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**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**      Metaethics, Epistemology, Metaphysics

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**      Normative Ethics, Philosophy of Language, Moral  
Psychology

## **EMPLOYMENT**

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2018-present      Assistant Professor  
McGill University, Department of Philosophy

2016-2018      Oscar R. Ewing Visiting Assistant Professor  
Indiana University, Bloomington, Department of Philosophy

## **EDUCATION**

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2010-2016      Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ  
Ph.D. Philosophy (October 2016)  
Dissertation Title: *On the Grounds of Normativity*

2006-2009      University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
B.A. Philosophy with Honours (*Magna Cum Laude*)

2004-2005      Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

## **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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2022-2026      Soutien aux équipes de recherche, Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC), « Penser, Ressentir, Agir » (co-applicant, PI : Aude Bandini; \$444,000 CAD)

2020-2027      Regroupements stratégiques, Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture et Sante (FRQSC), Centre de Recherche en Éthique (co-applicant; PI : Christine Tappolet; \$1,402,450 CAD)

- 2020-2023 Insight Development Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), “Beyond the Hashtags: Ethics of Belief in the #MeToo Era” (sole applicant and PI; \$40,849 CAD).
- 2022 McGill SSHRC General Research Fund Grant, “Beyond the Hashtags: the Ethics of Belief in the #MeToo Era” (PI; \$7,000 CAD).
- 2015-2016 Mellon Dissertation Fellowship (Rutgers University): \$27,000 USD for outstanding graduate students to complete their dissertation.
- 2014 Mellon Summer Study Grant (Rutgers University): \$5,000 USD awarded to support summer research.
- 2010-2012 Rutgers University Presidential Fellowship (Rutgers University): \$70,000 USD (total for two years); most prestigious university wide fellowship awarded annually to ten doctoral students

#### **PUBLICATIONS (\* = peer reviewed)**

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- Forthcoming\* “Moral Encroachment and #BelieveWomen,” in *Oxford Studies in Epistemology*
- 2022\* “What is Non-naturalism?” *Ergo* 8: 52. doi <https://doi.org/10.3998/ergo.2253>
- 2022\* “Epistemic Reasons for Action: a Puzzle for Pragmatists,” *Synthese* 200: 248  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03686-y>
- 2022\* “In Defense of the Right Kind of Reason,” (with Chris Howard) in Chris Howard and Richard Rowland’s (eds.) *Fittingness: Essays in the Philosophy of Normativity* (221-224). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2021\* “Banks, Bosses, and Bears: a pragmatist argument against encroachment,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 105(3): 657-676.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/phpr.12840>
- 2020\* “Normativity,” in Michael Raven’s (ed.), *Routledge Handbook for Metaphysical Grounding*, New York: Routledge: 472-83.
- 2020\* “Grounding the Domains of Reasons,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 98(1): 137-52. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00048402.2019.1612930>
- 2020 “Choosing Normative Properties: A Reply to Eklund’s *Choosing Normative Concepts*,” *Inquiry* 63: 455-474. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2019.1656369>
- 2017\* “Non-naturalism and Normative Necessities,” *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 12: 76-105.

- 2017\* “In Defense of Practical Reasons for Belief,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 95(3): 529-42. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00048402.2016.1237532>
- 2017\* “Defending Internalists from Acquired Sociopaths,” *Philosophical Psychology* 30(7): 878-95. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2017.1336529>
- In preparation “The Applied Moral Turn of the Ethics of Belief Debate,” in *Evidentialism at 40: New Arguments, New Angles* (Routledge), Kevin McCain, Scott Stapleford, & Matthias Steup (eds.)

#### **PRESENTATIONS (\* = peer reviewed)**

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- Oct 2024 Title TBD, keynote talk at the Normative Reasons, Explanation, and Grounding Workshop at Bielefeld University, Bielefeld, Germany
- Sept 2024 Title TBD, Conference on Dimensions of Strength of Reasons, William & Mary University, Williamsburg, Virginia
- June 2024 “The Ethics of Belief Debate and the Applied Moral Turn”, Evidentialism Workshop in Fredericton, New Brunswick
- March 2024 Title TBD, keynote talk at Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Conference, Syracuse, New York
- Feb 2024 Title TBD, Stanford University Metaethics and Ancient Philosophy Workshop
- Nov 2023 “The Ethics of Belief Debate and the Applied Moral Turn”, colloquium at Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario
- Dec 2022 “The Ethics of Belief Debate and the Applied Moral Turn”, for the Applied Epistemology Project at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Aug 2022 “Non-naturalism without Contingentism” (with Chris Howard), Montreal Metaethics Workshop
- May 2021 “In Defense of the Right Kind of Reason” (with Chris Howard), Fit Fest, virtual conference for *Fittingness* edited volume (organized by Chris Howard and Richard Rowland)
- April 2021 “Banks, Bosses, and Bears: A Pragmatist Argument Against Encroachment”, colloquium at Princeton University
- March 2021 “Banks, Bosses, and Bears: A Pragmatist Argument Against Encroachment”, Boston University Ethics Seminar Series
- Feb 2021 “Moral Encroachment and Sexual Assault Accusations”, virtual Central American Philosophical Association

- Oct 2020 “Banks, Bosses, and Bears: A Pragmatist Argument Against Encroachment”, colloquium at University of Colorado, Boulder
- Feb 2020 “Banks, Bosses, and Bears: A Pragmatist Argument Against Encroachment”, NYU Abu Dhabi Workshop on Normativity and Reasoning, Abu Dhabi
- Oct 2019 “Banks, Bosses, and Bears: A Pragmatist Argument Against Encroachment”, New England Ethics and Epistemology Workshop, Burlington, Vermont
- Aug 2019 “Pluralist Pragmatism”, online blog post and Q&A on PEA Soup as part of their Featured Philosopher Series
- June 2019 “Weighing Practical and Epistemic Reasons”, 2019 Junior Metaethics Workshop in Cairo, New York
- June 2019 “Weighing Practical and Epistemic Reasons”, Dimensions of Rationality Conference, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany
- May 2019 “Weighing Practical and Epistemic Reasons”, Ohio State/Maribor/Rijeka Conference in Moral Epistemology, Dubrovnik, Croatia
- Apr 2019 “What is Moorean Non-naturalism?”, University of Toronto Ethics Group
- Apr 2019 “What is Moorean Non-naturalism?”, colloquium at the University of Missouri
- Dec 2018 “What is Moorean Non-naturalism?”, Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité, Université de Montréal
- Dec 2018 “What is Moorean Non-naturalism?”, Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop
- Nov 2018 “What is Moorean Non-naturalism?”, 2018 Junior Metaethics Workshop
- Feb 2018 “What is Moorean Non-naturalism?”, Central APA Symposium on Metaphysics and Normativity
- Feb 2018 “Grounding the Domains of Reasons”, McGill University
- Feb 2018 “In Defense of Practical Reasons for Belief”, Syracuse University
- Jan 2018 “In Defense of Practical Reasons for Belief”, University of Notre Dame
- Jan 2017 “Grounding the Domains of Reasons”, University of Notre Dame
- Dec 2016 “Grounding the Domains of Reasons”, David Plunkett’s Metaethics Seminar at Stanford University

- Dec 2016 “Why Relativism Doesn’t Explain Internalism”, Metaethics and Philosophy of Language Workshop at Stanford University
- May 2016 “Grounding the Domains of Reasons”, Language and Metaphysics of Normativity Conference, Uppsala University, Sweden
- April 2016 “In Defense of Practical Reasons for Belief”, Rutgers University Talk for Prospective Student Visit
- April 2016 “In Defense of Practical Reasons for Belief”, Dartmouth Ethics and Practical Reason Workshop
- Feb 2016 “In Defense of Practical Reasons for Belief”, Indiana University, Bloomington
- Jan 2016 “In Defense of Practical Reasons for Belief”, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Jan 2016 “In Defense of Practical Reasons for Belief”, Harvard University
- Dec 2015\* “Non-naturalism and Normative Necessities”, Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop
- Oct 2015\* “Non-naturalism and Normative Necessities”, Speculative Ethics Forum at St. John’s University
- March 2014\* “Believing for Practical Reasons”, Southern Normativity Conference, University of Kent
- April 2013\* “Reasons as Genus and Species”, Georgetown University Philosophy Conference on Reasons and Reasoning

## **COMMENTARIES**

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- May 2022 “Substantive Rationality and Wrong Kind Reasons”, Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop (commentary on Alex Worsnip’s *Fitting Things Together*)
- Jan 2020 Comments on Zoe Johnson King’s “Radical Internalism”, Metaphysics on the Ranch Workshop (organized by Laurie Paul), Tuscon, AZ
- Jan 2020 Comments on Laura Valentini’s *Morality and Socially Constructed Norms*, GRIPP Workshop, McGill University
- Nov 2019 Comments on David Hunter’s *On Being a Believer*, GRIN Symposium, Université de Montreal
- March 2018 Author Meets Critics Session on Matti Eklund’s *Choosing Normative Concepts*, APA Pacific Division, San Diego, CA

- Sept 2017      Comments on Jonas Olson’s “Recent Challenges to Moral Error Theory”,  
Companions in Guilt Workshop at ACU, Rome, Italy
- Apr 2015      Comments on Michael Smith’s “Legal Positivism and the Focal Case of Law”,  
Yale Law and Metaethics Workshop

## **TEACHING**

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### **MCGILL UNIVERSITY**

- 2023-2024      ARTE 700: Teaching in the Humanities  
Phil 434: Metaethics  
Phil 670: Graduate Seminar in Contemporary Analytic Philosophy: Metaphysics  
and Normativity
- 2022-2023      Phil 421: Metaphysics  
Phil 237: Contemporary Moral Issues  
Phil 434: Metaethics  
Phil 670: Graduate Seminar in Contemporary Analytic Philosophy: the Ethics of  
Belief
- 2021-2022      Phil 237: Contemporary Moral Issues  
Phil 702: Graduate Seminar on Teaching Philosophy  
Phil 434: Metaethics  
Phil 634: Graduate Seminar in Ethics (co-taught with Chris Howard): the  
Metaphysics of Normativity
- 2020-2021      Phil 237: Contemporary Moral Issues  
Phil 434: Metaethics (Winter:  
Phil 680: Graduate Seminar on Topics in Philosophy: the Ethics of Belief
- 2019-2020      Phil 237: Contemporary Moral Issues  
Phil 434: Metaethics  
Phil 634: Graduate Seminar in Ethics: Reasons for Action and Attitudes
- 2018-2019      Phil 434: Metaethics  
Phil 230: Introduction to Moral Theory

### **INDIANA UNIVERSITY**

- 2017-2018      Phil 740: Graduate Survey in Metaethics  
Phil 140: Moral Theory and Contemporary Issues (Spring)  
Phil 140: Moral Theory and Contemporary Issues (Fall)
- 2016-2017      Phil 140: Morality and Reality: An Intro to Ethics  
Hon 237: Honors Law and Society: Current Moral and Social Issues

## **SERVICE**

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### **DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, MCGILL UNIVERSITY**

Fall 2023-present Chair of the Graduate Program Committee (GPC)

Fall 2020-present Colloquia Director

Winter 2020 Colloquia Co-organizer

2019-present Member of the Equity and Climate Committee (ECC)

2018-present Undergraduate Advisor

2019 Created a “New Hire Handbook” for the Department of Philosophy

2018-2019 Member of the Ethics Hiring Search Committee

### **FACULTY OF ARTS & MCGILL UNIVERSITY**

2019-present Member of the Committee of Student Affairs (CSA) for the Faculty of Arts

2020 (Spring) Helped with student recruitment at the Virtual Student Fair

2018 (Fall) Helped with student recruitment at the CEGEP Student Fair

### **MONTREAL PHILOSOPHICAL COMMUNITY**

2018-present Member of the Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité (GRIN); from August 2019 until May 2021, I was responsible for the Normativité et Société research axis

2018-present Member of the Centre de Recherche en Éthique (CRÉ)

### **CANADIAN PHILOSOPHICAL COMMUNITY**

2023-present Executive Editor at the *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (handling metaethics submissions)

### **INTERNATIONAL PHILOSOPHICAL COMMUNITY**

2018-2022 Abstract reviewer for the 2019, 2022, 2023, and 2024 Chapel Hill Normativity Workshops

2016-present

Journal referee for the following philosophy journals:

*Ethics, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Mind, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, American Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Quarterly, Journal of Ethics and Social Practice, Ergo, Oxford Studies in Metaethics, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Synthese, Philosophical Psychology*