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AREAS OF INTEREST

AOS Ethics, Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence, Philosophy of Biology,
AOC Applied Ethics, Logic, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Technology

EMPLOYMENT

2020- Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, York University
2019-2020 Post-Doctoral Fellow in *Ethics and Artificial Intelligence*, Department of Philosophy, York University

EDUCATION

2019 PhD, Philosophy, University of Toronto
 Dissertation: *From Function to Flourishing: Neo-Aristotelian Ethics and the Science of Life*
2012 MS, Science and Technology Studies, Virginia Tech
2012 MA, Philosophy, Virginia Tech
2007 MS, Artificial Intelligence, Sharif University of Technology
 Thesis: *Incorporating Intrinsic 'Emotional' Dispositions in Machine Learning*
2005 BS, Computer Engineering, Shahid Beheshti University
 Thesis: *An Ontology for Psychological Disorders*

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming "Will Intelligent Machines Become Moral Patients?", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 1-22.

2024 "The Function Argument for Ascribing Interests", *Synthese* 203, 157.

2022 "Neo-Aristotelian Naturalism as Ethical Naturalism", *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 19 (4): 335-360.

2022 "Natural Goodness without Natural History", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 104 (1): 78-100.

2020 "Is the Neo-Aristotelian Concept of Organism Presupposed in Biology?", in *Aristotelian Naturalism: A Research Companion*, ed. Martin Hänel, Springer, 329-342.

2019 "From Biological Functions to Natural Goodness", *Philosophers' Imprint*, Vol. 19, No. 51, 1-20.

2018 "Neo-Aristotelian Naturalism and the Evolutionary Objection: Rethinking the Relevance of Empirical Science", in *Philippa Foot on Goodness and Virtue*, ed. John Hacker-Wright, Palgrave Macmillan, 277-307.

2017 "On the Relevance of Evolutionary Biology to Ethical Naturalism", in *The Ethics of Nature and The Nature of Ethics*, ed. Gary Keogh, Lexington Books, 37-50.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks:

2024 "Moral Particularism and the Prospects of Machine Ethics", Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences Speaker Series, Iran, March 2024

2024 "AI as Moral Patient", Panel at the Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto, March 2024.

2024 "Moral Particularism and the Prospects of Machine Ethics", University of Toronto Alumni Speaker Series, March 2024

2023 "Why Neo-Aristotelian Naturalism Is a Form of Ethical Naturalism" Workshop on Neo-Aristotelian Ethical Naturalism, July 2023.

2021 "Can Artificial Intelligence Master Moral Deliberation?". Virtual Metaethics Colloquium, June 2021.

2020 "Natural Goodness without Natural History", Department of Philosophy, York University, March 2020.

2020 "Can Artificial Intelligence Master Moral Deliberation?", School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies, Arizona State University, February 2020.

2020 "Natural Goodness without Natural History", Department of Philosophy, University of Cincinnati, January 2020.

2020 "If Non-Sentient Organisms Can Have Rights, Why Can't Robots?", *Ethics of AI in Context* Speaker Series, Centre for Ethics, Toronto, January 2020.

2019 "On the Moral Psychology of Intelligent Machines", Cognitive Science Speaker Series, York University, Toronto.

2019 "Can Artificial Machines Have a Natural Good?", the UQAM Workshop on Functions, the University of Quebec at Montreal.

Refereed Talks:

2020 "Neo-Aristotelian Naturalism as Ethical Naturalism", Eastern APA (Colloquium), Philadelphia, January 2020.

2019 "The Good of Non-Sentient Organisms and the Moral Status of Robots", The 4TU.Ethics Conference on the 'Ethics of Disruptive Technologies', Eindhoven, Netherlands.

2019 "Neo-Aristotelian Naturalism as Ethical Naturalism", Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, Vancouver.

2018 "Natural Goodness and Biological Goodness", Eastern APA (Symposium), Savannah.

2017 "Virtue, Natural Goodness, and Biological Functions", *Virtue, Skill, and Practical Reason* Conference, Cape Town, South Africa.

2017 "Reconciling Neo-Aristotelian Ethical Naturalism with Biological Functions", Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, Toronto.

2017 "On the Concept of Organism in Biology: A Step toward a Biologically-Grounded Ethical Naturalism", Eastern APA (Symposium), Baltimore, Maryland.

2016 "Can the Biological Accounts of Function Be Applied to Human Morality", the Fourth European Advanced School in the Philosophy of the Life Sciences (EASPLS 2016): *Function and Malfunction in the Biological and Biomedical Sciences, and the Social Sciences*, Klosterneuburg, Austria.

2016 "Neo-Aristotelian Naturalism and the Dilemma of Natural Normativity," Pacific APA Pacific (Colloquium), San Francisco.

2015 "On the Relevance of Evolutionary Biology to Ethical Naturalism," Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, Ottawa.

2015 "On the Relevance of Evolutionary Biology to Ethical Naturalism," *The Ethics of Nature – The Nature of Ethics* Conference, University of Manchester.

2011 "The Pragmatic Condition on Epistemic Justification," Annual Meeting of the Virginia Philosophical Society, Williamsburg, Virginia.

2011 "Fuzziness and Probability in Controversy: A Socio-Historical Perspective," Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, Cleveland, Ohio.

2011 "Outside Authority of the Abstract: A Case Study in the History of Logic and Mathematics," The *Outside Authority* Graduate Conference, Virginia Tech.

2011 "The Problem of Technology Control in the Age of Information Technology," International Biennial Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology (SPT2011), Denton, Texas.

2010 "Making Science More Social?" Accepted for Presentation in RPI/MIT/Cornel STS Conference: New Directions in Science and Technology Studies.

2008 "Adaptive Hope as an Emotion for Reinforcement Learning Agents," (with S.B. Shouraki and M. Feyzbakhsh) in Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Distributed Human-Machine Systems (DHMS 2008), Athens.

2008 "A 'Doubt' Driven Method for Adapting the Exploration Rate in XCS," (with S.B. Shouraki), Accepted for Presentation in 9th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Soft Computing (ICAISC 2008).

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019-2020 David Savan Dissertation Prize, University of Toronto

2017-2018 Doctoral Completion Award, University of Toronto (CAD 23,600)

2016-2017 Superior Graduate Course Instructor Teaching Award, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, University of Toronto

2016-2017 Centre for Ethics Doctoral Fellowship, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto

2016-2017 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (CAD 15,000)

2015-2016 Philosophy of Science Award, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto

2012-2013 Best essay on Theory of Scientific Change, Institute for History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, University of Toronto

2012-2017 Jackman Junior Fellowship, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, University of Toronto (CAD 35,000)

TEACHING

F 2021 - F 2023	York University	Core Practical Philosophy Seminar (x2)
F 2020 - W 2024	York University	Justice, Law, and Morality (x5); Ethics (x3)
F 2019 - S 2020	York University	Ethics and Societal Implications of Artificial Intelligence (x2)
S 2016 - S 2017	University of Toronto	Bioethics (x2)
S 2015	University of Toronto	Introduction to Ethics
S 2012	Virginia Tech	Language and Logic

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer review for: *Synthese*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Res Philosophica*, *Philosophical Studies*; *Bioethics*, ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency.

Reading Group Organizer (with Regina Rini): *Ethics of AI* Journal Group, York University (2020-present).

Assistant Editor: PhilPapers' section on Practical Reason (2017-2024).

Conference Organizer (with Damian Melamedoff): University of Toronto Graduate Conference on *Reason and Agency* (2016).