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EMPLOYMENT University of Houston: Professor of Philosophy (2023 –)
 Associate Professor (2018 – 2023)
 Assistant Professor (2013 – 2018)
University of Chicago: Law and Philosophy Fellow (2012 – 2013)

EDUCATION University of California, Riverside: PhD (2012)
 Georgia State University: MA (2007)
 Erskine College: BA (2005)

RESEARCH Ethics, Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Action

MONOGRAPH

1. *In Praise of Ambivalence*, New York: Oxford University Press (2023).

EDITED VOLUMES

1. *Routledge Handbook of Compatibilism*, eds. D. Justin Coates and Taylor Cyr (under contract, expected late 2027).
2. *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility, vol 5: Essays on Themes from the Work of Gary Watson*, eds. D. Justin Coates and Neal A. Tognazzini, Oxford: Oxford University Press (2019).
3. *Blame: Its Nature and Norms*, eds. D. Justin Coates and Neal A. Tognazzini, New York: Oxford University Press (2013).

ARTICLES

1. “Normative Competence, Psychopathy, and A Scalar Theory of Moral Responsibility,” *Retrospective Responsibility*, ed. Christoph Lumer, Springer (forthcoming).
2. “A Defense of Weak Moralism,” *Journal of Ethics* 27 (2023): 131-140.
3. “Degrees of Responsibility,” *Oxford Handbook of Moral Responsibility*, eds. Dana Nelkin and Derk Pereboom (2022): 111-130.
4. “(Slightly) Extending the Limits of Blame,” *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 15.2 (2021): 207-215.
5. “The Ethics of Blame: A Primer,” *The Ethics of Belief and Beyond: Understanding Mental Normativity*, eds. Sebastian Schmidt and Gerhard Ernst, New York: Routledge (2020): 192-214.
6. “Being More (or Less) Blameworthy,” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 56.3 (2019): 233-246.
7. “Manipulation and Independence,” *The Future of Moral Responsibility in Journal of Information Ethics* 28.1 (2019): 115-130.

8. "Gratitude and Resentment: Some Asymmetries," *The Moral Psychology of Gratitude*, eds. Robert C. Roberts and Daniel Telech, London: Rowman & Littlefield (2019): 160-175.
9. "Hard Incompatibilism and the Participant Attitude," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 49.2 (2018): 208-229.
10. "A Wholehearted Defense of Ambivalence," *Journal of Ethics* 21 (2017): 419-444.
11. "Strawson's Modest Transcendental Argument," *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 25 (2017): 799-822.
12. "The Basic Argument and Modest Moral Responsibility," *Analytic Philosophy* 58.2 (2017): 156-170.
13. "The Epistemic Norm of Blame," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 19.2 (2016): 457-473.
14. "An Actual-Sequence Theory of Promotion," *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (2014): 1-7.
15. "No (New) Troubles with Ockhamism," (with Garrett Pendergraft), *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion* 5 (2014): 185-208.
16. "In Defense of Love Internalism," *Journal of Ethics* 17 (2013): 233 – 255.
17. "Reasons-Responsiveness and Degrees of Responsibility," (with Philip Swenson), *Philosophical Studies* 165.2 (2013): 629-645.
18. "The Contours of Blame," (with Neal A. Tognazzini), *Blame: Its Nature and Norms*, eds. D. Justin Coates and Neal A. Tognazzini, New York: Oxford University Press (2013): 3-26.
19. "The Nature and Ethics of Blame," (with Neal A. Tognazzini), *Philosophy Compass* 7.3 (2012): 197-207.
20. "Ethicists' Courtesy at Philosophy Conferences," (with Eric Schwitzgebel, Joshua Rust, Linus Huang, and Alan Moore), *Philosophical Psychology* 25.3 (2012): 331-340.
21. "Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Mechanism: Experiments on Folk Intuitions," (with Eddy Nahmias and Trevor Kvaran), *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 31 (2007): 214-242.

REVIEWS AND REFERENCE

1. "Compatibilism," (with Michael McKenna), *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, (2014, 2019, 2024).
2. "Blame," (with Neal A. Tognazzini) *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, (2013, 2018, 2024).
3. Review of *Ambivalence: A Philosophical Exploration* (Hili Razinsky), *Philosophical Quarterly* (2021).
4. Review of *Honor, History, and Relationship* (Stephen Darwall), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2015).
5. Review of *Consciousness and Moral Responsibility* (Neil Levy), *Ethics* 126.1 (2015): 230-233.
6. Review of *Relative Justice: Cultural Diversity, Free Will, and Moral Responsibility* (Tamler Sommers), *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 11.5 (2014): 665-668.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. "Warranted Ambivalence and Grief," w/ Michael Cholbi (under review).
2. "Hard Choices," (in draft).
3. "Ambivalence, Self-Knowledge, and Authentic Self-Expressions," (in progress)

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

1. Normative Competence, Psychopathy, and Degrees of Moral Responsibility, Retrospective Responsibility Workshop, University of Siena, September 2025.
2. "Hard Choices," Pepperdine University, May 2024.
3. Author Meets Critics for *In Praise of Ambivalence*, Central APA, February 2024.
4. "Warranted Ambivalence," Workshop on Suicidal Ambivalence, Dresden, August 2023.
5. "Hard Choices," Wayne State University, April 2022.
6. "A Defense of Weak Moralism: Comments on George Sher's *The Wild West of the Mind*," Central APA, February 2022.
7. "Strawson's Modest Transcendental Argument," LGRP Workshop (online), October 2020.
8. "Ambivalence and Meaning," Texas Ethics Workshop, February 2020.
9. "(Slightly) Extending the Limits of Blame," Eastern APA, January 2020.
10. "Sociality and the Participant Orientation" (w/ Neal Tognazzini), Pepperdine University, October 2019.
11. "Forgiveness and Blame," University of Edinburgh, April 2019.
12. "Asymmetrical Responsibility," Mississippi State University, March 2019.
13. "Gratitude and Resentment: Some Asymmetries," University of Chicago, September 2017.
14. "Gratitude and Resentment: Some Asymmetries," Texas A&M, September 2017.
15. "Generosity and Epistemic Conscientiousness," Friedrich-Alexander Universitat Erlangen-Nurnberg, August 2017.
16. "Being More (or Less) Blameworthy," Rutgers University, April 2017.
17. "Love and Virtue," Rutgers University, September 2016.
18. "What Blame Is," and "Why Blame Matters," Kyoto University, August 2016.
19. "Hard Incompatibilism and the Participant Attitude," Pacific APA, March 2016.

TEACHING (AT UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON)

Undergraduate Courses

1. Phil 1305: Introduction to Ethics (25x)
2. Phil 3350: Ethics (6x)
3. Phil 3355: Political Philosophy: Global Justice and the Ethics of Immigration
4. Phil 3351: Medical Ethics (3x)
5. Phil 3377: Philosophy of Religion (2x)
6. Phil 3395: Special Topics
 - a. Latin American Philosophy (2x)
 - b. *Middlemarch* and Philosophy (2x)
 - c. Philosophy of the Emotions (3x)
 - d. The Good Life (2x)
 - e. Philosophy of Action (2x)

Graduate Courses

7. Phil 6395: Welfare and Value
8. Phil 6395: Anger
9. Phil 6395: Hard Choices (2x)
10. Phil 6395: Skepticism about Moral Responsibility
11. Phil 6395: Agency and the Good (2x)
12. Phil 6395: Blame

SERVICE

1. Director of Graduate Studies (2018 –)
2. Faculty Affiliate at the Elizabeth D. Rockwell Ethics and Leadership Center
3. Associate Editor *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (2022 –)
4. Graduate Placement at University of Houston (director): (2014 –)
5. Graduate Mentor Coordinator (2018 –)
6. Colloquium Organizer (2016 – 2019)
7. Mellon Advisor (2022 –)
8. Mellon Speaker (in this role, I conduct a seminar with Mellon Scholars) (2019 –)
9. Philosophy department job search co-chair (w/ Helen Hattab) (2019-2020)
10. Philosophy department job search chair (2020-2021)
11. Faculty Governance Advisory Committee (2017-2018)
12. Writing Sample Workshop for MA students (participant): (2015 –)
13. Book Referee: Oxford University Press (x4), Cambridge University Press, Routledge Press
14. Journal Referee: *Philosophical Review*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Ethics*, *Nous*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Analysis*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophia*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, etc.