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Specializations	Moral Philosophy, Moral Psychology, Epistemology	
Competencies	Philosophy of Mind and Action, Cognitive Science, Social and Political Philosophy	
Education	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: PhD in Philosophy	2026
	Dissertation: <i>Affective Morality</i>	
	Committee: Sarah Buss (co-chair), Peter Railton (co-chair), Brian Weatherson, Kent Berridge (Psychology)	
	Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science: Certificate in Cognitive Science	2025
	University of Houston: MA in Philosophy	2020
	Yale University: MA in Religion, Ethics Concentration	2004
	Trinity University, San Antonio: BA in Philosophy	2001
Publications	'Political Rage and the Value of Valuing' <i>Philosophy</i> 98 (4): 451-475. October 2023. <i>Royal Institute of Philosophy 2022 Essay Prize Runner-Up</i>	
	'Regrettable Beliefs' <i>Philosophical Studies</i> 178: 2169-2190. August 2021.	
Awards	Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship Department Nominee, Michigan Competitive university-wide, year-long fellowship awarded for in-progress dissertations that are 'unusually creative, ambitious, and impactful'	2025
	Wirt and Mary Cornwell Prize and Fellowship, Michigan Competitive philosophy department year-long fellowship awarded for best essay demonstrating 'exceptional promise of original study and creative work'	2024
	John H. D'Arms Faculty Award Stipend, Michigan Research assistantship in support of faculty award recipient, Sarah Buss	2024
	Rackham Summer Research Fellowship, Michigan	2024
	Royal Institute of Philosophy Essay Competition Runner-up Second to Michael Cholbi, selected from 134 submissions and published in <i>Philosophy</i>	2023

	Rackham Travel Grant (x2), Michigan	2021-24
	Rackham Research Fellowship (x3), Michigan	2020-23
	Competitive Cullen Fellowship Travel Grant (x2), Houston	2019-20
	Competitive Graduate Assistantship, Houston	2018-20
Presentations	‘What (Good) is a Moral Epiphany?’ Eastern APA Meeting	Jan 2026
	‘The Possibility of Moral Feeling’ Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress	Aug 2025
	‘Is Moral Feeling Owed?’ University of Nebraska Lincoln Graduate Philosophy Conference	Mar 2025
	UMass Amherst Graduate Philosophy Conference	Dec 2024
	University of Michigan Ethics Discussion Group	Oct 2024
	‘Moral Insight’ Eastern APA Panel on Moral Experience with Robert Audi and Sarah McGrath	Jan 2025
	University of Michigan Graduate Student Working Group	Nov 2024
	‘Moral Epiphany and Insight in Problem Solving’ Expression, Communication, and the Origins of Meaning Research Group Graduate Conference	Feb 2025
	Weinberg Institute of Cognitive Science Interdisciplinary Seminar	Apr 2024
	‘Putting Insight into Action’ Texas Tech University Graduate Philosophy Conference	Apr 2023
	Central APA Meeting	Feb 2023
	‘Moral Anger and the Value of Valuing’ Northern Illinois University Graduate Philosophy Conference	Oct 2022
	‘Regrettable Beliefs’ Pacific APA Meeting	Apr 2021
Commenting	‘No One You Kill is a Stranger’ Central APA Meeting	Feb 2020
	Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference	Feb 2019
	‘Aesthetic Costs of Being Medicated’ Angela Sun (Washington & Lee)	Oct 2024
	Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference	
	‘Internalist Perspectives on Moral Encroachment’ Kellan Head (Syracuse)	Jan 2024
	Eastern APA Meeting	

‘Attention in Creative Thinking’

Nov 2022

Jocelyn Wang (MIT)

Michigan Mind and Moral Psychology Graduate Conference

Select Courses	<u>University of Michigan</u>		
	Moral Psychology and Political Economy of Equality Self and Others Independent Study: Moral Education Moral Psychology and the Psychology of Morality Dossier Reading Course: Intentions and Resolutions Ethical Analysis Vices Rational Choice Intention Affective Neuroscience Concepts and Categories	Elizabeth Anderson Sarah Buss Sarah Buss Peter Railton Peter Railton Peter Railton Brian Weatherson James Joyce Sarah Moss Kent Berridge Susan Gelman	
	<u>University of Houston</u>		
	Philosophy of Deep Learning Philosophy of the Special Sciences Moral Responsibility Skepticism Independent Study: Ethics of Blame Agent-Relative Reasons	Cameron Buckner Cameron Buckner Justin Coates Justin Coates David Phillips	
Teaching	Minds and Machines Eric Swanson	Lead Graduate Student Instructor Michigan	FA 2023
	Introduction to Ethics Anna Edmonds	Graduate Student Instructor Michigan	FA 2022
	Introduction to Formal Methods Brian Weatherson	Graduate Student Instructor Michigan	WN 2022
	Issues in Bioethics Sarah Buss	Graduate Student Instructor Michigan	FA 2021
	Introduction to Ethics (x5) Justin Coates Matthew Babb	Teaching Assistant Houston Houston	FA 2018- SP 2020
Service	Michigan Mind and Moral Psychology Workshop Organizer Co-organized year-long interdisciplinary workshop culminating in a public lecture by Antonia Peacocke (Stanford)		2024-25
	Michigan Philosophy Spring Colloquium Organizer Co-organized multi-day colloquium on topics in metaphysics, with guest speakers, Shamik Dasgupta (Berkeley), Dee Payton (Virginia), Gideon Rosen (Princeton), Erica Shumener (Syracuse), and Amie Thomasson (Dartmouth)		2024
	Michigan Graduate Representative to the Philosophy Faculty		2023-24

Regularly participated in faculty meetings, communicating graduate perspectives on wide range of issues from curriculum changes to climate; Ran ‘town hall’ meetings dedicated to addressing graduate student concerns and assigning department service roles

Michigan Philosophy Undergraduate Outreach Coordinator	2021-22
Developed programing to increase undergraduate engagement, including a philosophy movie night and a graduate student guest series for philosophy club meetings	
Michigan Ethics Discussion Group Organizer	2021-22
Co-organized meetings for long-standing ethics discussion and working group attended by graduates and faculty	
Michigan-MIT Social Philosophy Workshop Organizer	2021
Coordinated with MIT graduate students in organizing cross-department graduate student workshop with faculty keynote, Sally Haslanger (MIT)	
Michigan-Princeton Meta-Normativity Workshop Organizer	2021
Worked with Princeton graduate students toward a cross-department graduate student workshop with faculty keynotes, Mark Schroeder (USC) and Chelsea Rosenthal (Simon Fraser)	
Ethics Bowl Tournament Judge	2021-25
Evaluated and instructed high school students participating in competition aimed at cultivating critical reasoning and constructive dialogue on complex ethical problems	
COMPASS Mentor	2021-25
Provided support to philosophy PhD program applicants from under-represented groups	
Ethics Bowl Case Writing Judge	2021
Evaluated proposals for Ethics Bowl tournament cases	
Ethics Bowl Coach	2020
Worked regularly with under-served high school Ethics Bowl team, instructing them on ethical theory and critical reasoning, and preparing them to compete successfully in tournaments	

Refereeing *Philosophical Psychology, Philosophy, Acta Analytica*

References	Sarah Buss Professor of Philosophy University of Michigan sbuss@umich.edu	Peter Railton Gregory S. Kavka Distinguished Professor University of Michigan prailton@umich.edu
	Brian Weatherson Marshall M. Weinberg Professor University of Michigan weath@umich.edu	Justin Coates Professor of Philosophy University of Houston djcoates@uh.edu