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EMPLOYMENT

2018 – United States Military Academy at West Point (West Point, NY)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of English and Philosophy

EDUCATION

2012 – 2018 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 (2017) “Is There a Right to the Death of the Fetus?” (with Eric Mathison)
Bioethics 31 (3) (doi:10.1111/bioe.12331)

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

HONORS & AWARDS

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

TALKS

- REFEREED “Grief and Acceptance”
APA Pacific
Vancouver, BC, April 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 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*

PY201: Philosophy and Ethical Reasoning (4x; Fall 2018)

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)

GRADER PHL383: Ethics and Mental Health (Winter 2017)
PHL285: Aesthetics (Winter 2016)
PHL384: Ethics, Genetics, and Reproduction (Winter 2016)
PHL382: Death and Dying (Summer 2015)
PHL370: Philosophy of Law: Rights (Summer 2013)
PHL247: Critical Reasoning (Winter 2013)
PHL271: Law and Morality (Fall 2012)

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 Referee, *Dialogue: Journal of the Canadian Philosophical Association*, 2015, 2016

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

REFERENCES

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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.