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Employment

- 2020 – University of Florida (Gainesville, FL)
Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Philosophy
Project: Predictive Policing, Algorithms, and Public Trust
- 2018 – 2020 United States Military Academy at West Point (West Point, NY)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of English and Philosophy

Education

- 2012 – 2019 Ph.D, Philosophy, *University of Toronto*
Dissertation: *National Partiality & War*
Supervisor: Thomas Hurka; Readers: Arthur Ripstein & Julia Nefsky
- 2007 – 2011 B.A. (Honors), Philosophy, *University of Missouri*
Thesis: *Targeted Killing as Preventing Unjust Harms*; Supervisor: Peter Vallentyne
Honors: Summa Cum Laude; Honors College; Phi Beta Kappa
Minors: Political Science; French

Research

Areas of Specialization: Ethics, Political Philosophy, Bioethics

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Law, General Applied Ethics

Publications

- Articles *forthcoming*, “Value Promotion as a Goal of Medicine”
Journal of Medical Ethics
- (2020) “Boycotts, Expressive Acts, and Withdrawal of Support”
Business Ethics Journal Review 8 (3)
- forthcoming*, “Toward a Collectivist National Defense”
Philosophia

forthcoming, “The Case for an Autonomy-Centered View of Physician-Assisted Death”
(with Eric Mathison)
Journal of Bioethical Inquiry

(2017) “Is There a Right to the Death of the Fetus?” (with Eric Mathison)
Bioethics 31 (3) (doi:10.1111/bioe.12331)

Reviews *The Ethics of Preventive War*, Deen K. Chatterjee (ed.)
Dialogue, Canadian Philosophical Review, 54:3, pp. 565-66

Honors & Awards

Honourable Mention, David Savan Dissertation Prize 2018-19

University of Toronto Department of Philosophy Award for Best Dissertation in Previous Year

Centre for Ethics Doctoral Fellowship, 2017-18 (University-wide)

Martha Lile Love Excellence in Teaching Award, 2016

Departmental award for course design and execution (PHL 271: Law and Morality)

Halbert Network Fellowship, 2016-

Hebrew University; Topic: "Collective and Temporally Extended Rights and Wrongs"

School of Graduate Studies Travel Grant, 2013

Connaught International Student Fellowship 2012 - 2017

US State Dept. Critical Language Scholarship (South Korea), *Summer, 2011*

Undergraduate Research Mentorship Program, 2009

Presentations

Talks “Toward a Value-Centered Account of the Goals of Medicine”
University of Buffalo, May 2020 – *Canceled due to COVID-19*

“National Heritage, National Partiality, and War”
Heritage and War Conference
Loyola University of New Orleans, March 2020 – *Canceled due to COVID-19*

“Grief and Acceptance”
APA Pacific
Vancouver, BC, April 2019

“Requests and Refusals: The Case for Consistency”
APPE Annual Conference
Baltimore, MD, March 2019

“Necessity and the Problem of Future Costs”
Halbert Network Fellowship Meeting
Jerusalem, Israel, February 2019

“A Conversation on Medical Ethics in Wartime”

with CPT Elizabeth Lazzari

West Point, NY, February 2019

“An Autonomy-Centred Argument for Physician-Assisted Death” (with Eric Mathison)

York University, April 2018

“The Algebra of Partiality”

“Ethics at Noon”, Centre for Ethics

University of Toronto, March 2018

“National Partiality’s Scope Restrictions”

Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War Reading Retreat

Canberra, AUS, November 2017

“Toward a Collectivist National Defense”

MANCEPT Workshop on Collectivism in War

Manchester, UK, September 2017

“National Partiality’s Scope Restrictions”

Halbert Network Fellowship Meeting

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, June 2017

“National Partiality’s Scope Restrictions”

Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting

Toronto, ON, May 2017

“Sibling Partiality”

American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting

Kansas City, MO, March 2017

“National Partiality’s Scope Restrictions”

Conference on Cosmopolitanism and Patriotism

University of Lyon III, October 2016

“Toward a Non-Reductionist National Defense”

Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War Reading Retreat

Bergamo, Italy, September 2015

“A Right to the Death of the Fetus?” (with Eric Mathison)

Ryerson University Philosophy Conference

Toronto, ON, February 2015

“Self-Defense and the Value of a Fair Fight”

Canadian Philosophical Association Congress

Brock University, May 2014

“Morality or Politics?: Kutz on Political Permissibility”

IV Meetings on Ethics & Political Philosophy

University of Minho, Portugal, May 2013

- Invited Q&A Session on Public Philosophy & Podcasting
University of Toronto, Jackman Scholars-In-Residence, May 2018
- Guest Debater: “War and Terrorism”
University of Toronto, Mississauga Philosophy Club, April 2018
- “Selecting in Favor of Disabilities”
University of Toronto, PHL 384: Ethics, Genetics, & Reproduction, April 2016
- Guest Debater: “Surveillance & Privacy”
University of Toronto, Mississauga Philosophy Club, November 2015
- Guest Debater: “The Ethics of Eating Animals”
University of Toronto, Scarborough, Intro. to Ethics, March 2014
- Comments Jessica Wolfendale, “Proportionality, Risks, and Benefits in War”
Ethics of War and Peace Conference
Villanova, PA, March 2019
- Saba Bazargan, “Proportionality, Risks, and Benefits in War”
Oxford Ethics and Law of Armed Conflict Workshop
Florence, Italy, September 2016
- Victor Kumar, “Do Psychopaths Falsify Internalism or Lack Responsibility?”
Canadian Philosophical Association Congress
Brock University, May 2014

Teaching

- Instructor *West Point*
PY321: Topics in Ethics: Bioethics (Winter 2020)
PY201: Philosophy and Ethical Reasoning (4x, Fall 2018; 4x, Winter 2019, 4x, Fall 2019)
- U of Toronto*
PHL382: Death & Dying (Summer 2017)
PHL271: Law & Morality (Summer 2016)
**Awarded the Martha Lile Love Excellence in Teaching Award*
(www.philosophy.utoronto.ca/news/jeremy-davis-wins-2016-martha-lile-love-teaching-award)
- T.A. Lead TA: Philosophy Essay Clinic (Fall 2017)
PHL101: Introduction to Philosophical Problems (Fall 2017)
PHL275/A11: Intro. to Ethics (Winter 2015, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Winter 2017)
PHL265: Intro. to Political Philosophy (Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2016)
PHL281: Bioethics (Summer 2014)
PHL271: Law and Morality (Winter 2014)

Research Arthur Ripstein (research assistant) (Winter 2015)
Yitzhak Benbaji (proofreading and commentary on manuscripts) (Fall 2013)

Professional Service & Affiliations

West Point Co-Coach, Ethics Bowl Team, 2018–
U. of Toronto Graduate Executive Committee, 2015 – 2016
Organizer, Philosophers for Peace, 2013 – 2017
Chapter Organizer, Minorities and Philosophy, 2013 – 2015
Graduate Associate, Centre for Ethics, 2012 – present
Referee, Graduate Conference Committee, 2013, 2014, 2015

Profession Judge, APPE Ethics Bowl National Championship, March 2019
Referee, *Dialogue* (2x); *Bioethics*; *Southwest Philosophy Review*

Affiliations Canadian Philosophical Association, 2014 – present
American Philosophical Association, 2014 – present

References

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Andrew Franklin-Hall (teaching reference)

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Yitzhak Benbaji

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Dissertation Abstract: *War & National Partiality*

Most people believe that nations are permitted to give some preference to their members, especially in wartime. That is, if a nation must decide between harming some number of its own, or harming the same (or even a slightly higher) number of individuals on the other side, then it is permissible and perhaps even obligatory to prefer their own. While this view is popular among non-philosophers, most philosophers writing on the ethics of war tacitly deny it. Indeed, most philosophers endorse a broadly cosmopolitan approach, which holds roughly that nationality is morally irrelevant: one cannot prefer one's co-nationals over outsiders merely on the basis of shared nationality. In my dissertation, I argue that, contra the cosmopolitan, national partiality is indeed a morally relevant factor that shapes what co-nationals are permitted to do. This fact, I argue, has important implications for the ethics of war: whereas the default assumption has been that the criteria on entry to war and combat within war have been taken to apply impartially, I argue that partiality alters certain of these conditions—most notably, the conditions concerning proportionality and non-combatant immunity. Ultimately, my view shows that the predominant cosmopolitan framework is mistaken; however, my conclusions stop well short of one common form of nationalism, according to which our co-nationals receive lexical priority. As I argue, the importance of the co-national relationship must be balanced against other weighty impartialist considerations.