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Specializations	Ethics, Moral Psychology, Epistemology	
Competencies	Philosophy of Mind, Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Action, Social and Political Philosophy	
Education	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: PhD in Philosophy Dissertation: <i>Affective Morality</i> Committee: Sarah Buss (co-chair), Peter Railton (co-chair), Brian Weatherson, Kent Berridge (Psychology)	2026
	Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science: Certificate in Cognitive Science	2025
	University of Houston: MA in Philosophy	2020
	Yale University: MAR in Ethics	2004
	Trinity University, San Antonio: BA in Philosophy and Religion	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
Commentaries	‘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	Elizabeth Anderson	
	Self and Others	Sarah Buss	
	Independent Study: Moral Education	Sarah Buss	
	Moral Psychology and the Psychology of Morality	Peter Railton	
	Dossier Reading Course: Intentions and Resolutions	Peter Railton	
	Ethical Analysis	Peter Railton	
	Vices	Brian Weatherson	
	Rational Choice	James Joyce	
	Intention	Sarah Moss	
	Affective Neuroscience	Kent Berridge	
	Concepts and Categories	Susan Gelman	
	<u>University of Houston</u>		
	Philosophy of Deep Learning	Cameron Buckner	
	Philosophy of the Special Sciences	Cameron Buckner	
	Moral Responsibility Skepticism	Justin Coates	
	Independent Study: Ethics of Blame	Justin Coates	
	Agent-Relative Reasons	David Phillips	
Teaching	Minds and Machines	Lead Graduate Student Instructor	2023
	Eric Swanson	Michigan	
	Introduction to Ethics	Graduate Student Instructor	2022
	Anna Edmonds	Michigan	
	Introduction to Formal Methods	Graduate Student Instructor	2022
	Brian Weatherson	Michigan	
	Issues in Bioethics	Graduate Student Instructor	2021
	Sarah Buss	Michigan	
	Introduction to Ethics (x5)	Teaching Assistant	2018-20
	Justin Coates	Houston	
	Matthew Babb	Houston	
Service	Michigan Mind and Moral Psychology Workshop Organizer		2024-25
	Co-organized year-long interdisciplinary workshop culminating in a public lecture by Antonia Peacocke (Stanford)		
	Michigan Philosophy Spring Colloquium Organizer		2024
	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)		

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