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EDUCATION

2017 **Ph.D., University of Waterloo**
 Department of Philosophy
2009 **M.A., York University**
 Department of Philosophy
2006 **B.A.(H.), The University of Western Ontario**
 Department of Philosophy (w/ Sociology)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social and political philosophy, philosophy of law, philosophy of the social sciences

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Non-Refereed Journal Articles

“Making minds like ours”. *The Philosopher’s Magazine*. January 2014.

Presentations

“Rational Autonomy, Preference Formation, and Consumer Sovereignty.” *International Social Philosophy Conference*. Ryerson University, Toronto, June 2010.

“Rational autonomy and consumer sovereignty.” *Autonomy Graduate Conference*. University College Dublin, Dublin, February 2012.

“Intuitional Contents.” *The World Congress of Philosophy*, Athens, Greece, August 2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Instructor, Sole Responsibility

Winter 2015 - Fall 2015 “Moral issues,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Waterloo
Spring 2013, Spring 2015 “Knowledge and reality,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Waterloo
Winter 2014 - Spring 2014 “Ethics and value theory,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Waterloo

Online Marker/Grader

Fall 2016 “*The existentialist experience*,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Waterloo
Spring 2016 “*Social and political philosophy*,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Waterloo
Spring 2016 “*History of modern philosophy*,” Dept. of Philosophy, cross-listed with Classics, University of Waterloo
Spring 2011, Winter 2013, 2016 “*Critical Thinking*,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Waterloo

Fall 2015	“Great Works of Western Philosophy: Ancient & Medieval,” Dept. of Philosophy, cross-listed with Classics, University of Waterloo
Teaching Assistant	
Fall 2013	“Environmental Ethics,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Waterloo
Spring 2010, Winter 2012	“Professional and Business Ethics,” Dept. of Philosophy, cross-listed with Arts and Business, University of Waterloo
Winter 2011	“Ethics and value theory,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Waterloo
Fall 2010	“Introduction to cognitive science,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Waterloo
Fall 2009, 2011	“Critical thinking,” Dept. of Philosophy, University of Waterloo
Fall 2008-Winter 2009	“Women immigrants in Canada,” Dept. of social science, York University

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

Research Assistance	
Fall 2014-Winter 2015	“Uptake in the philosophy of science,” for Plaisance-McLevey Lab, Dept. of Knowledge Integration, University of Waterloo
Fall 2012	“Medical tourism and world health,” for Chris Lowry, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Waterloo
2012	“Entrepreneurship in developing countries,” for Kathleen Bloom, Dept. of Psychology, University of Waterloo

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND CERTIFICATIONS

Awards (Honorary)	
2014	Annual Departmental Teaching Award, University of Waterloo Department of Philosophy
2013	Wubnig Graduate Essay Prize in Philosophy, University of Waterloo, Department of Philosophy
Awards (Monetary)	
2014	Conference Funding Award, Canadian Journal of Philosophy
2013, 2014	Graduate Studies Endowment Fund, University of Waterloo
Certifications	
2012	Fundamentals of University Teaching, Centre for Teaching Excellence, University of Waterloo
2012	Diploma in Cognitive Science, University of Waterloo

SERVICE & OUTREACH

Service	
2015-	Co-organizer, Equity Working Group, University of Waterloo
2011-	Member of the Equity Committee, Canadian Philosophical Association
2014-2016	Committee member, Faculty of Arts Inter-Departmental Awards Committee, University of Waterloo
2009-2012, 2015	Conference reviewer, Philosophy Graduate Students Association, University of Waterloo

2014 Organizing committee member, Rethinking Economics Waterloo
2012-2014 President & co-founder, The Mind Society (Graduate Student Cognitive
Science Society)
2012-2014 Co-organizer of Philosophy Graduate Students Association Conference
2010-2013 Blogger, Talking Philosophy Magazine Online
2010-2012 Departmental representative to Graduate Students Association,
Philosophy
Graduate Students' Association, University of Waterloo
2009-2010 PhD Students' Representative, Philosophy Graduate Students'
Association,
Dept. of Philosophy
2009 Administrator, Eidos Graduate Journal of Philosophy, University of
Waterloo