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## APPOINTMENTS

Louisiana State University	Starting Fall 2022
Assistant Professor of Philosophy	
Coe College	
Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2020 - 2022

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethical Theory, Applied Ethics (esp. Bioethics)

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Gender, Philosophy of Race, Environmental Ethics, Philosophy of Games

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder	2020
Dissertation: <i>Well-Being and Alienation</i> (see abstract below)	
Committee: Chris Heathwood (Chair), Michael Huemer, David Boonin, Graham Oddie, and Dale Dorsey	
Certificate in College Teaching, University of Colorado Boulder (expected)	2022
M.A., Philosophy, Northern Illinois University	2011
B.A., Women's and Gender Studies, Columbia University	2009

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## PUBLICATIONS

1. "THE WELFARE-NIHILIST ARGUMENTS AGAINST JUDGMENT SUBJECTIVISM"  
*Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*, Vol. 19, No. 3 (2021): 291-310.  
\*Featured on the *Pea Soup* blog with critical précis by Wayne Sumner.\*

2. BOOK REVIEW OF GUY FLETCHER, *THE PHILOSOPHY OF WELL-BEING: AN INTRODUCTION*  
*Journal of Moral Philosophy*, Vol. 16, No. 5 (2019): 679-682.
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## FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & AWARDS

- Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellowship, American Colleges of the Midwest, Coe College  
(August 2020 - August 2022)
- Best Should Teach Silver Award, Graduate Teacher Program, University of Colorado  
Boulder (September 2018)
- Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder (Fall  
2018)
- Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Colorado Boulder (Summer 2018)
- Graduate Teaching Excellence Award, United Government of Graduate Students, University  
of Colorado Boulder (April 2018)
- Best Graduate Student Presentation, Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Philosophical  
Association, Mississippi State University (February 2018)
- Visiting Fellow, Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, University of Pennsylvania  
(Summer 2016)
- Visiting Fellow, Centre for Moral and Political Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
(Summer 2015)
- Faculty Diversity Fellowship, University of Montevallo (Fall 2013)
- Jeffrey T. Lunsford Diversity Fellowship, Northern Illinois University (August 2009-May  
2010)
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## IN PREPARATION

- “What Should the Desire Theorist Say About Ill-Being?” - draft available upon request
- “A Theory of Prudential Alienation” - draft available upon request
- “The New Internalism about Prudential Value” - draft available upon request
- “The Dissonance Constraint on Theories of Ill-Being” - early stage project commissioned  
for *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*
- “Responsibility, Harm, and the Allocation of Scarce Medical Resources” - early stage project
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## TALKS

- “THE NEW INTERNALISM ABOUT PRUDENTIAL VALUE”  
Boston University Ethics Seminar (April 2022)  
Central States Philosophical Association (April 2022)

“TEACHING BLACK LIVES MATTER”

Poster Presentation, AAPT-APA Teaching Hub, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (January 2022)

“WHAT SHOULD THE DESIRE THEORIST SAY ABOUT ILL-BEING?”

Symposium, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (February 2021)

74th Annual Meeting of the Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Weber State University (October 2020)

Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder (March 2020)

“A THEORY OF PRUDENTIAL ALIENATION”

Colloquium, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (February 2022)

Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder (October 2018)

Kansas Workshop on Well-Being IV, University of Kansas (August 2018)

Meeting of the Mississippi Philosophical Association, Mississippi State University (February 2018)

Workshop on Subjectivism and Objectivism about Well-Being, University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland (December 2017)

“RESPONSIBILITY, HARM, AND THE ALLOCATION OF SCARCE MEDICAL RESOURCES”

Colloquium, Wellesley College (May 2021)

Bioethics Workshop, University of Pennsylvania (October 2017)

“OUGHT-IMPLIES-CAN AND THE GOOD FOR A PERSON”

Workshop on Well-Being, Centre for Moral and Political Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (July 2015)

## COMMENTS

On Robert Gruber, “Control, Collective Action, and the Mismatch Problem,” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (January 2021)

On Paul Schofield, “Self-Resentment? Moral Self-Relation Beyond Duties to the Self,” Obligations to Oneself: An Online Workshop (July 2020)

On Eden Lin, “The Experience Requirement,” 12th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), University of Colorado Boulder (August 2019)

On Alicia Hall, “How Should We Live Now?” Kansas Workshop on Well-Being V (KWOW V), University of Kansas (July 2019)

On Teresa Bruno, “Objectivism without Alienation,” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Denver, CO (February 2019)

On Ben Bramble, “Virtue and Well-Being,” 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), University of Colorado Boulder (August 2017)

- On Eden Lin, “Pleasure, Pain, and Pluralism about Well-Being,” Kansas Workshop on Well-Being III (KWOW III), University of Kansas (July 2017)
- On Jessica Katz, “Moral Non-Naturalism: All You Need is Truth” at the 8th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME), University of Colorado Boulder (August 2015)
- On Michael Mullins, “Causal Roles and the Distribution of Moral Responsibility in Group Actions,” 3rd Annual Midwest Regional Graduate Philosophy Conference, Northern Illinois University (November 2009)
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TEACHING (\* = includes some online sections)

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Well-Being

Ethics

COE COLLEGE

Games

Environmental Ethics

\*Black Lives Matter (x 2, including as a first-year seminar)

\*Well-Being

\*Biomedical Ethics

\*Introduction to Philosophy: Minds, Knowledge, and Values

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER, INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Ethical Theory

Introduction to Ethics (x 2)

\*Bioethics (x 5)

Introduction to Medical Ethics (x 2)

Introduction to Philosophy

\*Philosophy & Gender (x 3)

Philosophy & Race (x 2)

Symbolic Logic

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER, TEACHING ASSISTANT

History of Modern Philosophy, with Dan Kaufman

Symbolic Logic, with Graeme Forbes (x 2)

Environmental Ethics, with David Youkey

UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO, INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Introduction to Philosophy (x 5)

Ethics (x 3)

Independent Study in African-American Studies for a McNair Scholar

LAWSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Ethics & Society (x 2)

Introduction to Humanities (x 10)

Independent Study in Ethics (x 2)

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## SERVICE

### COMMITTEES

Member, Faculty Welfare Committee, Coe College (2021-2024)

Member, College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Committee, University of Colorado Boulder (April 2017 - April 2018)

Member, Inclusive Excellence Committee, University of Colorado Boulder (November 2017 - November 2018)

Member, Climate Committee, Philosophy Department, University of Colorado Boulder (September 2014 - May 2015)

### MISCELLANEOUS

Judge, Kohawk Rock Talent Show, Coe College (October 2021)

Lead Graduate Part-Time Instructor, Graduate Teacher Program and the Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder (Summer 2018 - Spring 2019)

Founding Member, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter, University of Colorado Boulder (Spring 2016)

Graduate Student Co-President (with Caleb Pickard), Philosophy Department, University of Colorado Boulder (May 2015 - May 2016)

Faculty Mentor, McNair Scholar Program, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (Spring 2013)

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## OUTREACH AND PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

“Logic Puzzles,” Kids on Course Day, Coe College (March 2022)

Departmental Spokesperson, Academic Browsing Fair, Coe College (September 2021)

Panelist, Early Career Faculty Panel, University of Colorado Boulder (February 2021)

Panelist, McNair Scholars Workshop on Pathways to the Ph.D., University of Colorado Boulder (April 2021 and January 2022)

Panelist, *Constitution Camp* podcast (August 2020)

Panelist, “Why Do Research?” Student Academic Success Center Research Symposium, University of Colorado Boulder (November 2019)

Panelist, “On Impostor Syndrome and Stereotype Threat in Academia,” McNair Scholars Program, University of Colorado Boulder (April 2019)

- “When Identity Impacts the Classroom: A Workshop on Empowering Instructors,”  
presented at Graduate Teacher Program Spring Workshop Series, University  
of Colorado Boulder (March 2019)
- Panelist, “Why Go to Graduate School?” McNair Scholars Program, University of  
Colorado Boulder (March 2019)
- “The Welfare-Nihilist Arguments against Judgment Subjectivism,” presented to the  
Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder,  
(June 2017)
- Panelist, “Make America What? A Panel Discussion About the Election,” Center for  
Western Civilization, Thought and Policy, University of Colorado Boulder  
(November 2016)
- “The Welfare-Nihilist Arguments against Judgment Subjectivism,” presented to the  
Undergraduate Philosophy Club, University of Colorado Boulder (March  
2016)
- “What Is This Thing Called Diversity?” presented at the Graduate Teacher Program  
Spring Conference, University of Colorado Boulder (January 2015)
- “Teaching Contentious Topics,” presented at the Graduate Teacher Program Fall  
Conference, University of Colorado Boulder (August 2014)
- “Some Puzzles of Philosophy,” presented with Lisa Thomas-Smith, Greeley High  
School, Greeley, CO (October 2013)
- Life Raft Debate, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (October 2012)

## REFEREEING

### JOURNALS

*De Ethica, Ratio* (x 2), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy*, *Philosophia*, *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* (x 2); *Philosophical Studies* (x 2); *Philosophical Psychology*, *Utilitas*, *Ergo*

### CONFERENCES

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME) (x 6); Rocky Mountain Philosophy  
Conference (RMPC) (x 8)

## REFERENCES

- Chris Heathwood, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder  
heathwood@colorado.edu
- Wayne Sumner, University Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto  
sumner@chass.utoronto.ca
- Dale Dorsey, Professor of Philosophy, University of Kansas  
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## WELL-BEING AND ALIENATION

## DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

One of the most important and widely held doctrines about well-being is the alienation constraint, which says that you cannot be alienated from that which is basically good for you. My dissertation is a collection of four papers concerning the alienation constraint and related issues. It makes progress on three broad issues: how best to understand the constraint, how best to argue for it, and how best to integrate it into our philosophical theorizing about well-being. In “A Theory of Prudential Alienation,” I argue that the constraint is not well-understood and that it is a far more stringent requirement than has been previously thought. Rather than merely requiring that you have a positive attitude towards a thing in order for it to be good for you, I argue that the constraint must also require that you not have a preponderance of negative attitudes towards it. In “Ought-Implies-Can and the Good for a Person,” I argue, contra Connie Rosati and David Velleman, that no sufficiently strong and interesting version of the constraint can be derived from the principle that ‘ought’ implies ‘can.’ In “The Welfare-Nihilist Arguments Against Judgment Subjectivism,” I present three related arguments against the view that something is basically good for you if and only if you would believe, under the proper conditions, that it is good for you. I appeal to cases in which it is plausible to think that you are benefited or harmed even if you do not, and would not, believe that anything is good or bad for you. Finally, by appealing to an analogue to the alienation constraint, I argue in “What Should the Desire Theorist Say About Ill-Being?” that if getting what you want is good for you, then getting what you are averse to, rather than not getting what you want, is bad for you.