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Employment

Starting 2022	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Bard College
2021-2022	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Leslie Center for the Humanities and Department of Philosophy, Dartmouth College

Education

2016-2021	Ph.D. in Philosophy, Columbia University <i>The Problem of Unfreedom</i> <u>Committee</u> : Akeel Bilgrami (chair), Robert Gooding-Williams, Philip Kitcher, Michele Moody-Adams
2011-2013	L.L.M. (Research), First Class Honours, University of Sydney Thesis: "How to Do Things with Constitutions"
2005-2010	L.L.B., First Class Honours, University of Sydney
2004-2008	B.A., First Class Honours in Philosophy, University of Sydney Thesis: "Taking International Law Seriously"

Areas of Specialisation

Social and political philosophy, philosophy of race, moral psychology, pragmatism.

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of law, ethics, feminist philosophy, colonialism, history of early modern philosophy, philosophy of the social sciences.

Awards, Grants, and Scholarships

2021	Teaching Development Program (Foundational Track), Center for Teaching & Learning, Columbia University
2020-2021	Senior Lead Teaching Fellowship, Center for Teaching & Learning and the Department of Philosophy, Columbia University
2020	Joseph L. Blau Prize, awarded annually to the paper that makes the most significant contribution to the history of American Philosophy, for "Dewey and the Tragedy of the Human Condition", Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy

2020	Alliance Joint Project Grant (\$11,889) for “Blame and Regulation: Psychological and Social Transformation”, with Carol Rovane (Columbia), Vanessa de Luca (Sorbonne), and Laurent Jaffro (Sorbonne)
2019-20	Lead Teaching Fellowship, Center for Teaching & Learning and the Department of Philosophy, Columbia University
2019	Alliance Joint Project Grant (\$15,000) for “The Philosophy of Blame – Reflections on the Ethics and Politics of Blame”, with Carol Rovane (Columbia), Vanessa de Luca (Sorbonne), and Laurent Jaffro (Sorbonne)
2018	Jonathan Lieberman Memorial Prize, awarded for “Political Institutions and the Problem of Distrust”, Department of Philosophy, Columbia University
2017-18	Benjamin Wolstein Fellowship, Columbia University
2017	Reset DOC Summer Seminars Scholarship, Reset DOC, Università Ca’Foscari Venezia
2015	Unit of Study Commendation for Excellence in Teaching, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney
2013	Teaching Development Program Certificate, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney
2012	Excellence in Teaching (Practice) Award, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney
2011-12	Australian Postgraduate Award, University of Sydney
2008	Walter Reid Memorial Prize, University of Sydney

Publications

Peer Reviewed

2021	“Dewey and the Tragedy of the Human Condition,” 16(1) <i>The Pluralist</i> 26-40 (published as the recipient of the Joseph L. Blau Prize from the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 2020).
2016	“Re-reading the Declaration of Independence as perlocutionary performative.” 22(4) <i>Res Publica</i> 423-444.
2014	“The constitutive rhetoric of the Preamble to the Australian Constitution as a ‘performative utterance’,” <i>Australian Journal of Legal Philosophy</i> 39:42-65.
2014	“The educative potential of industrial action: lessons from the picket line,” <i>Australian Universities Review</i> 56(1):61-66.

Other

2021	(with Minh Nguyen) Editors’ Introduction, <i>Newsletter of the APA Committee on Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies</i> . Author-meets-Critics Issue on Evan Thompson, <i>Why I Am Not A Buddhist</i> . Spring 2021.
2020	(with Minh Nguyen) Editors’ Introduction, <i>Newsletter of the APA Committee on Asian and Asian American Philosophers and Philosophies</i> . Special Issue on “What is it Like to be a Philosopher of Asian Descent?” Fall 2020.

Papers Under Review and Working Papers

Paper on blame and structural injustice (under review)

Paper on philosophy of action, expression, and social practices (under review)

Paper on liberalism and distrust (under review)

“Du Bois and the Self-Interestedness of Racial Capitalism”

“Dewey’s Critique of Political Democracy in a Market Society”

“Dynamics of Distrust”

“Rethinking the Political Consequences of Expressivism”

“Because We Are the Only Hope We Have: Interpersonal Hope in Times of Hopelessness”

“Hermeneutical Self-Knowledge and Social Criticism”

“What is an Orientation?”

“In Defense of Political Equality: Ambedkar on Democracy”

Conference Presentations

- Oct 2021 “Dewey’s Critique of Political Democracy in a Market Society”, *PPE Society Annual Meeting 2021*
- Oct 2021 “Dewey and the Problem of Unfreedom”, *John Dewey Memorial Conference 2021*
- Feb 2021 “In Defense of Political Equality: Ambedkar on Democracy”, Author-Meets-Critics session on Bai Tongdong, *Against Political Equality: The Confucian Case*. Central APA.
- Mar 2020 “Hermeneutic Self-Knowledge and Social Criticism”, *2020 Chicagoland Graduate Philosophy Conference: Self and Other*, (accepted but not delivered).
- Mar 2020 “Transformative Experience and Hermeneutic Self-Knowledge”, *21st Annual Pittsburgh-Carnegie Mellon Graduate Student Philosophy Conference*, University of Pittsburgh, (accepted but not delivered).
- Mar 2020 “Blaming the System”, *Global Structural Injustice and Minority Rights*, Northeastern University, (accepted but not delivered).
- Mar 2020 “Dewey and the tragedy of the human condition”, *Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy*, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.
- Feb 2020 “Constraints on freedom and Dewey’s critique of political democracy”, Central APA, Chicago.
- Jul 2019 “Habitual Mental Action”, *Actions: the Mental and the Bodily*, University of Warwick.
- Jun 2019 “Blaming the System”, *Reflections on the Ethics and Politics of Blame*, Sorbonne University.
- Mar 2019 “The Role of Inclusive Communities in Dewey’s Quest for Freedom”, *Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy*.
- Jan 2019 (with Mariana Beatriz-Noe, Olivia Branscum, and Qian Cao) “Mutual Skill-Building through Undergraduate Writing Workshops”, *MAP Panel on Skill-Building and Improving the Profession*, Eastern APA.
- Oct 2018 “Oppressive Social Practices and Explanation of Individual Action”, *Georgetown MAP Graduate Philosophy Conference*, Georgetown University.
- Jun 2017 “Agency and the liberal conception of empathy”, *Cultural Politics of Empathy Workshop*, Empathies Conference, European Society for Literature, Science and the Arts, Basel.
- Jul 2016 “The Concept of Law and its Relation to Agency”, *Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy Conference*, University of Melbourne.
- Jul 2015 “Moral Virtues and the Epistemic Argument for Democracy”, *Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference*, Macquarie University.
- Jun 2015 “Two Pictures of Law: Norms and Relations”, *Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy Conference*, University of Sydney.
- Mar 2015 (with Omid Tofighian, Linus Huang and Kari Greenswag) MAP seminar on minority representation, University of Sydney.
- Apr 2014 (with Linus Huang and Elena Walsh) “MAP for the GAP: Increasing participation of women and minorities in Australasian philosophy departments”, *Australian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference*.
- Sep 2013 “Derrida’s remainder: the Declaration of Independence as perlocutionary performative”, *Julius Stone Institute for Jurisprudence Seminar*, University of Sydney.
- Aug 2013 “The constitutive rhetoric of the Preamble to the Australian Constitution as a ‘performative utterance’”, *Australian Society of Legal Philosophy Annual Conference*, University of Sydney.

- Dec 2012 “The Constitution as a Social Contract”, *Grounding Law: Melbourne Doctoral Forum on Legal Theory*, University of Melbourne.
- Nov 2012 “How to Do Things with Constitutions”, *Crossing Boundaries: Sydney Law School Postgraduate Conference*, University of Sydney.

Invited Comments

- Jan 2021 Comment on Justin Simpson, “Episodic Memory, Material Culture, and Retrospective Epistemic Violence”, Eastern APA.
- Aug 2020 Comment on Attila Mraz, “Giving Effect to Someone Else’s Electoral Judgments: The Ethics of Supported Decision-Making for Voters with Cognitive and Communicative Disabilities”, *RoME XIII*.
- Apr 2019 Comment on Maria Doulatova, “A Critique of Coherentist Autonomy: The Self-Defeating Cycle of Identification”, *19th Annual Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference*.
- Feb 2019 Comment on panel “The Afterlife of Meditations: From Romanticism to Resistance and Critical Theory”, with Clemence Boulouque, Aminah Hasan-Birdwell, Sabina Bremner, *Finding the Way to Truth: Sources, History, and Impact of the Meditative Tradition*.
- Jan 2019 Comment on Jonathan Kwan, “An Eco-Political Conception of the People: An Account for Indigenous Communities”, Eastern APA.
- Feb 2018 Comment on Wendy Salkin, “Democracy Within, Justice Without: The Duties of Informal Political Representatives”, *Princeton Workshop in Social Philosophy*, Princeton.
- Mar 2015 Comment on Anik Waldow, “Descartes’ Dreaming Bodies and the Awakening of the Human Animal Machine”, *Early Modern Persons and Consciousness Workshop*, University of Sydney.

Academic Teaching Experience (Instructor of Record)

Columbia University

- Summer 2020 Ethics
- May 2018 “What is Success?”, short course at Brooklyn Metropolitan Detention Center

University of Sydney

- Sem 1, 2016 Contemporary Political Philosophy
- Sem 1, 2012-16 Philosophy of Law
- Sem 2, 2014 Academic Writing (at The Scots College)

Academic Teaching Experience (Tutor/Teaching Assistant)

Columbia University

- Spring 2020 Kant (Patricia Kitcher)
- Fall 2019 Ethics (Carol Rovane)
- Spring 2019 Ethics (Michele Moody-Adams)
- Fall 2018 Hegel (Fred Neuhouser)
- Spring 2018 History of Philosophy II (John Morrison)
- Fall 2017 Philosophy & Feminism (Christia Mercer)

University of Sydney

- Sem 2, 2015 Philosophy and Literature (Moirra Gatens)
- Sem 2, 2015 Philosophy and Human Rights (Alex Lefebvre)
- Sem 1, 2014 Reality, Ethics, Beauty (Anik Waldow)
- Sem 2, 2013-15 Society, Self, Knowledge (Anik Waldow)

2013-2016 Elite Athlete Tutoring Program
Sem 1, 2011 Philosophy of Law (Kyla Reid)

Macquarie University

Sem 1, 2014-16 Constitutional Law (Joel Harrison)
Sem 1, 2013 Constitutional Law (Iain Stewart)
Sem 2, 2012-15 Jurisprudence (Denise Meyerson)

Service

Feb 2020 Organizer, American Association of Philosophy Teachers workshop, Columbia University
2020-2021 Associate Editor, APA Committee on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies Newsletter
2019-2022 Member-at-Large, APA Committee on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies
Oct 2019 Organizer, New Narratives in Philosophy Symposium: Sor Juana de la Cruz, David Walker, and Martin Delany
Jun 2019 Organizer, The Philosophy of Blame: Reflections on the Ethics and Politics of Blame, Sorbonne University
Spring 2019 Organizer, NYC MAPWorks Speaker Series
Feb 2019 Organizer, New Narratives in Philosophy Symposium: Finding the Way to Truth: Sources, History, and Impact of the Meditative Tradition
Oct 2018 Organizer, NYC MAPWorks Conference: Oppression and Resistance
Sep 2018 Organizer, New Narratives in Philosophy Symposium: Marie de Gournay, Émilie du Châtelet, and Mary Shepherd
2018-2017-18 Campus organizer, Graduate Workers of Columbia
Graduate Student Representative, Columbia University Philosophy Department
Feb 2018 Undergraduate student mentor, MAP Compass Workshop, Princeton University
Spring 2018 Organizer, NYC MAPWorks Speaker Series
2017-2017 Judge, NYC High School Ethics Bowl
2017 Facilitator, *Rethink*: A Philosophy Community Outreach Program
2017 Organizer, 17th Annual Columbia-NYU Graduate Philosophy Conference
2016-2016 Organizer, Columbia University MAP Chapter
2014-16 Organizer, University of Sydney MAP Chapter
2013-16 Organizer, University of Sydney Women in Philosophy

Reviewer for: *Ergo*, *Nous*, *Social Epistemology*, *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, *Topoi*.

Other experience

Jun 2017 Reset DOC Summer Seminars: *The Populist Upsurge and the Decline of Diversity Capital*, Università Ca'Foscari Venezia
2015 Visiting Student, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto
2013-14 Legal Studies Update writer, Leading Edge Education
2010-13 Paralegal, Gilbert + Tobin Lawyers
2010-13 Journalist, Law Press of Australia
2010-11 Broadcast Production Officer, ABC Radio Current Affairs
2010 Intern, NSW Law Reform Commission

Research Languages

German (intermediate), Mandarin (elementary)

Professional Affiliations

American Philosophical Association
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy
John Dewey Society
PPE Society
Australasian Association of Philosophy
Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy

Referees

Akeel Bilgrami, Sidney Morgenbesser Professor of Philosophy, Columbia University
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Michele M. Moody-Adams, Joseph Straus Professor of Political Philosophy and Legal Theory, Columbia University
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Robert Gooding-Williams, M. Moran Weston/Black Alumni Council Professor of African-American Studies, Professor of Philosophy and of African American and African Diaspora Studies, Columbia University
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Philip Kitcher, John Dewey Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Columbia University
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Rick Benitez, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Classics, and Ancient History, The University of Sydney
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Carol Rovane (teaching reference), Professor of Philosophy, Columbia University
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