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EMPLOYMENT

Rutgers University–Camden, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Law
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion (since 2025)
School of Law (Since 2018, non-voting)
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion (2017-2025)
Affiliate NJ-STEP Faculty Member (via Rutgers University–Newark, Spring 2020)

University of San Diego, Adjunct Instructor (2015-17)

University of California, San Diego, Associate Instructor (2014)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of California, San Diego (2017)
Responsibility, Reasons-responsiveness, and History
Committee: David O. Brink (co-chair), Dana Kay Nelkin (co-chair), Saba Bazargan-Forward, Samuel C. Rickless, Cathy Gere

M.A. Philosophy, University College London (2008)
How the Basic Structure Cohen Overlooked Separates the Political from the Personal
Supervisors: Michael Otsuka, Sarah Richmond, and Jonathan Wolff
Degree awarded with distinction

J.D. University of Virginia, School of Law (2002)

B.A. Economics, University of Virginia (1999)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

AOS Philosophy of Law, Moral Psychology, Ethics
AOC Logic, Social & Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Race, Aesthetics, Professional Ethics (medical, engineering, and legal)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

7. “Our Statues of Wrongdoers,” *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 42(2):564-580 (2025)

6. “Defending Elective Forgiveness,” *Ergo* 10(17):468-492 (2023)
5. “Minding Negligence,” *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 16:231-251 (2022)
4. “Being Sympathetic to Bad-History Wrongdoers,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 102(1):147-169 (2021)
3. “Distinctive Duress,” *Philosophical Studies* 177(4):1007-1026 (2020)
2. “Resisting Tracing’s Siren Song,” *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 10(1):1-24 (2016)
1. “Tobacco Regulation: Autonomy Up in Smoke?,” *Journal of Medical Ethics* 35(6):365-368 (2009) (with Carwyn Hooper)

Book Chapters

1. “Blaming Kids,” in M.C. Altman (ed.), *The Palgrave Handbook on the Philosophy of Punishment*, 681-702 (Palgrave Macmillan, 2023)

Reviews

4. Review of Adam Kolber, *Punishment for the Greater Good*, *Criminal Law and Philosophy* (forthcoming)
3. “Murder Might Not Break the Law,” a review of Scott Hershovitz, *Law Is a Moral Practice*, *Criminal Justice Ethics* 43(3):304-317 (2024)
2. Review of Alexander Sarch, *Criminally Ignorant: Why the Law Pretends We Know What We Don’t*, *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 15(3):521-527 (2021)
1. Review of Gideon Yaffe, *The Age of Culpability: Children and the Nature of Criminal Responsibility*, *Ethics* 130(2):271-276 (2020)

PRESENTATIONS

Talks (some talks given under prior titles)

23. “Conversational Hypocrisy”
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Papers in Progress Workshop (January 2026)
Wolf Humanities Center, Mellon Research Seminar (December 2020)
Central New York Moral Psychology Workshop (November 2020)
22. “Tracing as a Proxy of Underinclusion”
Rutgers-King’s-USC Legal Philosophy Workshop (June 2025)

21. “Mercy in the Criminal Law”
Rutgers-King’s-USC Legal Philosophy Workshop (June 2024)
Bled Ethics Conference (June 2024)
20. “Boycotting Backward”
Zicklin Normative Business Ethics Workshop, University of Pennsylvania (January 2024)
19. “Going Along with What’s Wrong” (with Amy Berg)
Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society Annual Meeting (November 2023)
Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference (October 2023)
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (August 2023)
18. “Rough Heroes and the Gap Between Fiction and Non-Fiction”
Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association (May 2023)
American Society for Aesthetics, Eastern Meeting (April 2023)
17. “Why Be Angry?”
Philosophy and Religion Series on New and In-Progress Scholarship, Rutgers University–Camden (October 2022)
Vrije Universiteit (Amsterdam) Normative Philosophy Workshop (May 2022)
Zagreb Applied Ethics Conference (September 2021)
16. “Aesthetic Moralism and Public Statuary”
MANCEPT Workshop in Political Theory (September 2021)
15. “Elective Forgiveness”
Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics Annual Conference (June 2021)
Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association (May 2021)
Southern Society for Philosophy & Psychology’s Annual Meeting (December 2020)
Great Lakes Philosophy Conference (April 2020)*
14. “Moral Responses are Aesthetic Responses”
Southern Aesthetics x Aesthetics for Distant Birds Workshop (February 2021)
13. “Minding Negligence”
Responsible Brains Workshop, Rutgers Institute for Law and Philosophy (May 2020)*
12. “Forgiving and Forgetting”
North Carolina Philosophical Society Joint Meeting (March 2020)*
Rowan University’s *Theorizing* lecture series (October 2018)
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (March 2018)
11. “Being Sympathetic to Bad-History Wrongdoers”
Emotions & Punishment Conference at the University of Kent (June 2019)
Oakland University Colloquium Series (February 2016)
Moral and Political Philosophy Series, University of California, San Diego (May 2015)

10. “Blaming Kids”
Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association (June 2019)
Blame, Punishment, and Health Workshop at Rutgers University-Camden (April 2019)
APA Committee on Philosophy and Law session at the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (January 2019)
9. “The Reasoning-Corrective Account of Desert”
The Central States Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (October 2018)
8. “Distinctive Duress”
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (August 2018)
Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association (June 2018)
Long Island Philosophical Society Annual Conference (April 2018)
UCSD Alumni Philosophy Conference (March 2018)
7. “Paying Attention to Standing”
Fifth Annual Tennessee Value and Agency Conference (October 2016)
6. “Rotten Social Background and Historicism about Responsibility”
Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (May 2015)
5. “Tracing and Consequences: Lucky Drunk Drivers”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (April 2014)
4. “Abandonment, Mitigation, and the Principle of Underlying Censure”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (April 2013)
3. “Unraveling Fischer and Ravizza’s Asymmetry”
Northwest Philosophy Conference (October 2012)
2. “An Expanded Moderate Moralism”
UCSD Graduate Philosophy Conference (May 2012)
1. “The Efficacy of Tacit Democratic Consent”
SDSU Workshop on Thomas Pogge and Global Justice (April 2012)

Comments & Discussions

22. *Comments on* Eric Studt, “The Ethics of Graffiti”
American Society for Aesthetics, Eastern Meeting (April 2025)
21. *Commenter*, Panel on Attention
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (January 2025)
20. *Discussant*, Workshop on Daniel Wodak’s *The Language of the Law*
Wolf Humanities Center Manuscript Workshop at the University of Pennsylvania
(April 2024)

19. *Discussant*, Workshop on Alec Walen’s *Punishment, Penalty, and Prevention in a Liberal State*
University of Pennsylvania Institute of Law & Philosophy (February 2024)
18. *Comments on* Jules Salomone-Sehr, “Complicity: A Minimalist Account for Our Maximally Messy Social World”
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (January 2023)
17. *Comments on* Stephen Chamberlain, “Literature, Literary Value, and Creative-Imaginative Discourse”
American Society for Aesthetics, Eastern Meeting (April 2022)
16. *Comments on* Danny Underwood, “Prosecutorial Duty to Disclose Negative Enforcement Decisions”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (April 2022)
15. *Comments on* Eugene Chislenko, “Blame as Attention”
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (January 2022)
14. *Comments on* George Sher, “Living in the Moment is for Oysters”
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (August 2021)
13. *Comments on* Mary Gregg, “Breaking the Fourth Wall: Harm and the Observer-Observed Relation”
American Society for Aesthetics, Eastern Meeting (April 2021)
12. *Critic*, Author-Meets-Critics session for Alexander Sarch’s *Criminally Ignorant*
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (January 2020)
11. *Discussant*, Workshop on Marcia Baron’s *Self-Defense, Reason, and the Law*
Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics at Georgia State University (May 2019)
10. *Comments on* Natalia Stelmak Schabner, “Engagement with Fiction: Active Reconstruction and Emotional Dissonance”
American Society for Aesthetics, Eastern Meeting (April 2019)
9. *Critic*, Author-Meets-Critics session for Leo Zaibert’s *Rethinking Punishment*
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (January 2019)
8. *Comments on* Mustafa Aghahosseini, “Frankfurt-Style Cases and Responsibility for Omissions: A Response to Swenson”
The Central States Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (October 2018)
7. *Comments on* Jay Odenbaugh, “Whither Sentimentalism and Psychopathy?”
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (August 2018)
6. *Comments on* Tom Hanauer, “Blame, Moral Address, and Fictional Persons”
American Society for Aesthetics, Eastern Meeting (April 2018)

5. *Comments on* Stephen Galoob, “Coercion and Fraud, Consent and Democracy”
APA Committee on Philosophy and Law session at the American Philosophical Association, Central Division (February 2018)
4. *Comments on* Monique Wonderly, “Forgiving, Forgetting, and Un-Forgiving”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (April 2017)
3. *Comments on* Jonathan Weinberg and Adam Gjesdal, “Debunking Aesthetic Arguments”
American Society for Aesthetics, Pacific Meeting (April 2017)
2. *Comments on* Kera Gordon-Solmon, “Self-defense Against Multiple Threats”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (April 2015)
1. *Comments on* Thomas Metcalf, “Deontology Monsters, Particularism, and Counterpossible Counterexamples in Normative Ethics”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (April 2012)

* Cancelled or delayed due to COVID-19.

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

8. Discussion of “Defending Elective Forgiveness,” on *Ergo Blog* (August 2024)
<https://ergoblog.org/craig-agule-defending-elective-forgiveness/>
7. Discussion of *mens rea*, *The Free Will Show* (September 2023)
<https://thefreewillshow.com/episode-63/>
6. “Blame in the Time of COVID,” Rutgers University–Camden Honors College (February 2021)
5. Visiting Speaker, *Philosophy and Law Society*, Rutgers School of Law (September 2019)
4. Resident Philosopher, “Art and Cognition Project,” *Philosophers’ Ontological Party Club* (August 2018)
3. “On Blaming Ants,” *The Daily Ant* (July 2018)
<https://dailyant.com/2018/07/20/philosophy-phriday-on-blaming-ants/>
2. (with Benjamin Barrena) “The Good Narratives of The Bad Doctor,” *Comic Arts Conference at ComicCon International* (July 2017)
1. (with Sharon Dopak) “Medical Ethics’s Gold Standard in the Silver Age,” *Comics Arts Conference at ComicCon International* (July 2016)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Open and Affordable Textbooks Program Grants, Rutgers University Libraries (2023-24, for Philosophy of Law; 2020-21, for Symbolic Logic)

Regional Faculty Fellow, Mellon Research Seminar/Wolf Center for the Humanities,
University of Pennsylvania (2020-21)
Rutgers University–Camden Writing and Design Lab Fellow (2020)
Faculty Research Group Annual Grant, UCSD Center for the Humanities (2012-13, 2013-14,
2014-15, 2015-16)
UCSD Academic Senate Summer Research Grant (2011)
UCSD First Year Departmental Fellowship (2009-10)

TEACHING

Rutgers University School of Law

Criminal Law (S26)

Rutgers University–Camden, Department of Philosophy & Religion

Introduction to Logic, Reasoning, and Persuasion (F18)
Introduction to Current Moral and Social Issues (F17, F18)
Introduction to Philosophy (F19, S24, F24)
Reading Seminar (S19 – *The Limits of Blame*; F19 – *What Is Race?*; S20 – *Down Girl*; S21 – *Games: Agency as Art*; F21 – *Forgiveness and Its Moral Dimensions*; S22 – *City Living*; F22 – *Emotion*; S23 – *The Idea of Prison Abolition*; F23 – *The Proof*; S24 – *Law is a Moral Practice*; F24 – *Anxiety: A Philosophical Guide*; S25 – *Dancing with the Devil*; F25 – *What's Wrong with Stereotyping?*; S26 – *To Say What the Law Is*)
Introduction to Logic (S18, S19, S20, S21, S22, F22, F23, S25) (formerly 'Symbolic Logic')
Africana Philosophy (S23) (cross-listed with Africana Philosophy in the Africana Studies program)
Ethics (F17)
Philosophy of Law (S18, S19, F19, F21, F22, S23, F23, F24, F25)
Philosophy and the Arts (F21)
Contemporary Legal Issues (S25)
Pursuit of Justice (S20, via NJ-STEP, in South Woods State Prison)
Independent Study (F18 – standing to blame; S19 – God and blame; F24 – public health approaches to the criminal law)

University of San Diego, Department of Philosophy

Introduction to Logic (F14 x2; F15 x2; S16 x2; F16 x3; S17 x3)
Engineering Ethics (F15 x2; S16 x2; F16; S17)

University of California, San Diego, Department of Philosophy

Introduction to Ethics (S14)
Philosophy of Crime & Punishment (Su14)

University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine

Literature, Medicine, & the Doctor-Patient Relationship (S14)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Rutgers Camden Faculty Leadership Program (2025-2026)
 Rutgers Connection Network Faculty Mentoring Program, as a Mentee (2024-2025)
 Northeast Workshop to Learn About Multicultural Philosophy, on Mesoamerican, Latin American, and Latinx philosophy (2023)
 Northeast Workshop to Learn About Multicultural Philosophy, on African and Africana philosophy (2022)
 Rutgers University–Camden Online Teaching Certificate Program (2020)
 University of California, San Diego’s Revelle College Humanities Program Training (2010)

SERVICE*Rutgers University–Camden*

Co-Convener, Camden Jurisprudence Group, Rutgers Law School (since 2025)
 Member, Rutgers University–Camden Faculty of Arts and Sciences Ad Hoc Committee on Online Education (2024, since 2025)
 Pre-Law Advisor, Rutgers University–Camden Honors College (since 2025)
 Senator, Rutgers University–Camden Faculty of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate (2017-2020, since 2023)
 Organizer, PARSNIPS Philosophy and Religion Faculty Lecture Series (since 2019)
 Affiliated Faculty Member, Rutgers Law School Institute of Law & Philosophy (since 2018)
 Ad hoc member, Appointments and Promotions Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (2025)
 Advisor, Deep Thinkers Club (Spring 2023)
 Member, Paul Robeson Library Undergraduate Research Award Evaluation Committee (2021-22)
 Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Development of a Joint Legal Studies Program (2018-2022)
 Affiliated Faculty Member, Rutgers University–Camden Bioethics Center (2018-2020)
 Advisory Board Member for Rutgers University–Camden Honors College’s *Undergraduate Review* (Spring 2020)
 Judge, Rutgers University–Camden Ethics Bowl (2018, 2019, 2020)

University of California, San Diego

Member, Advisory Board for the UCSD Summer Program for Women in Philosophy (2015-17)
 Coordinator, Medical Humanities Research Group (2012-17)
 Coordinator, UCSD Dossier Workshop (2016-17)
 Panelist, UCSD Summer Program for Women in Philosophy (2014)
 Coauthor, UCSD Department Guide for New Graduate Instructors (2014)
 Head Teaching Assistant, UCSD Department of Philosophy (2013-14)
 Author, UCSD Department Guide for New Teaching Assistants (2013)
 Graduate Student Representative to the Philosophy Department (2011-13)
 Department Representative to the university-wide Graduate Student Association (2011-13)
 Coordinator, Feminism Reading Group (2011)
 Coordinator, Graduate Philosophy Colloquium Series (2010-11)

Professional

Member, American Philosophical Association Committee on Academic Career Opportunities and Placement (2024-2027)

Member, American Society for Aesthetics, Eastern Division Program Committee (2024-2026)

Member-at-Large, Executive Committee, Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics (2021-2024)

Member, American Philosophical Association Committee on Philosophy and Law (2017-20; organized APA divisional meeting sessions: Central 2018 – Coercion and Its Implications, Eastern 2019 – Author Meets Critics: Leo Zaibert's *Rethinking Punishment*, Eastern 2019 – Punishing Children, Pacific 2019 - Culpability and Punishment, Eastern 2020 – Author Meets Critics: Alexander Sarch's *Criminally Ignorant*, and Central 2020 – Author Meets Critics: Alec Walen's *The Right to Defend Against Threats*; reviewer for the 2019 Fred Berger Memorial Prize)

Article Referee: *Acta Analytica*, *Analysis* (x2), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x3), *Criminal Law and Philosophy* (x2), *Ergo* (x2), *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice*, *Ethics* (x2), *Ethics, Politics and Society*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Ethics* (x3), *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (x2), *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Law & Philosophy* (x3), *Manuscrito*, *Noûs*, *Organon F*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophers' Imprint* (x2), *Philosophical Psychology* (x2), *Philosophical Quarterly* (x2), *Philosophical Studies* (x5), *Philosophies*, *Philosophy*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Political Philosophy*, *Social Theory & Practice*, *Theoria*

Textbook Referee: Taylor & Francis (introduction to philosophy)

Conference Referee: American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting Teaching Hub (2025), Southern Society of Philosophy & Psychology (2023); Canadian Philosophical Association Congress (2023); Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Philosophy Annual Conference (2023); Philosophers' Cocoon Philosophy Conference (2017)

Conference organizer: Common Law Meets the Civil Law: General Jurisprudence Conference (2026), Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026), East Coast Tritons Workshop (2023), Vrije Universiteit (Amsterdam) Normative Philosophy Workshop (2022), Blame, Punishment, and Health Workshop at Rutgers University-Camden (2019)

Philosophy Honors Examiner on Philosophy of Law for Swarthmore College's Honors Program (2024-2025, 2025-2026)

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

King & Ballow Law Offices, Nashville, Tennessee (2004-09)

Staff Attorneys' Office of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, New Orleans, Louisiana (2002-04)