

# Andrew Morgan

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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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**Environmental Ethics, Bioethics, Feminist Philosophy, Social & Political Philosophy**

## PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

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- (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 IN PROGRESS

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- A paper that uses philosophy of language to distinguish types of trolling on the internet (submitted for initial review)
- With Ralph DiFranco, A paper on the effect-independent wrongness of derogatory behavior (in preparation)
- With Ralph DiFranco, A paper on the derogatory power of solitary speech (submitted for initial review)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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### *Peer-Reviewed*

- (2020) **“The Power of Language: Racial Rhetoric and the Opioid Crisis”** *Association for Practical and Professional Ethics*
- (2020) **“It’s not what you said, it’s how you said it: Philosophy of Language and the Empirical Investigation of Inner Speech”** *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*
- (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)

## COURSES TAUGHT (PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR)

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- *University of Alabama at Birmingham*
  - **Bioethics, Environmental Ethics, Philosophy of Language, Moral Psychology, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy**
- *University of Virginia*
  - **Bioethics, Environmental Ethics, History of Ethics, Moral Psychology, 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
- (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 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

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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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**Dan Boisvert**, Senior Lecturer

*Department of Philosophy*

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

**Talbot Brewer**, Professor

*Department of Philosophy*

University of Virginia

**David Copp**, Distinguished Professor

*Department of Philosophy*

University of California, Davis

**Brie Gertler**, Commonwealth Professor

*Department of Philosophy*

University of Virginia

All references are on file at the University of Virginia Department of Philosophy. Contact Mr. Mark Jeter at [philosophy@virginia.edu](mailto:philosophy@virginia.edu)

**Mitch Green**, Professor

*Department of Philosophy*

University of Connecticut at Storrs

**Rebecca Stangl**, Associate Professor

*Department of Philosophy*

University of Virginia

## TEACHING REFERENCE

**Gregory Pence**, Professor

*Department of Philosophy*

University of Alabama at Birmingham