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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Moral Responsibility, Blame, Applied Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Punishment, Philosophy of Leadership, Biomedical Ethics

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2023-present	Associate Professor, Department of Public Policy Leadership, University of Mississippi
2017-2023	Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy Leadership, University of Mississippi
2016-2017	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy Leadership, University of Mississippi

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Florida State University, 2016

Dissertation: "Responsibility, Control, and the Nonvoluntary" (Committee: Randolph Clarke, Alfred Mele, & Piers Rawling)

M.A. in Philosophy, University of Florida, 2010

B.A. in Philosophy, Millikin University, 2007

B.A. in History, Millikin University, 2007

ARTICLES AND COMMENTARIES

- 2026 "You Don't Have to Be Better to Blame." (with D. Miller). *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 29: 37-52.
- 2026 "Putting Standing to Work: Does Hypocrisy Undermine a Supervisor's Moral Standing to Blame Employees?" (with D. Miller). *Journal of Business Ethics* 204: 17-29.
- 2025 "The Overweighted Integrity Problem: Conscience, Complicity, and Moral Standing." *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 29(2): 159-187.
- 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 D. Miller). *Ethics* 132(4): 759-786.
- 2021 "Two Problems of Self-Blame for Accounts of Moral Standing" (with D. Miller). *Ergo* 8(54): 833-856.
- 2021 "Finding Our Balance in the Asymmetry Debate." *American Journal of Bioethics* 21(8): W4-W7.
- 2021 "Unjustified Asymmetry: Positive Claims of Conscience and Heartbeat Bills." *American Journal of Bioethics* 21(8): 46-59.
- 2021 "The Importance of Rights to the Argument for the Decriminalization of Drugs." *American Journal of Bioethics* 21(4): 46-48.
- 2019 "When Hypocrisy Undermines the Standing to Blame: A Reply to Rossi" (with D. Miller). *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 22(2): 379-384.
- 2019 "The Unique Badness of Hypocritical Blame" (with D. 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 D. 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.

BOOK REVIEWS

2025 “A Deeper Understanding of Moral Standing” (with D. Miller). *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 22(5-06): 687-699.

UNDER REVIEW

“Guilty by Association: How Group Membership Can Undermine Standing to Blame” (with K. Silver)

“Lacking Full Standing and Fully Lacking Standing” (with G. de Marco and D. Miller)

IN PROGRESS

A book on moral standing (with D. Miller)

A paper on moral status and moral equality (with S. McFarlane)

A paper on standing and punishment

PRESENTATIONS (ACCEPTED)

2026 “Hypocritical Failures to Forgive” (with D. Miller). *2nd Conference of the European Moral Responsibility Consortium*. Salzburg, Austria. September.

2026 “Why the Commitment Account of the Standing to Blame Fails” (with D. Miller). *47th Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference*. Memphis, Tennessee. March.

2025 “Mitigated Standing to Blame” (with G. De Marco and D. Miller). *99th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association*. Glasgow, Scotland. July.

- 2024 “Putting Standing to Work: Does Hypocrisy Undermine a Supervisor’s Moral Standing to Blame Employees?” (with D. Miller). *Workshop on Blame and Forgiveness at Work*. Moraga, California. April.
- 2023 “Guilty by Association: How Group Membership Can Undermine Standing to Blame” (with K. Silver). *Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. October.
- 2023 “Guilty by Association: How Group Membership Can Undermine Standing to Blame” (with K. Silver). *The International Social Ontology Society Annual Conference*. Stockholm, Sweden. August.
- 2022 “The Overweighted Integrity Problem: Conscience, Complicity, and Moral Standing.” *12th Annual Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference*. Kalamazoo, Michigan (presented remotely). September.
- 2022 “Retributivism and the Black Box of Prisons.” *15th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*. Boulder, Colorado. August.
- 2022 “A Standing Asymmetry Between Blame and Forgiveness” (with D. Miller). *The American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*. Vancouver, BC, Canada. April.
- 2022 “Retributivism and the Black Box of Prisons.” *5th Annual Meeting of the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society*. New Orleans, Louisiana. February.
- 2020 “A Standing Asymmetry Between Blame and Forgiveness” (with D. Miller). *13th Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*. Boulder, Colorado (conducted remotely). August.
- 2020 “Unjustified Asymmetry: Positive Claims of Conscience and Abortion Law.” *4th Annual Meeting of the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society*. New Orleans, Louisiana. March. (accepted, no presentation)
- 2019 “Conscientious Objection and a Moral Conviction to Provide Care.” *9th 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.” *8th Annual Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference*. Kalamazoo, Michigan. September.
- 2018 “Hypocrisy, Inconsistency, and the Moral Standing of the State.” *11th 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.” *11th Annual Felician Ethics Conference*. Rutherford, New Jersey. October.
- 2017 “Voluntariness and the Appropriateness of Blame” (with D. 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 D. Miller). *8th Annual Felician Ethics Conference*. Rutherford, New Jersey. April.
- 2013 “A Systematic Approach to the Ethics of Blame” (with D. 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 (INVITED)

- 2025 “The Moral Equality Account Defended.” *Workshop on Standing, Moral Response, and Discrimination*. Copenhagen, Denmark. March.
- 2024 “What Good are Standing Norms?” *Workshop on Standing and Public Debate*. Toronto, Canada. May.

PRESENTATIONS (MISC.)

- 2026 “Principled Equality” (with S. McFarlane). *Mississippi Philosophical Association Annual Meeting*. Oxford, Mississippi. April.
- 2025 “Punishment and the Moral Standing of the State.” *Ole Miss Philosophy Club*. Oxford, Mississippi. April.
- 2024 “A Commitment to Moral Equality” (with D. Miller). *Uehiro Institute for Practical Ethics Work in Progress*. Oxford, England. October.
- 2021 “A Standing Asymmetry Between Blame and Forgiveness” (with D. 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 D. 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

- 2025 “Comments on Victor Tadros’s ‘Standing and the Distribution of Punishment.’” *Workshop on Standing, Moral Response, and Discrimination*. Copenhagen, Denmark. March.
- 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 Fransisco, 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/>

COURSES TAUGHT

Instructor of Record

Punishment Policy

F 2026, F 2025, Sp 2023, Sp 2022, F 2021

Philosophy of Leadership	Sp 2024, F 2023, Sp 2021, F 2020
Biomedical Ethics	W 2020
Crit. Thinking, Com., & Pub. Pol.	F 2026, Sp 2026, F 2025, Sp 2025, Sp 2024, F 2023, F 2022, F 2021, Sp 2020, Sp 2019, F 2019, Sp 2018, F 2018, Sp 2017, F 2017, F 2016
Public Policy and Ethical Analysis	F 2026, Sp 2026, F 2025, Sp 2024, F 2023, Sp 2023, F 2022, Sp 2022, F 2021, Sp 2021, F 2020, Sp 2020, F 2019, Sp 2019, F 2018, Sp 2018, F 2017, Sp 2017, F 2016
Philosophy of Mind	Sum 2015
Reasoning and Critical Thinking	F 2014, F 2012
Introduction to Philosophy	Sum 2014, Sum 2011
Ethical Issues and Life Choices	Sp 2014, Sum 2013
Contemporary Moral Issues	Sum 2010

Teaching Assistant

Ethical Theory	Sp 2016, F 2015
Philosophy of Religion	Sp 2012
Introduction to Political Philosophy	F 2011
Reasoning and Critical Thinking	Sp 2011
Introduction to Philosophy	F 2011
Symbolic Logic	Sp 2010
Contemporary Moral Issues	F 2009, Sp 2009, F 2008

HONORS THESES ADVISED

Lily Case	Motherhood in Prison
Walker Jacklin	Coercive Intervention in Horizontal Nuclear Proliferation

Neely Kiihnl	Proportionality and Retributivism
Olivia Ramirez	Balancing Retributivism and Rehabilitation in Prison
Riley O’Neal	Respecting Justice in Food Advertisements for Youth
Alex Kipping	Gender Quotas in Politics
Kristen Davis	Prison Abolition
Evan Morrisey	The Ethics of Selective Striking for Railroad Workers
McLain Henderson	The Ethics of the Name ‘Ole Miss’
Makayla Sanders	Gender Disparities in Criminal Justice Workers
Andy Flores	Improving Education in Mississippi
Emma Brewer	Plea Bargaining and Prosecutorial Discretion
Connor Young	Rhetorical Strategies of Mississippi Prohibition
Olivia Jordan	Prosecutorial Discretion and Mass Incarceration
Jacob Fennell	Ethics of Drug Criminalization
Ella Endorf	Leadership Ethics in Crises
Madison Alliston	Mitigating Punishment Drift on Children
Lucy Pruitt	Accountability in Prosecutorial Discretion
Gabby Hunter	Alternate-Route Teaching in the Mississippi Delta
Sally Jordan	Ethics of Voter ID Laws

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

2025-2026	CLI Scholar, Character of Leaders Initiative Faculty/Staff Fellowship, University of Mississippi
2023	College of Liberal Arts Faculty Grant for Research and Creative Achievement, University of Mississippi
2017-2018	New Faculty Learning Community, University of Mississippi
2008-2009	Grinter Supplemental Fellowship, University of Florida

- 2007 Alice Ambrose Lazerowitz Award for Demonstrated Excellence in Philosophy, Millikin University
- 2007 Scovill Prize, Millikin University

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2026-present Faculty Advisor for ReformUM
- 2026-present Faculty Advisor for Alexander Hamilton Society
- 2025-present Alternate on College of Liberal Arts Sabbatical Leave Review Committee
- 2017-present Academic Student Advisor
- 2018-2025 Member of the General Education Ethical Reasoning and Responsibility Subcommittee
- 2019-2021 Member of Chancellor's Standing Committee on Accessibility
- 2018-2021 Member of University of Mississippi Faculty Senate
- 2018-2021 Member of the Faculty Senate Standing Committee on Governance
- 2018-2021 Member of the Civility and Civil Discourse Working Group
- 2017-2018 Faculty Advisor for the Lott Student Advisory Board
- 2016 Faculty editor for the *University of Mississippi Undergraduate Research Journal*.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Ergo*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ethics*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Journal of Clinical Ethics*, *The Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*, *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Mind*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Political Philosophy*, *Public Integrity*, *Res Philosophica*, *Res Publica*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, and *Thought*

Referee for Palgrave Publishing (book proposal)

Grant Reviewer for Israel Science Foundation

SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

2026-present Mississippi Philosophical Association

2023-present Aristotelian Society

2023-present International Social Ontology Society

2020-present Philosophy, Politics, & Economics Society

2013-present American Philosophical Association

2012-present Society for the Philosophy of Agency

2009-present Florida Philosophical Association