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**AOS:** Ethics (especially metaethics, normative ethics, and applied ethics)

**AOC:** Epistemology, aesthetics, social and political philosophy

## Education

Ph.D.	2012	Philosophy	University of Wisconsin-Madison
M.A.	2008	Philosophy	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate studies	2002-4	Philosophy	Loyola University-Chicago
B.A.	2001	Mathematics, Philosophy	Saint Louis University

## Academic employment

**Research Fellow** 2016-present  
Dianoia Institute of Philosophy  
Australian Catholic University, Melbourne

**Visiting Professor** 2015-2016  
Dept. of Philosophy  
Northwestern University

**Visiting Professor** 2012-2015  
Jackson Family Center for Ethics & Values  
Coastal Carolina University

## Publications

- ‘An Occasionalist Response to Korman and Locke’  
Forthcoming in *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*
- ‘Three and a Half Ways to a Hybrid View in Animal Ethics’ (w/Rob Streiffer)  
Provisionally forthcoming in a special issue of *Philosophical Studies* (co-edited by Richard Rowland and me)
- ‘Causal Impotence and Veganism: Recent Developments and New Ways Forward’  
Forthcoming in *Routledge Handbook of Vegan Studies*, edited by Laura Wright
- ‘Utilitarianism about Animals and the Moral Significance of Use’ (w/Rob Streiffer)  
*Philosophical Studies* 177 (2020), pp. 1043-1063
- ‘Infinitism about Cross-Domain Conflict’  
*Oxford Studies in Metaethics* 14 (2019), pp. 144-166
- ‘Animal Confinement and Use’ (w/Rob Streiffer)  
*Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 49, 1 (2019): 1-21
- ‘A Demarcation Problem for Political Discourse’ (w/Jonathan Lang and Bekka Williams)  
in Crookston, Killoren, and Trerise (eds.), *Ethics in Politics: The Rights and Obligations of Individual Political Agents*. Routledge (2017), pp. 181-201
- ‘Why Care About Moral Fixed Points?’

- Analytic Philosophy* 57, 2 (2016): 165-173  
 ‘Robust Moral Realism: An Excellent Religion’  
*International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 79, 2 (2016): 223-237  
 ‘Group Agency and Overdetermination’ (w/Bekka Williams)  
*Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 16, 2 (2013): 295-307  
 ‘Moral Intuitions, Reliability, and Disagreement’  
*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 4, 1 (2010): 1-35

### Works under Review

- ‘Omnivores Have Many Children,’ under review at *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*  
 ‘Strict Pluralism,’ under review at *American Philosophical Quarterly*  
 ‘The Ethics of Deliberate Exposure to SARS-CoV-2 for Immunity’ (w/Richard Chappell and Rob Streiffer), under review at *Journal of Applied Philosophy*

### Editorial Work

- Special issue on hybrid views in animal ethics, *Philosophical Studies*  
 (co-edited with Richard Rowland), in progress  
*Ethics in Politics: The Rights and Obligations of Individual Political Agents*  
 (co-edited with Emily Crookston and Jonathan Trerise). **Routledge** (2017)

### Public Philosophy

- ‘[People hate cruelty to animals, so why do we do it?](#)’ (w/Rob Streiffer)  
*The Conversation* (September 2020)  
 ‘[What Should We Do If We Can’t Beat Coronavirus?](#)’  
*ABC Religion & Ethics* (April 2020)  
 ‘[Earthquakes, Infections, and Consent](#)’  
 University of Oxford’s *Practical Ethics* blog (April 2020)  
 ‘Moral Dilemmas’  
*Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, commissioned and in progress  
 ‘[Vegan Activists: Spectacularly Inconvenient but Morally Right](#)’  
*Sydney Morning Herald* (April 2019)  
 ‘[Uncivil Disobedience](#)’ (with Richard Rowland)  
*Hi-Phi Nation* podcast episode; [winner of 2020 AAP Media Prize](#)

### Book Reviews

- Shelly Kagan, *How to Count Animals, More or Less*  
*Between the Species* (in progress)  
 Andy Lamey, *Duty and the Beast: Should We Eat Meat in the Name of Animal Rights?*  
*Journal of Applied Philosophy* (in progress)  
 Quassim Cassim, *Vices of the Mind: From the Intellectual to the Political*  
*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (in progress)  
 Thomas Carson, *Lincoln’s Ethics*  
*Journal of Moral Philosophy* (in progress)  
 Seumas Miller, [Shooting to Kill: The Ethics of Police and Military Use of Lethal Force](#)  
*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

## **Works in progress**

### ***Our Relationships with Animals*** (w/Rob Streiffer)

- Book project that develops a relationalist approach in animal ethics
- Makes substantial contributions in both normative ethics and in animal ethics
- Continues a research program that Streiffer and I have been developing over the course of three co-authored papers thus far (all of which have been or soon will be published in top journals)

### **'What is Activism?'** (w/Richard Rowland)

- Develops a new theory about the nature and value of activism

### **'Moral Occasionalism'** (w/Jacob Sparks)

- An elaboration and defense of an occasionalist view that Sparks and I have both independently been moving towards
- To be presented in November 2020 for UCSD MAPPS

### **'Normative Domains'**

- Corrects and improves upon the normative domain pluralism that I outlined in my 2019 OSME paper

### **'Moral Fixed Points, Wittgenstein-style'**

- Develops a Wittgensteinian version of the fixed-points theory suggested by Cuneo and Shafer-Landau. Committed to a Routledge volume edited by Jonathan Beale and Richard Rowland; due Jan. 1 2021

### **'Grandstanding is Fine: Reply to Tosi and Warmke'** (w/Danny Weltman)

- Defends grandstanding (self-serving moral talk) against Tosi and Warmke's critique

## **Selected professional presentations**

### **'Moral Occasionalism'** (w/Jacob Sparks)

UCSD MAPPS, Nov. 2020

### **'What Is Activism?'** (w/Richard Rowland)

Workshop on the Philosophy of Activism, Sept. 2020

### **'Relationships, Harm, and the Environment'** (keynote address)

Australian Earth Laws Alliance Annual Conference, Melbourne, Nov. 2019

### **'What Do We Really Have to Do?'** (w/Richard Rowland)

Animal Activists Forum, Melbourne, Oct. 2019

### **'Introduction to Moral Philosophy and Animal Ethics'**

Animal Activists Forum, Melbourne, Oct. 2019

### **Comments on Brad Hooker, 'Holding on to Our Moral Concepts'**

Workshop on Demoralizing Ethics, Rome, Italy, Oct. 2019

### **'Relationship-Sensitive Utilitarianism about Animals'**

Utilitarian Approaches in Animal Ethics, University of Oxford, Oct. 2019

### **'Moral Occasionalism'**

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Aug. 2019

### **'Despicable Meat'**

Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals Workshop, Boulder, CO, Aug. 2019

‘Moral Occasionalism’  
 Australasian Association of Philosophy Meeting, July 2019

‘Utilitarianism about Animals and the Moral Significance of Use’ (with Rob Streiffer)  
 University of Oxford, January 2019  
 University of Bucharest, January 2019

‘Strict Pluralism’  
 Bowling Green Philosophy Colloquium, 2018

‘Is Elegance a Theoretic Virtue in Normative Ethics?’  
 6th Australasian Workshop in Moral Philosophy, ANU Kioloa Campus, 2017

‘Moral Disagreement and Deliberation’ (with Richard Rowland and Holly Lawford-Smith)  
 New Zealand Association of Philosophy Annual Meeting, 2017

‘On the Confinement of Animals,’ with Robert Streiffer  
 APA Pacific Division Meeting, Spring 2016

Comments on Ryan Davis, ‘The Fragility of Autonomy’  
 Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, Summer 2015

‘Livestock, Pets, and Narrativity’  
 APA Eastern Division, Fall 2014

‘Robust Moral Realism: An Excellent Religion’  
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Summer 2014  
 Philosophers’ Cocoon Annual Conference, Summer 2014  
 South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Fall 2013

‘Moral Imagination in Robert Audi’s *Moral Perception*’  
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Summer 2013

‘Probability and Desirability in Political Discourse’ (with Jonathan Lang and Bekka Williams)  
 MANCEPT Workshop on Political Possibility, Manchester, UK, Fall 2012

‘Non-Naturalist Moral Perception’  
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Summer 2012

‘Moral Causation and the Hazards of Pure Metaethics’  
 Central States Philosophical Association, Fall 2011

‘The Possibility of Moral Dilemmas’  
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Summer 2011

Comments on Avram Hiller, ‘A ‘Famine, Affluence, and Morality’ for Climate Change?’  
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Summer 2011

Comments on Nathan Carson, ‘Thick Ethical Concepts Still Cannot Be Disentangled’  
 APA Central Division Meeting, Spring 2011

‘Group Agents, Obligations, and Feasibility’  
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Summer 2010

Comments on Abe Roth, ‘Intention, Shared Activity, and Team Reasoning’  
 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Summer 2010

‘Consequentialism, Time, and Value’  
 International Society for Utilitarian Studies, UC-Berkeley, Spring 2008

## Teaching Experience

At the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison Area Technical College, Coastal Carolina University, and Northwestern University, I've taught numerous undergraduate courses. I have an especially large amount of experience in teaching the following courses (syllabi available upon request):

Introduction to Philosophy  
Introduction to Ethics  
Contemporary Moral Issues  
Political Philosophy  
Ethical Theory  
Business Ethics  
Biomedical Ethics  
Environmental Ethics  
Philosophy of Art

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