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**Areas of Specialty**

philosophy of emotion,­­­­ normative ethics (esp. practical rationality), metaethics (esp. moral responsibility)

**Areas of Competence**

metaphysics (esp. personal identity), epistemology

**Education**

2021— Ph.D. (2) in philosophy,McGill University (3.97/4 GPA)

Supervisors: Chris Howard and David Davies

2019—2020 Master of Arts in philosophy, Wilfrid Laurier University (11/12 GPA)

Supervisor: Gary Foster.

Major Research Paper: “‘Our Desire to Be Complete’: Escaping a Euthyphro Problem for Moore’s Bestowal Love.” Pass without corrections.

2015—2019 Honours Bachelor of Arts in philosophy, University of Guelph, *awarded with distinction*

**Publications**

forthcoming (with Neil Campbell) “Avoiding Strawson’s Crude Opposition: How to Straddle the Participant and Objective Stances” at *Acta Analytica.*

**Works in Progress**

* Paper on inverse akrasia and narrative thinking (in preparation)
* Paper on response-dependence about moral responsibility (in preparation)
* Paper on self-forgiveness and self-reactive attitudes (in preparation)

**Presentations and Workshops** (‘\*’ indicates non-refereed)

“Rational Akrasia and Narrative Thinking”

June 2023 Mini-Montreal Affectivity Lab (MAL) graduate work in progress workshop.\*

Jan 2023 Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité (GRIN) work-in-progress workshop. Under the title “Emotions, Virtue and Narrative Thinking.”\*

“Revisiting Response-Dependent Responsibility”

May 2023 GRIN 2023 students’ colloquium at the University of Quebec at Montreal.\*

Feb 2023 Undergraduate Philosophy Student Association and Student Association of Cognitive Science (PSAxSACS) lecture series at McGill University.\*

Oct 2022 Graduate student Work in Progress Seminar Series (WIPSS) at McGill University. Under the title “Reflections on a New Role for Strawson’s Thesis.”\*

“How to Straddle the Objective and Participant Stances” (abstract length, with Neil Campbell)

May 2023 Canadian Philosophical Association 2023 Congress at York University.

“Seth Shabo’s Inseparability Thesis and the Half-Suspension of Reactive Attitudes”

Feb 2022 Society for Undergraduate Philosophers Speaker Series at the University of Guelph.\*

“Reactive Attitudes and Dimensions of Engagement”

Mar 2022 Undergraduate Philosophy Student Association and Student Association of Cognitive Science (PSAxSACS) lecture series at McGill University.\*

Mar 2021 *MindWork* work in progress workshop at the University of Texas at Austin.\*

“Responding to Moore’s Bestowal Love with a Euthyphro Problem”

Jan 2021 Speaker Series presentation at Wilfrid Laurier University, followed by comments from Dwayne Moore (University of Saskatchewan).\*

“‘Our Desire to Be Complete’: Escaping a Euthyphro Problem for Moore’s Bestowal Love”

Nov 2020 14th Annual Western Michigan University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference.

“What is the Meaning of My (Online) Life?”

July 2020 Designing the Self, Department of Humanities at York University.[[1]](#footnote-1)

“On Dying Every Day”

Apr 2019 Philosophy in the Dark: Occulted/Estranged & Inhuman Knowledge at the University of Guelph.

**Invited Commentaries**

2021 “Truth, Belief and Ethics in Wittgenstein’s Later Work: Rethinking the Debate Between Moral Cognitivism and Moral Non-Cognitivism,” Jordi Fairhurst (University of the Balearic Islands). *42nd Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference* at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Research Experience**

Winter 2023 Research Assistant for Chris Howard (McGill University).

**Teaching Experience**

**McGill University**

Fall 2022Teaching Assistant for PHIL230: *Introduction to Moral Philosophy*.

Fall 2021 Teaching Assistant for PHIL230: *Introduction to Moral Philosophy*.

**Wilfrid Laurier University**

Winter 2020 Teaching Assistant for PP110: *Values and Society*.

Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant for PP110: *Values and Society*.

**Scholarships, Fellowships, and Other Awards**

2022—2023 Graduate Scholarship, Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité (GRIN) ($3,000).

2022—2025 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship–Doctoral (CGS-D), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) ($105,000).

2022—2023 Graduate Excellence Fellowship, McGill University ($16,800).

2019—2020 Graduate Fellowship, Wilfrid Laurier University ($11,400).

2019 Graduate Entrance Scholarship, Wilfrid Laurier University ($4,500).

2019 *Cum Laude* Institutional Honours, College of Arts, University of Guelph.

**Volunteer Academic Service**

2023—2024 Lead organizer (with Melissa Hernandez Parra (University of Montreal), Rodrigo Diaz (University of Montreal), and Guillaume Soucy (University of Quebec at Montreal)) for the *Morality and the Emotions* (*MATE*) conference at the University of Montreal and McGill University. Funded by the Centre de Recherche en Éthique (CRÉ) and the Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Normativité (GRIN).

2023—2024 Social coordinator (with Jordan Walters) for the philosophy graduate student association (PGSA) at McGill University.

2023—2024 Co-organizer (with Brandon Smith and Ron Buenaventura) for the Work-in-Progress Seminar Series (WIPSS) with the philosophy graduate student association (PGSA) at McGill University.

2023 Graduate mentor for two undergraduate mentees in the Directed Reading Program (DRP) organized by the undergraduate Philosophy Student Association at McGill University. One on philosophy of emotion, and the other on the canonical debate about free will, moral responsibility, and determinism.

2023 Reviewer for two papers considered for the *Human Dignity: Theory and Practice* conference at McGill University and Concordia University.

2021 “I have a BA in Philosophy. What Now?”panel member (Department of Philosophy at Wilfrid Laurier University).

2021 Chairat the Canadian Philosophical Association 2021 Congress, University of Alberta.

* + 1. Dwayne Moore and Sara Ugljesic (University of Saskatchewan) “On List’s Compatibilist Libertarianism” (full paper).
    2. Martina Orlandi (Saint Mary’s University) “‘I Knew All Along’: Post-Self-Deception and Hindsight Bias” (abstract); and Maiya Jordan (Cambridge University) “Self-Deception: Conflating the Real with the Imaginary” (abstract).

2021 Reviewer #2 for two papers on 20th century Continental philosophy considered for the 2021 University of Toronto Undergraduate Philosophy Conference.

2018—2019 Vice President, Society of Undergraduate Philosophers (SUP), Department of Philosophy at the University of Guelph, Fall 2018—Spring 2019.

2018—2019 Department of Philosophy Representative for the College of Arts Student Union,College of Arts at the University of Guelph.

2018—2019 SUP Representative for Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Philosophy at the University of Guelph. Committee Chair: Karyn Freedman.

2018 Student Relations Executive, Society of Undergraduate Philosophers (SUP), Department of Philosophy at the University of Guelph.

**Professional Affiliations**

2023—24 Canadian Philosophical Association, student member.

2023— Montreal Affectivity Lab (MAL) graduate member.

**Other Media**

“The Conceptions of Love with Alexander Carty” ep. #24, for Parlons Éthique, hosted by [Keven Bisson](https://www.kevenbisson.com/podcast-parlons-éthique) (McGill University). See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-X97-YyY9GM>.[[2]](#footnote-2)

**References**

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1. For part one of the video of this talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tmUYg_myOs> and part two: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pt7nI_UmqCc>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. My episode is the first in a series recorded in English, and previous episodes are recorded in French. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)