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**Employment**

Boston College, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Fall 2019 – Present

**Areas of Specialty**

Moral Psychology,  
Philosophy of Psychiatry, Ethics

**Areas of Competence**

Philosophy of Cognitive Science,  
Biomedical Ethics, Business Ethics,  
Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of  
Religion

**Education**

Ph. D. Washington University in St. Louis  
Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology  
(May 2019)  
Dissertation: *Moral Pathology*, John Doris, Advisor

Abstract: This dissertation explores the relationship between morality and mental illness. Mental illness is often thought to impair moral functioning but careful examination reveals that mental illness offers its own insight into moral functioning. While we learn a great deal about moral responsibility and exempting conditions (psychopathy and addiction), we also discover that there are multiple ways to be moral and that many individuals act morally despite ongoing conditions (autism and borderline personality disorder). I conclude that these insights ought to shape our ethical theories.

M.A. Washington University in St. Louis  
Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology  
(May 2014)

B.A. Georgetown College, Georgetown KY  
Honors in Philosophy & Psychology, Summa Cum Laude  
(May 2012)  
Honors Thesis: *An Essential Teleology of Hope*

## **Publications**

Cameron, C.D.<sup>1</sup> & **Rapier, K.** (2017). "Compassion is a Motivated Choice." In W. Sinnott-Armstrong & C. Miller (Eds.), *Moral Psychology, Volume 5: Virtue and Character* (pp. 373-408). Cambridge: MIT Press.

Cameron, C. D. & **Rapier, K.** (2017). "Reply to Montgomery, Kappes, & Crockett and Goodman." In W. Sinnott-Armstrong & C. Miller (Eds.), *Moral Psychology, Volume 5: Virtue and Character* (pp.427-438). Cambridge: MIT Press.

## **Honors & Awards**

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer T. Olin Fellowship for Women in Graduate Study, Washington University in St. Louis, 2012 – 2019 [University-wide competitive award]

Second Place (Humanities), 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Research Symposium, Washington University in St. Louis, 2015

Excellence in Creating Community, Peer Mentoring Committee, Liberman Leadership Awards for Graduate and Professional Students, Washington University in St. Louis, 2018

Dean's Honor Award, Georgetown College, 2012 [University-wide competitive award]

Outstanding Philosophy Graduate, Georgetown College, 2012

Outstanding Psychology Graduate, Georgetown College, 2012

Top Poster, Senior Capstone Presentation, Georgetown College, 2012

Heizer Book Award in Philosophy, Georgetown College, 2011

GCPALS, Howard Hughes Medical Institute Research Stipend, 2010 [University-wide competitive award]

Honorable Mention, Undergraduate Poster Competition, Kentucky Psychological Association, March 2010

## **Refereed Presentations**

"'Checking Out' of Moral Responsibility: Impairment in Emotion Regulation and Substance Use Disorder." Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Annual Meeting, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, July 2018

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Psychology, Penn State University

“How did you feel the last time you squashed a bug?” Compassion, Moral Responsibility, and Psychopathy.” International Society for Research on Emotions, St. Louis, MO., July 2017.

3rd Global Meeting of the Empathy Project, Mansfield College, Oxford, July 2016.

“Compassion, Moral Responsibility, and the High-Functioning Psychopath.” Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting, University of Texas at Austin, June 2016.

“A Tale of Two Empathies: Lessons in Morality from Clinical Populations.” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 2015.

“Reviving Empathy: Cultivating Moral Salience.” International Society for Research on Emotions, University of Geneva, July 2015.

“Why Empathy (Still) Matters.” Society for Philosophy and Psychology. University of British Columbia, June 2014.

“Empathic Emotions in Moral Motivation.” Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference. University of Florida, March 2014.

“An Empirical Defense of the Power of Altruistic Emotions in Moral Motivation.” Graduate Conference in Philosophy of Mind, Language, and Cognitive Science. University of Western Ontario, May 2013.

“Georgetown Students Finding Their Vocation.” Lilly Fellows Regional Conference: Discerning Vocation in a Contested Religious Tradition, Georgetown College (KY), January 2016.

“Christian Compassion in Moral Motivation.” Society of Christian Philosophers – Annual Midwest Conference. Georgetown College, April 2013.

“Psychometric Properties of a New Measure of Self-Disclosure in Adolescent Friendships.” Society for Research in Child Development, Biennial Meeting. Montreal, Canada, March 2011.

“Psychological Mindedness and Therapy Preferences”, Kentucky Psychological Association – Spring Academic Conference. Frankfort, KY, March 2011.

“Good or Godly Friends?” Center for Ethics and Culture – Annual Fall Conference. University of Notre Dame, November 2011.

“The Convoluted Consciousness of Virginia Woolf.” International Virginia Woolf Society, Annual Conference. Georgetown, KY, May 2010.

“Do the Perseverant Lead Happier Lives?”, Kentucky Psychological Association, Spring Academic Conference. Louisville, KY, March 2010.

## **Other Presentations**

“Borderline Personality Disorder: The Moral Superheroes Virtue Ethics Needs.” Missouri Philosophy Forum, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, May 2019.

Philosophy Department Colloquium Series. October 2018.

Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society, Washington University in St. Louis, September 2018.

Works in Progress Weekly Seminar, Washington University in St. Louis, March 2018.

Works in Progress Weekly Seminar, Washington University in St. Louis, February 2019.

Faculty Seminar, Boston College, February 2019

“Moral Pathology.” Three-Minute Thesis Competition, Washington University St. Louis, February 2018.

“‘Checking Out’ of Moral Responsibility: Impairment in Emotion Regulation and Substance Use Disorder.” Olin Fellowship Interdisciplinary Seminar, Washington University in St. Louis, September 2017.

“Substance Use Disorder.” Works in Progress Weekly Seminar, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2017.

“Empathy, Moral Responsibility, and Psychopathy.” Works in Progress Weekly Seminar, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2016.

“A Tale of Two Empathies: Insights in Moral Agency from Autism Spectrum Disorders.” Works in Progress Weekly Seminar, Washington University in St. Louis, March 2015.

“Letting the Good Guy Get Away With It: The Role of Character in Folk Psychological Explanations.” 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Research Symposium Poster Session, Washington University in St. Louis, February 2015.

“Why Empathy (Still) Matters.” Mr. & Mrs. Spencer T. Olin Fellowship Conference “How Climates Change” Poster Session, Washington University in St. Louis, October 2014.

## **Commentary**

Thomas Ames, “Towards a Three-factor Approach to Monothematic Delusion,” Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, Missouri, October 2017.

Molly Scudder, “Listening Toward Democracy,” Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society, Washington University in St. Louis, September 2017.

Eugene Chislenko, “The Ethics of Willpower,” Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder, August 2015.

## **Research Experience**

Substance Use Disorder Clinic Observation, Bridgeway Behavioral Health, Dr. Paul Glaser (Supervisor, Washington University School of Medicine), 2016

Iowa Morality Lab, Graduate Affiliate, University of Iowa, C. Daryl Cameron, 2015

Independent Psychological Research on Hope, Georgetown College, Jennifer Price (Supervisor), August 2011 – May 2012

Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, Department of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, The Kelly O’Leary Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, Somer Bishop, March 2011 – August 2011

Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, Department of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, Ryan Adams, June 2010 – September 2010

Independent Research, Happiness and Perseverance in College Students, Georgetown College, Jennifer Price (Supervisor), January 2010 – December 2011

Group Research, Psychological Mindedness and Therapy Preferences, Georgetown College, Jennifer Price (Supervisor), January 2011 – June 2011

## **Grants & Funding**

Diversity Travel Award (\$100), Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Annual Conference, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, 2018 [Competitive Award]

Graduate Student Travel Award (\$100), Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Annual Conference, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, 2018 [Competitive Award]

Young Catholic Scholars Program (\$1000), Catholic Student Center at Washington University in St. Louis, 2016-2017 [Competitive Award]

Travel Funding (\$500 per year), Mr. and Mrs. Spencer T. Olin Fellowship for Women in Graduate Study, Washington University in St. Louis, 2012-2018

Graduate Student Travel Funding (\$1000 per year), Department of Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis, 2012-2018

Summer Research Stipend (\$24,729 total), Mr. and Mrs. Spencer T. Olin Fellowship for Women in Graduate Study, Washington University in St. Louis, 2012-2018

Travel Funding (\$500), Mr. and Mrs. Spencer T. Olin Fellowship for Women in Graduate Study, Washington University in St. Louis, 2014

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Primary Instructor**

Perspectives on Western Culture I (PHIL 109/THEO 109), Boston College, FA2019

Present Moral Problems (PHIL 131), University College at Washington University in St. Louis, Fall Course (solo) 2018

Biomedical Ethics (PHIL 233), University College at Washington University in St. Louis, Fall Course (solo), 2015 and 2016

Business Ethics (PHIL 234), University College at Washington University in St. Louis, Summer Online Course (solo), 2016 and 2017 (*syllabus prepared for in-person course*)

Philosophy, Neuroscience, and Psychology Institute, High School Summer Institutes at Washington University in St. Louis, Two-Week Summer Course (solo-taught, originally designed), 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Theory and Reality, Middle School Summer Challenge at Washington University in St. Louis, Two-Week Summer Course (solo taught, co-designed with Kate Schmidt) 2015 and 2018

### **Teaching Assistant**

Problems in Philosophy (PHIL 120), Washington University in St. Louis (undergraduate course, Primary Instructor: Julia Staffel), Fall 2017

Biomedical Ethics (PHIL 233), Washington University in St. Louis (undergraduate course, Primary Instructor: Brian Talbot), Fall 2015

### **Guest Lectures**

Biomedical Ethics Lecture, High School Summer Experiences at Washington University in St. Louis, Two Lectures (solo), Summer 2018

Biomedical Ethics Lecture, High School Summer Experiences at Washington University in St. Louis, Four Lectures (solo), Summer 2015, 2016, and 2017

Inquiry in the Cognitive Sciences (PNP 201), Washington University in St. Louis, Guest Lecturer “What is Empathy?”(solo), March 2015

Business Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis, Substitute Instructor – Two Sessions (Solo), June 2014

### **Certifications**

Teaching Citation, The Teaching Center, Washington University in St. Louis (May 2018)

*Optional teaching certification that requires three course observations with feedback and discussion with faculty, six classes on teaching pedagogy, and writing and revising a teaching philosophy statement.*

Introduction to Online Teaching, Washington University in St. Louis (four-week intensive course to prepare for teaching an online class)

### **Professional & Community Service**

Washington University in St. Louis

Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Center, Grant Specialist, Spring 2019

*Researched and submitted grant applications for the many of the center’s projects including prevention, support for survivors with disabilities, and language accessibility.*

Graduate Leadership Credential, May 2019 (expected)

*Attended sessions in communication, professionalism, leadership, strategy/goal-setting, and creativity to cultivate holistic leadership skills. Culminated in a campus leadership position (see below) and reflection on my experience in this position.*

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Peer Mentoring Committee, Chair, 2015-2018

*Led the committee directing all PhD programs at the university (including the medical school) in programming to foster community for first year students and other vulnerable populations. Coordinated an annual transition meeting attended by over 100 students.*

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Peer Mentoring Committee, Member, 2014, 2018-2019

Department of Philosophy, Women in Philosophy, Coordinator, Fall 2018

*Planned social and professional development events for female faculty and graduate students in the philosophy department to foster mentorship and create a supportive environment for a group that is underrepresented in the field.*

Liberman Graduate Center, Advisory Board, Member, 2016-2019

*Contributed to quarterly meetings on the operations of the hub of graduate and professional student activity on campus. Discussed and voted on grants and leadership awards.*

PNP Undergraduate Club, Graduate Advisor, 2013-2016

*Managed academic and social programming for WUSTL PNP Majors. Events included talks from psychologists and philosophers, career and thesis panels, movie nights with discussion, and psychology lab fair.*

Philosophy and PNP First Year Programming, Peer Mentor, 2013-2014

Formal Epistemology Workshop, Graduate Student Assistant (Coordinator: Julia Staffel), Washington University in St. Louis, May 2015

Teaching Center at Washington University in St. Louis, Mentored Teaching Orientation Discussion Leader, 2016 and 2018

Olin Fellowship, Annual Conference Planning Committee Member, 2013-2016

High School Summer Institutes, Residential Supervisor, 2014

Catholic Student Center, Contemplatives in Action, Graduate Student Leader, 2013-2014 (*Community engagement program*)

Catholic Student Center, “The God Debate: Does God Exist? Does it Even Matter?”, Moderator, February 2017

Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls, St. Louis, MO, Volunteer Presentation Mentor and Judge, February 2017

De La Salle Middle School, St. Louis, MO, Classroom Volunteer 2012-2014

*Philosophical Psychology*, Taylor & Francis, Referee 2018

*dialectica*, Blackwell-Wiley, Referee 2015

American Philosophical Association, Central Meeting, Kansas City, MO, Chair 2017

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, Chair 2015

## **Professional Associations**

American Philosophical Association

Society for Philosophy and Psychology

International Society for Research on Emotion

Society for Research in Child Development, Undergraduate Member, 2011

Kentucky Psychological Association, Undergraduate Member, 2010 – 2012

## **Graduate Coursework**

### Philosophy Coursework

Philosophy of Psychology

Seminar: Moral Emotions

Seminar in Ethics: Constructivism

Topics in History of Philosophy:  
Happiness, Virtue, Vice, and Evil

Advanced Philosophy of Science

Philosophy of Biology

Current Controversies in Cognitive  
Science

Thomistic Personalism

Advanced Epistemology

Symbolic Logic

Philosophical Writing

Proseminar in Philosophy

PNP Dissertation Preparation  
Seminar (annually)

### Psychology/Neuroscience Coursework

Advanced Psychopathology

Genes, Brains, and Behavior:  
Pathways to Psychopathy

The Cognitive Neuroscience of  
Film

Quantitative Methods I & II

## References

John Doris (Dissertation Advisor)  
Professor, Philosophy and Philosophy-  
Neuroscience-Psychology  
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