

**SANFORD DIEHL**  
Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- 2021 Harvard University, Ph.D., Philosophy (*expected*)
- 2013 Columbia University, B.A., Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, Honors in Philosophy  
Minor in German Literature and Cultural History

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Normative Ethics, Moral Psychology, Political Philosophy, Social Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Post-Kantian European Philosophy, Metaethics, Applied Ethics, Epistemology

DISSERTATION: “Love, Respect, and Mutual Recognition”

My dissertation asks what we learn about respect and love by viewing them as kinds of recognition—of taking someone to matter in a way that shows that person the significance they have for you. I argue that because central forms of love and respect have the structure of recognition, the reasons these attitudes provide must be able to receive rational uptake from the person they concern. This constraint helps to make sense of various forms of intimacy in friendship, provides evidence for the distinctiveness of second-personal thought, and yields a conception of justifiability to others that fills gaps in the foundations of contractualism.

Committee: Richard Moran (chair), Matthew Boyle (Chicago), Ned Hall, T.M. Scanlon,  
Kieran Setiya (MIT)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2020-21 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2020 Special Commendation for Extraordinary Teaching, Harvard University  
(*Harvard-wide award by undergraduate nomination to ~10% of instructors for their teaching during the pandemic*)
- 2019 GSAS Merit/Term-Time Fellowship, Harvard University  
(*Harvard-wide merit-based award for research, declined*)
- 2018-19 Graduate Fellowship, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University
- 2018 Bowen Prize, Harvard University (*for best essay in moral or political philosophy*)
- 2018 Richard M. Martin Predissertation Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2015-19 Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University (4x)  
(*for receiving an average teaching evaluation score of at least 4.5/5*)

- 2015 GSAS Summer Predissertation Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2013 Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia University
- 2013 James Gutman Prize in Philosophy, Columbia University

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS (\* = refereed)

- 2021 “Aggregation and Alienation,” LMU-Zürich Early Career Conference on Relational Normativity, Universität Zürich (*postponed due to the pandemic*)\*
- 2019 “Partiality and Being Loved,” Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University
- 2017 “Why Immanent Critique?” Chicagoland Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Illinois-Chicago\*
- 2016 “Why Immanent Critique?” Workshop on European Philosophy, Harvard University
- 2014 “Hegel and Natural Teleology in Dewey’s Later Thought,” Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference, Virginia Tech\*
- 2019 Comments on Julia Markovits, “The Partial Relativism of Praise and Blame,” Workshop on Rights and Supererogation, MIT
- 2019 Comments on Sungho Kimlee, “Self-Cultivation in Early Confucianism,” Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Faculty Seminar, Harvard University
- 2018 Comments on Sean Aas, “Before Year Zero: Political Philosophy and the Prehistory of Disability,” Workshop in Social Philosophy, Princeton University\*
- 2017 Comments on Max Lewis, “The Goldilocks Dilemma for Pessimists about Moral Deference,” Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference, Harvard University

TEACHING

Primary Instructor:

- 2020 Contractualism, Spring (*undergraduate seminar*)
- 2017 Moral Epistemology, Fall (*undergraduate seminar*)
- 2019 Big Data, Ethics, and Moral Machines, Summer, Harvard Pre-College Program (*two-week summer course for high school students*)

Teaching Assistant (\* = discussion section):

- 2019 Nozick’s *Philosophical Explanations*, Selim Berker, Spring
- 2017 Marx and Marxism, Tommie Shelby, Spring\*
- 2016 Self, Freedom, and Existence, Richard Moran, Fall\*
- 2016 Violence and Democracy, Susanna Siegel, Spring
- 2016 Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*, Matthew Boyle, Spring\*
- 2015 Existentialism in Literature and Film, Sean Kelly, Fall\*

#### Guest Lectures:

- 2019 “Scanlon’s Contractualism,” in Modern Moral Philosophy and the History of Ethics
- 2017 “Stephen Lukes, *Marxism and Morality*,” in Marx and Marxism
- 2016 “The Third Antinomy,” in Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*

#### GRADUATE-LEVEL COURSEWORK (\* = audit)

- Modern Moral Philosophy and the History of Ethics (Doyle & Setiya, MIT)\*
- The First Person (Doyle & Moran)\*
- Topics in Political Philosophy (Stanczyk)\*
- Kant’s Ethical Theory (Korsgaard)\*
- Partiality and Impartiality (Preston-Roedder & Setiya, MIT)\*
- Normative and Meta-Normative Questions (Berker & Parfit)\*
- Moral Psychology (Setiya, MIT)
- The Ethics of Belief (Rinard)
- Metaethics (Berker)
- Marx (Tuck, Harvard Government)
- Other Minds (Boyle & Moran)
- Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason* (Boyle)
- Epistemology (White, MIT)
- First-Year Colloquium (Richard)
- Aristotle’s Ethics (Korsgaard)
- Equality and Liberty (Scanlon)
- First-Year Colloquium (Hall & Simmons)
- Knowledge and Abilities (Richard)\*
- Heidegger’s *Being and Time* (Carman, Columbia)
- Hegel and Dewey (Honneth, Columbia)
- Metaethics (Vogt, Columbia)
- Weber and Lukács (Honneth & Neuhauser, Columbia)
- Hegel and Durkheim (Neuhauser, Columbia)

#### SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2019 Organizer, Prospective Students Visit
- 2018-19 Philosophy Graduate Student Representative
- 2018 Member, Departmental Climate Committee
- 2018 Participant, Critical Theory Summer School, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 2016-18 Departmental Representative to the Graduate Student Council
- 2016-18 Research Assistant for Richard Moran
- 2016 Research Assistant for Susanna Siegel

- 2014-18 Organizer, Harvard Philosophy Talk-Shop Series
- 2013-19 Referee, MIT-Harvard Graduate Philosophy Conference
- 2011-13 Research Assistant for Samuel Moyn
- 2013-20 Organizer of or regular participant in reading groups on relational normativity, rights, analytical Marxism, neo-Aristotelian ethics, Kant, philosophy and literature, philosophy in German, the work of Joseph Raz, and the work of Vincent Descombes

#### LANGUAGES

English (native), German (proficient), Spanish (basic)

#### REFERENCES:

Richard Moran (*advisor*)  
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