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## EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, The Department of Public Policy Leadership, The University of Mississippi  
2023–present

Assistant Professor, The Department of Public Policy Leadership, The University of Mississippi  
2017–2023

Visiting Assistant Professor, The Department of Public Policy Leadership, The University of Mississippi  
2016–2017

## EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

2016. Ph.D., Philosophy  
Dissertation: “Responsibility, Control, and the Nonvoluntary”  
(Chair: Randolph Clarke)

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
2010. M.A., Philosophy

Millikin University, Decatur, IL  
2007. B.A., Philosophy  
2007. B.A., History

## RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization: Moral Responsibility, Blame, Punishment, Applied Ethics

Areas of Competence: Action Theory (including Free Will), Bioethics, Social and Political Philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS

2023. “Understanding the Dangers of Mind Changes in Political Leadership (and How to Avoid Them).” *Social Theory and Practice* 49(4): 653–680.

2022. “A Standing Asymmetry Between Blame and Forgiveness.” (with Daniel Miller). *Ethics* 132(4): 759–786.

2021. “Two Problems of Self-Blame for Accounts of Moral Standing.” (with Daniel Miller). *Ergo* 8(54): 833–856.

2021. "Unjustified Asymmetry: Positive Claims of Conscience and Heartbeat Bills." *American Journal of Bioethics* 21(8): 46-59.

2019. "When Hypocrisy Undermines the Standing to Blame: A Reply to Rossi." (with Daniel Miller). *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 22(2): 379-384.

2019. "The Unique Badness of Hypocritical Blame." (with Daniel Miller). *Ergo* 6(19): 545-569.

2019. "Hypocrisy, Inconsistency, and the Moral Standing of the State." *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 13: 309-327.

2018. "Moral Responsibility, Voluntary Control, and Intentional Action." *Philosophia* 46: 831-855.

2018. "Hypocrisy and the Standing to Blame." (with Daniel Miller). *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 99: 118-139.

2014. "Responsibility for Wrongdoing Without Blameworthiness: How It Makes Sense and How It Doesn't." *The Philosophical Quarterly* 64 (257): 569-589.

**COMMENTARIES & RESPONSES** 2021. "Finding Our Balance in the Asymmetry Debate." *American Journal of Bioethics* 21(8): W4-W7.

2021. "The Importance of Rights to the Argument for the Decriminalization of Drugs." *American Journal of Bioethics* 21(4): 46-48.

**UNDER REVIEW** "The Overweighted Integrity Problem: Conscience, Complicity, and Moral Standing" (Revise and Resubmit)

"The Problem of Nonvoluntary Blame" (with Daniel Miller)

"Guilty by Association: How Group Membership Can Undermine Standing to Blame" (with Kenneth Silver)

**IN PROGRESS** "Putting Standing to Work: Does Hypocrisy Undermine a Supervisor's Moral Standing to Blame Employees?" (with Daniel Miller)

"What Good are Standing Norms?"

"Retributivism, Prison, and the Lower Bound of Proportionality"

"Standing Up for the Standing Thesis Regarding State Punishment"

"The Standing to Unforgive"

**PRESENTATIONS 2024. (ACCEPTED)** “Putting Standing to Work: Does Hypocrisy Undermine a Supervisor’s Moral Standing to Blame Employees?” (with Daniel Miller). *Workshop on Blame and Forgiveness at Work*. Moraga, California. April.

2023. “Guilty by Association: How Group Membership Can Undermine Standing to Blame” (with Kenneth Silver). *Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. October.

2023. “Guilty by Association: How Group Membership Can Undermine Standing to Blame” (with Kenneth Silver). *The International Social Ontology Society Annual Conference*. Stockholm, Sweden. August.

2022. “The Overweighted Integrity Problem: Conscience, Complicity, and Moral Standing.” *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference*. Kalamazoo, Michigan (Presented remotely). September.

2022. “Retributivism and the Black Box of Prisons.” *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*. Boulder, Colorado. August.

2022. “A Standing Asymmetry Between Blame and Forgiveness” (with Daniel Miller), *The American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*. Vancouver, BC, Canada. April.

2022. “Retributivism and the Black Box of Prisons.” *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society*. New Orleans, Louisiana. February.

2020. “A Standing Asymmetry Between Blame and Forgiveness” (with Daniel Miller). *13<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*. Boulder, Colorado (Conducted remotely). August.

2020. “Unjustified Asymmetry: Positive Claims of Conscience and Abortion Law.” *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society*. New Orleans, Louisiana. March. (accepted only)

2019. “Conscientious Objection and a Moral Conviction to Provide Care.” *9<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference*. Kalamazoo, Michigan. September.

2019. “The Difficulty in Identifying Hypocrisy.” *Great Lakes Philosophy Conference*. Adrian, Michigan. April.

2018. “Lifestyle Diseases, Personal Responsibility, and Moral Standing.” *8<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference*.

*Conference*. Kalamazoo, Michigan. September.

2018. "Hypocrisy, Inconsistency, and the Moral Standing of the State." *11<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*. Boulder, Colorado. August.

2018. "Hypocrisy, Inconsistency, and the Moral Standing of the State." *Australasian Society of Legal Philosophy Conference*. Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. July.

2017. "Distributive Injustice and the State's Standing to Blame." *11<sup>th</sup> Annual Felician Ethics Conference*. Rutherford, New Jersey. October.

2017. "Voluntariness and the Appropriateness of Blame" (with Daniel Miller). *The American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*. Seattle, Washington. April.

2016. "Responsibility, Voluntary Control, and Intentional Action." *The American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*. San Francisco, California. March.

2014. "Hypocrisy and the Standing to Blame" (with Daniel Miller) *8<sup>th</sup> Annual Felician Ethics Conference*. Rutherford, New Jersey. April.

2013. "A Systematic Approach to the Ethics of Blame" (with Daniel Miller) *Florida Philosophical Association*. Deland, Florida. November.

2013. "Responsibility for Wrongdoing Without Blameworthiness: How It Makes Sense and How It Doesn't." *Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference*. Gainesville, Florida. March.

2012. "The Problem of Punishment for Involuntary Moral Faults." *Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference*. Gainesville, Florida. March.

2010. "The Impact of Fundamental Desert on Pereboom's Four Case Argument." *Georgia Student Philosophy Symposium*. Atlanta, Georgia. April.

2010. "The Impact of Fundamental Desert on Pereboom's Four Case Argument." *University of Kentucky Graduate Student Conference: Manifestations of Freedom*. Lexington, Kentucky. March.

**PRESENTATIONS 2024.** "What Good Are Standing Norms?" *Workshop on Standing and Public Debate*. Toronto, Canada. May.

**PRESENTATIONS (MISC.)** 2021. "A Standing Asymmetry Between Blame and Forgiveness." (with Daniel Miller) *Davis Group on Ethics and Related Subjects*. Davis, California. February.

2019. "Unjustified Asymmetry: Positive Claims of Conscience and Abortion Law." *Public Policy Leadership Faculty Research Presentation Series*. Oxford, Mississippi. September.

2017. "Injustice, Hypocrisy, and the Moral Standing of the State." *Public Policy Leadership Faculty Research Presentation Series*. Oxford, Mississippi. November.

2013. "The Ethics of Blame." (with Daniel Miller) *University of Florida/Florida State Graduate Conference*. Tallahassee, Florida. February.

2012. "In Praise of Neo-Strawsonian Blame." *University of Florida/Florida State Graduate Conference*. Gainesville, Florida. February.

2008. "The Impact of Fundamental Desert on Pereboom's Four Case Argument." *Undergraduate Philosophy Society*. Gainesville, Florida. November.

**COMMENTS**

2015. "Comments on Austin Duggan's 'A New View of Moral Responsibility'." *Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference*. Tallahassee, Florida. September.

2013. "Comments on Mark Rosner's 'Rational Relations View, Wide and Narrow'." *The American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*. San Francisco, California. March.

2013. "Comments on Jason Cruze's 'I Too Am a Potential Sinner: Humility and the Moral Standing to Blame'." *Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference*. Tallahassee, Florida. October.

2012. "Comments on Roger Turner's 'Haji on the Direct Argument'." *Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference*. Tallahassee, Florida. September.

2011. "Comments on Andreas Falke's 'Substance Dualism Without Property Dualism'." *University of Florida/Florida State Graduate Conference*. Tallahassee, Florida. February.

2010. "Comments on William Simkulet's 'Moral Intentionalism'." *Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference*. Gainesville, Florida. March.

2009. "Comments on Flora Lee's 'Reviving the Libertarian Flicker-of-Freedom Response for Indeterministic Frankfurt-Style Cases'." *Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference*. Gainesville, Florida. March.

**POPULAR MEDIA**

2023. "Episode 61: Introduction to Free Will and the Law." *The Free Will Show*. August. <https://thefreewillshow.com/episode-61/>

**TEACHING**

As Instructor of Record

*Punishment Policy*. University of Mississippi (Sp 2023, Sp 2022, F 2021)  
*Foundations of Leadership* (formerly *Philosophy of Leadership*).

University of Mississippi (SP 2024, F 2023, Sp 2021, F 2020)  
*Biomedical Ethics*. University of Mississippi, Washington, D.C. (W 2020)  
*Critical Thinking, Communication, and Public Policy*. University of Mississippi (F 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016; Sp 2024, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017)

*Ethics and Public Policy*. University of Mississippi (F 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016; Sp 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017)

*Philosophy of Mind*. Florida State University. (Su 2015)  
*Reasoning and Critical Thinking*. Florida State University. (F 2014, 2012)  
*Introduction to Philosophy*. Florida State University. (Su 2014, 2011)  
*Ethical Issues and Life Choices*. Florida State University. (Sp 2014, Su 2013)  
*Contemporary Moral Issues*. University of Florida. (Su 2010)

As Teaching Assistant

*Ethical Theory*. Florida State University. (Sp 2016, F 2015)  
*Philosophy of Religion*. Florida State University. (Sp 2012)  
*Introduction to Political Philosophy*. Florida State University. (F 2011)  
*Reasoning and Critical Thinking*. Florida State University. (Sp 2011)  
*Introduction to Philosophy*. Florida State University. (F 2010)  
*Symbolic Logic*. University of Florida. (Sp 2010)  
*Contemporary Moral Issues*. University of Florida. (F 2009, 2008; Sp 2009)

**HONORS THESES ADVISED**

Sally Jordan  
Lucy Pruitt  
Gabby Hunter  
Madison Alliston  
Ella Endorf  
Jacob Fennell

Ethics of Voter ID Laws

Accountability in Prosecutorial Discretion  
Alternate-Route Teaching in the Mississippi Delta  
Mitigating Punishment Drift on Children  
Leadership Ethics in Crises  
Ethics of Drug Criminalization

	Olivia Jordan Connor Young Andy Flores Makayla Sanders Emma Brewer Evan Morrisey McLain Henderson	Prosecutorial Discretion and Mass Incarceration Rhetorical Strategies of Mississippi Prohibition Improving Education in Mississippi Gender Disparities in Criminal Justice Workers Plea Bargaining and Prosecutorial Discretion The Ethics of Selective Striking for Railroad Workers The Ethics of the Name “Ole Miss”
<b>AWARDS AND GRANTS</b>	2023. 2008-9. 2007. 2007.	College of Liberal Arts Faculty Grant for Research and Creative Achievement. University of Mississippi. Grinter Supplemental Fellowship. University of Florida. Alice Ambrose Lazerowitz Award for Demonstrated Excellence in Philosophy, Millikin University. Scovill Prize, Millikin University.
<b>UNIVERSITY SERVICE</b>	2018-24. 2017-24. 2019-21. 2018-21. 2018-21. 2018-21. 2017-18. 2016.	Member of the General Education Ethical Reasoning and Responsibility Subcommittee. Academic Student Advisor. Member of Chancellor’s Standing Committee on Accessibility. Member of the University of Mississippi Faculty Senate. Member of the Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Governance. Member of the Civility and Civil Discourse Working Group. Faculty Advisor for the Lott Student Advisory Board. Faculty editor for the <i>University of Mississippi Undergraduate Research Journal</i> .
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICE</b>		Referee for <i>Analysis</i> , <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Dialectica</i> , <i>Ergo</i> , <i>Ethics</i> , <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal</i> , <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i> , <i>Journal of Ethics</i> , <i>The Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i> , <i>The Journal of Moral Philosophy</i> , <i>The Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>The Journal of Value Inquiry</i> , <i>Mind</i> , <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Philosophical Papers</i> , <i>Philosopher’s Imprint</i> , <i>The Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Philosophical Studies</i> , <i>Public Integrity</i> , <i>Res Philosophica</i> , <i>Res Publica</i> , <i>Social Theory and Practice</i> , <i>Southern Journal of Philosophy</i> , and <i>Thought</i> . Referee for Palgrave Publishing (book proposal). Grant Reviewer for Israel Science Foundation.
<b>SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS</b>		International Social Ontology Society (since 2023). New Faculty Learning Community at the University of Mississippi (2017-)

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American Philosophical Association (since 2013).

Society for the Philosophy of Agency (since 2012).

Florida Philosophical Association (since 2009).

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request