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Education

Duke University, Durham, NC

PhD in Philosophy, 2021 (expected)

Dissertation Title: *Moral Conflict: A Cognitive, Emotional, and Institutional Approach*

Committee: David Wong (co-chair), Walter Sinnott-Armstrong (co-chair),

Gopal Sreenivasan, Wayne Norman, Rita Svetlova (Psychology and Neuroscience)

Abstract: My dissertation investigates the role of empathy in mitigating the harms that fraught moral and political conflict can cause. First, it answers normative questions such as: What sort of relationship should we seek to have with our moral and political opponents? What role should empathy play in promoting such relationships? Second, it proposes a set of strategies for fostering empathy and the relevant kinds of relationships. Finally, it offers solutions to ensure the adequate and equitable distribution of empathic capabilities across different sectors of the population.

Tufts University, Medford, MA

M.A. in Philosophy, 2016

The New School University, New York, NY

B.A. in Philosophy and Literary Studies, 2012 (with honors)

Areas of Specialization

Moral Philosophy (incl. Moral Psychology), Applied Ethics (incl. Bioethics and Philosophy of Education), Feminist Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Metaethics, Social and Political Philosophy

Appointments

Rutgers University, New Brunswick (Spring 2020)

Part-Time Lecturer and Visitor

Bilkent University, Ankara (Spring 2019 - Fall 2019)

Affiliated Faculty

Publications

Read, H. (2019). A typology of empathy and its many moral forms. *Philosophy Compass*, (14) 10: e12623.

Spaulding, S., Svetlova, R., **Read, H.** (forthcoming). The nature of empathy. In De Brigard, F. and Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (Eds.). *Philosophy of Neuroscience*. Cambridge: MIT Press.

Awards & Fellowships

- University of Pennsylvania Philosophy Department (Spring 2021)
Visiting Scholar
- Kenan Institute for Ethics, (Fall 2020-Spring 2021)
Graduate Fellow
- Templeton Religious Trust,
Investigator (web application project to promote empathy between polarized opponents)
- Australia National University, (postponed, due to COVID-19)
Visiting Fellow with the Role-Taking Group
- Sanford School of Public Policy, (Fall 2020-Spring 2021)
Dissertation Fellow at the Center for the Study of Philanthropy and Voluntarism
- Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, *finalist*
- Diverse Intelligences Synthesis Prize, (Spring 2019)
Project Member (“Is moral intelligence based on rules or skills?”)
- Duke Summer Research Fellowship, (2017, 2018, 2019)
- Tufts Philosophy Research Fellowship, (Fall 2014-Spring 2016)
- New School Philosophy Award (Spring 2012)
Senior Thesis (“If I Were You: The Moral Power of Metaphor”)

Selected Presentations

“Consent, Respect, and the Moral Importance of Attuning Oneself to Others”
North American Society for Social Philosophy (Aston, PA), July 2021

“Radical Love and Cognitive-Emotional Injustice”
GCWS Graduate Student Conference: Radical Love Across Difference (Cambridge, MA/virtual),
April 2021

“Cognitive-Emotional Skill Training and Democratic Education”
North American Association for Philosophy & Education (virtual), September 2020
MIRA Lab (Philadelphia, PA) October 2020*

“Perspective Taking is a Moral Skill”
APA Eastern Division (New York, NY), January 2021
MIRA Lab (Philadelphia, PA), April 2020*

“Empathy for Opponents”
APA Pacific Division (Portland, OR), April 2021
North Carolina Philosophical Society (Asheville, NC), canceled due to COVID-19

“Signaling Polarization” (with Rafael Ventura)
Bogazici University (Istanbul, Turkey), April 2019*

“Empathy Education: A Response to Affective Polarization”
Bilkent’s Mind Brain and Behavior Group (Ankara, Turkey), April 2019*

“Tolerance and Empathy”
Rethinking Tolerance as a Political Demand, Moral Virtue and Character Ideal Conference
(Graz, Austria), October 2018

Invited Comments:

On Laura Franklin-Hall, “The Animal Sexes as Explanatory Kinds”
Recent Trends in the Philosophy of Biology (Ankara, Turkey), May 2019

On Manon Garcia, “Understanding Consent to Submission with Beauvoir’s Phenomenology”
Boston Phenomenology Circle (Boston, MA), April 2016

Summer Schools:

Public Philosophy and Social Ontology: Rights and Responsibilities for a Just Society
(Groningen, Netherlands), August 2019

Wittgenstein on Following a Rule, with Cora Diamond and James Conant (Kirchberg, Austria),
August 2015

Teaching

Primary Instructor

Introduction to Ethics (Rutgers) Spring 2020
Bioethics (Bilkent) Fall 2019
Moral Psychology (Bilkent) Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant

Marx, Nietzsche, Freud (Henry Pickford, Duke)
History of Ancient Philosophy (Michael Ferejohn, Duke)
Introduction to Philosophy (Alex Rosenberg, Duke)
Bioethics (Valentina Urbanek, Tufts)
Feminist Philosophy (Nancy Bauer, Tufts)
Bioethics (Valentina Urbanek, Tufts)

Service to the Profession

Recent Trends in the Philosophy of Empathy Workshop

Co-Organizer with Monika Betzler, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Postponed due to Covid-19)

Duke Philosophy Committee on Diversity and Inclusion

Graduate Student Representative (2016-2017; 2020-present)

MAP Chapter at Duke Philosophy

Co-organizer, 2016-2018, 2020-present

Duke Women and Minorities in Philosophy Working Group

Co-founder and organizer (Fall 2016-present)

Reviewer: *PLOS One*; *New Directions in Psychology*; *Philosophical Psychology*

Ethics Bowl Judge at Tufts University

2015, 2016

References

Available upon request