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## Current Position

from September 2017

**Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Philosophy of Moral and Social Cognition**  
and **Assistant Professor of Philosophy**, York University

## Previous Positions

2014-2017 **Assistant Professor / Faculty Fellow**, NYU Center for Bioethics  
**Affiliate Faculty**, Medical Ethics Division, NYU Langone Medical Center  
2011-2014 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, University of Oxford Faculty of Philosophy  
Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics; Oxford Centre for Neuroethics  
**Junior Research Fellow**, Jesus College Oxford

## Education

2005-2011 **PhD in Philosophy**, NYU  
2008 visiting graduate student, Institut Jean Nicod / ENS, Paris  
2005-2007 **MA in Philosophy**, NYU  
2003 visiting student, Sophia University, Tokyo  
2000-2004 **BA in Philosophy**, Georgetown University – Honors with Distinction

## Publications

### *Peer-Reviewed Publications*

*Forthcoming* **How to Take Offense: Responding to Microaggression**  
*Journal of the American Philosophical Association*  
2018 **Abortion, Ultrasound, and Moral Persuasion**  
*Philosophers' Imprint* 18(6): 1-20.  
2017 **Fake News and Partisan Epistemology**  
*Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* <https://kiej.georgetown.edu/fake-news-partisan-epistemology/>

... *Peer-Reviewed Publications (continued)*

- 2017 **Why Moral Psychology is Disturbing.**  
*Philosophical Studies* 174: 1439-1458.
- 2016 **Debunking debunking: A regress challenge for psychological threats to moral judgment**  
*Philosophical Studies*. 173(3): 675-697.
- 2016 **Student Resistance to Thought Experiments**  
*APA Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy* 15(2).
- 2015 **How Not to Test for Philosophical Expertise.**  
*Synthese* 192 (2): 431-452.
- 2015 **Feedback from Moral Philosophy to Cognitive Science.**  
*Philosophical Psychology* 28(4): 569-588.
- 2014 **Analogies, Moral Intuitions, and the Expertise Defence.**  
*Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 5(2): 169-181.
- 2014 **The Science of Morality and its Normative Implications.**  
(with Tommaso Bruni and Matteo Malmeli). *Neuroethics* 7(2): 159-172.
- 2013 **Making Psychology Normatively Significant.**  
*The Journal of Ethics*. 17(3): 257-274.
- 2013 **Of course the baby should live: Against ‘after-birth abortion’.**  
*Journal of Medical Ethics* 39: 353-356.
- 2007 **Categorization training results in shape- and category-selective human neural plasticity.** (third of six co-authors). *Neuron* 53: 891-903.

*Chapters in Edited Volumes and Reference Works*

- In Prep* **Democratic Testimony and Weaponized Skepticism**  
In *Political Epistemology*, eds. Michael Hannon and Elizabeth Edenberg. Routledge.
- In Prep* **The Science of Microaggression** (with Emma McClure).  
*Philosophy Compass*.
- In Prep* **How to Measure a Microaggression**  
In *Microaggressions and Philosophy*, eds. Lauren Freeman and Jeanine Weekes Schroer. Routledge.
- Forthcoming* **Epoch Relativism and Our Moral Hopelessness**  
In *Ethics Beyond the Limits: Bernard Williams’ Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy*, eds. Sophie Grace Chappell and Marcel van Ackeren. Routledge.
- Forthcoming* **Ethical Issues of Microaggression**  
In *Ethics and the Contemporary World*, eds. David Edmonds and Julian Savulescu. Routledge.
- 2017 **Archimedes in the Lab: Can Science Identify Good Moral Reasoning?**  
(with Tommaso Bruni) In *Moral Inferences*, ed. Jean-François Bonnefon and Bastien Trémolière. Psychology Press.
- 2015 **Neuromodulation and the (in)stability of moral cognition** (with Molly Crockett). In *The Moral Brain* ed. Jean Decety and Thalia Wheatley. MIT Press.
- 2015 **Psychology and the Aims of Normative Ethics.**  
In *The Springer Handbook of Neuroethics*, ed. Jens Clausen and Neil Levy.

- 2015 **Morality and Cognitive Science.** *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy.*
- Book Reviews*
- 2018 **Review of H. Sauer, *Moral Judgments as Educated Intuitions***  
*Ethics* 128(4): 831-835.
- 2017 **Review of O. Flanagan, *The Geography of Morals***  
*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews.* <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/the-geography-of-morals-varieties-of-moral-possibility/>
- 2017 **Review of A. Harbin, *Disorientation and Moral Life***  
*Hypatia.* <http://hypatiareviews.org/reviews/content/320>
- 2016 **Review of L. Tessman, *Moral Failure***  
*Mind.* <http://mind.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/06/22/mind.fzw021.full>
- 2016 **Review of J. Olson, *Moral Error Theory***  
*Philosophical Quarterly.* <http://pq.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/07/05/pq.pqw044.full>
- 2012 **Review of J. Alexander, *Experimental Philosophy: An Introduction.***  
*International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* 26: 456-460.
- Public Writing*
- 2017 **Raising Good Robots**  
*Aeon* <https://aeon.co/essays/creating-robots-capable-of-moral-reasoning-is-like-parenting>  
\*runner-up for the 2016 Marc Sanders **Prize for Public Philosophy\***
- 2016 **Op-ed: GOP's New Tactic: Pitting LGBT Community Against Muslims**  
*Los Angeles Times.* July 23.
- 2015 **Op-ed: Microaggression, Macro Harm**  
*Los Angeles Times.* October 12.
- 2015 **Should we rename institutions that honour dead racists?**  
*Aeon.* <https://aeon.co/opinions/should-we-rename-institutions-that-honour-dead-racists>

## Book manuscript in progress

*The Ethics of Microaggression.*

Under contract with Routledge; publication expected 2019.

## Selected Presentations

- Deepfakes and the Epistemic Backstop**
- 2019, Apr Boston University Philosophy colloquium
- 2019, Feb *APA Central Division Meeting* main program, Denver
- 2018, Jun *Fake Knowledge*, University of Cologne
- Contingency Inattention**
- 2019, Apr *APA Pacific Division Meeting* main program, Vancouver
- 2018, Oct University of Victoria Philosophy colloquium
- 2018, Jun *Ways of Knowing in Ethics*, Simon Fraser University
- 2018, Jun *Bled Philosophical Conference*, Slovenia
- Moral Justification Under Oppression**
- 2019, Apr *APA Pacific Division Meeting*, Vancouver

2018, Jan	<i>APA Eastern Division Meeting</i> main program, Savannah <b><u>Social Media and Democracy are Incompatible: Now What?</u></b>
2019, Jan	Political Epistemology Seminar, University of London
2018, Feb	University of Toronto Centre for Ethics
2018, Jan	<i>APA Eastern Division Meeting</i> main program, Savannah <b><u>An Existential Argument Against Human Genetic Tailoring</u></b>
2018, Dec	<i>11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Applied Ethics</i> , University of Kyoto
2018, Apr	<i>York Grad Conference on Bioethics and Applied Ethics</i> (Keynote) <b><u>The Wrongs of Deepfakes (with Leah Cohen)</u></b>
2018, Nov	University of Toronto Centre for Ethics, AI Ethics Series <b><u>Democratic Testimony and Weaponized Skepticism</u></b>
2018, Oct	Workshop on Political Epistemology, Georgetown University <b><u>Everyone is Wrong on the Internet</u></b>
2018, Sep	<i>Ars Electronica Festival</i> , Linz Austria <b><u>Comments on Gingerich, ‘Spontaneous Freedom’</u></b>
2018, Aug	<i>Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference</i> , Univ British Columbia <b><u>Unconscious Moral Cognition in Theory and Practice</u></b>
2018, Jul	Moral Psychology Workshop, Univ Texas at El Paso <b><u>Can there be a psychological science of microaggression?</u></b>
2018, Apr	Moral Psychology Research Group Spring Meeting, Univ Minnesota <b><u>Ghost in the Machine (panel member for public session)</u></b>
2018, Jan	Toronto Reference Library (organized by Next 100) <b><u>Free Speech in Academia (panel member for public session)</u></b>
2017, Nov	<i>University of Colorado Boulder</i> <b><u>Taking Offense</u></b>
2017, Apr	<i>APA Pacific Division Meeting</i> main program, Seattle <b><u>Comments on Calahan, ‘Explaining Moral Testimony’</u></b>
2017, Mar	<i>APA Central Division Meeting</i> main program, Kansas City <b><u>Moral Disagreement is Special</u></b>
2016, Nov	<i>Workshop on Intellectual Humility and Public Discourse</i> , Univ Connecticut
2016, Jun	<i>Bled Philosophical Conference</i> , Slovenia
2016, Jun	Workshop on Politics and Moral Difference, Vienna <b><u>Intuition Inversion</u></b>
2016, Nov	<i>Working Papers in Ethics</i> series, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine
2016, Aug	<i>Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference</i>
2016, Mar	<i>APA Central Division Meeting</i> main program, Chicago <b><u>Experiments and Two Conceptions of Philosophy</u></b>
2016, Oct	<i>Experimental Philosophy and Philosophical Method Workshop</i> , Univ Warwick
2014, Jun	<i>Vienna Experimental Philosophy Workshop</i> , Vienna
2013, Sep	<i>UK Experimental Philosophy Annual Workshop</i> , Bristol <b><u>Microaggression and Moral Responsibility</u></b>
2016, Sep	Binghamton Univ Philosophy colloquium
2016, Sep	Brooklyn Public Library – public lecture

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	<b><u>The Ends of Philosophy</u></b>
2016, Apr	<i>Philosophy and Engagement</i> conference, Univ Pennsylvania
	<b><u>Comments on P. Bloomfield, <i>The Virtues of Happiness</i></u></b>
2016, Apr	<i>APA Pacific Division Meeting</i> main program, San Francisco
	<b><u>Peer-to-Peer Political Violence</u></b>
2015, Dec	<i>Political Violence Workshop</i> , Univ of Connecticut
	<b><u>What is the Neuro in ‘Neuroethics’?</u></b>
2015, Oct	<i>Values, Morals, and Science</i> conference, Long Island Philosophical Society, New York
2013, Nov	<i>Eighth International Conference on Applied Ethics</i> , Hokkaido University, Japan
	<b><u>What’s a moral theory for? Comments on Doggett, ‘Killing Innocent People’</u></b>
2015, Aug	<i>Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference</i> , Western Washington Univ, Bellingham WA
	<b><u>Epoch Relativism and Our Moral Hopelessness</u></b>
2015, Jul	<i>30 Years of Williams’ ‘Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy’</i> conference, Oxford
	<b><u>The Science of Values and the Values of Scientists</u></b>
2015, Jun	<i>The Philosophy of the Science of Morality</i> conference, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
	<b><u>Political Invective</u></b>
2014, Nov	<i>Dominating Speech</i> conference, Univ of Connecticut
	<b><u>Why Moral Psychology is Disturbing</u></b>
2014, Oct	<i>Naturalistic Approaches to Ethics and Metaethics</i> workshop, NYU
2014, Jun	<i>Experiments and Ethics</i> conference, Oxford
	<b><u>Abortion, Ultrasound, and Moral Persuasion</u></b>
2014, Jun	<i>Bled Philosophical Conference</i> Bled, Slovenia
2014, Jun	Oxford Moral Philosophy Seminar, Oxford
	<b><u>Moral Psychology and the Narrative Self</u></b>
2013, Nov	University of Tokyo Center for Philosophy
2013, Mar	Moral Philosophy Seminar, Oxford
2012, Nov	<i>Selfhood, Self-Representation and Agency</i> conference, U Sydney, Australia
2011, Jun	<i>What Makes us Moral?</i> , VU University, Amsterdam
	<b><u>Autonomous Agency and Implicit Bias Mitigation</u></b>
2013, Apr	<i>Implicit Bias, Philosophy, and Psychology</i> , University of Sheffield
	<b><u>Moral Responsibility for Implicit Bias</u></b>
2012, Oct	<i>Seventh International Conference on Applied Ethics</i> , Hokkaido University, Japan
	<b><u>The Value-Neutrality of Cognitive Science</u></b>
2012, May	<i>Naturalism and Normativity in the Social Sciences</i> , Hradec Kralove, Czech Rep.
	<b><u>The Self/Other Incongruity in Moral Psychology</u></b>
2012, May	<i>Experiments on Ethical Dilemmas</i> , University of London
	<b><u>Making Psychology Normatively Significant</u></b>
2011, May	<i>Morality and the Cognitive Sciences</i> , University of Latvia
2010, Nov	<i>Fifth International Conference on Applied Ethics</i> , Hokkaido University, Japan
	<b><u>Experimental Economics and Ethics: Methodological Lessons</u></b>
2010, Mar	<i>How and Why Economists and Philosophers do Experiments</i> , Kyoto, Japan

## Teaching

### *Awards and Professional Development*

- 2010-2011 NYU Arts and Sciences **Prize Teaching Fellowship**  
major award for excellence in graduate student teaching, only 3 awarded annually  
university-wide
- 2010 American Philosophical Association **Teaching and Learning seminar**  
competitive-admission summer program, highest APA teaching training
- 2009-2010 NYU **Teaching and Learning Certificate**

### *Graduate Teaching*

- 2018 **Core Practical Philosophy** (York seminar, co-taught w/ Alice MacLachlan)
- 2017-2018 **PhD Research Seminar** (York seminar, co-taught w/ Kristin Andrews)
- 2017 **Topics in Applied Ethics: Microaggression** (York seminar)
- 2016, 17 **Topics in Bioethics: Controversy and Politics** (NYU Bioethics seminar)
- 2015 **Topics in Bioethics: Creating Persons** (NYU Bioethics seminar)
- 2014, 15, 16 **Advanced Introduction to Bioethics** (NYU Bioethics seminar)
- 2013, 14 **Philosophy of Cognitive Science** (Oxford BPhil tutorial)
- 2011 **20<sup>th</sup> Century Moral Psychology** (Oxford graduate seminar)
- 2010 **Topics in Bioethics: Ethical Theories** (NYU Bioethics seminar)
- 2010 **Bioethics Writing Seminar** (NYU Bioethics seminar)

### *Undergraduate Teaching*

- 2019 **Philosophy of AI** (York lecture course)
- 2014, 15, 16 **Medical Ethics** (NYU lecture course)
- 2013 **Empirical Moral Psychology** (Oxford tutorial)
- 2012 **JS Mill** (Oxford tutorial)
- 2010 **Empirical Moral Psychology** (NYU lecture course)
- 2010 **Philosophy of Mind** (NYU lecture course)
- 2008 **Life and Death** (NYU lecture course)
- 2007 **Metaphysics** (NYU lecture course)

### *Teaching Assistant, graduate\* and undergraduate levels*

- 2009 **Advanced Intro to Bioethics\*** (Greg Bogner)
- 2009 **Reproductive Ethics\*** (William Ruddick)
- 2009 **History of Modern Philosophy** (Don Garrett)
- 2007 **Consciousness** (Ned Block)
- 2007 **Central Problems in Philosophy** (Jim Pryor)
- 2006 **Medical Ethics** (William Ruddick)

### *Outreach Teaching*

- 2009 **General Philosophy**, STAR Early College High School, Brooklyn NY
- 2008 **Logic**, Manhattan/Hunter Science High School (TA for D. Velleman)

## Media Appearances

- 2018 radio interview – ‘Ottawa Today’ with Mark Sutcliffe re: social media ethics
- 2017 radio interview - ‘Both Sides’ with Anne Fisher re: robot morality  
<http://radio.wosu.org/post/tech-tuesday-raising-robots-facebook-innovation-googles-copyless-paste>
- 2017 The Owl podcast – ‘Regina Rini on Microaggressions’  
<https://www.mixcloud.com/BKPP/episode-5-regina-rini-on-microaggressions/>
- 2014 Philosophy Bites podcast- ‘Regina Rini on the Moral Self and Psychology’  
[philosophybites.com/2014/06/regina-rini-on-the-moral-self-and-psychology.html](http://philosophybites.com/2014/06/regina-rini-on-the-moral-self-and-psychology.html)

## Consulting and Public Policy

- 2012, 2014 Committee on Standards in Public Life, London  
 provided advice to quango (including MPs) on using cognitive science findings to improve ethical behaviour in public servants
- 2006-2007 Masters Capital Management, New York  
 advised financial firm on critical reflection and clarity of analysis

## Other Research Training

- 2004-2005 Georgetown University Neuroscience Department  
 Laboratory Manager and Research Assistant – responsible for execution of fMRI research in computational visual neuroscience

## Language Training

- Reading: English (native), Spanish (intermediate), French (basic)
- Speaking: English (native), Japanese (low intermediate), Mandarin Chinese (basic)