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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

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| 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

“Moral Injury, Blame, and Punishment.” In *Philosophical Perspectives on Crime, Violence, and Justice (The Criminal Justice and Philosophy Series)*. Edited by M. Blake Wilson. Budapest: Trivent, forthcoming 2023.

Public Philosophy

“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, 2022.

“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.

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

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| “Radical Disembodiment as Pedagogy: On Building a Commonwealth in a Pixelated World” Reynolds Lecture, Elon University | 2023 |
| “Transitional Justice and the International Turn Towards Prevention” Hoffberger Center for Ethical Engagement, University of Baltimore | 2022 |

Refereed Presentations

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| “Making Space for Mothers of Children ‘Born of War’ in Transitional Justice Theorizing” 2022 Challenging War Conference and Lecture Series, Temple University: <i>Women and War: Feminist Approaches to War and Violence</i> | 2022 |
| “Political Compassion” 15 th Annual Hannah Arendt Circle Meeting | 2022 |
| “Ubuntu and the Blurring of Lines Between Wrongdoer and Wronged” Fordham Philosophical Society 2022 Graduate Conference: <i>Self & Society</i> | 2022 |
| “Hannah Arendt and the Politics of Compassion” 2019 APA Central Division | 2019 |
| “Conjugal Right and Conjugal Access: Towards a Compatibilization of Pateman and Wright” International Hobbes Association Session, 2019 APA Eastern Division | 2019 |
| “Positive Peace and the State of Nature” Concerned Philosophers for Peace, 31 st Annual Conference | 2018 |
| “The Artist as Sacrificial in Schopenhauer’s Philosophy” Lehigh University: Fourth Annual Conference in Philosophy | 2016 |

“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

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

Boston University

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

Elsewhere

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

† A proposal for a course entitled “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 distinguished by innovative and creative pedagogy. The program will run from June 25 to July 8 2023.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (AS TEACHING ASSISTANT)

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| Politics and Philosophy | Boston University | (x2) |
| Philosophy of Economic Justice | Harvard Extension School | (x3) |
| Philosophy of Law | Northeastern University | (x1) |
| Social and Political Philosophy | Northeastern University | (x1) |

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| 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) |

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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| 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

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

Event Organization

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| 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

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| <i>Judge</i> | Maryland Regional HS Ethics Bowl | 2023 |
| <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 COURSEWORK

History of Philosophy

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 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

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| 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

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| 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 PROFICIENCY

Intermediate: German, French

Basic: Latin

REFERENCES (“*” denotes teaching reference)

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