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**Education**

Ph.D. December 2012, University of California, Berkeley, Philosophy.

B.A. 2005, McMaster University, Honours Philosophy and Mathematics.

**Employment**

July 2021 – present: Associate Professor with tenure, University of Toronto

July 2012 – June 2021: Assistant Professor, University of Toronto

**Research Interests**

Ethics, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Action

**Awards, Fellowships and Grants**

SSHRC Insight Grant	2017-2023
Halbert Network Fellowship (with Sergio Tenenbaum, Arthur Ripstein, David Enoch, Alon Harel, Ori Herstein, and Daniel Attas)	2016-2019
Connaught New Researcher Award	2014-2016
SSHRC Institutional Grant	2014
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UC Berkeley Graduate Division Summer Grant	Summer 2011
UC Berkeley Dean's Normative Time Fellowship	2010-2011

SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship	2008-2009
UC Berkeley Academic Progress Award	Spring 2008
UC Berkeley Ralph W. Church Fellowship	2005-2006

## Publications

“Misery Loves Company”, forthcoming in *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics*, ed. Mark Timmons, Oxford University Press.

“Extended Agency and the Problem of Diachronic Autonomy”, co-written with Sergio Tenenbaum, forthcoming in *Time in Action: the Temporal Structure of Rational Agency and Practical Thought*. ed. Carla Bagnoli, Routledge Studies in Contemporary Philosophy.

“Climate Change and Individual Obligations: A Dilemma for the Expected Utility Approach, and the Need for an Imperfect View”, *Philosophy and Climate Change*, eds. M. Budolfson, T. McPherson, and D. Plunkett, Oxford University Press, 2021: DOI:10.1093/oso/9780198796282.003.0010

“Collective Harm and the Inefficacy Problem”, *Philosophy Compass*, Volume 14(4), April 2019.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12587>

“Consumer Choice and Collective Impact”, in *The Oxford Handbook of Food Ethics*, eds. Anne Barnhill, Mark Budolfson and Tyler Doggett, Oxford University Press, 2018: 267-286.

“How You Can Help, Without Making a Difference”, *Philosophical Studies* 174 (2017), 2743-2767.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-016-0808-y>

"Fairness, Participation, and the Real Problem of Collective Harm", *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics*, Volume 5. ed. Mark Timmons, Oxford University Press, 2015: 245-271.

“Consequentialism and the Problem of Collective Harm: A Reply to Kagan.” *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 39:4 (2012): 364-395. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1088-4963.2012.01209.x>

## Selected Presentations (R= refereed, I = invited)

Keynote Speaker, Workshop on Individual and Collective Responsibility, University of Helsinki, June 1-2, 2021. (I)

Colloquium, Florida International University, Department of Philosophy, to be held online due to Covid-19, March 12, 2021, “Misery Loves Company”. (I)

Colloquium, Humboldt University, Moral Philosophy Research Group, held online due to Covid-19, June 18 2020, “Misery Loves Company”. (I)

Invited Symposium on Ethical Consumption and Complicity, Central APA, Chicago, February 2020, “Participation, Contribution and Superfluity” (I).

Arizona Normative Ethics Workshop, Tucson, January 2020, “Misery Loves Company.”(R)

The Popper Seminar, The London School of Economics, May 28, 2019, “Climate Change and Inefficacy: A Dilemma for the Expected Utility Approach, and the Need for an Imperfect View”. (I)

University of St. Andrews, Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs, May 15, 2019, “Climate Change and Inefficacy: A Dilemma for the Expected Utility Approach, and the Need for an Imperfect View”. (I)

Halbert Network Workshop, University of Toronto, February 7, 2018, “Global Warming, Individual Obligations and the Inefficacy Problem: the Need for an Imperfect View”. (I)

Oxford-UCLA-Toronto Colloquium in Legal, Political and Moral Philosophy, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, June 23, 2017, Comments on Calvin Normore’s “Fundamental Anarchism”. (I)

Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Ryerson University, Toronto, May 31, 2017, “Acting Wrongly Without Making a Difference: An Imperfect View.” (R)

Invited Symposium on Causal Inefficacy and Moral Responsibility, Pacific APA, Seattle, April 13, 2017, “Acting Wrongly Without Making a Difference: An Imperfect View”. (I)

Business Ethics Speaker Series, Ryerson University, Rogers School of Management, March 22, 2017, “One Burger Won’t Make a Difference: Consumer Choice in a Collective Impact World”. (I)

UC Berkeley Workshop in Moral, Political and Legal Theory, March 3, 2017, “Consumer Choice and Collective Impact”. (I)

2016 Bled Conference on Ethics, Bled, Slovenia, June 2016, “What Am I Obligated to Do When It Won’t Make a Difference?” (I)

Political Philosophy Workshop, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 2016, “Individual Consumption and Collective Impact.” (I)

Duke University, North Carolina, March 2016, “Extended Agency and the Problem of Diachronic Autonomy” (paper co-written with Sergio Tenenbaum). (I)

Ethics at Noon Talk, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto, March 2016, “Individual Consumption and Collective Impact.” (I)

York University, Department Colloquium, Toronto, November 2015, “Individual Consumption and Collective Impact”. (I)

The Mentoring Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy, Amherst, MA, June 2015, “Extended Agency and the Problem of Diachronic Autonomy” (paper co-written with Sergio Tenenbaum). (R)

St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, St. Louis, Missouri, May 2015, “Extended Agency and the Problem of Diachronic Autonomy”, with Sergio Tenenbaum. (R)

Invited Symposium on Moral Overdetermination, Pacific APA, Vancouver, BC, April 2015, “How You Can Help, Without Making a Difference.” (I)

New York University, Colloquium in Legal, Political, and Social Philosophy, December 2014, “How You Can Help, Without Making a Difference.” (I)

Carleton University, Department Colloquium, Ottawa, February 2014, “Fairness Participation, and the Real Problem of Collective Harm.” (I)

Arizona Normative Ethics Workshop, Tucson, January 2014, “Fairness Participation, and the Real Problem of Collective Harm.”(R)

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, Colorado, August 2013, “How You Can Help, Without Making a Difference.” (R)

Joint CfE-CRÉUM Conference, University of Montreal, April 2013, “Fairness Participation and the Real Problem of Collective Harm.” (I)

Centre for Ethics Graduate Associates Conference, University of Toronto, March 2013, Commentator on Panel “Agency and Responsibility – Individual and Collective.” (I)

McMaster University, March 2013, “How You Can Help, Without Making a Difference.” (I)

## **Public Engagement**

Episode 3 of CEPPA CHATS (released May 2020):

<https://ceppa.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/events/ceppa-chats-1st-series-launch-on-27-april/>

Featured Philosopher on the Philosopher Blog, April 2016:

<https://politicalphilosopher.net/2016/04/29/featured-philosopher-julia-nefsky/>

## **Teaching and Supervision**

### **Graduate Seminars:**

War and Terrorism (MA Seminar), Fall 2015

Rationality Across Time and Persons, Fall 2013, with Sergio Tenenbaum

The Morality of Collective Harm, Fall 2012

### **Undergraduate Courses:**

Introduction to Ethics, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2020

Social Issues, Fall 2016

Environmental Ethics, Winter 2020

Ethical Theory, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2016

Advanced Seminar in Ethics: Morality and War, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2021

Advanced Seminar in Ethics: the Morality of Collective Harm, Spring 2014

### **Doctoral Committees:**

Lu-Vada Dunford (Terrorism)

Jeremy Davis (“War and National Partiality”), completed November 2018.

Eric Mathison (“Asymmetries and Ill-Being”), completed June 2018.

Johanna Thoma (“Advice for the Steady: Decision Theory and the Requirements of Instrumental Rationality”); completed March 2017.