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Education

Ph.D., Brown University (expected May 2026) – Philosophy

Dissertation: *Aspects of Love*

Committee: Nomy Arpaly (chair), Jamie Dreier, Emily Kress, Bernard Reginster

M.A., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2019) – Philosophy

B.A., KU Leuven (2017) – Philosophy

B.A., University of Liverpool (2016) – English (with Hon.)

Area of Specialization: Ethics, Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Action

Area of Competence: Ancient Greek Philosophy, Classical Chinese Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law

Research

In Progress:

'Sharing Desire as Making Intelligible' (under review, draft available upon request)

'Love in the Absence of the Other: Death and Love's Stance' (draft available upon request)

'Love's Necessity' (draft available upon request)

'What Is A Practical Stance?' (abstract available upon request)

'What's the Value of Moral Perspectives?' (abstract available upon request)

A paper on unintelligible experience and hermeneutical injustice (abstract available upon request)

Conference Presentations

'Love in the Absence of the Other: Death and Love's Stance'

The 28th Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2025.

The Summer School on Iris Murdoch's Philosophy, University of Vienna, 2025

Comments on Macy Salzberger's *Alienated Love*

Love and Loneliness, California State University, San Bernardino, Dec. 2024.

'This Is Simply What I Do: Primitive Normativity on Following A Rule'

The Capital Conference on Analytic Philosophy, Beijing Normal University, Nov. 2019.

Teaching Experience & Academic Employment

As Primary Instructor

Introduction to Classical Chinese Philosophy, Spring 2025

Love: A Survey in the History of Philosophy, Spring 2023

Contemporary Moral Issues, Summer 2022 (Brown pre-college program)

As Teaching Assistant

Hellenistic Philosophy, Fall 2024 (with Professor Kress, Brown)

Ancient Greek Philosophy, Fall 2022 (with Professor Gill, Brown)

Philosophy of Law, Spring 2022 (with Professor Estlund, Brown)

Free Speech, Fall 2021 (with Professor Estlund, Brown)

Psychology and Philosophy of Happiness, Spring 2021 (with Professor Reginster&Professor Krueger, Brown)

Political Philosophy, Fall 2020 (with Professor Estlund, Brown)

Introduction to Logic: Critical Reasoning, Spring 2019 (with Professor Knachel, UW-Milwaukee)

Introduction to Logic: Critical Reasoning, Fall 2018 (with Professor Knachel, UW-Milwaukee)

Ethical Issues in Health Care: Biomedical Ethics for the 21st Century,
Spring 2018 (with Professor Silverstein, UW-Milwaukee)

Ethical Issues in Health Care: Biomedical Ethics for the 21st Century,
Fall 2017 (with Professor Silverstein, UW-Milwaukee)

Awards & Fellowships & Grants

Paris Kanellakis Graduate Fellowship, Brown University, 2023-24

Brown University Graduate School Fellowship, Brown University, 2019-20

Brown University Graduate School Research Travel Award, 2019

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Chancellor's Award, 2017

Service

Mentor: Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy at Brown University (SIPP, 2024)

Brown Philosophy Department Events Committee (organizing colloquium talks and invited lectures, 2021-24)

Conference referee: Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Conference at Brown (2020-24)

Graduate Course Work

(* = *audit*)

Agency* (Arpaly, Brown, Fall 2024)

Aristotle's Ethics* (Kress, Brown, Fall 2022)

The Odyssey (Nieto Hernandez, Brown Classics, Spring 2022)

Gorgias (Kress, Brown, Fall 2021)

Moral Responsibility and Free Will (Arpaly, Brown, Spring 2021)

Nicomachean Ethics (Gill, Brown Classics, Spring 2021)

Independent Study on Philosophy of Action (Arpaly, Brown, Spring 2021)

Anscombe's Intention (Doyle, Harvard Phil, Fall 2020)

Locke, Berkeley, Hume and Others (Broackes, Brown, Fall 2020)

Plato's Republic (Kress, Brown, Fall 2020)

Aristotle's Psychology (Kress, Brown, Spring 2020)

Kant: Critique of Pure Reason* (Guyer, Brown, Spring 2020)

Idealism in the 20th Century (Guyer, Brown, Spring 2020)

Moral Psychology (Arpaly, Brown, Fall 2019)

Ordinary Language Philosophy (Goldfarb, Harvard Phil, Fall 2019)

Independent Study on Kant's Third Critique (Guyer, Brown, Fall 2019)

Varieties of Representation (Goodman, UW-Milwaukee, Spring 2019)

Fundamentals of Formal Logic (Liston, UW-Milwaukee, Spring 2019)

Language and Meaning* (van Elswyk, UW-Milwaukee, Fall 2018)

A World of Vagueness (Spencer, UW-Milwaukee, Fall 2018)

Judgment and Epistemic Norm (Hinchman, UW-Milwaukee, Spring 2018)

Philosophy of Physics (Leeds, UW-Milwaukee, Spring 2018)

Contemporary Platonism and Nominalism (Liston, UW-Milwaukee, Spring 2018)

Socially Constructed Morality (Husi, UW-Milwaukee, Fall 2017)

Mental Representation (Schwartz, UW-Milwaukee, Fall 2017)

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Material Simplicity and Composition (Spencer, UW-Milwaukee, Fall 2017)

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