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### **Education**

Bowling Green State University, Ph.D. Philosophy, 2013; M.A. Philosophy, 2007.

University of Colorado, Boulder, M.A. Philosophy, 2003.

Metropolitan State University, B.A. Philosophy, 2000.

### **Appointments**

University of Texas at Austin, Lecturer (Fall 2013 – present).

North Carolina State University, Lecturer. (Spring 2013; remote from Fall 2013 – 2015).

### **Published work**

“Moods and their unexpected virtues” in *Epistemic Situationism*, edited by Abrol Fairweather and Mark Alfano. Oxford University Press, 2017.

### **Presentations**

#### *Invited talks*

“Emotions and Morality” (Faculty panel) UT Graduate Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 2015.

“Moods as a source of evidence” Epistemology Reading Group (ERGo), University of Texas at Austin, 2014.

“Good people, bad circumstances: A solution to Vranas’s indeterminacy paradox.” The National Humanities Center (philosopher’s roundtable), North Carolina, 2013.

“Are psychopaths malicious?” Flagler College, 2012.

“Internalism unbound” Ethics Discussion Group (EDGe), University of Michigan, 2010.

"The phenomenological conception of desires: A defense" Potluck conference, Bowling Green State University, 2004.

*Talks selected by blind peer review*

"Situationism: In with a bang, out with a whimper" Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), University of Colorado, Boulder, 2011.

"Empirical adequacy and the metaphysics of character traits." North Carolina Philosophical Society Meeting (NCPS), Appalachian State University, 2011.

*Invited commentary*

Comments on Ryan West's "A Defense of the CAPS Response to the Situationist Challenge." American Philosophical Association Meeting (APA), Pacific Division-Vancouver, British Columbia, 2015.

Comments on Matthew C. Haug's "A plague on both your houses: Situationism, virtue ethics, and the importance of self-control and perseverance traits in moral psychology." American Philosophical Association Meeting (APA), Central Division-Chicago, 2014.

Comments on Matthew Jordan's "Minimal truth and moral discourse." Ohio Philosophical Association Meeting (OPA), University of Cincinnati, 2005.

*Guest lectures*

"The situationist challenge for virtue epistemology" Matt Evans & Paul Woodruff's graduate seminar on virtue theory, University of Texas at Austin, 2017.

"Higher and lower pleasures" Iona College, 2014.

"The problem of freedom" Flagler College, 2012.

"Hume on moral motivation" Mark Sainsbury's Plan II Honors course, University of Texas at Austin, 2010.

**Awards and funding**

Course development grant, Health and Human Society program, 2016.

Researcher and conference facilitator for the Science of Ethics Project led by Daniel Jacobson. Grant funded by The John Templeton Foundation, 2012.

Dissertation fellowship, 2009 – 2010 (awarded to one philosophy graduate student per year).

Summer research assistantship, 2008 (Daniel Jacobson, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* entry: "Fitting Attitude Theories of Value").

Summer research assistantship, 2005 (David Shoemaker, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* entry: "Personal Identity and Ethics").

Honors scholarship, 1997 – 2000 (Metropolitan State University, Honors Program).

## Service

### *Professional*

Chair for John Hacker-Wright's paper "Intention, Permissibility, and Morally Good Action," (Central APA), 2014.

Chair for Tom Dougherty's paper "Fickle consent: why is there no time like the present?" (Pacific APA), 2011.

### *Departmental*

Co-advisor for undergraduate honors thesis (in progress), Niteka Raina, 2017 – 2018.

### *Community*

Volunteer for the Corrupt the Youth Program led by Briana Toole, Eastside Memorial High School (Austin, TX), 2015 – present.

Volunteer for the Philosophy Outreach Program, Littleton High School (Littleton, CO), 2000.

## Teaching

### *Courses taught — for majors*

Ethical theories  
History of early modern philosophy  
Philosophy and science  
Philosophy of race and gender  
Theory of knowledge

*Courses taught — introductory level*

Aesthetics  
Contemporary moral problems  
Health and justice  
Human nature  
Introduction to ethics  
Introduction to philosophy  
Introduction to political philosophy  
Logic (beginning level)  
Philosophy of death and dying  
Philosophy of punishment

*Web-based teaching/distance education courses*

Introduction to philosophy (web-based)  
Philosophy of death and dying (web-based)  
Philosophy of punishment (distance education)

*Online teaching certification and training*

Online faculty training certificate (Center for Online and Blended Learning).  
Online course management software (Blackboard, Moodle, Canvas).

**References**

Christian Coons, Associate Professor, Bowling Green State University.

Daniel Jacobson, Professor of Philosophy, University of Michigan.

David Shoemaker, Professor of Philosophy, Tulane University and Murphy Institute of Political Economy.

Michael Pendlebury (teaching reference), Professor of Philosophy, North Carolina State University.