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EMPLOYMENT

- (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

- (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

Ethics, Philosophy of Language

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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

PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

- (Forthcoming) **“You shouldn’t have laughed! The ethics of derogatory amusement,”** in *The Moral Psychology of Amusement* edited by Brian Robinson, London: Rowman & Littlefield. (with Ralph DiFranco)
- (2019) **“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*.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW (TITLES REDACTED)

- A paper that uses philosophy of language to distinguish types of trolling on the internet
- A paper on the derogatory power of solitary speech (w/ Ralph DiFranco)
- A paper on the effect-independent wrongness of derogatory speech (w/ Ralph DiFranco)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

- (2019) **“Philosophy and Empirical Research on Inner Speech: Towards A Symbiotic Relationship”** *Alabama Philosophical Society*
- (2018) **“When is it ok to laugh? The Ethical Implications of Derogatory Humor”** *Alabama Philosophical Society* (w/ Ralph DiFranco)
- (2018) **“Slurs, Speech Acts, and Derogatory Soliloquies”** *Society for Exact Philosophy* (w/ Ralph DiFranco)
- (2016) **“Solving the Puzzle of Aesthetic Assertion”** *Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association*
- (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

- (2019) **“When Derogatory Language Goes Viral”** *Auburn University Philosophical Society* (w/ Ralph DiFranco)
- (2018) **“The Ethical Implications of Derogatory Humor”** *Colloquium Series at the University of Alabama at Birmingham* (w/ Ralph DiFranco)
- (2017) **“For the Lulz: Social Media, Speech Acts, and the Trolling Use of Language”** *Jefferson Scholars Foundation at the University of Virginia*
- (2014) **“Philosophy, Threat, and Climate Change”** *European Observatory at Trinity College Dublin* (w/ Matthew Adams)

Comments

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

COURSES TAUGHT (PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR)

- *University of Alabama at Birmingham*
 - **Bioethics, Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Language, Environmental Ethics**
- *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

- 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
- (2013–2015) **Grant Project Researcher**, UVA Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture

SERVICE

- (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

My research aims to untangle an interconnected web of issues in moral psychology, social philosophy, and philosophy of language. In moral psychology I am working to better understand the human activity of moral deliberation by taking a closer look at its conversational structure. This project synthesizes my previous work on normative language 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 like comedy, soliloquy, and social media. In philosophy of language in general I like to explore the role of conventions in speech act theory. This has led me to think about under-theorized forms of language use such as solitary speech and speech on the internet.

AWARDS

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

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