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CITIZENSHIP

Canada

United States

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Calgary, Professor

Department of Philosophy and Department of Classics and Religion, 2017 – present.

University of Calgary, Associate Professor

Department of Philosophy and Department of Classics and Religion, 2011 – 2017.

University of Calgary, Assistant Professor

Department of Philosophy and Department of Religious Studies, 2005 – 2011.

EDUCATION

University of New Mexico, Ph.D., Philosophy, 2005.

Dissertation Title: *Motivation with Renunciation: The Discarding of Desire in Indian Philosophy*

Committee: G. F. Schueler (advisor), John Taber, Brent Kalar, Arindam Chakrabarti

University of Hawai’i, M.A., Philosophy, 2001.

Advisor: Arindam Chakrabarti

Arizona State University, M.Ed., Secondary Education – Curriculum and Instruction, 1999.

University of Wisconsin, Madison, B.A., Philosophy and English (Double Major), 1996.

SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL STUDIES

Practicum in Philosophy for Children, Uehiro Academy for Philosophy and Ethics, University of Hawai'i (Spring 2018)

American Institute for Indian Studies Summer Program, Pune, India (Summer 2001)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

South Asian Philosophy (esp. Hinduism), Value Theory, Environmental Ethics, Action/Motivation Theory

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Sanskrit, Buddhist Philosophy, Jain Philosophy, Metaphysics, Ethics, Applied Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

2. *Hinduism and Environmental Ethics: Law, Literature, and Philosophy* (London: Routledge, 2014/2017).

Reviewed by:

McRae, James. *Philosophy East and West* 66/2: 679-85 (Apr. 2016).

Schueneman, Brooke L., *Environmental Values* 25/5: 624-626 (Oct. 2016).

Geoffrey Ashton, *Environmental Ethics* 36/3: 369-72 (Oct. 2014).

Stephen Harris, indianphilosophyblog.org (Aug. 2015).

Elisa Freschi, indianphilosophyblog.org (Nov. 2015).

1. *Desire and Motivation in Indian Philosophy* (London: Routledge, 2009/2012).

Reviewed by:

Christopher Adams, *International Philosophical Quarterly* 49/4: 542 (Dec. 2009).

Simon Brodbeck, *Religious Studies* 46: 135-140 (Mar. 2010).

Joydeep Bagchee (featured review with reply and counter-reply) *Philosophy East and West* 61/4: 707-722

(Sep. 2011).

Neil Dalal, *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 16/1: 107-109 (Apr. 2012).

Malcolm Keating, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 133/1: 160-62 (Jan. 2013).

Joel Feldman, *The Journal of Religion* 94/4: 555-56 (Oct. 2014).

BOOKS IN PROGRESS

*Good Lives in the Mahābhārata* (75% complete)

*Theories of Karma: Dispositions and Desert* (30% complete)

BLIND REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

24. "The Status of the Householder in the Dharmasūtras" *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 52/3: 531-558 (July 2024).

23. “Swami Vivekananda and Knowledge as the One Final Goal of Humankind” *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 27/1: 149-171 (Jan. 2023).

22. “The Householder as Support and Source of the *Āśramas* in the *Mānava Dharmaśāstra*” *Journal of*

*Indian Philosophy* (Mar. 2021)

21. "The Motivation of the Moral Saint" *Journal of Value Inquiry* 54/3: 387-406 (Sep. 2020)

20. “Desireless Action and *Karma*, *Saṃskāras* and Standing Desires” *Journal of Religion* 98/4: 466-489

(Oct. 2018).

19. “Mental Pain in the *Mahābhārata*” *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 23/1: 103-122 (2019).

18. “Hedonism and Asceticism” *Religious Studies* 54/4: 489-508 (Dec. 2018).

17. “Renunciation, Pleasure, and the Good Life in the Saṃnyāsa Upaniṣads” *Philosophy East and West*

67/1: 140-159 (Jan. 2017).

16. “Moral Saints, Hindu Sages, and the Good Life” *Comparative Philosophy* 7/1: 20-38 (Jan. 2016).

15. “*Karma*, Rebirth, and the Value of Nature” *Environmental Ethics* 36/2: 213-31 (June 2014).

14. “The Moral Standing of Animals and Plants in the *Manusmṛti*” *Philosophy East and West* 64/1 (Jan.

14): 192-217.

13. “Environmental Ethics and the *Mahābhārata*: The Case of the Burning of the Khāṇḍava Forest” *Sophia*

(Apr. 13): 185-204.

Reprinted in:

Taylor, C. and Dalal, N.

12. “Hinduism and Environmental Ethics: An Analysis and Defense of a Basic Assumption” *Asian*

*Philosophy* 22/1 (Apr. 12): 75-91.

11. “The Value of Nature in Hindu Traditions” *Religious Studies* 47/3 (Sep. 11): 285-300.

10. “*Ātman*, Identity, and Emanation: Arguments for a Hindu Environmental Ethic” *Comparative*

*Philosophy* 2/1 (Jan. 11): 3-24.

Reprinted in:

Callicott, J. B. and McRae, J. (eds). 2014. *Environmental Philosophy in the Asian Traditions of Thought* (Albany, NY: SUNY Press), pp. 25-51.

9. "The Problem with Pretending: Rāmānuja's Arguments against *Jīvanmukti* (Living Liberation)" *Journal of*

*Indian Philosophy* 37/4 (Aug. 09): 399-414.

8. "Motivation-encompassing attitudes" *Philosophical Explorations* 11/2 (Jun. 08): 121-30.

7. "Good and Bad Desires: Implications of the Dialogue between Kṛṣṇa and Arjuna" *International Journal*

*of Hindu Studies* 11/2 (Aug. 07): 147-70.

6. "Unselfishness" *International Philosophical Quarterly* 48/1 (Mar. 08): 69-83.

5. "Motivation in the *Nyāyasūtra* and *Brahmasiddhi" Religious Studies* 44/1 (Mar. 08): 43-61.

4. “Motivation in the *Manusmṛti*” *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 34/5 (Oct. 06): 397-413.

3. “The Desire You Are Required to Get Rid of: A Functionalist Analysis of Desire in the

*Bhagavadgītā*” *Philosophy East and West* 56/4 (Oct. 06): 604-17.

2. “Taking Desirelessness Seriously” *Asian Philosophy 15/2* (Jul. 05): 143-55.

1. “*Niṣkāmakarma*: How Desireless Need One Be?” *Asian Philosophy* 14/3 (Nov. 04): 239-54.

ARTICLES IN EDITED VOLUMES

7. "Good Life in the *Mahābhārata*" in Arvind Sharma and Pratap Penumala (eds) *Bloomsbury Handbook of Hindu Ethics* (forthcoming)

6. "Pleasure, Desire, and Welfare in Buddhist and Hindu Texts" (co-authored with Stephen Harris) in V. Eltschinger, B. Kellner, E. Mills, I. Ratié (eds) *A Road Less Traveled: Felicitation Volume in Honor of John Taber* (Vienna: University of Vienna, 2021).

5. “The Theory of *Karma* in the *Mahābhārata*” in S. Bhattacharya, V. Dalmiya, and G. Mukherji (eds)

*Exploring Agency in the Mahābhārata: Ethical, Political and Dharmic* (Delhi: Routledge2018).

4. “Habits and *Karma* in the *Yogaśāstra*” in J. Ganeri (ed.) *Oxford Handbook of Indian Philosophy*

(Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017).

3. “The Argument for *Ahiṃsā* in the *Anuśāsanaparvan* of the *Mahābhārata*,” in *Rethinking the Non-Human*,

eds Chlöe Taylor and Neil Dalal (London: Routledge, 2014).

2. “The Use of *Lakṣaṇā* in Indian Exegesis,” in *After Appropriation: Intercultural Explorations*

*of Philosophy and Religion*, ed. Morny Joy (University of Calgary Press, 2012).

1. “The Expanded Property Rights of NAFTA: An Analysis of the Potential Conflict,” in

*Democracy and Globalization*, ed. Charles Nieman (Kent, OH: Kent State University Press,

2005).

INVITED TALKS

"Objections to Karma" San Jose State University, Philosophy Department, March 22, 2023.

"The Householder, the Renunciate, and the Good Life" Lewis and Clark College, Philosophy Department

and Religious Studies Department, Jan. 30, 2020.

"Karma and Habits" University of Iceland Department of Philosophy, April 18, 2018.

"Karma and Character Traits" Mount Allison University, October 17, 2018.

“Desireless Action and *Karma*, *Saṃskāras* and Standing Desires” Baruch College, April 18, 2017.

“Hedonism and the Hindu Sage” Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy, May 3, 2014.

“A Contemporary Interpretation of the Theory of *Karma*” Canadian Colloquium for Ancient Philosophy

May 3, 2014.

“Environmental Ethics and the *Mahābhārata*: The Case of the Burning of the Khāṇḍava Forest” Rethinking

the Non-Human Workshop, University of Alberta, Oct. 2, 2010.

“*Ahiṃsā* and Environmental Ethics” I, We, Other: Asymmetries of Moral Evaluation, University of Delhi, Delhi, India, February 16, 2010.

“Relations with *Brahman* (God) as the Basis for an Environmental Ethic” University of New Mexico Philosophy Department Colloquium, April 23, 2010.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Objections to Renunciation in 'The Persuasion of Yudhiṣṭhira'" South Asia Conference, Madison, WI, Oct. 20, 2023.

"Moral and Prudential Arguments in the Dharmasūtras" Conference of the National Association of Sanskrit Studies, Turin, Italy, Oct. 3, 2019.

“Translating English: A Role for Philosophy in the Interpretation of Sanskrit Texts” Comparison and Comparative Method Conference, Rome, Italy, Sept. 18, 2015.

“The Theory of *Karma* in the *Mahābhārata*” Pacific Northwest Region Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Calgary, AB, May 11, 2014.

“The Joyful Sage” American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, Nov. 17, 2012.

“The *Manusṃrti* and the Limits of Economic Value” 10th East-West Philosophers Conference, University of Hawaii, May 26, 2011.

“Two Kinds of Selfishness” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Meeting, Vancouver, BC, April 8, 2009.

“The Use of *Lakṣaṇā* in Indian Exegesis” American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, Nov. 3, 2008.

“*Cittavṛttinirodha* (The Cessation of Mental Activity)” American Philosophical Association, Central Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 16, 2008.

"Unselfishness" Conference on Comparative Philosophy and Religion, University of Calgary,

Calgary, AB, October 14, 2006

“Egoism and the Humean Theory of Motivation” Society for Asian and Comparative

Philosophy, Pacific Grove, CA, June 18, 2006.

“Desiring and Aiming: A Phenomenological Distinction” Society for Phenomenology and

Existential Philosophy, Memphis, TN, October 28, 2004

“Desire and Desirelessness: The Case of *Ni·kåmakarma*” Cross-Currents: New Intersections

in Comparative Philosophy, University of Hawai’i, Honolulu, HI, March 8, 2003.

“The Expanded Property Rights of NAFTA: An Analysis of the Potential Conflict” Democracy

and Globalization Conference, Kent State University, Kent, OH, April 28, 2003.

“Character and Judgment.” Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World

Conference, St. John’s College, Santa Fe, NM, July 24, 2002.

BOOK REVIEWS

*Epistemology in Classical India: The Knowledge Sources of the Nyāya School*. Stephen Phillips (London:

Routledge, 2012) *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2012).

*Moral Theory in S̄antideva’s* S̄ikṣasamuccaya*: Cultivating the fruits of virtue*. Barbra R.

Clayton (London: Routledge, 2006) *Religious Studies and Theology* 25/2 (2006).

BLOG POSTS

"Against Karma as Habits of Action" [indianphilosophyblog.org](https://indianphilosophyblog.org/2024/08/26/against-karma-as-habits-of-action-a-reply-to-satyan-sharma/) Aug. 26, 2024.

"Three Debts and Five Sacrifices" [indianphilosophyblog.org](https://indianphilosophyblog.org/2020/09/01/three-debts-and-five-sacrifices/) Sep. 1, 2020.

"The Householder Debates in the Dharmasūtras: Another Solution" [indianphilosophyblog.org](https://indianphilosophyblog.org/2020/08/17/the-householder-debates-in-the-dharmasutras-another-solution/) Aug. 17, 2020.

"The Householder Debates in the Dharmasūtras: An Initial Puzzle" [indianphilosophyblog.org](https://indianphilosophyblog.org/2020/08/08/the-householder-debates-in-the-dharmasutras-an-initial-puzzle/) Aug. 8, 2020.

"Is the Karmayogin a Moral Saint" [indianphilosophyblog.org](https://indianphilosophyblog.org/2019/04/25/is-the-karmayogin-a-moral-saint/) Apr. 25, 2019.

"Renunciation and the Good Life" [indianphilosophyblog.org](https://indianphilosophyblog.org/2015/07/17/renunciation-and-the-good-life/) July 17, 2015.

"Karma: The Lecture" [indianphilosophyblog.org](https://indianphilosophyblog.org/2014/04/04/karma-the-lecture/) Apr. 4, 2014.

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS

"Good Lives in the *Mahābhārata*" University of Calgary, Alumni Association, Oct. 24, 2024.

“Environmental Ethics and the *Mahābhārata*: The Case of the Burning of the Khāṇḍava Forest” University of Calgary, Philosophy and Religious Studies Departments, Nov. 5, 2010.

“*Ātman*, Identity, and Emanation: Arguments for an Indian Environmental Ethic.” University

of Calgary, Ethics and Political Philosophy Research Group, November 27, 2009.

"The Value of Animals in Hinduism." University of Calgary, Philosophy and Religious Studies

Departments, February 17, 2009.

"The Value of Animals in Hinduism." University of Calgary, Ethics and Political Philosophy

Research Group, April 30, 2007

“Motivation-Encompassing Attitudes.” University of Calgary, Ethics and Political Philosophy

Research Group, March 12, 2006.

“Motivation in the *Manusmṛti*” University of Calgary, Philosophy and Religious Studies

Departments, April 8, 2005.

“Motivation in the *Manusmṛti*” University of New Mexico, Philosophy Department, March 30,

2005.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

*Comparative Philosophy*

REFEREE WORK

*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

*Erkenntnis*

*Journal of Value Theory*

*Comparative Philosophy*

*Philosophy East and West*

*Dialogue*

*Sophia*

*International Journal of Hindu Studies*

*Asian Philosophy*

*Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies*

*Journal of Religious Ethics*

*Journal of Hindu Studies*

*Asian Journal of Philosophy*

*Topoi*

*Studies in Religion*

Oxford University Press

Broadview Press

Ashgate Press

TENURE/PROMOTION REFEREE WORK

University of Cincinnati

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Carleton University

Athabasca University

University of San Francisco

City University of New York – Baruch

COURSES TAUGHT

Advanced Topics in Applied Ethics: Animal Ethics (PHIL 549/649)

Personal Identity (PHIL 621/589)

Desire, Reason, and Motivation (PHIL 601/589)

Readings in Eastern Religious Texts: The *Nyāyasūtra* (RELS 683)

Topics in Philosophy: The Good Life (PHIL 499)

Reading in Religious Texts in Primary Languages (RELS 491)

Advanced Studies in Hinduism: Hindu Traditions and the Environment (RELS 451)

Advanced Studies in Hinduism: The *Yogasūtra* (RELS 451/603/703)

Classical Hinduism: The *Bhagavadgītā* (RELS 451)

Advanced Studies in Hinduism: The *Mahābhārata* (RELS 451)

Value Theory (PHIL 397)

Cross-Cultural Philosophy of Religion (RELS 363)

Issues in Environmental Ethics (PHIL 345)

Asian Philosophy (PHIL 335)

Philosophy of Religion (PHIL 331)

Contemporary Moral Problems (PHIL 347)

Sanskrit I (RELS 211/310)

Sanskrit II (RELS 213/312)

Sanskrit III (RELS 311/499)

Morality, Virtue, and Society (PHIL 249)

Introduction to Hinduism (RELS 303)

Introduction to Asian Religions (RELS 203)

Introduction to Philosophy (University of New Mexico)

Reasoning and Critical Thinking (University of New Mexico)

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS

Philosophy for Children Program, Coordinator, University of Calgary 2018 – present.

Numata Advisory Board, University of Calgary 2018 – present.

Arts Strategic Planning Committee, University of Calgary, July 2016 – June 2017

Arts Appeals Committee, University of Calgary, July 2016 – June 2017

Graduate Faculty Scholarships Committee, University of Calgary, July 2016 - present

Undergraduate Advisor, University of Calgary, Philosophy Department 2013-2015

Coordinator for the Religious Studies/Applied Ethics B.A. Program, University of Calgary, Department of Philosophy and Department of Religious Studies 2005-present

Undergraduate Committee, University of Calgary, Department of Philosophy 2009-2010

Executive Committee, Faculty of Humanities, University of Calgary 2007-2010

Timetable Committee, Philosophy Department, 2005-2009, 2013

STUDENT THESIS SUPERVISION

Graduate Students:

Raymon Khera (M.A., Religious Studies), Co-Supervisor (with Harjeet Grewal), 2023-25

Elisabeth Adam (M.A., Philosophy), Supervisor 2021-2023

Durga Kale (Ph.D., Religious Studies), Supervisor, 2021-2023

Anusha Rao (M.A., Religious Studies), Supervisor, 2019

Campbell Peat (Ph.D., Religious Studies), Supervisor, 2013-2020

Dan Kary (Ph.D., Philosophy), Supervisor, 2013-2019

Will Humphrey (M.A., Religious Studies), Supervisor, 2014-2017

Jeremy Wark (M.A., Philosophy), Supervisor, 2012-2014

Ralph Pollock (M.A., Philosophy), Supervisor, 2009-2011

Undergraduate Students:

Joseph Braun (Undergraduate Honors, Philosophy), Supervisor, 2021-22

Catherine Butt-Vallieres (Undergraduate Honors, Philosophy), Supervisor, 2021-22

Jeremy Wark (Undergraduate Honors, Philosophy), Supervisor, 2010/2011

Olivia Komorowski (Undergraduate Honors, Philosophy), Supervisor, 2012/2013

Anthony Scott (Undergraduate Honors, Philosophy), Supervisor, 2008/2009

Julie-Beth McCarthy (Undergraduate Honors, Religious Studies), Supervisor 2006/2007

Alana Fischer (Undergraduate Honors, Philosophy), Supervisor, 2005/2006

STUDENT TEACHING SUPERVISION

Nima Khodabandeh (Ph.D., Philosophy), 2019 (summer)

Josh Stein (Ph.D., Philosophy), 2019 (summer)

Dan Kary (Ph.D., Philosophy), 2016 (summer)

Travis Dumsday (Ph.D., Philosophy), 2009 (summer)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Calgary Institute for the Humanities (CIH) Resident Fellowship 2023-2024

Outstanding Achievement Award Nomination 2022-2023

SSHRC Enhancement Grant, University of Calgary Winter 2016

SSHRC Enhancement Grant, University of Calgary Summer 2012

Killam Research and Fellowship Sabbatical Grant Winter 2012

SSHRC Development Grant, University of Calgary Fall 2009

Travel Grant, University of Calgary Fall 2009

Visiting Lecturer Grant, University of Calgary Fall 2006

Research, Project, and Travel Grant, University of New Mexico Spring 2005

Gwen Barrett Dissertation Fellowship, University of New Mexico 2004-2005

Research, Project, and Travel Grant, University of New Mexico Spring 2003

Watumull Scholarship for Study in India, University of Hawai’i Spring 2001

LANGUAGES

Sanskrit (reading)

Italian (intermediate reading and writing, advanced speaking)

RECENT ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Digital Communications Tools and Tactics, University of Calgary Faculty of Arts (Winter 2024)

Online Course Development Project, Taylor Institute of Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary (Fall

2019)

Teaching Online Program, Taylor Institute of Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary (Winter 2018)

COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEER WORK

Vice President, Didsbury Minor Soccer Association, 2023-present

President, Didsbury Minor Soccer Association, 2018-2023

Head Coach, Soccer, under 13, 2024

Registrar, Didsbury Minor Soccer, 2016-2018

Head Coach, Soccer, under 12, 2017

Head Coach, Soccer, under six, 2017

Head Coach, Soccer, under 12, 2016

Head Coach, Soccer, under six, 2016

Assistant Coach, Hockey, under 12, 2016

Head Coach, Soccer, under 10, 2015

Head Coach, Hockey, under 12, 2015

Head Coach, Soccer, under 10, 2014

Assistant Coach, Hockey, under 10, 2014

Head Coach, Soccer, under eight, 2013

Head Coach, Soccer, under eight, 2012

Head Coach, Soccer, under six, 2011

Assistant Coach, Soccer, under six, 2009