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CURRENT POSITION

2022 – Present Assistant Professor of Philosophy, York University

EDUCATION

2015 – 2022 PhD in Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles

- Dissertation: *Joint Action, Speech, and Asymmetric Relations*
- Committee: Pamela Hieronymi (co-chair), AJ Julius (co-chair), Josh Armstrong, Sam Cumming, Barbara Herman

2011 – 2013 M.A. in Philosophy, Ryerson University

- Major Research Paper: “The Ability Condition” (passed with distinction)
- Supervisor: Robert Murray

2013 (Spring) Visiting Student in the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT

2007 – 2011 B.A. (Hons) in Arts and Contemporary Studies – English, Ryerson University

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Philosophy of Action, Metaethics, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind, Developmental Psychology

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2021 Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA

2021 Distinguished Teaching Award, UCLA (awarded to 5 Teaching Assistants university-wide)

2021 Departmental Teaching Award, Department of Philosophy, UCLA

2017 – 2020 Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

2017 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA (with Pamela Hieronymi)

2016 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA (with Barbara Herman)

2013 Michael Smith Foreign Studies Supplement, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

2012 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Master’s Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

2012 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (declined)

2011 Graduate Award, Ryerson University

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- 2022 “Telling, Indirection, and Joint Action,” American Philosophical Association: Pacific Division meeting
- 2021 “Telling, Indirection, and Joint Action,” European Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference; Ethics Writing Workshop, UCLA
- 2021 “Telling as Joint Action,” Reason, Action, and Mind Speaker Series, Ryerson University; Department of Philosophy Speaker Series, York University
- 2020 “Joint Commitment and Joint Action,” Ethics Writing Workshop, UCLA
- 2019 “Overtness and Joint Action,” Ethics Writing Workshop, UCLA
- 2018 “‘Ought Implies Can’ and Interpersonal Moral Conflict,” Proposition Talk Series, UCLA
- 2017 Comments on “Responsibility for Testimonial Injustice,” USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference

PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

- 2022 “Developmental Joint Action” (draft available upon request)
- 2021 “Telling, Indirection, and Joint Action” (draft available upon request)
- 2020 “Telling as Joint Action” (draft available upon request)
- 2020 “Telling, Indirection, and Joint Action” (draft available upon request)
- 2018 “‘Ought Implies Can’ and Interpersonal Moral Conflicts” (draft available upon request)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2020 Questions chair, “Resistance to Evidence,” Athena in Action Workshop (competitive mentoring workshop for women in philosophy), Cornell University [moved online]
- 2020 ~~Chair, “Agency and Authorship: Towards a Socially Situated, Interactionist View,” Pacific APA (Postponed to 2021) [cancelled]~~
- 2019 Moderator, “On Conversations” Southern California MAP Workshop, UCLA

COURSEWORK (at UCLA) **indicates audit*

- 2021 (Spring) *Philosophy of Language and Communication (Sam Cumming)
- 2020 (Spring) *Contractualism (Pamela Hieronymi)
- 2019 (Spring) Probability and Inductive Logic – Defeasible Inference (Sean Walsh)
- 2018 (Winter) Rationality and Action (AJ Julius)
- 2018 (Winter) Scientific Explanation (Katie Elliot)
- 2017 (Fall) Bayesianism (Michael Rescorla)
- 2017 (Spring) Rousseau to Marx (AJ Julius)
- 2017 (Spring) Post-Medieval Logic (Brian Copenhaver & Calvin Normore)
- 2017 (Winter) Naturalising Representational Content (Gabe Greenberg)
- 2017 (Winter) Metalogic (Luca Struble)
- 2016 (Fall) Teaching Assistant Training Seminar (Gabbrielle Johnson)
- 2016 (Fall) Categories and Concepts (Sam Cumming)
- 2016 (Spring) Logic, Second Course (Luca Struble)
- 2016 (Spring) First Year Seminar – Language (David Kaplan & Pamela Hieronymi)
- 2016 (Spring) Kant’s Moral Theory (Barbara Herman)
- 2016 (Winter) Logic, First Course (Steven Levy)
- 2016 (Winter) First Year Seminar – Ethics (Barbara Herman)

2016 (Winter)	Conversation (Daniela Dover)
2015 (Fall)	Mutual Recognition (AJ Julius)
2015 (Fall)	First Year Seminar – Mind (Andrew Hsu)
2015 (Fall)	Aristotle’s Practical Philosophy (Gavin Lawrence)

TEACHING (at UCLA)

As primary instructor

2020 (Summer)	Introduction to Political Philosophy
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As Teaching Assistant

2021 (Spring)	Introduction to Philosophy of Science (Sheldon Smith)
2021 (Winter)	Introduction to Ethical Theory – Writing Intensive (Pamela Hieronymi)
2020 (Fall)	Philosophy in Literature (Calvin Normore)
2020 (Spring)	Introduction to Ethical Theory (AJ Julius)
2020 (Winter)	Philosophy of Emotion (Janelle DeWitt)
2019 (Fall)	Historical Introduction to Philosophy (Janelle DeWitt)
2019 (Summer)	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (Andrew Jewell)
2018 (Summer)	Philosophy of Law (Alexi Patsaouras)
2018 (Spring)	Philosophy in Literature (Jonathan Gingerich)
2018 (Winter)	Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (Michael Rescorla)
2017 (Fall)	Introduction to Ethical Theory (Calvin Normore)
2017 (Spring)	Introduction to Political Philosophy (Gavin Lawrence)
2017 (Winter)	Philosophy in Literature (Herb Morris)
2016 (Fall)	History of Greek Philosophy (Adam Crager)

(At Ryerson University) **indicates grading only*

2014 (Winter)	Philosophy of Love & Sex* (Jo Kornegay)
2014 (Fall)	Ideas that Shaped the Modern World III* (Jo Kornegay)
	Plato’s Republic* (Robert Murray)
	Ancient and Modern Ethics* (Jo Kornegay)
2013 (Fall)	Ideas that Shaped the Modern World III* (Jo Kornegay)
	Plato’s Republic* (Robert Murray)
2013 (Winter)	Plato’s Republic * (Robert Murray)
2012 (Fall)	Ideas that Shaped the Modern World III* (Jo Kornegay)
	Philosophy of Mind* (David Checkland)
2012 (Winter)	Ideas that Shaped the Modern World II (John Caruana)
2011 (Fall)	Critical Thinking (David Hunter)

SERVICE

2020-21	Practice Interview and Job Talk Coordinator, UCLA
2018 – 2021	Graduate Student Association, Humanities Council representative for Philosophy, UCLA
2017-18	Albritton Society (philosophy graduate student talk series) coordinator, UCLA
2017, 2018	Graduate Student Mentor (to first year philosophy graduate students), UCLA
2016-17	Philosophy Department Social Event Coordinator, UCLA
2015-16	Philosophy Department Colloquia Refreshments Coordinator, UCLA

REFERENCES

Pamela Hieronymi, UCLA

A.J. Julius, UCLA
Sam Cumming, UCLA
Barbara Herman, UCLA
Calvin Normore (teaching), UCLA