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AREAS OF RESEARCH

SPECIALIZATION Ethics, Meta-Ethics

COMPETENCE Philosophy of Language, Early Modern Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

2017 HAMBURG UNIVERSITY
Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter

2016 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow

EDUCATION

2016 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
Ph.D. in Philosophy

2008 HUMBOLT UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN
B.A. in Philosophy and English

DISSERTATION

TITLE Morality without Objectivity

COMMITTEE David Velleman (Chair), Hartry Field, Crispin Wright

SUMMARY My dissertation, "Morality without Objectivity", is an attempt to better understand our moral practice from a naturalist perspective. It argues that objectivist meta-ethics is incompatible with empirical facts about the genealogy of our moral norms and it goes on to argue, against a common dogma, that moral relativism does not only avoid this problem but that it is well-suited to explaining the rationality of moral arguments, debate and inquiry.

PUBLICATIONS

- (1) "Reductionist Moral Realism and the Contingency of Moral Evolution", *Ethics*, 2016.
- (2) "Hume's Correction of the Sentiments. Intersubjectivity without Objectivity", *Ergo*, forthcoming.
- (3) "George Berkeley". In: *Ideen. Repräsentationalismus in der frühen Neuzeit*. Eds. Dominik Perler and Johannes Haag. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2010. Co-authored with Johannes Haag.

UNDER REVIEW

- (1) "Supervenience and the Case against Moral Realism", currently undergoing R&R at *Erkenntnis*
- (2) "Contingency is a Reason to Reject Moral Objectivity", currently undergoing R&R at the *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*
- (3) "Self-Sufficiency as an Internal Virtue", currently undergoing R&R at *Mind*

TALKS&COMMENTARIES

- 2017 "Moral Assertion or: Invitation to Trust", Eastern APA, Symposium
- 2016 "Moral Assertion or: Invitation to Trust", colloquium at the LMU, Munich
- "Moral Objectivity in the Garden of Forking Paths", Universidad Autónoma de Mexico, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas
- 2015 "Moral Objectivity in the Face of Contingency", Conference of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP 9), Poster Presentation
- 2014 "Hume's Doctrine of the Correction of the Sentiments", Conference on Sentiment and Reason in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Buffalo
- "Ways to Fail to be Moral", Logos Conference, Barcelona
- Comments on Justin D'Arms and Daniel Jacobson, "Emotional Fittingness Without Cognitivism", Workshop on Naturalistic Approaches to Ethics and Meta-Ethics, New York University
- 2013 Comments on Daniel Star, "When is it rationally appropriate to treat a fact as a practical reason?", Rocky Mountains Ethics Congress, University of Colorado

- 2011 New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, “A Problem about Content and Communication”
- 2009 “Assessment-Sensitivity, Communication and Content”, University of Pittsburgh, Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2014 Workshop on Naturalist Approaches to Ethics and Meta-Ethics, New York University, co-organized with Camil Golub
- 2009 Graduate Conference in Philosophy, New York University, co-organizer

TEACHING

As Instructor:

- 2016 Introduction to Logic
- 2016 Life and Death (spring and fall)
- 2013 Ethics
- 2012 Philosophy of Law

As Teaching Assistant:

- 2015 Texts and Ideas, David Velleman
- 2012 Life and Death, David Velleman
Epistemology, Crispin Wright
- 2011 Ethics, David Velleman
Philosophy of Language, Gary Ostertag

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2015 NYU Berlin, Global Scholar
- 2014-2015 Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2009-2014 McCracken Fellowship
- 2008-2009 Fulbright Grant
- 2008 Award for the Best Subject GPA in Philosophy, awarded annually, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
- 2005-2009 Scholar of the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes)

SERVICE

2012	Instructor, Philosophy Outreach Program
2011-2013	Webmaster, NYU Philosophy Department
—	Referee for <i>Erkenntnis*</i> , <i>Topoi</i> , <i>Ethical Theory and Moral Practice</i> (* indicates multiples)

LANGUAGES

German	native
English	fluent
Spanish	reading, good speaking and writing
French	reading, basic speaking and writing
Latin	reading

REFERENCES

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