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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Mind, Moral Psychology, Metaethics Areas of Competence: Applied Ethics, Feminist Theory, Logic	
EDUCATION	The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH Ph.D., Philosophy, 2014 Dissertation: <i>Affective Rationality</i> Committee: Justin D'Arms (chair), William Cunningham, Richard Samuels, Sigrún Svavarsdóttir University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI M.A., Philosophy, 2005 Thesis: "Beyond the Meaning of 'Meaning': Rigidity and Semantic Externalism" Committee: Michael Liston (chair), John Koethe, Steve Leeds Smith College, Northampton, MA B.A., Philosophy, 2002	
PUBLICATIONS	"Envy in the Philosophical Tradition," (with Justin D'Arms) <i>Envy: Theory and Research</i> . R. Smith, ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2009: 39-59.	
TALKS AND COMMENTS	"Imprudence and the Rationality of Emotion Regulation," Workshop of the Mentoring Project for Pre-Tenure Women Faculty in Philosophy; University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, 6/2015. "Emotional Rationality and the Traditional Assessments," Philosophy of Mind Group, The Ohio State University; Columbus, OH, 10/2014. "Emotional Irrationality: Imprudence," European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions, Universidade Nova de Lisboa; Lisbon, Portugal, 7/2014. Comments on Dana Howard's "On Reasonable Hope," Political Theory Workshop, The Ohio State University; Columbus, OH, 3/2014. Comments on Daniel Silvermint's "Race and Virtuous Resistance," Workshop on the Duty to Resist Oppression, University of Connecticut; Storrs, CT, 9/2013. "Relationship Norms," Philosophy Club, The Ohio State University; Columbus, OH, 2/2010. "Emotions: Static vs. Dynamic Assessments," Australasian Association of Philosophy; Melbourne, Australia, 7/2009. "Vagueness: Contextual and Inconsistent," Arché Colloquium, University of St. Andrews; St. Andrews, Scotland, 11/2007.	

- WORKS
IN PROGRESS
- “Imprudence and the Rationality of Emotion Regulation,” *under review*.
“A Plea for KR,” *under review*.
“Emotional Rationality and the Traditional Assessments,” *in preparation*.
“Emotional Rationality and Dynamic Deliberation,” *in preparation*.
“Emotion Terms are Vague, but Useful,” (with William Cunningham) *in preparation*.
“Being Pro-Choice: Vagueness and Abortion,” (with Kevin Scharp) *in preparation*.
- DISSERTATION *Affective Rationality*
ABSTRACT
- I develop a novel account of affective rationality, one that can accommodate a wide range of affective phenomena, including moods and feelings in addition to emotions, and that, unlike contemporary accounts of emotional rationality, does not presuppose substantive and controversial claims about the nature of emotions. Although I develop an account of affective rationality in general, I focus on emotional rationality in particular; on the account I develop, emotional rationality is excellence in exercising one's emotional capacities in one's practical endeavors. Using this account, I distinguish several ways in which emotions can be rational or irrational, depending, for example, on how agents regulate their emotions or how emotions influence their decision-making. These assessments of the rationality of emotions illustrate the importance of a diachronic perspective, one that considers, not just single emotion episodes, but entire patterns of such emotion episodes.
- COURSE
DEVELOPMENT
- Philosophy of Sex and Love (Philosophy 3430), The Ohio State University
- HONORS
- Travel Fellowship, The Ohio State University, 2007, 2009, 2013, 2013, 2014, 2015
G. Micheal Riley International Award—Honorable Mention, The Ohio State University, 2009
College of Humanities Graduate Research Small Grant, The Ohio State University, 2009
Teaching Fellowship, University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee, 2003-2005
- PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE
- Member, The Ohio State University Judgment and Decision Making Group, 2010-2014
Referee for Bloomsbury Publishing, 2013
Chair, Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference at Western Washington University, 2013
The Ohio State Philosophy Department:
Speaker Duty, 2006-2007, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011
Graduate Student at Large, 2005-2006, 2008-2009, 2009-2010
Graduate Student Representative, 2006-2007, 2007-2008
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TEACHING

The Ohio State University

Instructor

Contemporary Social and Moral Problems in the US (W2009)
Informal Logic (Au2014, Au2013, W2012, Au2011, W2011, W2010, Au2008)
Introduction to Ethics (Au2010)
Philosophical Perspectives on Gender (Sp2013, Sp2012, Sp2010)
Philosophy of Sex and Love (Sp2014, Sp2015, Sp2016)

Grader

Critical Thinking (Au2005)
Introduction to Philosophy (Sp2007)
Philosophical Problems in the Arts (Sp2006)
Probability and Decision Making (W2006)
Symbolic Logic (W2007, Au2006)

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Symbolic Logic (Sp2005, Au2004)

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