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## EMPLOYMENT

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- (2018–Present) **Visiting Assistant Professor**, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- (2017–2018) **Visiting Assistant Professor**, University of Virginia
- (2015–2016) **Instructor**, Virginia Military Institute

## EDUCATION

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- (2017) **Ph.D. in Philosophy** - University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  
*How to Do Things with Norms*, Advisor: Talbot Brewer
- (2011) **M.A. in Philosophy** - Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
- (2009) **B.A. in Humanities** - Lee University, Cleveland, TN

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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**Ethics, Philosophy of Language**

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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**Applied Ethics, Social & Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, Chinese Philosophy, History of Western Philosophy**

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- (Forthcoming) with Ralph DiFranco “**You shouldn’t have laughed! The ethics of derogatory amusement**,” in *The Moral Psychology of Amusement* edited by Brian Robinson, London: Rowman & Littlefield.
- (Forthcoming) “**Plato’s Revenge: Moral Deliberation as Dialogical Activity**,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*.
- (2017) “**Hybrid Speech Acts: A Theory of Normative Thought and Language that ‘Has it Both Ways**,” *European Journal of Philosophy*.
- (2017) “**Solving the Puzzle of Aesthetic Assertion**,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### *Peer-Reviewed*

- (2018) with Ralph DiFranco “**When is it ok to laugh? The Ethical Implications of Derogatory Humor**” *Alabama Philosophical Society*
- (2018) with Ralph DiFranco “**Slurs, Speech Acts, and Derogatory Soliloquies**” *Society for Exact Philosophy*
- (2016) “**Solving the Puzzle of Aesthetic Assertion**” *Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association*
- (2016) “**Solving the Puzzle of Aesthetic Assertion**” *Southwestern Philosophical Society*
- (2015) “**Hybrid Speech Acts**” *University of Connecticut Research Group on Expression, Communication, and Origins of Meaning*
- (2015) “**Extending Our Sympathies: An Ecofeminist-Humean Response to the Problem of Environmental Apathy**” *Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association*

### *Invited*

- (2018) with Ralph DiFranco “**The Ethical Implications of Derogatory Humor**” *Colloquium Series at the University of Alabama at Birmingham*
- (2017) “**For the Lulz: Social Media, Speech Acts, and the Trolling Use of Language**” *Jefferson Scholars Foundation at the University of Virginia*
- (2014) with Matthew Adams “**Philosophy, Threat, and Climate Change**” *European Observatory at Trinity College Dublin*
- (2014) with Paul Nedelisky “**A Sketch of the History of Scientific Approaches to Ethical Theory**” *University of Virginia Philosophy Department Retreat at Blandy Farm*
- (2012) “**The Pragmatics of Moral Discourse,**” *University of Virginia Philosophy Department Retreat at Blandy Farm*

### *Comments*

- (2019) Chang Liu, “Slurs as Illocutionary Force Indicators,” *Central Division of the American Philosophical Association*
- (2015) Nora Grigore, “On the Difficulty of Accounting for Supererogation,” *Virginia Philosophical Association*
- (2014) Sam Fleischacker, “A Moderate Humean Conventionalism about Justice,” *Political Philosophy, Policy & Law Program at the University of Virginia*
- (2012) Joey Miller, “Methods of Determination: Relevant Differences Between Twin Earth and Moral Twin Earth,” *Virginia Philosophical Association*

## COURSES TAUGHT AS PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

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- *University of Alabama at Birmingham*
  - **Bioethics, Moral Psychology**
- *University of Virginia*
  - **Bioethics, History of Ethics, Moral Psychology, Environmental Ethics, Advanced Ethical Theory, Philosophy of Religion**
- *Virginia Military Institute*
  - **Comparative Religion, Introduction to Ethics**

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- Current       **Affiliated Member**, Expression, Communication and the Origins of Meaning Research Group at the University of Connecticut
- (2018)       **Enrollment Specialist**, University of Virginia Summer Orientation
- (2017)       **Administrative Assistant**, UVA Philosophy Department Office
- (2015)       **Participant**, UVA Teaching Resource Center Annual Pedagogy Summit
- (2013–2015) **Grant Project Researcher**, UVA Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture

## SERVICE

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- (2014–2016) **President**, UVA Graduate Philosophy Club
- (2012–2014) **Co-Founder**, UVA “Philosophy After Dark” Paper Series
- (2010)       **Member**, NIU Philosophy Graduate Student Advisory Council
- (2009–2010) **Organizer**, Midwest Regional Graduate Philosophy Conference
- Refereeing   *Canadian Journal of Philosophy, The Journal of Philosophical Research, Minds and Machines, Oxford University Press, Philosophy Compass, Routledge*

## RESEARCH

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My current research spans issues in moral psychology, social philosophy, and philosophy of language. In moral psychology I am constructing a theory of moral deliberation as dialogic activity. This project synthesizes my previous work on the pragmatics of normative language use with empirical research on the phenomenon of inner speech. In social philosophy, my colleague Ralph DiFranco and I are developing an expressive theory of derogation. Our work explains what is derogatory (and morally objectionable) about using slurs and other pejoratives in different conversational contexts. In philosophy of language, I defend the Force Conventionalist theory of speech acts by highlighting its strengths over other approaches. This involves analyzing the pragmatics of under-theorized forms of speech such as inner speech, speech in social media, political rhetoric, and phatic communication.

## AWARDS

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- (2016–2017) **UVA Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship**
- (2015, 2016) **American Philosophical Association Graduate Travel Grant**
- (2011–2016) **UVA President’s Fellowship**

## REFERENCES

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