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### ***Employment***

2005-present: Associate Professor, Philosophy, University of California, San Diego  
2001-2005: Assistant Professor, Philosophy, University of California, San Diego  
1995-2001: Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Florida State University

### ***Education***

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles 1995  
Dissertation: *Rational Deliberation and the Sense of Freedom* (Advisor: Tyler Burge)  
Robert M. Yost Prize for Excellence in Teaching

B.A., Philosophy and Plan II Arts and Sciences Honors Program, University of  
Texas, Austin; May 1988

### ***Areas of Research***

Moral Psychology, Ethics, Philosophy of Action

### ***Publications***

“Responsibility, Rational Abilities, and Two Kinds of Fairness Arguments,” in *Philosophical Explorations (Special Issue: Action, Responsibility and Belief)* (2009).

“Responsibility and Rational Abilities: Defending an Asymmetrical View,” in *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (2008).

“Do We Have a Coherent Set of Intuitions about Moral Responsibility?” in *Philosophy and the Empirical, Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 31 (2007): 243-59.

“Good Luck to Libertarians: Reflections on Mele’s *Luck and Free Will*,” in *Philosophical Explorations* 10 (2007): 173-84.

“Discriminating Shoppers Beware,” in *San Diego Law Review* 43 (2006): 1035-42.

“Tradition and the Law: A Response to Wax,” *San Diego Law Review* 42 (2005): 1111-14.

- “Freedom, Responsibility, and the Challenge of Situationism,” in *Free Will and Moral Responsibility, Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 29. Cambridge: Blackwell. (2005): 181-206. [reprinted in abridged form in *You Decide: Current Debates in Introductory Philosophy*, edited by Bruce Waller. (2005)]
- “Deliberative Alternatives,” in *Philosophical Topics* 32 (on Agency) (2004): 215-40. [appeared in (2006)]
- “Irrelevant Alternatives and Frankfurt Counterfactuals,” *Philosophical Studies* 121 (2004): 1-25.
- “The Sense of Freedom,” in *Freedom and Determinism, Volume II, Topics in Contemporary Philosophy*. Edited by Joseph Keim Campbell, Michael O’Rourke, and David Shier. Cambridge: MIT Press. (2004): 105-134.
- “Moral Luck,” *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Spring 2004 Edition, revised 2008), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL=<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/spr2004/entries/moral-luck/>.
- “Self-Deception, Motivation, and the Desire to Believe,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 83 (2002): 384-406.
- “Warfield’s New Argument for Incompatibilism” (with Samuel C. Rickless), *Analysis* (2002): 104-07.
- “Phenomenal Consciousness and Intentionality: Comment on Charles Siewert’s *The Significance of Consciousness*,” *Psyche: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Consciousness*, (2001).
- “The Consequence Argument and the *Mind* Argument,” *Analysis* 61 (2001): 107-15.
- “How to Solve Blum’s Paradox” (with Samuel C. Rickless), *Analysis* 61 (2001): 91-94.
- “The Lottery Paradox, Knowledge, and Rationality,” *The Philosophical Review* 109 (2000): 373-409.
- “Two Standpoints and the Belief in Freedom,” *Journal of Philosophy* 97 (2000): 564-76.

### ***Work in Progress***

*Rational Agency, Responsibility and Freedom* (book manuscript)

“Agent Causation”

“Autonomy, Advance Directives, and Life as a Whole”

## ***Presentations***

“Moral Luck: Drawing the Right Lines in Moral Theory and in Distributive Justice of Health Care,” Department of Bioethics, National Institutes of Health, October 2009

“Moral Responsibility and the Ought Implies Can Principle,” University of California, Los Angeles, May 2009; Cornell University, September 2009

“Responsibility, Resentment, and the Fairness Argument,” International Workshop on Belief, Responsibility, and Action, University of Valencia, Spain, November 2008

“Reason and Responsibility: Defending an Asymmetrical View,” University of California, Irvine, March 2008

Commentator, Derk Pereboom’s “A Compatibilist Account of the Beliefs Required for Rational Deliberation,” Online Philosophy Conference (OPC), May 2007

“Do We Have a Coherent Set of Intuitions about Moral Responsibility?,” Institute for Cognitive and Decision Sciences, University of Oregon, January 2007

Commentator, Joshua Knobe’s “Folk Morality and the Search for a Unified Theory,” Conference on New Perspectives on Free Will and Moral Responsibility, University of San Francisco, November 2006

“Heroes and Villians: Defending an Asymmetrical Capacity View of Responsibility,” Conference on Psychopathology and Evil, University of San Francisco, April 2006

Commentator, Michael Blake’s “Discriminating Shoppers,” Conference on Discrimination, Institute for Law and Philosophy, University of San Diego, April 2006

“Deliberative Alternatives (revised version),” UC Davis, November 2005

Commentator, Amy Wax’s “The Conservative Dilemma: Social Science, Social Change, and Traditional Institutions,” April 2005

Panelist (with Barbara Herman and Alfred Mele), Conference on Actions and Values, celebrating the publication of Gary Watson’s *Agency and Answerability*, February 2005

Commentator, Dan Speak’s “Responsibility and the Failure of the Counter-example Strategy,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Pasadena, April 2004

“Deliberative Alternatives,” UC Riverside, March 2004

“Freedom, Responsibility, and the Challenge of Situationism,” Experimental Philosophy Lab, UC San Diego, April 2003; Southern California Philosophy Conference, UC Riverside, November 2003; Occidental College, April 2004; Cognitive Psychology Brownbag, UC San Diego, May 2004

“She Would Not Have Done Otherwise Even If She Could Have,” Southern California Philosophy Conference, UC Irvine, November 2001

“The Sense of Freedom,” Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference 2001: Freedom and Determinism, Moscow, Idaho, April 2001

“Self-Deception, Motivation, and the Desire to Believe,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2001

“Phenomenal Consciousness and Intentionality: Comment on Charles Siewert’s *The Significance of Consciousness*” Florida Philosophical Association Meeting, Tallahassee, November 1998

“An Argument from the Sense of Freedom to Freedom,” University of Florida, Gainesville, February 1997

“The Skeptic and the Sense of Freedom,” Florida Philosophical Association Meeting, Tampa, November 1995

***Participation in Other Conferences, Roundtables, and Panels***

Roundtable on Blame and Retribution, University of San Diego Law and Philosophy Institute (January 2008)

Humanities Focus Group, Neuroethics Week, Center for Ethics in Science and Technology (October 2007)

Conference on The Rights and Wrongs of Discrimination, University of San Diego Law and Philosophy Institute (April 2006)

Conference on The Meaning of Marriage, University of San Diego Law and Philosophy Institute (January 2005)

Roundtable on Criminal Responsibility, University of San Diego Law and Philosophy Institute (March 2004)

Roundtable on Moral Luck, University of San Diego Law and Philosophy Institute (April 2003)

Roundtable on Defining the Moral Community, University of San Diego Law and Philosophy Institute (November 2001)

## ***Fellowships and Grants***

Research Grant, UC Academic Senate, San Diego Division; Summer 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2008

Humanities Center Fellowship, UCSD; 2005

Hellman Faculty Fellowship, UCSD; 2003

Chancellor's Summer Faculty Fellowship, UCSD; 2002

## ***Teaching***

### ***Graduate Level***

**Seminars:** Responsibility and the Reactive Attitudes, Partial Responsibility (with David Brink), Psychology in Action (Theory) and Ethics, Moral Luck, Free Will and Responsibility, Deliberation and Freedom, Mental Causation, Rationality, Individualism and Mind, Teaching College Philosophy (for first-time TAs at UCLA)

**Reading Group:** Ethics (Topics: Adam Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments*; Richard Kraut's *What is Good and Why? The Ethics of Well-Being*; Partiality; Personal Identity and Special Concern; Derk Pereboom's *Living Without Free Will*; T.M. Scanlon's *Moral Dimensions: Permissibility, Meaning, and Blame*)

### ***Upper Division Level***

Biomedical Ethics, Moral Psychology, Responsibility for the Emotions, The Unity of the Mind, Free Will and Moral Responsibility, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Action, Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysics, Contemporary Moral Issues, Personal Identity and Ethics

### ***Lower Division Level***

Ethics and Society, Introduction to Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Freshman Seminar: Situations, Character Traits, and Ethics

## ***Graduate Advising***

### ***Current students (in philosophy unless otherwise noted)***

Sharon Skare, UCSD, chair, dissertation committee, *Moral Psychology and the Virtues: Mixing the Empirical and Philosophical (tentative title)* (2006- )

Erick Ramirez, UCSD, co-chair, dissertation committee, *A Sensible Sentimentalism: The Role of the Emotions in Evaluative Concepts and Reactive Attitudes* (2007- )

Michael Tiboris, UCSD, co-chair, dissertation committee, *Responsibility, Competence and the Juvenile Agent* (2007- )

Nina Brewer-Davis, UCSD, member, dissertation committee, *The Associative Aspect of Political Obligation* (2006- )

Eric Campbell, UCSD, member, dissertation committee, *The Will to Morality and Its Discontents* (2007- )

Frank Coffaro, UCSD (Psychology), member, dissertation committee, *The Effects of Power on Cognitive Appraisals and Emotion* (2008- )

Per Milam, UCSD, independent studies, *Fatalism* (2008)

Ryan Darby, UCSD (Psychology), member, dissertation committee, *Promoting Forgiveness Before An Offense Occurs* (2009-)

*Students who have completed theses*

Lisa Damm, UCSD, member, dissertation committee, *The Architecture of Emotion Experience* (defended, 2009)

Gregory Simon, UCSD (Anthropology), member, dissertation committee, *Self and Moral Obligations of Husbands and Fathers in a West Sumatran City* (defended, 2007)

Justin Barnard, Florida State University, member, dissertation committee, *Rationally Justified Belief and Mental Causation: An Epistemic Argument Against Physicalism* (defended, 2002)

***Departmental Service***

***At UCSD:***

Director, Undergraduate Studies 2006-

Graduate Admissions, 2006

Hiring Committee, 2004-05, 2007-08

Colloquium Committee, 2002-04

Graduate Program Review Committee, 2001-02

***At Florida State:***

Metaphysics Preliminary Examination Committee, Chair, 1997-2001

Colloquium Committee, Chair, 1996-99

Graduate Admissions Committee, 1996-97

Faculty Advisory Committee, 1996-97

Werkmeister Conference Committee, 1996-97

***University Service***

Florida State University Human Subjects Committee, 1997-1999

UCSD Humanities Center Director Search Committee 2008-09

UCSD Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee, 2007-present

***External Professional Service***

Member, Program Committee, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, 2006-09

Affiliated Scholar, USD Institute for Law and Philosophy 2004-present

Referee for the following book publishers and journals: Analysis, Blackwell Publishers, British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Broadview Press, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Inquiry, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Legal Theory, Mind, Nous, Oxford University Press, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Papers, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Psychology, Social Theory and Practice