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- AOS** Ethical Theory, Metaethics, Practical Reason.  
**AOC** Ancient Greek Philosophy, Business Ethics.  
**Language** Ancient Greek.
- Employment** Assistant Professor, tenure-track, 2008–present,  
Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee.
- Graduate Assistant, 2001–2008,  
Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona.
- Senior Programmer/Analyst, 1998–2000 (concurrent with post-  
baccalaureate education), Information Systems and Computing,  
University of Pennsylvania.
- Principal Consultant, 1998, Consultant, 1993–1998,  
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Philadelphia PA.
- Education** Ph.D. Philosophy, 2008, University of Arizona.  
Dissertation: *The Reality Behind Moral Experience*.  
Committee: Mark Timmons (chair), Tom Christiano, Terry Horgan.
- Post-baccalaureate study, part-time, 1998–2000,  
Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania.
- B.S. Economics, *magna cum laude*, 1993,  
The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.
- Refereed  
Publication** The Vanishing Argument from Queerness, *Australasian Journal of  
Philosophy* 86, no. 3 (Sep 2008): 371-87.
- Refereed  
Presentations** What Constructivism Cannot Accomplish, Pacific APA (main  
program), San Francisco CA, upcoming.
- Prisoner’s Dilemma: The Hard Problem, Pacific APA (main  
program), Portland OR, March 2006.
- Invited  
Presentations** Clean Hands and Not-So-Clean Counterparties, Guest Lecture,  
MGT 6128: Business Ethics, Georgia Institute of Technology,  
September 2009.
- Confessions of an Anti-Naturalist, Department of Philosophy &  
Religious Studies, Louisiana State University, January 2008.

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**Invited  
Presentations  
(continued)**

Confessions of an Anti-Naturalist, Department of Philosophy,  
California State University, Fullerton, January 2008.

Confessions of an Anti-Naturalist, Department of Philosophy,  
University of Tennessee, January 2008.

Confessions of an Anti-Naturalist, Department of Philosophy,  
University of Arizona, November 2007.

A Tale Told by Moral Experience, Department of Philosophy,  
University of Arizona, April 2007.

Guest panelist on the role of an Institutional Animal Care and Use  
Committee, Veterinary Sciences 443/543: Research Animal Methods,  
University of Arizona, September 2006.

Comments on Charles Kahn's *The Myth of the Statesman*, Eleventh  
Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Tucson AZ,  
February 2006.

Guest panelist on the ethics of animal research, Meeting of the Student  
Animal Legal Defense Fund, Rogers College of Law, University of  
Arizona, March 2005.

Guest panelist on the ethics of animal research, Speech & Hearing  
Sciences 649: Survival Skills & Ethics, University of Arizona, March  
2005.

Comments on Thomas C. Brickhouse & Nicholas D. Smith's Moral  
Psychology in Plato's *Apology*, Tenth Annual Arizona Colloquium in  
Ancient Philosophy, Tucson AZ, February 2005.

Guest speaker on business ethics and career planning, Arizona Phi Beta  
Lambda Statewide Conference (academic business fraternity),  
University of Arizona, October 2004.

Comments on Michael L. Morgan's *Is There Madness in Plato's  
Method?*, Ninth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy,  
Tucson AZ, February 2004.

**Works In  
Progress**

Clean Hands and Not-So-Clean Counterparties,  
Confessions of an Anti-Naturalist,  
Prisoner's Dilemma: The Hard Problem,  
A Problem for Contrastivist Theories of Justification,  
The Protreptic Hedonist of *Protagoras*,  
What Constructivism Cannot Accomplish,  
What Obligation Is(n't).

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<b>Fellowships and Awards</b>	Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona, 2003-2004.  Graduate College Fellowship, University of Arizona, Fall 2000.
<b>Teaching Experience</b>	Graduate-level: Contemporary Ethical Theory, Moral Particularism.  Undergraduate-level (as primary instructor): Ancient Philosophy, Business Ethics (multiple times), Ethical Theory (multiple times), Justice and Virtue, Logic and Critical Thinking (multiple times), Medical Ethics (multiple times), Personal Morality, Philosophy in Literature, Philosophy of Religion.
<b>Service</b>	Referee for <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> and <i>Philosophical Studies</i> .  Head Search Committee, 2009–present, Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee.  Undergraduate Committee, 2008–present, Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee.  Speakers Committee, 2008–present, Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee.  Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, 2003–2006, University of Arizona.  Primate Task Force, 2003–2005, University of Arizona.  Colloquium Assistant, 2004-2005, Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Tucson AZ.
<b>Graduate Coursework</b>	Moral and Political Philosophy Moral Phenomenology, Mark Timmons (Fall 2006),* Ethical Intuitionism, Mark Timmons (Spring 2006),* British Moralists, Michael Gill (Fall 2003), Kant's Ethics, Mark Timmons (Spring 2003), Philosophy of Scanlon and Rawls, Tom Christiano (Fall 2002), Independent Study in Normative Ethics, David Schmidtz (Fall 2002), Political Philosophy of Kant, Hegel, and Marx, Tom Christiano (Spring 2002), Theories of Justice, David Schmidtz (Spring 2002),

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**Graduate Coursework (continued)** History of Moral Philosophy, Mary Coleman (Fall 2001), Free Will and Moral Responsibility, Keith Lehrer (Spring 2001), Moral Psychology, Michael Smith (Spring 2001).

Ancient Greek Philosophy

Readings in Greek Philosophy (in Greek), Julia Annas (Spring 2004), Plato, Julia Annas (Spring 2003), Aristotle's Politics and Ethics, Julia Annas (Spring 2002), Stoic Ethics, Julia Annas (Fall 2001), Plato's Middle Dialogues, Charles Kahn (Fall 1999).<sup>†</sup>

Other

Philosophy of Science, Jenann Ismael (Fall 2001), Philosophy of Language, Marga Reimer (Fall 2000), Philosophy and Cognitive Science, John Pollock (Fall 2000), Rationalism and Empiricism, David Owen (Fall 2000), Metaphysics, Jenann Ismael (Fall 2000).

\*Attended but not enrolled.

<sup>†</sup>At the University of Pennsylvania (enrolled as post-baccalaureate student).

**Dissertation**

**Abstract**

*The Reality Behind Moral Experience*

I argue that our subjective moral experience suggests that: (1) there are objectively correct answers to moral questions; and (2) these answers have normative authority for moral agents. On the basis of parallels with perceptual, mnemonic, and logical experience, I further argue that we have good (though defeasible) reason to accept the suggestions of our moral experience. We therefore have good (though defeasible) reason to accept a "non-naturalist" form of moral realism, on the grounds that competing metaethical views cannot successfully accommodate both (1) and (2). Relativist, subjectivist, expressivist, quasi-realist, and nihilist views falter in accommodating (1); naturalist forms of realism falter in accommodating (2); and constructivist views, depending on how they are construed, falter in accommodating either (1) or (2). I close by addressing two traditional objections to non-naturalist realism: the arguments from disagreement and queerness.