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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

PhD	Philosophy	Vanderbilt University, 2016
MA	Philosophy	Tufts University, 2011
MS	Education	St. Joseph's University, 2007
BA	Philosophy	Whitman College, 2003

Academic Appointment

2020-	Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Bloomsburg University
2018-20	Junior Faculty Fellow, Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics, Georgetown University
2016-18	Lecturer, Philosophy Department, Vanderbilt University

Research

AOS:	Ethics (Normative Theory and Applied Ethics)
AOC:	Social and Political Philosophy, Logic

Publications

Articles

- 23 "Are Markets Amenable to Consequentialist Evaluation?" Business Ethics Quarterly (Forthcoming)
- 22 "The Best Option Argument and Kidney Sales: A Reply to Albertsen" Journal of Medical Ethics (Forthcoming)
- 21 "Kidney Sales and Disrespectful Demands: A Reply to Rippon" Journal of Medicine & Philosophy (Forthcoming)
- 20 "The Altruism Requirement as Moral Fiction" Journal of Medicine & Philosophy 2024 49(3): 257-270
- 19 "Exploitation, Coercion, and Other Problems with Kidney Donation" Think 2024 23(66): 47-52
- 18 "Kidney Donors' Interests and the Prohibition on Sales" Bioethics 2023 37: 831-837
- 17 "A Regulated System of Incentives for Living Kidney Donation: Clearing the Way for an Informed Assessment" with Arthur Matas, American Journal of Transplantation 2022 22(11): 2509-2514

- 16 “Relationship Sensitive Consequentialism is Regrettable” with Andrew T. Forcehimes, Social Theory and Practice 2020 46(2): 257-276
- 15 “Understanding Choice, Pressure, and Kidney Sales” Journal of Medical Ethics 2020 46: 277-278.
- 14 “When the Patina of Empirical Respectability Wears Off: Kidney Sales and Motivational Crowding” Ethical Theory and Moral Practice 2019 22(5): 1055-1071
- 13 “Actualism Doesn’t Have Control Issues: A Reply to Cohen and Timmerman” with Andrew T. Forcehimes, Philosophia 2019 47(1): 271-277
- 12 “Non-Compliance Shouldn’t Be Better” with Andrew T. Forcehimes, Australasian Journal of Philosophy 2018 97(1): 46-56
- 11 “Are There Distinctively Moral Reasons?” with Andrew T. Forcehimes, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice 2018 21(3): 699-717
- 10 “Organ Donor or Gratuitous Moral Failure? Pick One” Think 2018 17(50): 85-89
- 9 “A Mistake in the Commodification Debate” Journal of the American Philosophical Association 2017 3(3): 354-371
- 8 “Reassessing Likely Harms to Vendors in Regulated Kidney Markets” Journal of Medicine & Philosophy 2017 42: 634-652. With a reply by Julian Koplin
- 7 “Beneficence: Does Agglomeration Matter?” with Andrew T. Forcehimes, Journal of Applied Philosophy 2017 34(4): 17-33
- 6 “Misplaced Paternalism and Other Mistakes in the Debate Over Kidney Sales” Bioethics 2017 31(3): 190-198
- 5 “Well-Being: Reality’s Role” with Andrew T. Forcehimes, Journal of the American Philosophical Association 2016 2(3): 456-468
- 4 “The Difference We Make: A Reply to Pinkert” with Andrew T. Forcehimes, Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy September 2015
- 3 “The Best Argument Against Kidney Sales Fails” Journal of Medical Ethics 2015 41(6): 443-446.
Editors’ Choice
Reprinted in “Exploring Moral Problems: An Introductory Anthology” edited by Cahn, Steven M. and Andrew T. Forcehimes, Oxford University Press, 2018
- 2 “Your Mother Doesn’t Love You For Who You Are” Think 2015 14(29): 95-97
- 1 “Kidneys Save Lives. Markets Would Probably Help” Public Affairs Quarterly 2014 28: 71-95

Book Reviews

“Markets Without Limits” by Jason Brennan and Peter Jaworski in Economics and Philosophy 2017 33(2): 326-332

“Taking Utilitarianism Seriously” by Christopher Woodard in Journal of Value Inquiry 2020 54: 663-668

Book

Thinking Through Utilitarianism: A Guide to Contemporary Arguments with Andrew T. Forcehimes, Hackett, 2019

Works in Progress

“Kidney Sales: Better for Everyone” under review.

“The Ethics of Kidney Sales When Payment is Designed to Help, Not Induce” under review.

“Altruism, Gifts, and Heroes: Rethinking the Language of Donation” in progress.

Service

Institutional Review Board (IRB) Fall 2021 – Ongoing

College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

Referee

Monash Bioethics Review; Utilitas; Bioethics; Erkenntnis; Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy; Journal of Medical Ethics; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Healthcare and Philosophy; Public Affairs Quarterly; Business Ethics Quarterly; Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics

Invited Presentations and Conferences

“What’s Wrong with Kidney Donation,” *American Philosophical Association* (Central Division, main program), February 2022

“Kidney Failure, Market Success,” The College of New Jersey, April 2019

“A Mistake in the Commodification Debate,” Nanyang Technological University, July 2017

“Goods, Agents, and their Persistence Over Time,” with Andrew T. Forcehimes, *Neutrality: Reasons, Values, and Times*, Nanyang Technological University, July 2017

“A Mistake in the Commodification Debate,” *Tennessee Philosophical Association*, October 2017

“Misplaced Paternalism and Other Mistakes in the Debate over Kidney Sales,” *Tennessee Philosophical Association*, November 2016

“Well-Being: It’s All in the Head,” with Andrew T. Forcehimes, *American Philosophical Association* (Pacific Division, main program), March 2016

“Altruism and the Ethical Acquisition of Organs,” *Vanderbilt University Philosophy Colloquium*, November 2015

“Consequential Mistakes in the Debate Over Kidney Sales,” *Tennessee Philosophical Association*, October 2015

Commentaries

Joungbin Lim, "What the Remnant Person Problem Really Implies," *Tennessee Philosophical Association*, October 2017

Josh May, "Regard for Reason: A Defense of Our Moral Minds," *Tennessee Philosophical Association*, November 2016

David Hershenov, "Hastening Death for the Sake of Dignity?" *Tennessee Philosophical Association*, November 2016

Emily McGill-Rutherford, "Neither an Island nor a Dupe: Relational Autonomy and the Self," *Social and Political Thought Workshop*, Vanderbilt University, September 2014

Andrew T. Forchimes, "Reasons Fundamentalism and the Appropriation Problem," *Social and Political Thought Workshop*, Vanderbilt University, February 2014

Mark Coppenger, "Waterboarding and the Platinum Rule," *Tennessee Philosophical Association*, October 2013

David Estlund, "Bad Facts," *Social and Political Thought Workshop*, Vanderbilt University, September 2012

Teaching

Bloomsburg University

Instructor

Medical Ethics	2020 (2x), 2021 (x3), 2022 (x4), 2023 (x4), 2024 (x2)
Business Ethics	2020 (2x), 2021 (x3), 2022 (x2), 2023 (x2), 2024
Ethics	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Contemporary Moral Problems	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Georgetown University

Instructor

Ethical Values of Business	2019
Social Responsibility of Business	2018, 2019 (2x)

Vanderbilt University

Instructor

Intro to Philosophy	2012, 2013, 2014
Intro to Ethics	2013, 2016 (x2), 2017 (x3), 2018 (2x)
Logic	2015 (x2), 2016, 2017 (x2)
Intro to Business Ethics	2016
Moral Problems	2017
Contemporary Ethical Theory	2018
Intro to Medical Ethics	2014

Teaching Assistant

Formal Logic	2015
Intro to Medical Ethics	2013
Intro to Ethics	2012

Tufts University

<u>Teaching Assistant</u>	
Philosophy of Biology	2010
Intro to Ethics	2010
Logic	2009
Language & Mind	2008, 2009
Bioethics	2008, 2009

City of Kyoto

Elementary School English	2005-07
Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program	

School District of Philadelphia

Sixth Grade Math and Science	2003-05
Teach for America	

Awards

2015	Kendall Berry Graduate Student Publication Award
2014	Kendall Berry Graduate Student Publication Prize
2013	Kendall Berry Teaching Award
2012	Kendall Berry Early Teaching Award

Recommendations

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