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Employment

Assistant Professor of Philosophy - Springfield College (2018 - present)

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy - University of Massachusetts Amherst (2018)
Dissertation: *The Mismatch Problem for Act Consequentialism*
B.S. Philosophy - University of Wisconsin Madison (2011)
B.S. Mathematics - University of Wisconsin Madison (2011)

Areas of Specialization

Ethics (Normative Ethics, Applied Ethics), Environmental Ethics

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Religion, Logic

Publications

“Actual Utility, the Mismatch Problem, and the Move to Expected Utility”,
(December 2017) *Philosophical Studies* 174:3097-3108

Presentations

“Control, Collective Action, and a Solution to the Mismatch Problem”
Eastern American Philosophical Association Conference - January 4th, 2021
Wisconsin Philosophical Association Online Conference - August 9th, 2020
UMass Amherst Homecoming Conference - October 5th, 2019

“The Ethics of Collective Action”
Springfield College Humanities and Social Sciences Colloquium - October 1st, 2020

“Physics, Philosophy, and Psychology: Play is more than everyone thinks.”
Co-Presented with Rick Paar, Ph.D. and James O’Brien, Ph.D. at the Association for the Study of Play Conference - March 15th, 2019

“Harmless Torturers, Accumulation Cases, and a Solution to the Mismatch Problem”
Eastern American Philosophical Association Conference - January 9th, 2019

“Evaluating the Uncooperativeness Solution to the Mismatch Problem”
Central American Philosophical Association Conference - February 21st, 2018

“Discussing Individual Moral Obligation and Climate Change in the Classroom”
Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning,
All-Network Teaching-As-Research Presentations - November 29th, 2017

“Rachels on Active and Passive Euthanasia”

Baystate Franklin Medical Center - March 23rd, 2017

“The Mismatch Problem for Expected Utility Act Consequentialism”

Central American Philosophical Association Conference - March 3rd, 2017

“Evaluating Kagan’s Expected Utility Solution”

Syracuse University Graduate Conference - April 15th, 2016

Intermountain West Graduate Philosophy Conference - March 25th, 2016

Teaching

Springfield College:

Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2020)

What is Happiness? (Honors Independent Study) (Fall 2020)

Big Questions (Honors Colloquium) (Spring 2020)

Existentialism (Spring 2020)

Making Meaning in the Universe (Fall 2019)

Philosophy of Sport (Spring 2019, Fall 2019, 2020)

Environmental Ethics (Spring, Fall 2019)

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, 2020)

Conflict of Ideals (Fall 2018, 2019, 2020)

University of Massachusetts:

Introduction to Philosophy (Summer 2018, online course)

Climate Ethics (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)

Medical Ethics (Fall 2016)

Environmental Ethics (Spring 2016)

Perspectives on Climate Change (Fall 2015, Fall 2016)

Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2015)

Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2015, Fall 2014)

Smith College (as associate instructor):

Valid and Invalid Reasoning (Fall 2017, with Jay Garfield and Jim Henle)

Service

Member of the Ethics Service at Baystate Franklin Medical Center (2015 - 2020)

(The Ethics Service meets bi-monthly to discuss ethical issues that have arisen, or could arise, in the hospital. The Ethics Service is also used to help resolve disputes when formal ethics consultations are requested.)

Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* and *Routledge* (hardback monograph program)

Awards and Credentials

UMass Dissertation Fellowship - UMass, 2017

CIRTL Practitioner - UMass, 2016

(As a CIRTL Practitioner, I attended teaching-centered workshops and completed an evidence-based teaching project on how to use case studies to discuss climate ethics in the classroom).

John Robison Prize for Excellence in Teaching - UMass, 2014

Herbert Heidelberger Prize for Best Qualifying Paper - UMass, 2013

References

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Katia Vavova - evavova@mtholyoke.edu

Jay Garfield - jgarfield@smith.edu