graduate

- History of Normative Ethics
- Contemporary Metaethics
- Philosophy of George Santayana (Independent Study)

University of Toronto (St. George Campus)

Undergraduate

Bioethics

Knowledge & Reality

Additional Teaching Activity

Honors Thesis Director

Dorian Lawson-Qureshi (passed Fall 2024)

Juliana Qin (passed Fall 2020)

MA Thesis Committee

Val Foley (ongoing)

Hannah Tremblay (ongoing)

MA Thesis Director

Xiaoqi Zhang (passed May 2018)

PhD Dissertation Internal Examiner

Dr. Thomas Kiefer (defense passed April 2017)

Dr. William Brandon (defense passed April 2017)

PhD Dissertation Committee

Katherine Martha (ongoing)

Dr. Sarah DiMaggio (defense passed July 2022)

Dr. Takunda Matose (defense passed March 2021)

Dr. Alexander Elnabli (defense passed April 2020)

Dr. Samuel Kampa (defense passed February 2019)

Dr. Bjorn Sayers (defense passed December 2018)

Dr. Coran Stewart (defense passed May 2018)

Dr. Emily Sullivan Mumm (defense passed May 2016)

PhD Dissertation Adviser

Dr. Kelly Cunningham (defense passed May 2024)

SERVICE

At USask

2026-	Organizer, Philosophy in the Community Lecture Series
2026	USask SSHRC College of Reviewers, Internal Reviewer
2025-	Philosophy Department Graduate Committee
2025-	Philosophy Department Salary Committee
2025-	College of Arts & Science Bylaws Committee
2025-26	Co-Organizer, Philosophy in the Community Lecture Series

To Profession

2025-	The Illustrations Series Sesquicentennial Conference Organizing Committee
2024-2027	At-large Member, Executive Committee of the Charles S. Peirce Society
2017-	Editorial Board: <i>Overhead in Seville</i> , <i>The Bulletin of the Santayana Society</i>
2017-19	Secretary-Treasurer, George Santayana Society