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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Stanford University**, Stanford, California
　　Associate Professor of Philosophy and, by courtesy, of German Studies, 2013-present
　　Dean of the Freshman Sophomore College, 2010-2016
　　Faculty Director, Residential Programs, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, 2014-2015
　　Senior Associate Vice Provost for Residential Affairs, 2013-2015
　　Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2008-2013
　　Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2000-2008

**Hebrew University**, Jerusalem, Israel
　　Visiting Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, May-August 2008

**Princeton University**, Princeton, New Jersey
　　Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, University Center for Human Values, 2006-2007

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, Michigan
　　Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1999-2000

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

　　Metaethics (including Philosophy of Action and Moral Psychology)
　　Metaphysics (Realism and Anti-Realism)

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

　　Nineteenth-Century German Philosophy (esp. Nietzsche, neo-Kantianism, early positivism)
　　Continental Philosophy (esp. Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche, Freud, Heidegger, Lacan, Derrida)
　　Islamic Philosophy
　　Philosophy of Religion

## EDUCATION

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, Michigan
　　Ph.D. Philosophy, December 1999
　　M.A. Philosophy, December 1995

**Universität Bielefeld**, Bielefeld, Germany
　　Fakultät für Geschichtswissenschaft und Philosophie, 1998-99

**Stanford University**, Stanford, California
　　B.S. Symbolic Systems, June 1990

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles

"Practical Reasoning and Linking Beliefs". *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 91, no. 1 (2015): 211-219. Contribution to book symposium on John Broome, *Rationality through Reasoning* (Malden, Massachusetts: John Wiley & Sons, 2013).

"Metaethics and Its Discontents: A Case Study of Korsgaard". Co-authored with Nishiten Shah. In *Constructivism in Ethics*, edited by Carla Bagnoli, 82-107. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

"Nietzsche's Metaethical Stance". In *The Oxford Handbook on Nietzsche*, edited by John Richardson and Ken Gemes, 389-414. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.

"A Problem for Ambitious Metanormative Constructivism". In *Constructivism in Practical Philosophy*, edited by Jimmy Lenman and Yonatan Shemmer, 180-194. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.

"Nietzsche and Non-Cognitivism". In *Nietzsche, Naturalism & Normativity*, edited by Simon Robertson and Christopher Janaway, 111-132. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.

"Metaethics and Nihilism in Reginster's *The Affirmation of Life*". In *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* 43, no. 1 (2012): 99-117.

"The Role of Life in the *Genealogy*". In *Nietzsche's On The Genealogy of Morality: A Critical Guide*, edited by Simon May, 142-169. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

"Error Theory and Fictionalism". In *The Routledge Companion to Ethics*, edited by John Skorupski, 335-45. London and New York: Routledge, 2010.

"Honest Illusion: Valuing for Nietzsche's Free Spirits". In *Nietzsche and Morality*, edited by Brian Leiter and Niel Sinhababu, 157-91. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007.

- Chosen for *The Philosopher's Annual 2008* (www.philosophersannual.org) as one of the ten best philosophy articles published in 2007.

"Misunderstanding Metaethics: Korsgaard's Rejection of Realism". Co-authored with Nishiten Shah. *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 1, edited by Russ Shafer-Landau, 265-294. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2006.

"The Return of Moral Fictionalism". *Philosophical Perspectives* 18, no. 1 (2004): 149-87.

"The Guise of a Reason". *Philosophical Studies* 121, no. 3 (2004): 263-75. Contribution to book symposium on David Velleman, *The Possibility of Practical Reason* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000).

"Nietzsche's Positivism". *European Journal of Philosophy* 12, no. 3 (2004): 326-68.

"Reading Nietzsche through Ernst Mach". In *Nietzsche and Science*, edited by Gregory Moore and Thomas H. Brobjer, 111-29. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2004.

### Encyclopedia Entries

"Friedrich Albert Lange". *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, edited by Edward N. Zalta. URL=<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/friedrich-lange/>. (Maintained till 2012)

**Book Reviews**

Review of John Skorupski, *Ethical Explorations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999). *Ethics* 115, no. 3 (2005): 626-28.

Review of Michael S. Green, *Nietzsche and the Transcendental Tradition* (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2002). *The Philosophical Review* 113, no. 2 (2004): 275-78.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

### Articles

"The Ontic Cosmic Coincidence for Non-Naturalism about Morality"

## ARCHIVED PROJECTS

### Articles

"Eternal Recurrence and Nihilism: Adding Weight to the Unbearable Lightness of Action". Available online.

"The Requirements of Rationality". Available online.

## PRESENTATIONS

"The Ontic Cosmic Coincidence Problem for Non-Naturalism about Morality", Madison Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2019

Comment on Daniel Wodak's "Why Escape Your Echo Chamber?", Workshop on "Truth, Power, and the Foundations of Democracy", Dartmouth College, 2019

Comment on David Plunkett and Tristram McPherson's "Evaluation Turned on Itself: Metaethics and the Conceptual Ethics of Normativity", Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, 2019

"The Real Cosmic Coincidence for Metaethical Non-Naturalism", Philosophy Mountain Workshop, Telluride, 2018

"Why I, and Maybe You, Should Not Be Moral", Royal Ethics Conference, University of Texas, Austin, 2018

"Michael Smith's Constitutivism", Symposium on Constitutivism, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, 2015

"Global Expressivism and Metaethics", "Global Expressivism?" workshop, Szczecin, Poland, 2014

"Contents, Normativity, and Rule-Following", Symposium on John Broome's *Rationality through Reasoning*, Université de Montréal, Montréal, 2014

Comment on David Velleman's "Time for Action", Normativity and Reasoning Workshop, New York University Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, 2014

"The Role of Life in the *Genealogy*", University of Notre Dame, South Bend, 2011

"Constructivism, Judgement-Dependence, and Truth-Makers", Conference on Constructivism, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, 2009

"Constitution, Inescapability and Necessity", Fellows' Seminar, Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 2008

"Nietzsche and Non-Cognitivism", Conference on "Nietzsche, Naturalism and Normativity", University of Southampton, Southampton, 2008

"Normativity and the Causal Order", Metaethics Conference, Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 2008

"Normativity and the Causal Order", Moral Philosophy and Value Theory Conference; Ohio State, the University of Maribor, and the University of Riyeka; Dubrovnik, 2008

"Constitution, Inescapability and Necessity", Keynote Address, Intermountain West Student
        Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, 2008
"Constitution, Inescapability and Necessity", University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2008
Comment on Peter Railton's "Rational Desire and Rationality in Desire", Conference on
        Reason and Value, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2008
"Normativity in Aesthetics and Ethics", Invited Speaker, Symposium: Ethics and Aesthetics,
        American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 2007
"Constructivism and Metaethics", University of California, Irvine, 2007
"Constructivism and Metaethics", University of Oxford, Oxford, 2007
"Constructivism and Metaethics", University of Leeds, Leeds, 2007
"Constructivism and Metaethics", University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, 2007
"Constructivism and Metaethics", University of Stirling, Stirling, 2007
"Constructivism and Metaethics", University of Sheffield, Sheffield, 2007
"What Could Constructivism in Ethics Possibly Be?", University of California, Berkeley, 2007
Author Meets Critics Session on Bernard Reginster's *The Affirmation of Life*, American
        Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2007
"Eternal Recurrence and Nihilism: Adding Weight to the Unbearable Lightness of Acting",
        Colgate University, Hamilton, 2007
"Eternal Recurrence and Nihilism: Adding Weight to the Unbearable Lightness of Acting",
        Conference on "Nietzsche's Ethics: Contemporary Topics and Problems", The
        University of Texas, Austin, 2007
"Eternal Recurrence and Nihilism: Adding Weight to the Unbearable Lightness of Acting",
        Nietzsche and Morality Conference, The University Center for Human Values, Princeton
        University, Princeton, 2006
"What Could Constructivism in Metaethics Possible Be?" University Center for Human
        Values, Princeton University, Princeton, 2006.
"What Could Constructivism in Metaethics Possibly Be?" Workshop in Moral and Political
        Philosophy, Harvard University, Cambridge, 2006.
"The Requirements of Rationality." Moral Philosophy and Value Theory Conference; Ohio
        State, the University of Maribor, and the University of Riyeka; Dubrovnik, 2006
Comment on Thomas Scanlon's "Structural Irrationality." Shapiro Conference on Practical
        Reason, Brown University, Providence, 2005
"Metaethics and Its Discontents: A Case Study of Korsgaard." Annual Metaethics Workshop,
        University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004
Respondent for Invited Symposium on "Moral Objectivity", American Philosophical
        Association, Pacific Division, 2004
"The Return of Moral Fictionalism", Arizona State University, Tempe, 2003
Invited participant, Roundtable on "Nietzsche and Normativity", University of Illinois College
        of Law, Urbana-Champaign, 2003
Respondent for Invited Symposium on "Nietzsche and Human Life", American Philosophical
        Association, Pacific Division, 2003.
"The Return of Moral Fictionalism", Conference on "Moral Theory after Nietzsche",
        University of Texas, Austin, 2003
Invited participant, Roundtable with Jacques Derrida, "The Possibility of the Impossible:
        Cruelty, Sovereignty, Death Penalty", Stanford University Press, Stanford, 2002
"Nietzsche's Positivism: Sensualism as Regulative Hypothesis", Conference on "Nietzsche:
        Philosophical Influences and Philosophical Legacies", University of Texas, Austin, 2001
"Hierarchy and Regress", University of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, 2001

## ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March-August 2008

Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship, American Council for Learned Societies, 2006-07

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2006-07

Germanistic Society of America Fellowship, 1998-99

Fulbright Travel Grant, 1998-99

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 1996-97

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan, 1996-97 (declined)

Rackham One-Term Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan, 1995

Regents' Fellowship, University of Michigan, 1990-94

Wirt and Mary Cornwell Prize in the Humanities, 1990-91

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

Workshop on "Conceptual Ethics and the Methodology of Normative Inquiry" by Tristram McPherson and David Plunkett. 2018-19. Co-sponsored by McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society, Department of Philosophy, and Stanford Humanities Center.

"Mythos & Logos: Religion and Rationality in the Humanities". 2010-11. Organized with Brent Sockness, Noreen Khawaja, and Peter Woodford. Sponsored by the Stanford Humanities Center. Made possible by support from Claire and John Radway, the Mellon Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

14th Annual Philosophy Colloquium, University of Michigan, March 1995 (Speakers: John Rawls, Nancy Fraser, and David Gauthier)

## TEACHING AWARDS

Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching: First Years of Teaching at Stanford, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University, 2009

American Philosophical Association Recognition for Excellence in the Teaching of Philosophy, 1995

University of Michigan Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 1994-95

Department of Philosophy John Dewey Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, University of Michigan, 1994-95

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Associate Professor**, Stanford University, 2008-present

Seminar: Metaethics (graduate)

Seminar: Habermas (graduate)

Seminar: Dissertation Development (graduate)

Metaethics (upper-level undergraduate, graduate)

Realism, Anti-Realism, Irrealism, and Quasi-Realism (upper-level undergraduate, graduate)

Metaphysics (upper-level undergraduate)

Fine-Tuning Arguments for God (upper-level undergraduate)

Mind, Matter, and Meaning (gateway course for undergraduate major)

Introduction to Political Philosophy

Introduction to the Humanities Program: Truth and Morality-One, Many, or None? (Interdisciplinary introduction to the humanities for first-year undergraduates)

Introduction to Moral Philosophy

Introduction to Philosophy

**Assistant Professor**, Stanford University, 2000-2008
>    Seminar: Metaethics (graduate)
>    Seminar: Nietzsche on Value and Morality (graduate)
>    Core Seminar: Ethics (graduate)
>    Metaethics (upper-level undergraduate, graduate)
>    Political Philosophy (upper-level undergraduate, graduate)
>    Philosophy of Action (upper-level undergraduate, graduate)
>    Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities: Theoretical Roots of Contemporary Criticism
>        (Saussure, Freud, Lacan, Derrida) (upper-level undergraduate)
>    Introduction to Political Philosophy
>    First-year Undergraduate Seminar: Moral Skepticisms
>    Introduction to the Humanities Program: The Fate of Reason ("great books" style survey of
>        modern philosophy for first-year undergraduates)
>    Guest Lectures: Islamic Philosophy

**Visiting Assistant Professor**, University of Michigan, 1999-2000
>    Existentialism (Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, Camus) (upper-level undergraduate)
>    Twentieth-Century Continental Philosophy (Husserl, Heidegger, Saussure, Derrida, Foucault)
>        (upper-level undergraduate)
>    Philosophical Ethics

**Instructor/Lecturer**, University of Michigan, 1994-96
>    Existentialism (Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, Camus) (upper-level undergraduate)
>    Introduction to Philosophy
>    Great Books in Philosophy (Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Descartes, Hume, Kant, Hegel,
>        Nietzsche, Ayer)

## STUDENT SUPERVISION

**Chair PhD Thesis**
>    Adam Zweber (since 2019)
>    Jared Palmer (since 2016) (Co-Chair with Michael Bratman)
>    Matthew Etchemendy 2016: "No Power Alike: Legal Realism and Legal Reality"
>    Richie Kim (2005-2016)
>    Ryo Kikuchi (2007-2010)

**Committee member PhD Thesis**
>    Austen McDougal (since 2019)
>    Adam Simon (since 2012)
>    Carlos Núñez 2016: "The Will and Normative Judgment" (Chair: Michael Bratman)
>    Paul Tulipana (2014-2015)
>    Sam Asarnow (2012-2015)
>    Amanda Greene (2012-2013)
>    Peter J. Woodford (Religious Studies) 2013: "Religion, Science, and Value in Nietzschean Life-
>        Philosophy" (Chair: Brent Sockness)
>    David Taylor 2013: "Essays on Indeterminacy" (Chair: Mark Crimmins)
>    Rahul Chaudhri 2013: "On Nietzsche's Historical Philosophy" (Chair: Lanier Anderson)
>    Luis Cheng-Guajardo 2013: "The Practical Demand of Means-End Rationality" (Chair: Tamar
>        Schapiro)
>    Assaf Sharon 2011: "The Rule of Law: A philosophical Investigation of Law and
>        Liberty" (Chair: Josh Cohen)
>    Wolfson, Ben 2011: "Action and Knowledge" (Chair: Michael Bratman)
>    Lewin, Micah (2008-2011) (Chair: Alexis Burgess)

Dan Halliday 2011: "Endowments, Inequality, and Aggregation: Reflections on the Foundations and Methods of Distributive Justice" (Chair: Josh Cohen)
Will Beal 2012: "The Importance of Dedication" (Chair: Michael Bratman)
Johanna Wolff 2010: "Realism Between Metaphysics and Science" (Co-Chairs: Tom Ryckman and Alexis Burgess)
Peyton McElroy (2007-2009) (Chair: Lanier Anderson)
Alma Papadopol (2006-2008) (Chair: Lanier Anderson)
Jennifer Morton 2008: "Practical Reasoning and the Varieties of Agency" (Chair: Michael Bratman)
Sarah Paul 2009: "How We Know What We're Doing: In Inferential Explanation of Agential 'Knowledge Without Observation'" (Chair: Michael Bratman)
Sarah Darby (since 2003) (Chair: Lanier Anderson)
Laurel Scotland-Stewart 2008: "Social Invisibility as Social Breakdown: Insights from a Phenomenology of Self, World and Other" (Chair: Lanier Anderson)
Tim Bloser 2004: "Cognitivism and the Emotions" (Chair: John Perry)
Kenneth Stalzer 2004: "The Normativity of Instrumental Reason" (Chair: Michael Bratman)
Simon May 2004: "The Significance of Moral Disagreement" (Chair: Debra Satz)
Yonatan Shemmer 2001: "Desiring at Will: Reasons, Motivations, and Motivational Change" (Chair: Michael Bratman)

**Director MA Thesis**
Katrina Sostek 2004: "Richard Moran and Self-Knowledge"
Rich Lane 2004: "Charles Dickens and Utilitarianism" (Modern Thought and Literature)

**Chair BA Thesis**
Victoria Brown 2004: "Can Past Deprivation Excuse Present Depravity?"

**REFEREEING**
**Journals:** Australasian Journal of Philosophy, British Society for Ethical Theory, Ethics, Journal of Philosophy, Mind, Noûs, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Synthese, Southern Journal of Philosophy
**Presses**: Oxford University Press, Routledge
**Foundations:** Fonds québécois de recherche sur la société et la culture, Canadian Foundation for Innovation, Marsden Fund.

**MEMBERSHIPS**
American Philosophical Association

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**
Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2015-2019
Undergraduate Honors Director, 2012-2019
Political and Social Philosophy Search Committee, 2018-19
Chair, Ethics Search Committee, 2016-17
Mind/Bio/Logic Junior Search Committee, 2012-2013
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2012-2013
Junior Ethics Search Committee 2010-11
Junior Core Search Committee, 2010-11
Chair, Committee for Redesigning Departmental Web Site, Stanford University, 2003-2004, 2005-2011
Co-Chair, Placement Committee, Stanford University, 2009-2010
Chair, Admissions Committee, Stanford University, 2008-09

Faculty Advisor for Undergraduate Philosophy Association, Stanford University 2008-2009
Admissions Committee, Stanford University, 2007-2008
Placement Committee, Stanford University, 2001-2003, 2005-2006
Ancient Philosophy Search Committee, Stanford University, 2003-2004
Library Committee, Stanford University, 2001-2002
Undergraduate Studies Committee, Stanford University, 2000-2001
Faculty Recruitment Committee, University of Michigan, 1996-1997
Graduate Studies Committee, University of Michigan, 1994-1995

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE
Dean, The Freshman Sophomore College, 2010-2016
Faculty Director, Residential Programs, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, 2014-2015
Senior Associate Vice Provost for Residential Affairs, 2013-2015
Faculty Task Force, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, 2010-2015
Chair, Task Force on Residential Education, 2010-2013
Committee on Academic Computing and Information Systems, Stanford University, 2010-2013
Religious Studies Department Review Committee, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University, 2012
Subcommittee on Residential and Co-Curricular Learning, Study of Undergraduate Education at Stanford, 2010-2012
Governance Board, Introduction to the Humanities Program, Stanford University, 2007-2010
Steering Committee, Web Design Project, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University, 2006-2009
Islamic Studies Faculty Advisory Board, Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University, 2003-2008

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
Global Academic Advisory Board, Habib University, Pakistan, 2018-present
Breadth Review Committee, Habib University, Pakistan, 2015-present
Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2009-2012

## LEADERSHIP EDUCATION
Stanford University Leadership Academy, Stanford University, 2013-14

## PERSONAL INFORMATION
Ethnic background: Pakistani-American
United States Citizenship