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Curriculum Vitae

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AOS Social and Political Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, Applied Ethics, Global Justice
AOC 19th and 20th C. Continental Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Feminist Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

University of Baltimore 2022-2023
Hoffberger Ethics Fellow, Hoffberger Center for Ethical Engagement

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy	Boston University	2022
Graduate Certificate: Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights	Boston University	2020
M.A. Philosophy	Boston University	2016
B.A. Philosophy	Lock Haven University	2012
B.A. Music	Lock Haven University	2012

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

Towards a Contractualist Theory of Transitional Justice

Readers: Daniel Dahlstrom, Colleen Murphy, Susanne Sreedhar

Transitional justice addresses legacies of social and political wrongdoing by coming to terms in some sense with the past and charting a path forward. In my dissertation, I introduce the complementary notion of ‘transitional ethics.’ Whereas transitional justice asks how we can dispense justice in the aftermath of widespread violence, transitional ethics asks how we can meet wider demands of morality in the aftermath of widespread violence. Although the formulation of the concept of transitional ethics is novel, its deployment is not. In fact, nearly all transitional projects of the past several decades have included an implicit appeal to consequentialist transitional ethics. In my dissertation I make the case instead for a contractualist model of transitional ethics, one that both acknowledges the shared nature of the transitional project and affirms the agency of previously silenced individuals.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles & Book Chapters

- [2] “Why Settle for Hobbes’ Sovereign When You Could Have a God Emperor?” In *Dune and Philosophy (The Blackwell Philosophy and Popular Culture Series)*. Edited by Kevin Decker; Series Editor William Irwin. New York: Blackwell, forthcoming 2022.
- [1] “The Banality of Evil: Hannah Arendt and Jules-Pierre Mao.” In *The Expanse and Philosophy (The Blackwell Philosophy and Popular Culture Series)*. Edited by Jeffery Nicholas; Series Editor William Irwin. New York: Blackwell, 2021.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Revisiting *Leviathan* as a Theory of Transitional Justice”
 “No Transitional Justice Without (Transitional) Ethics”
 “Victims of Another Kind: The Problem of Perpetrator Character and Blame”

INVITED TALKS

- “Transitional Justice and the International Turn Towards Prevention” 2022
 Hoffberger Center for Ethical Engagement, University of Baltimore

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- [8] “Making Space for Mothers of Children ‘Born of War’ in Transitional Justice Theorizing” 2022
 2022 Challenging War Conference and Lecture Series, Temple University: *Women and War: Feminist Approaches to War and Violence*
- [7] “Political Compassion” 2022
 15th Annual Hannah Arendt Circle Meeting
- [6] “Ubuntu and the Blurring of Lines Between Wrongdoer and Wronged” 2022
 Fordham Philosophical Society 2022 Graduate Conference: *Self & Society*
- [5] “Hannah Arendt and the Politics of Compassion” 2019
 2019 APA Central Division
- [4] “Conjugal Right and Conjugal Access: Towards a Compatibilization of Pateman and Wright” 2019
 International Hobbes Association Session, 2019 APA Eastern Division
- [3] “Positive Peace and the State of Nature” 2018
 Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 31st Annual Conference
- [2] “The Artist as Sacrificial in Schopenhauer’s Philosophy” 2016
 Lehigh University: Fourth Annual Conference in Philosophy
- [1] “Sublime Terror and the Danger of Serenity” 2015
 The Graduate Center, CUNY: *Reading Terror: Representations and Resistance*

REFEREED WORKSHOP AND COURSE PARTICIPATION

“Prevention and Guarantees of Non-recurrence: the Role of Transitional Justice”	2022
International Center for Transitional Justice: Online Course	
“Teaching and Learning in Philosophy”	2018
MIT: American Association of Philosophy Teachers Workshop	
“Kierkegaard and the Happy Life”	2017
Harvard University: Program on Integrative Knowledge and Human Flourishing	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (AS PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR)

University of Baltimore

Philosophers that Changed the World	Spring 2022
Introduction to Philosophy	Spring 2022
Ethics Issues in Business and Society	Spring 2023 (x4), Fall 2022 (x4) Summer 2022, Spring 2022

Boston University

Philosophy of Gender and Sexuality	Summer 2021
Introduction to Ethics	Summer 2020

Elsewhere

Contemporary Moral Issues	Suffolk University	Fall 2022
Business Ethics	King’s College	Fall 2021 (x2)
Introduction to Philosophy	Cedar Crest College	Summer 2021
†Philosophy of Love and Sexuality	Cedar Crest College	Spring 2021
World Philosophies	Cedar Crest College	Spring 2021
††The State of Nature	Hamilton College	Summer 2023

† I took over the *Philosophy of Love and Sexuality* course at Cedar Crest College roughly halfway through the semester, after the original instructor left abruptly.

†† A proposal for *The State of Nature (Ultimate Survival Mode)* has been selected by the [2023 Hamilton College Summer Program in Philosophy](#), which invites instructors to teach courses defined by innovative pedagogy. The program will run from June 25 to July 8 2023.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (AS TEACHING ASSISTANT)

Politics and Philosophy	Boston University	(x1)
Philosophy of Economic Justice	Harvard Extension School	(x3)
Philosophy of Law	Northeastern University	(x1)

Social and Political Philosophy	Northeastern University	(x1)
Existentialism	Boston University	(x1)
Medical Ethics	Boston University	(x2)
Introduction to Ethics	Boston University	(x1)
Introduction to Philosophy	Harvard Extension School	(x1)
	Boston University	(x4)

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Edwin S. and Ruth M. White Prize, Boston Univ. Center for the Humanities	2021
Angela J. and James J. Rallis Award, Boston Univ. Center for the Humanities	2021
Dissertation Fellowship, Boston University	2021-2022
Teaching Fellowship, Boston University	2017-2021
Dean's Fellowship, Boston University	2016-2017
Boston University Women's Council Graduate Scholarship	2014

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association
 American Association of Philosophy Teachers
 The National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity
 International Society for Military Ethics
 American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Service to Department and University

Co-President, Grad Student Association, BU Philosophy	2019-2022
Co-Organizer, Prospective Student Open House, BU Philosophy	2022
Grad Representative, Humanities Curriculum Committee, BU	2022

Event Organization

Teaching Narratives and Narrative Teaching, AAPT Teaching Hub	2023
Symposium on Immigration, Human Rights, and Displacement	2022
2019-2020 Benedict Lectures in the History of Political Phil	2019
5 th Biennial Mentoring Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Phil	2019
8 th Annual Conference of the SSHAP	2019
BU Workshop on Late Modern Philosophy	2019
The Future of Liberal Naturalism	2019
Beginning Cavell: <i>What We Mean</i> at Fifty	2019
2018-2019 Benedict Lectures in the History of Political Phil	2018
2017-2018 Benedict Lectures in the History of Political Phil	2018

Conferences and Event Participation

<i>Panelist</i>	Art, Ethics, and Law Philosophers' Panel, UBaltimore	2022
<i>Moderator</i>	Maryland Regional HS Ethics Bowl	2022
<i>Referee</i>	2021 BU Graduate Conference in Philosophy	2021
<i>Chair</i>	Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 31 st Annual Meeting	2018
<i>Referee</i>	2018 BU Graduate Conference in Philosophy	2018
<i>Referee</i>	2017 BU Graduate Conference in Philosophy	2017

SELECTED GRADUATE COURSEWORKHistory of Philosophy

Ancient Philosophy	Marc Gasser-Wingate, Boston University
Aristotle's <i>Politics</i>	David Roochnik, Boston University
Philosophy and Religion	Alan Olson, Boston University
Hobbes	Susanne Sreedhar, Boston University
Continental Rationalism	Aaron Garrett, Boston University
British Empiricism	Aaron Garrett, Boston University
Kant	Alfredo Ferrarin, Boston University
Hegel	Alfredo Ferrarin, Boston University
Nietzsche	Paul Katsafanas, Boston University
Arendt	Lida Maxwell, Boston University
Phenomenology	Walter Hopp, Boston University
Naturalism	Walter Hopp, Boston University

Ethics

Ethical Theory	Daniel Star, Boston University
Ethics and Agency	Paul Katsafanas, Boston University
Ethics and the Use of Force	Neta Crawford, Boston University
Jewish Bioethics	Michael Grodin, Boston University

Social & Political Philosophy

Shame	Daniel Dahlstrom, Boston University
Disposition and Habit	Daniel Dahlstrom, Boston University
Gender, Race, and Science	Alisa Bokulich, Boston University
The Color Line: Race & Reparations	David Lyons, Boston University
International Human Rights	Simon Payaslian, Boston University
Transitional Justice in African Politics	Timothy Longman, Boston University

READING PROFICIENCYIntermediate: German, FrenchBasic: Latin

REFERENCES (“*” denotes teaching reference)

- Daniel Dahlstrom *John R. Silber Professor of Philosophy*, Boston University
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