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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Stanford University, Stanford, California

Dean of the Freshman Sophomore College, 2010-present

Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2008-present

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2000-2008

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

Visiting Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, May-August 2008

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, University Center for Human Values, 2006-2007

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1999-2000

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics and Moral Philosophy (esp. metaethics, philosophy of action, moral psychology)

Nineteenth-Century German Philosophy (esp. Nietzsche, neo-Kantianism, early positivism)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Continental Philosophy (esp. Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche, Freud, Heidegger, Lacan, Derrida)

Political Philosophy

Islamic Philosophy

Philosophy of Religion

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ph.D. Philosophy, December 1999

M.A. Philosophy, December 1995

Thesis: "Creating Values: Appropriating Nietzsche for a Fictionalist Theory of Value"

Universität Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany

Fakultät für Geschichtswissenschaft und Philosophie, 1998-99

Stanford University, Stanford, California

B.S. Symbolic Systems, June 1990

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- “Metaethics and Its Discontents: A Case Study of Korsgaard”. Co-authored with Nishiten Shah. Forthcoming in *Constructivism in Ethics*, edited by Carla Bagnoli. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- “Nietzsche’s Metaethical Stance”. Forthcoming in *The Oxford Handbook on Nietzsche*, edited by John Richardson and Ken Gemes. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- “A Problem for Ambitious Metanormative Constructivism”. In *Constructivism in Practical Philosophy*, edited by Jimmy Lenman and Yonatan Shemmer, 180-194. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- “Nietzsche and Non-Cognitivism”. In *Nietzsche, Naturalism & Normativity*, edited by Simon Robertson and Christopher Janaway, 111-132. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- “Metaethics and Nihilism in Reginster’s *The Affirmation of Life*”. In *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 43, no. 1 (2012): 99-117.
- “The Role of Life in the *Genealogy*”. In *Nietzsche’s On The Genealogy of Morality: A Critical Guide*, edited by Simon May, 142-169. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.
- “Error Theory and Fictionalism”. In *The Routledge Companion to Ethics*, edited by John Skorupski, 335-45. London and New York: Routledge, 2010.
- “Honest Illusion: Valuing for Nietzsche’s Free Spirits”. In *Nietzsche and Morality*, edited by Brian Leiter and Niel Sinhababu, 157-91. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007.
- Chosen for *The Philosopher’s Annual 2008* (www.philosophersannual.org) as one of the ten best philosophy articles published in 2007.
- “Misunderstanding Metaethics: Korsgaard’s Rejection of Realism”. Co-authored with Nishiten Shah. *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 1, edited by Russ Shafer-Landau, 265-294. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2006.
- “The Return of Moral Fictionalism”. *Philosophical Perspectives* 18, no. 1 (2004): 149-87.
- “The Guise of a Reason”. *Philosophical Studies* 121, no. 3 (2004): 263-75. Contribution to book symposium on David Velleman, *The Possibility of Practical Reason* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000).
- “Nietzsche’s Positivism”. *European Journal of Philosophy* 12, no. 3 (2004): 326-68.
- “Reading Nietzsche through Ernst Mach”. In *Nietzsche and Science*, edited by Gregory Moore and Thomas H. Brobjer, 111-29. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2004.

Encyclopedia Entries

- “Friedrich Albert Lange”. *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, edited by Edward N. Zalta. URL=<<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/friedrich-lange/>>. (Maintained till 2012)

Book Reviews

- Review of John Skorupski, *Ethical Explorations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999). *Ethics* 115, no. 3 (2005): 626-28.
- Review of Michael S. Green, *Nietzsche and the Transcendental Tradition* (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2002). *The Philosophical Review* 113, no. 2 (2004): 275-78.

WORK IN PROGRESS**Books**

Norms in Action: Metaethics and the Neo-Kantian Critique

Articles

“Eternal Recurrence and Nihilism: Adding Weight to the Unbearable Lightness of Action”.
Available online.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “The Role of Life in the *Genealogy*”, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, 2011
- “Constructivism, Judgement-Dependence, and Truth-Makers”, Conference on Constructivism, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, 2009
- “Constitution, Inescapability and Necessity”, Fellows’ Seminar, Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 2008
- “Nietzsche and Non-Cognitivism”, Conference on “Nietzsche, Naturalism and Normativity”, University of Southampton, Southampton, 2008
- “Normativity and the Causal Order”, Metaethics Conference, Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 2008
- “Normativity and the Causal Order”, Moral Philosophy and Value Theory Conference; Ohio State, the University of Maribor, and the University of Rijeka; Dubrovnik, 2008
- “Constitution, Inescapability and Necessity”, Keynote Address, Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, 2008
- “Constitution, Inescapability and Necessity”, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2008
- Comment on Peter Railton’s “Rational Desire and Rationality in Desire”, Conference on Reason and Value, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2008
- “Normativity in Aesthetics and Ethics”, Invited Speaker, Symposium: Ethics and Aesthetics, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 2007
- “Constructivism and Metaethics”, University of California, Irvine, 2007
- “Constructivism and Metaethics”, University of Oxford, Oxford, 2007
- “Constructivism and Metaethics”, University of Leeds, Leeds, 2007
- “Constructivism and Metaethics”, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, 2007
- “Constructivism and Metaethics”, University of Stirling, Stirling, 2007
- “Constructivism and Metaethics”, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, 2007
- “What Could Constructivism in Ethics Possibly Be?”, University of California, Berkeley, 2007
- Author Meets Critics Session on Bernard Reginster’s *The Affirmation of Life*, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2007
- “Eternal Recurrence and Nihilism: Adding Weight to the Unbearable Lightness of Acting”, Colgate University, Hamilton, 2007
- “Eternal Recurrence and Nihilism: Adding Weight to the Unbearable Lightness of Acting”, Conference on “Nietzsche’s Ethics: Contemporary Topics and Problems”, The University of Texas, Austin, 2007
- “Eternal Recurrence and Nihilism: Adding Weight to the Unbearable Lightness of Acting”, Nietzsche and Morality Conference, The University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, Princeton, 2006
- “What Could Constructivism in Metaethics Possibly Be?” University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, Princeton, 2006.
- “What Could Constructivism in Metaethics Possibly Be?” Workshop in Moral and Political Philosophy, Harvard University, Cambridge, 2006.
- “The Requirements of Rationality.” Moral Philosophy and Value Theory Conference; Ohio State, the University of Maribor, and the University of Rijeka; Dubrovnik, 2006

- Comment on Thomas Scanlon's "Structural Irrationality." Shapiro Conference on Practical Reason, Brown University, Providence, 2005
- "Metaethics and Its Discontents: A Case Study of Korsgaard." Annual Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004
- Respondent for Invited Symposium on "Moral Objectivity", American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2004
- "The Return of Moral Fictionalism", Arizona State University, Tempe, 2003
- Invited participant, Roundtable on "Nietzsche and Normativity", University of Illinois College of Law, Urbana-Champaign, 2003
- Respondent for Invited Symposium on "Nietzsche and Human Life", American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2003.
- "The Return of Moral Fictionalism", Conference on "Moral Theory after Nietzsche", University of Texas, Austin, 2003
- Invited participant, Roundtable with Jacques Derrida, "The Possibility of the Impossible: Cruelty, Sovereignty, Death Penalty", Stanford University Press, Stanford, 2002
- "Nietzsche's Positivism: Sensualism as Regulative Hypothesis", Conference on "Nietzsche: Philosophical Influences and Philosophical Legacies", University of Texas, Austin, 2001
- "Hierarchy and Regress", University of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, 2001

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March-August 2008
- Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship, American Council for Learned Societies, 2006-07
- Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2006-07
- Germanistic Society of America Fellowship, 1998-99
- Fulbright Travel Grant, 1998-99
- Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 1996-97
- Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan, 1996-97 (declined)
- Rackham One-Term Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan, 1995
- Regents' Fellowship, University of Michigan, 1990-94

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- "Mythos & Logos: Religion and Rationality in the Humanities". 2010-11. Organized with Brent Sockness, Noreen Khawaja, and Peter Woodford. Sponsored by the Stanford Humanities Center. Made possible by support from Claire and John Radway, the Mellon Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- 14th Annual Philosophy Colloquium, University of Michigan, March 1995 (Speakers: John Rawls, Nancy Fraser, and David Gauthier)

TEACHING AWARDS

- Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching: First Years of Teaching at Stanford, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University, 2009
- American Philosophical Association Recognition for Excellence in the Teaching of Philosophy, 1995
- University of Michigan Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 1994-95
- Department of Philosophy John Dewey Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, University of Michigan, 1994-95

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Stanford University, 2008-present

Seminar: Metaethics (graduate)
Seminar: Habermas (graduate)
Metaethics (upper-level undergraduate, graduate)
Realism, Anti-Realism, Irrealism, and Quasi-Realism (upper-level undergraduate, graduate)
Introduction to Political Philosophy
Introduction to the Humanities Program: Truth and Morality-One, Many, or None?
(Interdisciplinary introduction to the humanities for first-year undergraduates)
Introduction to Philosophy

Assistant Professor, Stanford University, 2000-present

Seminar: Metaethics (graduate)
Seminar: Nietzsche on Value and Morality (graduate)
Core Seminar: Ethics (graduate)
Metaethics (upper-level undergraduate, graduate)
Political Philosophy (upper-level undergraduate, graduate)
Philosophy of Action (upper-level undergraduate, graduate)
Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities: Theoretical Roots of Contemporary Criticism
(Saussure, Freud, Lacan, Derrida) (upper-level undergraduate)
Introduction to Political Philosophy
First-year Undergraduate Seminar: Moral Skepticisms
Introduction to the Humanities Program: The Fate of Reason (“great books” style survey of
modern philosophy for first-year undergraduates)
Guest Lectures: Islamic Philosophy

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Michigan, 1999-2000

Existentialism (Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, Camus) (upper-level undergraduate)
Twentieth-Century Continental Philosophy (Husserl, Heidegger, Saussure, Derrida, Foucault)
(upper-level undergraduate)
Philosophical Ethics

Instructor/Lecturer, University of Michigan, 1994-96

Existentialism (Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, Camus) (upper-level undergraduate)
Introduction to Philosophy
Great Books in Philosophy (Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Descartes, Hume, Kant, Hegel,
Nietzsche, Ayer)

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Chair PhD Thesis

Matthew Etchemendy (since 2012)
Richie Kim (since 2005)
Ryo Kikuchi (2007-2010)

Committee member PhD Thesis

Sam Asarnow (since 2012)
Adam Simon (since 2012)
Carlos Núñez (since 2012)
Amanda Greene (since 2012)
Peter Woodford (since 2012)
David Taylor (since 2010)
Rahul Chaudhri (since 2010)

Luis Cheng-Guajardo (since 2009) (Chair: Tamar Schapiro)
Assaf Sharon 2011: “The Rule of Law: A philosophical Investigation of Law and Liberty” (Chair: Josh Cohen)
Wolfson, Ben 2011: “Action and Knowledge” (Chair: Michael Bratman)
Lewin, Micah (2008-2011) (Chair: Alexis Burgess)
Dan Halliday 2011: “Endowments, Inequality, and Aggregation: Reflections on the Foundations and Methods of Distributive Justice” (Chair: Josh Cohen)
Will Beal 2012: “The Importance of Dedication” (Chair: Michael Bratman)
Johanna Wolff 2010: “Realism Between Metaphysics and Science” (Co-Chairs: Tom Ryckman and Alexis Burgess)
Peyton McElroy (2007-2009) (Chair: Lanier Anderson)
Alma Papadopol (2006-2008) (Chair: Lanier Anderson)
Jennifer Morton 2008: “Practical Reasoning and the Varieties of Agency” (Chair: Michael Bratman)
Sarah Paul 2009: “How We Know What We’re Doing: In Inferential Explanation of Agential ‘Knowledge Without Observation’” (Chair: Michael Bratman)
Sarah Darby (since 2003) (Chair: Lanier Anderson)
Laurel Scotland-Stewart 2008: “Social Invisibility as Social Breakdown: Insights from a Phenomenology of Self, World and Other” (Chair: Lanier Anderson)
Tim Blosler 2004: “Cognitivism and the Emotions” (Chair: John Perry)
Kenneth Stalzer 2004: “The Normativity of Instrumental Reason” (Chair: Michael Bratman)
Simon May 2004: “The Significance of Moral Disagreement” (Chair: Debra Satz)
Yonatan Shemmer 2001: “Desiring at Will: Reasons, Motivations, and Motivational Change” (Chair: Michael Bratman)

Director MA Thesis

Katrina Sostek 2004: “Richard Moran and Self-Knowledge”
Rich Lane 2004: “Charles Dickens and Utilitarianism” (Modern Thought and Literature)

Chair BA Thesis

Victoria Brown 2004: “Can Past Deprivation Excuse Present Depravity?”

REFEREEING

Journals: Australasian Journal of Philosophy, British Society for Ethical Theory, Ethics, *Noûs*, *Philosopher’s Imprint*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*

Presses: Oxford University Press, Routledge

Foundations: Fonds québécois de recherche sur la société et la culture, Canadian Foundation for Innovation

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Undergraduate Honors Director, 2012-present
Mind/Bio/Logic Junior Search Committee, 2012-present
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2012-present
Junior Ethics Search Committee 2010-11
Junior Core Search Committee, 2010-11
Chair, Committee for Redesigning Departmental Web Site, Stanford University, 2003-2004, 2005-2011
Co-Chair, Placement Committee, Stanford University, 2009-2010

Chair, Admissions Committee, Stanford University, 2008-09
Faculty Advisor for Undergraduate Philosophy Association, Stanford University 2008-2009
Admissions Committee, Stanford University, 2007-2008
Placement Committee, Stanford University, 2001-2003, 2005-2006
Ancient Philosophy Search Committee, Stanford University, 2003-2004
Library Committee, Stanford University, 2001-2002
Undergraduate Studies Committee, Stanford University, 2000-2001
Faculty Recruitment Committee, University of Michigan, 1996-1997
Graduate Studies Committee, University of Michigan, 1994-1995

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Chair, Task Force on Residential Education, 2010-present
Faculty Task Force, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, 2010-present
Committee on Academic Computing and Information Systems, Stanford University,
2010-2013
Subcommittee on Residential and Co-Curricular Learning, Study of Undergraduate Education
at Stanford, 2010-2012
Governance Board, Introduction to the Humanities Program, Stanford University, 2007-2010
Steering Committee, Web Design Project, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford
University, 2006-2009
Islamic Studies Faculty Advisory Board, Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, School of
Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University, 2003-2008

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2009-2012

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Ethnic background: Pakistani-American
United States Citizenship