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Professional Appointments

- 2019–Present. South Zone Clinical Ethicist, Alberta Health Services. Lethbridge, Alberta
2020–Present. Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge
2018–2019. Postdoctoral Associate, Baylor College of Medicine. Houston, Texas

Education

- Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2018
Dissertation: “Asymmetries and Ill-Being”
Committee: Thomas Hurka, Wayne Sumner, Julia Nefsky, Shelly Kagan (external)
Clinical Ethics Residency, William Osler Health System. Brampton, Ontario. 2017–2018.
M.A. Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2013
B.A. Philosophy (Honours), University of Calgary, 2012

Publications

Articles

- Accepted. “Taking the Long View on Slippery Slope Objections.” *Journal of Medical Ethics*. Invited commentary.
- Accepted. “Anti-Achievement.” Chapter in a forthcoming book on well-being, Oxford University Press.
2021. “The Wrong Argument for a Bad Law,” *American Journal of Bioethics* 21 (8): 77–79.
2021. Eric Mathison and Jeremy Davis. “Value Promotion as a Goal of Medicine.” *Journal of Medical Ethics* 47: 494–501.
2020. “Saying It Don’t Make It So: A Response to Winnington and MacLeod.” *New Zealand Journal of Medicine* 133 (1520): 104–107.
2020. Jeremy Davis and Eric Mathison. “The Case for an Autonomy-Centred View of Physician-Assisted Death.” *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* 17: 345–356.
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.

Under Review or In Preparation

A paper on the ethics of safe supply (under review)

A clinical ethics paper on values elucidation errors (in preparation)

“Refusals and Requests: The Case for Consistency” with Jeremy Davis (under review)

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 Defense of the Less-to-Lose Principle for Gene-Editing Research.” Canadian Bioethics Society, June 2020 (Cancelled due to Covid-19).

“The Ethics of Human Gene Editing: Pathways and Roadblocks.” Alberta RNA Research and Training Institute, University of Lethbridge (Lethbridge, Alberta), January 2020.

“Doing Clinical Ethics with Philosophy.” Department of Philosophy, University of Lethbridge (Lethbridge, Alberta), November 2019.

“Scalpels for Hire: Value Promotion as the Goal of Medicine.” Workshop in Philosophical Bioethics (Houston, Texas), June 2019.

“The Lexical Priority of Autonomy.” Canadian Bioethics Society Ideas Forum (Banff, Alberta), May 2019.

“Missed Connections: Ill-Being for Hybrid Theories.” Conference on Happiness, Wellbeing, and the Good Life (Montreal, Quebec), May 2019.

Schwartz Rounds panel participant, Houston Methodist Hospital (Houston, Texas), April 2019.

“Is There a Right to Die? Comparing Policies in the U.S. and Abroad.” Houston Methodist Hospital grand rounds (Houston, Texas), March 2019.

“How Much Conscientious Objection is Permissible in Health Care?” Baylor College of Medicine, *Big Topics in Ethics Series* (Houston, Texas), January 2019.

“Prioritizing Autonomy: Expansion and Clarification.” Albany Medical College grand rounds (Albany, New York), December 2018.

“Autonomy, Enhancement, and the Goals of Medicine.” Ira W. DeCamp Bioethics Seminar, Princeton University, December 2018.

“Gene Editing: What’s Okay and What’s Going Too Far?” Human Values Forum, Princeton University, December 2018.

Guest lecture on the goals of medicine and gene editing for a graduate course at Princeton University (Princeton, New Jersey), December 2018.

Guest lecture on capacity and advance directives for a second-year medical school course at Baylor College of Medicine (Houston, Texas), November 2018.

Guest lecture on ill-being for a graduate course at Rice University (Houston, Texas), October 2018.

- “A Defense 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.

Instructorships

University of Lethbridge

Disaster Ethics, Summer 2021

Bioethics, Spring 2020

Baylor College of Medicine

Medical School III Bioethics, periodic sessions, Spring 2019

Medical School II Bioethics, periodic sessions, Fall 2018–Spring 2019

University of Toronto

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: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Bioethics*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Dialogue*, *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*

Research Assistantships

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

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