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## Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2018

*Dissertation:* “Asymmetries and Ill-Being”

*Committee:* Thomas Hurka, Wayne Sumner, Julia Nefsky

M.A. Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2013

B.A. Philosophy (Honours), University of Calgary, 2012

Areas of Specialization: Bioethics, normative ethics

Areas of Competence: Applied ethics, political philosophy, philosophy of religion

## Professional Appointments

2018–2020. Postdoctoral Associate, Baylor College of Medicine. Houston, Texas.

## Publications

### *Articles*

2017. Eric Mathison and Jeremy Davis. “Is There a Right to the Death of the Foetus?” *Bioethics* 31 (4): 313–320.

### *Reviews*

2016. Review of Katarzyna de Lazari-Radek’s and Peter Singer’s *The Point of View of the Universe*. *Dialogue* 55 (3): 568–570.

2015. Review of Martin Peterson’s *The Dimensions of Consequentialism*. *Dialogue* 54 (3): 588–589.

### *Working Papers*

“Why Conscientious Objection in Health Care is Wrong”.

“A Defence of the Aversion Account of the Desire Theory”.

“The Prudential Badness of Failure”.

## Employment

October 2017–April 2018. Clinical Ethics Residency, William Osler Health System. Brampton, Ontario.

## Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2013–2017 (\$75,000) (*merit-based provincial scholarship*).

Martha Lile Love Essay Award, 2013. “The Insufficiency of Neutrality for Environmental Policy” (*competitive departmental award*).

Brian Keenan Political Philosophy Essay Prize, 2011 (\$1,250). “The Insufficiency of Negative Rights for Children” (*national competition for undergraduates*).

## Talks

A talk on the ethics of gene editing. Ira W. DeCamp Bioethics Seminar, Princeton University. December 2018.

“A Defence of the Aversion View of the Desire Theory.” Workshop on Prudential Value (Edinburgh, Scotland), May 2018.

“An Autonomy-Centred Argument for Physician-Assisted Death” with Jeremy Davis. York University Graduate Philosophy Conference (Toronto, Ontario), April, 2018.

“Clinical Ethics.” Invited lecture for PHL 281 (Bioethics) at the University of Toronto, January 2018.

“Adjusted Subjective Theories of Ill-Being.” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (Savannah, Georgia), January 2018.

“Adjusted Subjective Theories of Ill-Being.” Canadian Philosophical Association Conference (Toronto, Ontario), May 2017.

“Desires and Ill-Being.” Canadian Philosophical Association Conference (Calgary, Alberta), June 2016.

“The Problem of Moral Hiddenness.” University of Toronto Philosophy of Religion Workshop (Toronto, Ontario), March 2015.

“A Right to the Death of the Fetus?” with Jeremy Davis. Ryerson Graduate Philosophy Conference (Toronto, Ontario), February 2015.

“Potential Harms and Well-Being”. Canadian Philosophical Association Conference (St. Catharines, Ontario), May 2014.

Commentary for H. Nye’s “The Butterfly Effect Argument Against Agent-Centered Constraints.” Canadian Philosophical Association Conference (St. Catharines, Ontario), May 2014.

“Preventative Harms.” Arizona State University Philosophy Graduate Conference (Tempe, Arizona), April 2014.

“Is Eating Meat Ethical?” University of Toronto Introduction to Ethics debate, March 2014.

“War and Greenpeace: Liberalism and the Responsibilities of Developed Countries.” Concerned Philosophers for Peace Annual Conference (Yosemite, California), October 2013.

“Leiter’s Religious Tolerance and Public Education.” Arizona State University Philosophy Graduate Conference (Tempe, Arizona), April 2013.

“A Case for the Children’s Right to Rational Revisability.” Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (Forest Grove, Oregon), April 2011.

“Why Parents Do not Have Rights.” Western Canadian Undergraduate Conference of Philosophy (Victoria, British Columbia), March 2011.

“Closed Minds and Open Futures: An Exploration of Liberalism and Child Rights.” Canadian Philosophical Association Conference (Montreal, Quebec), June 2010.

## Non-Academic Presentations

Co-host of *Open Questions*, an ethics podcast affiliated with the University of Toronto's Centre for Ethics.

"Is Happy Meat Possible?" Toronto Vegetarian Society Meeting, August 2014.

"The Moral Hiddenness Argument against God." Centre for Inquiry (a non-profit educational organization), June 2014.

"An Introduction to Animal Welfare." Toronto Vegetarian Festival, September 2013.

"Should the Monarchy be Abolished?" Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Radio debate, April 2011.

"The Moral Permissibility of Abortion." University of Calgary debate, October 2010.

## Teaching

### *Standalone Instructorships*

Topic in Ethics (Well-Being), Summer 2017

Death & Dying, Summer 2016

Topic in Ethics (The Good), Summer 2016

Ethical Theory, Fall 2015

Death & Dying, Summer 2015

### *Teaching Assistantships*

Death & Dying: Summer 2017

Bioethics: Fall 2013, Spring 2017, Spring 2018

Introduction to Ethics: Spring 2013, Summer 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2016

Introduction to Political Philosophy: Fall 2014, Spring 2016

Introduction to Philosophy: Fall 2015, Spring 2016

Reason and Truth: Fall 2016

Philosophy of Religion: Spring 2014

Law & Morality: Summer 2013

Environmental Ethics: Fall 2012

## Professional Service

Reviewer: *Bioethics*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Dialogue*

## Research Assistantships

Professor Thomas Hurka, University of Toronto, May 2017–April 2018

Professor Ingrid Stefanovic, University of Toronto, January 2013–July 2014

## Graduate Courses

### *Ethics and Political Philosophy*

Bioethics (Joseph Boyle)  
Sidgwick to Ross (Tom Hurka)  
Rationality Across Time and Persons (Sergio Tenenbaum & Julia Nefsky)  
Social Philosophy: Fugitive Democracy (Mark Kingwell)  
Environmental Ethics (Ingrid Stefanovic)  
Bernard Williams (Andrew Sepielli)  
Collective Action Problems (Julia Nefsky)

### *History of Philosophy*

Descartes (Marleen Rozemond)  
Plato to Plotinus (Lloyd Gerson)  
Augustine (Peter King)

### *Logic, Science, Mind, and Religion*

Deductive and Inductive Logic (Jonathan Weisberg & Franz Huber)  
Philosophy of Science: Thought Experiments (Jim Brown)  
Philosophy of Mind: Perception (Mohan Matthen & Martin Pickave)  
Philosophy of Religion (Colin Howson)

## References

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