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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor Bentley University, Department of Philosophy	since 2019
Postdoctoral Fellow-In-Residence Harvard University, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics	2018 – 2019
Postdoctoral Fellow University of Toronto, Centre for Ethics	2017 – 2018

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, Duke University Dissertation: <i>Public Unreason: Essays on Political Disagreement</i> Committee: Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, Allen Buchanan, Wayne Norman, David Wong	2017
B.A. (Honours), Philosophy, Simon Fraser University	2011

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. **Ancell, A.** (forthcoming) "Corporate Counterspeech." *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.
2. **Ancell, A.** (2022) "Bias, Safeguards, and the Limits of Individuals." *Business Ethics Journal Review* 10(5): 27–32.
3. **Ancell, A.** (2020) "Political Irrationality, Utopianism, and Democratic Theory." *Politics, Philosophy and Economics* 19(1): 3-21.
4. **Ancell, A.** (2019) "The Fact of Unreasonable Pluralism." *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 5(4): 410-428.
5. **Ancell, A.** & Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (2019) "The Need for Feasible Compromises on Conscientious Objection: Response to Card." *Journal of Medical Ethics* 45(8): 560-561.
6. Norman, W. & **Ancell, A.** (2018) "Democratic Theory for a Market Democracy: The Problem of Merriment and Diversion When Regulators and the Regulated Meet." *Journal of Social Philosophy* 49(4): 536-563.
7. **Ancell, A.** (2017) "Democracy isn't *that* smart (but we can make it smarter): On Landemore's *Democratic Reason*." *Episteme* 14(2): 161-175.

8. **Ancell, A.** & Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (2017) "How to Allow Conscientious Objection in Medicine While Protecting Patient Rights." *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 26(1): 120-131.
9. Flanagan, O., **Ancell, A.** Martin, S. & Steenbergen, G. (2014) "Empiricism and normative ethics: What do the biology and the psychology of morality have to do with ethics?" *Behaviour* (Special Issue: *Evolved Morality: The Biology and Philosophy of Human Conscience* edited by Frans de Waal, Patricia Churchland, Telmo Pievani, and Stefano Parmigiani) 151 (2-3): 208-228.
10. McColeman, C., **Ancell, A.** & Blair, M. (2011) "A tale of two processes: Categorization accuracy and attentional learning dissociate with imperfect feedback" *Proceedings of the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*: 1661-1666.

Invited Articles and Book Chapters

11. **Ancell, A.** (2021) "Liberalism," in William Galston and Tom Palmer (eds.) *Truth and Governance*, Washington DC: Brookings Institute Press.

Other Scholarly Outputs

Ancell, A. "Soundness" (2014) video for Wireless Philosophy (~200,000 views)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3P0fJHUaZcs>

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

"Corporate Counterspeech"	August 2022
<i>Society for Business Ethics Annual Conference</i> Seattle, WA	
"Corporate Counterspeech"	July 2021
<i>Workshop on Counterspeech</i> Online	
"Ideal and Non-Ideal Theory in Business Ethics"	August 2020
<i>Society for Business Ethics Annual Conference</i> Online	
"Who Knows What? Corporate Responsibility in the 21 st -Century Regulatory State" (with Wayne Norman)	August 2019
<i>Society for Business Ethics Annual Conference</i> Boston, MA	
"What is political polarization and when is it bad?"	September 2018
<i>MANCEPT Workshop: Truth, Knowledge, and Political Disagreement</i> University of Manchester, U.K.	
"Compromising Justice: Should we be principled or pragmatic?"	June 2018
<i>Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting</i> University of Montreal, Canada	

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<p>"Dirty Compromises: The Ethics of Making Concessions to Injustice" <i>C4E-CRE Joint Workshop</i> University of Toronto, Canada</p>	<p>April 2018</p>
<p>"Utopianism and Political Irrationality" <i>American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting</i> Savanna, GA</p>	<p>January 2018</p>
<p>"Utopianism and Political Irrationality" <i>Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting</i> University of Regina, Canada</p>	<p>October 2017</p>
<p>"The Fact of Unreasonable Pluralism" <i>American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting</i> Kansas City, MO</p>	<p>March 2017</p>
<p>"The Fact of Unreasonable Pluralism" <i>Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress</i> University of Calgary, Canada</p>	<p>May 2016</p>
<p>"The Fact of Unreasonable Pluralism" <i>North Carolina Philosophical Society Annual Meeting</i> Appalachian State University, NC</p>	<p>February 2016</p>
<p>"We Want Kids Too: Should Doctors Be Allowed to Refuse to Help Gay Couples Have Children?" (with Walter Sinnott-Armstrong) <i>Conscience and Conscientious Objection in Healthcare</i> University of Oxford, U.K.</p>	<p>November 2015</p>
<p>"Democracy and the Regulatory State: Why it's time to end the benign neglect, and how to begin to do so" (with Wayne Norman) <i>Society for Business Ethics Annual Conference</i> Vancouver, Canada</p>	<p>August 2015</p>
<p>"Democracy and the Regulatory State: Why it's time to end the benign neglect, and how to begin to do so" (with Wayne Norman) <i>Association for Social and Political Philosophy Annual Conference</i> University of Amsterdam, Netherlands</p>	<p>June 2015</p>
<p>"Reasonable Compromises with Unreasonable Views" <i>Compromise and Disagreement</i> University of Copenhagen, Denmark</p>	<p>May 2015</p>
<p>"Weak and Strong Action-Guiding in Ideal Theories" (with Orlin Vakarelov) <i>American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting</i> Vancouver, Canada</p>	<p>April 2015</p>
<p>"Weak and Strong Action-Guiding in Ideal Theories" (with Orlin Vakarelov) <i>North Carolina Philosophical Society Annual Meeting</i> North Carolina State University, USA</p>	<p>February 2015</p>
<p>"Contrastive Closure is Still Wide Open" <i>North Carolina Philosophical Society Annual Meeting</i> University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA</p>	<p>February 2014</p>

Invited Talks

<p>"Dirty Compromises: The Ethics of Making Concessions to Injustice" <i>Lake Forest College</i> Lake Forest, IL</p>	<p>October 2018</p>
<p>"What is Political Polarization and When is it Bad?" <i>Kenan Institute for Ethics</i> Duke University, Durham, NC</p>	<p>October 2018</p>
<p>"To Nudge or Not to Nudge? You Don't Really Have a Choice." <i>Business Ethics Speakers Series</i> Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada</p>	<p>March 2018</p>

Comments

<p>On Elizabeth Edenberg's "Rawlsian Disagreement and Epistemic Peers" <i>American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting</i> Vancouver, Canada</p>	<p>April 2019</p>
<p>On Mihailis Diamantis's "The Extended Corporate Mind" <i>Business Ethics in a Digital Age</i> Harvard Business School, Cambridge MA</p>	<p>April 2019</p>
<p>On Jordan Thomson's "Having it Good Without Being Bad: Toward A Defense of Moral Moderation" <i>Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting</i> University of Montreal, Canada</p>	<p>May 2018</p>
<p>On Howard Nye's "In Defense of a Harm-Based Account of the Default Wrongness of Killing" <i>Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting</i> University of Montreal, Canada</p>	<p>June 2018</p>
<p>On Whitney Lilly's "Constitutive Attitudes and the Suspension of Judgment" <i>Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting</i> University of Regina, Canada</p>	<p>October 2017</p>

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

<p>Katherine Goodman Stern Fellowship – Duke University</p>	<p>2016-2017</p>
<p>Summer Research Fellowships – Duke University</p>	<p>2014, 2015</p>
<p>Nannerl Keohane Distinguished Visiting Professorship Graduate Student Research Award – Duke University and UNC, Chapel Hill</p>	<p>2014</p>
<p>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship – Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)</p>	<p>2011-2015</p>
<p>Kenan Graduate Fellowship – Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University</p>	<p>2011-2012</p>

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National Sciences and Engineering Research Council Undergraduate Student Research Award – National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) 2010

Peter Horban Undergraduate Essay Prize – Simon Fraser University 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Sole Instructor

Bentley University

PH 101: Problems of Philosophy
PH 131: Philosophy of Work
PH 312: Liberty, Morality, and Law
PH 317: Democracy and Power

University of Toronto

ETH201: Contemporary Moral Problems
ETH230: Morality in Cross Cultural Perspective

Duke University

Phil103S: Introduction to Philosophy
Phil150S: Logic

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY AND PROFESSION

Bentley University

Committee Member, LMS Implementation Faculty Advisory Committee since 2020
Committee Member, Teaching and Scholarly Activities Committee since 2022
Faculty Advisor, College Kindness student organization since 2021
Committee Member, Communications Sequence Working Group 2021 - 2022

Reviewing

Journal of Value Inquiry; MIT Press; Philosophical Imprint; Politics, Philosophy, and Economics; Political Studies; Routledge; Society for Business Ethics; Social Theory and Practice

Other Service

National High School Ethics Bowl – Judge 2015, 2016
North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl – Judge 2016
Duke Philosophy Undergraduate Society – Moderator 2016-2017