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# Areas of Specialization

Moral Psychology, Ethics, Early Modern Philosophy

# Areas of Competence

Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Feminist Philosophy, Aesthetics, Social Philosophy

# Employment

**University of California, Berkeley** 2020–present

Assistant Professor of Philosophy

**Tulane University** 2018–2020

Assistant Professor of Philosophy

# Education

**Harvard University** 2010–2018

PhD May 2018

Dissertation: “The Ethics and Epistemology of Empathy”

Committee: Richard Moran (chair), Susanna Siegel, Matthew Boyle

**University of Oxford** 2007­–2009

BPhil (with honors)

Thesis: “Knowledge, Reason, and Virtue”

Supervisor: Roger Crisp

**Middlebury College** 2003–2007

BA, Philosophy and French (valedictorian)

# articles and Chapters

Bailey, Olivia (2023). What must be lost: on retrospection, authenticity, and some neglected costs of transformation. *Synthese* 6**:** 1-18.

Bailey, Olivia (2022). Empathy and the value of humane understanding. Philosophy and Phenomenological Research. 104 (1):50-65.

Bailey, Olivia (2021). Empathy with vicious perspectives? A puzzle about the moral limits of empathetic imagination. Synthese:1-27.

Bailey, Olivia (2018). Empathy and testimonial trust. Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement 84:139-160.

Bailey, Olivia (2016). Empathy, care, and understanding in Adam Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*. The Adam Smith Review 9.

Bailey, Olivia (2010). What Knowledge is necessary for virtue? Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy 4 (2):1-18.

# Chapters

Bailey, Olivia (forthcoming). Sophie de Grouchy on sympathy, economic inequality, and the corruption of moral sentiments. *The Empathetic Emotions in the History of Philosophy*). Oxford University Press.

Bailey, Olivia (2023). Empathy, sensibility, and the novelist’s imagination. In *The Philosophy of Fiction: Imagination and Cognition*. Eds. Patrik Engisch and Julia Langkau. New York: Routledge, 2023. 218-239.

# reviews

Bailey, Olivia (2021). Review of David McPherson, *Virtue and Meaning: A Neo-Aristotelian Perspective*. Ethics 131 (4):794-799.

Bailey, Olivia (2020). Review of Sophie de Grouchy's Letters on Sympathy: A Critical Engagement with Adam Smith's *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*. Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews 1.

# Manuscripts

Bailey, Olivia. Empathy, extremism, and epistemic autonomy. (Available upon request).

Bailey, Olivia. Growing up and getting better: on the price of moral sensibility change. (Available upon request).

Bailey, Olivia. Two views of the virtue of humanity. (In preparation).

# Talks (Selected)

“Growing up and getting better”

* Oxford Moral Philosophy Workshop (May 2023)

“What must be lost”

* Emotion and Society Lab (February 2023)
* Rice Workshop in the Philosophy of Mind (February 2023)
* Uppsala Aesthetics Workshop (June 2023)

“Empathy, Epistemic Autonomy, and Extremism.”

* APA Panel on Extremism (April 2023)
* University of Nevada Reno Department of Philosophy (November 2022)
* LMU Workshop on the Philosophy of Empathy (October 2022)
* MANCEPT Workshop on Empathy, Democracy & Justice: Reassessing the Political Roles of Empathy (September 2022)

“Empathy, Sensibility, and the Novelist’s Imagination”

* Bowling Green Department of Philosophy (October 2021)
* University of Duisburg-Essen and the University of Liverpool, Workshop on the Limits of Empathy (April 2021)

“Two Views of the Virtue of Humanity”

* Meeting of the Eastern APA (January 2022)
* University of Memphis Department of Philosophy (November 2021)

“Moral Imperfection's Moral Upside? On Empathy with Vicious Perspectives”

* Princeton University, University Center for Human Values, Ira W. DeCamp Bioethics Seminar (March 2021)
* Washington University, Ethics and Epistemology Group (March 2021)
* Baylor University, Seminar on Virtue Theory (March 2021)
* University of California, Berkeley, Department of Philosophy (September 2020)
* Rice University, Seminar on the Value of Consciousness (February 2020)

“The Epistemic Significance of Empathetic Dialogue”

* American Philosophies Forum, Emory University (April 2019)
* Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Conference (March 2019)
* Empathy and/or Ways of Understanding Conference, Harvard University (March 2019)

“The Moral Value of Humane Understanding”

* University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Philosophy (April 2020)
* University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Department of Philosophy (April 2020)
* University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Philosophy (March 2020)
* New York University, Department of Philosophy (February 2020)
* Humane Understanding Conference, Fordham University (June 2019)

“Humean Empathy: An Idea and its Afterlife”

* University of Pittsburgh, Department of Philosophy (January 2018)
* University of Chicago, The Wittgenstein Workshop (April 2017)

“Empathy and Testimonial Trust”

* Royal Institute of Philosophy Conference: Harms and Wrongs in Epistemic Practice, University of Sheffield (July 2017)
* Penn-Rutgers-Princeton Social Epistemology Workshop (April 2017)

“A Critical View of Scheler’s Rejection of Projectionism”

* North American Society for Early Phenomenology Annual Conference, St. John’s University (May 2016)

“Adam Smith’s Double Standard?”

* Oxford Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (March 2016)

“Empathy, Care, and Understanding in Adam Smith’s Theory of Moral Sentiments”

* Scottish Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Aberdeen (May 2014)

# commentaries (selected)

Comments on Grace Helton and Chris Register’s “Hot-Cold Empathy Gaps and the Grounds of Authenticity”

* Yale Workshop on Transformative Experience (April 2022)

Comments on Emad Atiq’s “Knowledge by Acquaintance and Impartial Virtue”

* Cornell Workshop on Acquaintance and Value (June 2022)

Comments on Monika Betzler’s “Shared Belief and the Limits of Empathy,” Erasmus Mayr’s “Smithian Sympathy and the Commitment to Intersubjectivity,” and John Deigh’s “Empathy and Reasonableness.”

* Meeting of the Central APA (February 2021)

Comments on Ronald de Sousa’s “Emotions and the Ontology of Values”

* Meeting of the Pacific APA (May 2020) [event cancelled, discussion hosted online at the PEA (Philosophy, Ethics, Academica) Soup blog]

“Author Meets Critics: Samuel Fleischacker’s *Being Me, Being You*”

* Meeting of the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society New Orleans (March 2020)

Comments on Nir Ben-Moshe’s “An Adam Smithian Account of Moral Reasons”

* Meeting of the Central APA, Denver (February 2019)

Comments on Paul Katsafanas’ “Importance and Dialectical Invulnerability”

* Bechtel Reunion Workshop, Northwestern University (September 2018)

# Awards and Fellowships

Philosophy Department Fellowship (Santayana Fund), Harvard University (AY 2017–2018)

Richard M. Martin Prize Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, Harvard University

(AY 2017-2018)

Bowen Prize, Department of Philosophy, Harvard University

Awarded annually for the best essay on a subject in moral or political philosophy (June 2017)

Rev. Mary S. Vanderbilt Scholarship, Harvard University (2010–2016)

Certificates of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University

For *Questions of Character* (Fall 2016) and *Emotion: New Developments* (Fall 2015)

Pforzheimer Fellowship, Houghton Library, Harvard University (Summer 2015)

Graduate Fellow, Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University (AY 2014–2015)

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University

For *Introduction to Ancient Philosophy* (Spring 2013)

Keasbey Scholarship, University of Oxford (2007–2009)

George H. Caitlin Award, Middlebury College

For outstanding overall achievement (May 2007)

Stephen A. Freeman Memorial Prize, Middlebury College

For outstanding achievement in French (May 2007)

Phi Beta Kappa Prize, Middlebury College

For outstanding contribution to the college’s academic life (May 2007)

# Conferences, Seminars, and professional Training

Liberty Fund Conference: Liberty, Growth, and Justice

Tucson, Arizona (January 2020)

Designing Community-Engaged Courses, Faculty Seminar

Tulane University, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning (Spring 2019)

Character and the Morally Exceptional: Empirical Discoveries and Moral Improvement, Summer Seminar

Wake Forest University (June 2018)

Virtue and Happiness, Summer Seminar

Moreau Seminary, University of Notre Dame (June 2016)

# Teaching: Graduate and Undergraduate

*As lead instructor:*

**University of California, Berkeley**

*Graduate Teaching Seminar*

Fall 2023

*Graduate Seminar: British Moralists*

Spring 2022

*Graduate Seminar: Imagination and its Morals*

Spring 2021

*Moral Psychology*

Spring 2022, Spring 2023

*Hume*

Spring 2021, Fall 2022

*Feminism and Philosophy*

Fall 2020, Fall 2021

**Tulane University**

*Introduction to Feminist Philosophy*

Spring 2020

*Graduate Seminar in the History of Moral Philosophy*

Spring 2020

*Introduction to Ethics*

Fall 2019

*Philosophy of Emotion*

Fall 2019

*Hume and Smith: Sentiment and Morality*

Spring 2019

*Questions of Character: Virtue Ethics East and West*

Spring 2019

*Advanced Topics in Feminist Philosophy*

Fall 2018

**Harvard University**

*Graduate Workshop: Instructional Styles in Philosophy*

(co-instructor: Edward Hall)

AY 2016–2017, AY 2015–2016

*Questions of Character: Virtue Ethics East and West*

Fall 2016

*Philosophy of Emotion*

Fall 2015

*As Teaching Fellow:*

**Harvard University**

*Introduction to Early Modern Philosophy*

Instructor: Alison Simmons, Spring 2014

*Self, Freedom, and Existence*

Instructor: Richard Moran, Fall 2013

*Introduction to Ancient Philosophy*

Instructor: Russell Edward Jones, Spring 2013

*Race and Social Justice*

Instructor: Tommie Shelby, Fall 2012

*Medieval Philosophy*

Instructor: Jeffrey McDonough, Fall 2012

**Yale University**

*Life*

Instructor: Shelley Kagan, Fall 2009

# Service

Article reviewer, *Analysis,* *Mind, Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie, Philosophers’ Imprint, Noûs, Synthese, Journal of Social Philosophy, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Acta Analytica, Philosophical Studies, Political Research Quarterly*

Monograph reviewer, Oxford University Press, Bloomsbury

Faculty supervisor, Corrupt the Youth (philosophy education for students in under-resourced Oakland high schools)(2023–present)

Lead Organizer, UC Berkeley Department of Philosophy Departmental Colloquium (2022–present)

Library Committee, UC Berkeley Department of Philosophy (2020–present)

Programming Committee, Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (2022-present)

Faculty Sponsor, DeCal course philosophy and Star Trek (Spring 2023)

Lead Organizer, Berkeley-Cambridge Imagination Reading Group (Summer 2021)

Graduate Admissions Committee, UC Berkeley Department of Philosophy (2022)

Newcomb Faculty Fellow, Tulane University

Supporting women’s higher education through the Newcomb College Institute (2018–2020)

Chair, Undergraduate Education Committee, Department of Philosophy, Tulane University (2019–2020)

Mentor, Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy (2018–2019)

Member, MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) Committee, Harvard Chapter (2014–2018)

# Languages

English (native speaker, French (fluent), Turkish (beginner)