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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaethics  
Metaphysics  
Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCY

Political Philosophy  
Medical Ethics  
Applied Ethics

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EMPLOYMENT

Post Doctoral Fellow, Centre for Moral and Political Philosophy, HUJI 2018-2019

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EDUCATION

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, PhD in Philosophy 2011-2018  
San Diego State University, M.A. in Philosophy 2009-2011  
Northern Arizona University, B.A. Sociology and Philosophy, (Cum Laude) 2003-2009

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PUBLICATIONS

“Reasons, Dispositions, and Value,” *Philosophers’ Imprint*, Vol.17, No. 23, 2017, pp. 1-18.

<http://hdl.handle.net/2027/spo.3521354.0017.023>

“Can Moral Principles Explain Supervenience?” *Res Philosophica*, Special issue: Moral Nonnaturalism, Vol. 91, No. 4, 2014, pp. 629–659. <http://dx.doi.org/10.11612/resphil.2014.91.4.6>

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DISSERTATION — THE SUPERVENIENCE CHALLENGE: AN EXPLANATION

The major metaphysical challenge for Non-Naturalism is to explain why there can’t be a normative difference without a natural difference. I discuss how to best understand the natural/non-natural distinction, and which supervenience phenomena are in question, in order to arrive at the best version of the Supervenience Challenge. Next, I assess the three basic frameworks for explaining supervenience that are compatible with non-naturalism, and show why principle-less models should be dispreferred. Finally, I propose a principle-based account that treats principles as entities rather than facts, and show why this model should be preferred to models that treat principles as facts.

Committee: Mark van Roojen (chair), Aaron Bronfman, John Brunero, Joe Mendola

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FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Hinman Research Fellowship, UNL AY15/16

Chancellor’s Fellowship, UNL AY11/12, AY12/13

UNL Graduate Student Association Travel Assistance Program (GTAP) Grant Recipient F17  
for “How to Make Progress Against the Supervenience Challenge.”

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PRESENTATIONS

“Grounding the Duty of Non-Maleficence”

APA Central Division; Denver, CO.

February 2019

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress; University of Colorado.

August 2018

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“Non-Naturalism and the ‘Third Factor’ Gambit.” (w/ David Faraci.)	
Knowing What to Do Workshop; The Ohio State University	April 2018
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress; University of Colorado.	August 2016
“How to Make Progress Against the Supervenience Challenge”	
Central States Philosophical Association; Washington University, St Louis	October 2017
Great Plains Philosophy Symposium; University of Kansas.	October 2016
“Liberty and a Rawlsian Ethos of Justice.”	
APA Eastern Division; Baltimore MD.	January 2017
“Reasons, Dispositions, and Value.”	
APA Eastern Division; Washington, DC.	January 2016
Central States Philosophical Association; University of Kentucky	November 2015
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress; University of Colorado. (Poster)	August 2015
“The Instability of ‘Rising Tides’ Invariantism.”	
Central States Philosophical Association; Northwestern University.	October 2014
“Can Moral Principles Explain Supervenience?”	
Cologne Summer School in Philosophy; University of Cologne, Germany.	September 2014
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress; University of Colorado. (Poster)	August 14
University of Iowa Graduate Philosophy; University of Iowa.	April 2014
Pitt/CMU Graduate Conference in Philosophy; University of Pittsburg.	March 2014
COMMENTARY:	
Javier González de Prado, “Dispossessing Defeat”	
St Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality; St Louis	May 2018
Torsten Menge, “Power as an Expressive Concept”	
Central States Philosophical Association; University of Nebraska	October 2016
David Faraci, “Knowledge, Necessity and Defeat”	
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress; University of Colorado.	August 2015
Jeff Behrends, “Reason to Promotion Inferences”	
Central States Philosophical Association; University of Kentucky	October 2015
Joshua Gert, “A Fitting End to the Wrong Kind of Reason Problem”	
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress; University of Colorado.	August 2014

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## TEACHING

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Instructor: Evolutionary Debunking and Non-Naturalism (BA/MA mixed level)	F18
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University of Nebraska

Instructor:

Introduction to Philosophy (Phil 101)	Su15, Su13
Philosophy and Current Issues [Ethics] (Phil 106)	F17, S18 (W. H. Thompson Program)
Medical Ethics (Phil 213)	Su16, S15, F14, Su14

TA, with Discussion Sections

Introduction to Philosophy (Phil 101)	F16, Hayaki; S13, McKittrick;
Philosophy and Current Issues [Ethics] (Phil 106)	S14, van Roojen; F13, Thompson;
	F12, Sobel; S12, Sobel; F11, Bronfman

## Teaching Research and Presentations:

- “The Moral of the Story (or, Why Black Mirror Makes for Bad Moral Reasoning)”  
 American Association of Philosophy Teachers (Accepted); North Carolina A&T July 2018
- “Backfire Effect in the Philosophy Class” (w/ Shane George and Adam Thompson)  
 APA Pacific Division: AAPT Group Session; Seattle, WA April 2017
- American Association of Philosophy Teachers; Saginaw Valley State University July 2016

## Development/Training

- Teaching Online for Graduate Students, University of Nebraska. F17
- AAPT Seminar on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy July 2016  
 Saginaw Valley State University.
- Preparing Future Faculty. University of Nebraska. Su16

## REFEREING

- Dialectica* (2015); *Philosophical Papers* (2016); *Topoi* special issue: “Ethics with Ontology” (2016);  
*Res Philosophica* (2018); *Philosophical Studies* (2018); *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (2018)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Husker Dialogues Discussion Facilitator (diversity and inclusion event for freshmen) Fall 17
- UNL Graduate Student Association Travel Assistance Program Peer Reviewer (GTAP) Fall 16
- Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Experience (UCARE)  
 Application Review for Arts and Humanities (for AY 16/17) Spring 16
- UNL Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation Planning Committee (for Fall 16) Spring, Summer 16
- Philosophy Department TA Orientation Fall 15, Fall 16
- Coordinate Grad TA Mentors for incoming Grads (for AY 14/15) Summer 14
- Graduate Student Research Colloquium Coordinator AY 13/14
- Constitution Drafting for UNL-Philosophy Graduate Student Association Spring 14
- Grad Liaison to Faculty AY 13/14
- UNL Graduate Student Association Department Representative AY 12/13, AY 13/14

## REFERENCES

- David Enoch, david.enoch@mail.huji.ac.il  
 Hebrew University of Jerusalem: Faculty of Law, Philosophy Department, Centre for Moral and  
 Political Philosophy
- Joe Mendola, jmendola1@unl.edu  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Professor of Philosophy
- Jennifer McKittrick, jmckitrick2@unl.edu  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Department Chair and Professor of Philosophy
- Mark van Roojen, mvr@unl.edu  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Professor of Philosophy, dissertation supervisor

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