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EMPLOYMENT

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Philosophy Department
Assistant Professor, Starting August 2013
Monash University, Melbourne Australia, Philosophy Department
Lecturer, July 2011 – July 2013 (U.S. equivalent: Visiting Assistant Professor)

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara Ph.D., Philosophy, June 2011
Dissertation: *The Possibility of Acting from Duty*
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Visiting Student, Philosophy, 2009
California State University, Sacramento B.A., Philosophy, June 2005

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics (esp. Moral Psychology, Meta-ethics), Epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics, History of Modern Philosophy

ARTICLES (all peer-reviewed & lead author if joint)

- May, J. (forthcoming). "Does Disgust Influence Moral Judgment?" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
- May, J. (forthcoming). "Because I Believe It's the Right Thing to Do" *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.
- May, J. & Holton, R. (2012). "What in the World Is Weakness of Will?" *Philosophical Studies* 157(3): 341–360.
- May, J. (2011). "Egoism, Empathy, and Self-Other Merging." *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 49(s1): 25–39, Spindel Supplement: Empathy & Ethics, Remy Debes (ed.), Emerging Scholar Prize Essay. (Other contributors include: Stephen Darwall, John Deigh, Peter Goldie, Jesse Prinz, Michael Slote.)
- May, J. (2011). "Relational Desires and Empirical Evidence against Psychological Egoism." *European Journal of Philosophy* 19(1): 39–58.
- May, J., Sinnott-Armstrong, W., Hull, J. G. & Zimmerman, A. (2010). "Practical Interests, Relevant Alternatives, and Knowledge Attributions: an Empirical Study." *Review of Philosophy & Psychology* 1(2): 265–273, Special Issue, guest editors: E. Machery, T. Lombrozo, & J. Knobe.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- “Empirical Work in Moral Psychology” (2012), *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (5,000 words).
 “Psychological Egoism” (2011), *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (10,000 words).

REVIEWS

- Review of *Experimental Philosophy* (2008, OUP) ed. by Joshua Knobe & Shaun Nichols, in *Philosophical Psychology* Vol. 23, No. 5 (2010), pp. 711–715.
 Review of *Willing, Wanting, Waiting* (2009, OUP) by Richard Holton, in *Metapsychology* Vol. 13, No. 23 (2009).
 Review of *A Very Bad Wizard: Morality behind the Curtain* (2009, McSweeney’s) by Tamler Sommers, in *Metapsychology* Vol. 13, No. 53 (2009). [Featured on *Arts & Letters Daily*.]

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Skeptical Hypotheses and Moral Skepticism” (R&R at *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*)
 “The Motivational Power of Moral Beliefs” (submitted)
 “On the Very Concept of Free Will” (submitted)
 “Regard for Reason: A Contractualist Moral Psychology” (in progress)

DISCUSSIONS OF MY WORK

- Weakness of Will*: Alfred Mele (OUP), George Newman, Joshua Knobe, & Paul Bloom (ms), Knobe et al. (*Annual Review of Psychology*), Jeanette Kennett & Doug McConnell (*Inquiry*), Mark Alicke, Ellen Gordon, & David Rose (*Philosophical Psych.*), James Beebe (*Synthese*; ms), Carlos Mauro & Paulo Sousa (ms).
Egoism: Christian Miller (OUP), Michael Slote (*Philosophia*), Bergner & Ramon (*J. of Social Psychology*), John J. Tilley (ms).
Knowledge: Chandra Sripada & Jason Stanley (*Episteme*), Keith DeRose (*Phil. Studies*), Jonathan Schaffer & Josh Knobe (*Noûs*), J. Schaffer & Zoltán Gendler Szabó (*Phil. Studies*), Wesley Buckwalter & Jonathan Schaffer (*Noûs*), J. Fantl & M. McGrath (OUP; *PPR*), Jessica Brown, (*PPR*; *Synthese*, *Phil Studies*), Nat Hansen (*Phil. Quarterly*, *Synthese*), Don Fallis (*South. J. Phil.*), Patrick Rysiew (*Phil. Studies*), Liane Young, Shaun Nichols, & Rebecca Saxe, (*Review of Phil. and Psych.*), N. Ángel Pinillos (OUP; *Phil. Compass*), Mark Phelan (*Phil. Psych.*), Adam Feltz & Chris Zarpentine (*Phil. Psych.*), Zarpentine et al. (*Monist*), Wesley Buckwalter (*Review of Phil. and Psych.*; *Phil. Compass*), Robin Mckenna (*PPQ*, *Synthese*), Michael Blome-Tillmann (*Synthese*), James Beebe (Continuum), Josh Alexander (*Polity*), Alexander et al (Continuum).

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

- Emerging Scholar Prize, Spindel Conference on Empathy & Ethics, U. of Memphis, Oct. 2010
 (External referees: Martha Nussbaum, Russ Shafer-Landau, and Lori Gruen)
 Stipend for Big Questions in Free Will Summer Seminar, Florida State University, June 2012
 Stipend for Summer Seminar on Perceptual, Moral, & Religious Skepticism, Purdue Univ. June 2011

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Prize, American Philosophical Association, March 2010
School Research Funding, Monash University, for “Conceptions of Free Will,” June 2012
Travel Grants, Monash University, Faculty of Arts, Dec 2011, July 2012
New Appointee Grant, Monash University, Philosophy Department, 2011-2012

PRESENTATIONS (* = refereed)

“On the Very Concept of Free Will”

* University of San Francisco, Conference on Free Will, Aug. 2013 (unable to attend)

University of Melbourne, Philosophy Department, Aug. 2012

Charles Stuart Univ. at Wagga Wagga, Philosophy Department, Apr. 2013

Deakin University, Melbourne, Philosophy Department, Mar. 2013

“Does Disgust Influence Moral Judgment?”

* Australasian Association of Philosophy, Annual Conference, Jul. 2012

* Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado-Boulder, Aug. 2012 (unable to attend)

Australian National University, Philosophy Department, Apr. 2012

Macquarie University, Philosophy Department, May 2012

“Toward a Naturalistic Motivational Rationalism”

* American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Colloquium Session, Dec. 2011

University of Melbourne, Ethics Workshop, Jan. 2012

University of Sydney, Philosophy Dept., Oct. 2011

* Naturalisms in Ethics Conference, University of Auckland, New Zealand, Jul. 2011

* Southern Society for Philosophy & Psychology, New Orleans, Mar. 2011

* Euro & American Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Montreal, Jul. 2011 (unable to attend)

“Skeptical Hypotheses and Moral Skepticism”

* Purdue University, Summer Seminar on Skepticisms, June. 2011

La Trobe University, Philosophy Department, Mar. 2012

“Because I Believe It’s the Right Thing to Do”

* University of Miami, 3rd Annual Workshop on Mind & Ethics, Nov. 2010

“Egoism, Empathy, and Self-Other Merging”

* Spindel Conference on Empathy & Ethics, University of Memphis, Oct. 2010

“What in the World is Weakness of Will?”

* American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Colloquium Session, Apr. 2010

* University at Buffalo, Graduate Philosophy Conference, Oct. 2009

American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Group Program, Dec. 2010 (unable to attend)

State University of New York, Fredonia Philosophical Society, Oct. 2009

“Relational Desires and Empirical Evidence against Psychological Egoism”

* University of South Alabama, Philosophy Conference, Sept. 2008

* Virginia Tech, Graduate Philosophy Conference on Ethics, Nov. 2006

COMMENTING

APA Pacific Division, Commentator on Wheeler & Furrow, Apr. 2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Independent Instructor (17 courses)

Ethics: Theories of Good & Evil, UAB, 30 students

Intro to Philosophy, UAB, 120 students

Seminar on Moral Psychology [x2] (grad/honours seminar), Monash, 15 students

Ethics (upper division) [x2], Monash, 60 students

Intro to Ethics: Life, Death, and Morality (w/McKinnon), Monash, 17 high school students

Intro to Philosophy: Time, Self, & Mind [x2] (w/Clarke-Doane), Monash, 300 students

Philosophy of Mind [x2] (upper division), Monash, 100 students

Intro to Philosophy [x2], Cuesta College, 40 students; UCSB 130 students

Critical Thinking, UCSB, 145 students

Freedom & Determinism (upper division), UCSB, 35 students

Moral Psychology (upper division), UCSB, 40 students

Metaphysics (upper division), UCSB, 45 students

Teaching Assistant (10 courses)

Lower-division: *Intro to Philosophy*, *Intro to Ethics* [x2], *Critical Thinking*, *Biomedical Ethics*, *Ancient Philosophy*, *Late Modern Philosophy*.

Upper-division: *Ethics*, *Metaphysics*, *Philosophy of Mind*.

Supervision (all at Monash)

Main supervisor for 2 *Honours* students (≈terminal Masters in U.S.):

Francis Li (moral responsibility); Timothy Allen (self-knowledge)

Associate supervisor for 3 *MA/PhD* students (thesis only, no coursework):

Christina Majoinen (moral nihilism); Parisa Vidafar (perception); Richard Baker (embodied mind)

Supervision Accreditation Level 1, having completed 9 modules of supervision training.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

To the Profession

Referee: *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Studies* (x4), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *The Monist*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Psychology* (x5), *Economics & Philosophy*, *Acta Analytica*, *Review of Philosophy & Psychology* (x2), *Philosophy Compass*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, Oxford University Press (x5), Routledge Press, Continuum Press, Society for Philosophy & Psychology (conference program)

Assistant to General Editors, *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2009–present

Editor of 8 categories for *PhilPapers*, D. Chalmers & D. Bourget (eds.), 2009–present

External examiner for Honours thesis, Australian National University, 2012

Contributor, *Philosophy CFPs* (2008–2011); *Experimental Philosophy* (2008–present)

Copyeditor & Formatter, *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2006–2009

Web designer, *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2009–present (completely redesigned in 2009)

To the University & Department

Organizer, Colloquium (“Seminar”) Series, Monash University, 2012

Organizer, Mind & Morality Workshop, Monash University, July 2012

Talks: Galen Strawson, Michael Smith, Michelle Montague, Tristram McPherson, Monima Chadha.

Flexible Learning Coordinator, Philosophy Department, Monash University, 2012

Oversaw all 11 off-campus philosophy courses, run primarily through Blackboard or Moodle.

Assistant Conference Organizer, Philosophy of Biology Conference, UC Santa Barbara, 2010-2011

Webmaster Assistant, Philosophy Department, UC Santa Barbara, 2009-2010

Graduate Representative, Philosophy Department, UC Santa Barbara, 2006–2009

Assembly Member, Graduate Student Association, UC Santa Barbara, 2005–2006

REFERENCES

Matthew Hanser (UC Santa Barbara), Professor of Philosophy, hanser@philosophy.ucsb.edu

Richard Holton (MIT) Professor of Philosophy, holton@mit.edu

Michael Rescorla (UC Santa Barbara), Associate Professor of Philosophy,
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Walter Sinnott-Armstrong (Duke University), Chauncey Stillman Professor of Ethics,
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