

# Marcus Arvan

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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**AOS:** Ethics, Social-Political Philosophy, Cognitive Science.

**AOC:** Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science.

## **Professional Appointments**

### *University of Tampa*

Associate Professor of Philosophy (tenured), March 2018-present.

*Department Chair* (June 2018-present).

Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure-track), 2015-2018.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy (non-tenure-track), 2009-2015.

*University of British Columbia.* Assistant Professor w/o Review (non-tenure-track), 2008-2009.

## **Education**

*University of Arizona* – PhD in Philosophy, Cognitive Science Minor, 2008.

Dissertation: 'A Non-Ideal Theory of Justice'

*Syracuse University* – PhD program, 1999-2001.

*Tufts University* – B.A. in Philosophy and Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude*, 1998.

## **Books**

1. 2020. *Neurofunctional Prudence and Morality: A Philosophical Theory*, Routledge.
2. 2016. *Rightness as Fairness: A Moral & Political Theory*, Palgrave MacMillan.

## **Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications**

1. 2019. 'Nonideal Justice as Nonideal Fairness.' *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, 5(2): 208-28.
2. 2019. 'The Dark Side of Morality: Group Polarization and Moral Epistemology.' *The Philosophical Forum*, 50(1): 87-115.
3. 2018. 'Mental Time-Travel, Semantic Flexibility, and A.I. Ethics', *A.I. & Society*: 1-20.
4. 2016. 'A Refutation of the Lewis-Stalnaker Analysis of Counterfactuals.' *Metaphysica*, 17(1): 109-29.
5. 2015. 'How to Rationally Approach Life's Transformative Experiences.' *Philosophical Psychology*, 28(8): 1199-218.
6. 2014. 'A Unified Explanation of Quantum Phenomena? The Case for the Peer-to-Peer Simulation Hypothesis as an Interdisciplinary Research Program.' *The Philosophical Forum*, 45(4): 433-46.
7. 2014. 'Justice as Fairness in a Broken World.' *Philosophy and Public Issues*, 4(2): 95-126.
8. 2014. 'First Steps Toward a Nonideal Theory of Justice.' *Ethics & Global Politics*, 7(3): 95-117.
9. 2014. 'Why Hobbes Cannot Limit the Leviathan: A Critical Commentary on Larry May's *Limiting Leviathan*.' *Hobbes Studies*, 27(2): 171-77.
10. 2014. 'A Better, Dual Theory of Human Rights.' *The Philosophical Forum*, 45(1): 14-47.
11. 2013. 'A New Theory of Free Will.' *The Philosophical Forum*, 44(1): 1-48.

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications (cont.)**

12. 2013. 'Groundwork for a New Moral Epistemology.' *Klesis*, 23: 155-90.
13. 2013. 'A Lot More Bad News for Conservatives, and a Little Bit of Bad News for Liberals? A Follow-up Study.' *Neuroethics*, 6(1): 51-64.
14. 2013. 'Bad News for Conservatives? Moral Judgments and the Dark Triad Personality Traits: A Correlational Study.' *Neuroethics*, 6(2): 307-18.
15. 2012. 'Unifying the Categorical Imperative.' *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 28(1): 217-25.
16. 2012. 'Reconceptualizing Human Rights.' *Journal of Global Ethics*, 8(1): 91-105.
17. 2010. 'People Do Not Have a Duty to Avoid Voting Badly: Reply to Brennan.' *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 5(1): 1-6.
18. 2009. 'In Defense of Discretionary Association Theories of Political Legitimacy: Reply to Buchanan.' *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 3(2): 1-5.

### **Book Chapters**

1. Under contract. 'The Original Position.' *Philosophy Illustrated: 40 thought experiments to broaden your mind*. Helen De Cruz (ed.), Oxford University Press.
2. Under contract. 'Morality as an Evolutionary Exaptation.' In J. De Smedt & H. De Cruz & (eds.), *Empirically Engaged Evolutionary Ethics*, Springer – Synthese Library.
3. 2018. 'Humans and Hosts in *Westworld*: What's the Difference?' In J. South & S. Foster (eds.), *Westworld and Philosophy*, Wiley-Blackwell.
4. 2017. 'The Rationality of Voting and Duties of Elected Officials.' In E. Crookston, D. Killoren, & J. Trerise (eds.), *Ethics in Politics: The Rights and Obligations of Individual Political Agents*, Routledge.

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

Forthcoming. 'Transformative Experience.' *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*.

### **Invited Publications**

2013. 'Nonideal Justice and a Decent Health Care Minimum.' *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Medicine*.

### **Publications in Popular Press**

2015. 'The Peer-to-Peer Simulation Hypothesis and a New Theory of Free Will.' *Scientia Salon* (online science magazine).

### **Book Reviews**

1. 2019. 'Mark Silcox, *A Defense of Simulated Experience: New Noble Lies* (Routledge, 2019)', *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
2. 2019. 'T.M. Scanlon, *Why Does Inequality Matter?* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018)', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* [Book note].
3. 2019. 'Michael Goodhart, *Injustice: Political Theory for the Real World* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018)', *Political Theory*.
4. 2018. 'John Danaher & Neil McArthur [eds.], *Robot Sex: Social & Ethics Implications* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2017)', *Metascience*.
5. 2018. 'James Griffin, *What Can Philosophy Contribute to Ethics?* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015)', *Journal of Moral Philosophy*.

### **Book Reviews (cont.)**

6. 2017. 'Experimental Philosophy and the Fate of the Philosopher's Armchair', review of Jennifer Nado [ed.], *Advances in Experimental Philosophy and Philosophical Methodology*, (Bloomsbury 2016), *Metascience*.
7. 2016. 'L.A. Paul, *Transformative Experience* (Oxford: OUP, 2014)', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 94(4): 832-35.
8. 2014. 'C.A.J. Coady, *Messy Morality: The Challenge of Politics* (Oxford: OUP, 2008)', *Mind*.
9. 2012. 'Michael Freeman, *Human Rights, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (Polity, 2011)', *Teaching Philosophy*.

### **APA Presentations**

April 2020. Invited Panelist, APA Committee Session: Roundtable: What Should the APA Do to Defend the Rights of Philosophers Employed in Non-tenure-track Positions?, Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA.

April 2019. Invited Panelist, 'The Future of Publishing and Peer Review in Philosophy', Pacific APA, Vancouver BC, sponsored by the PhilPapers Foundation.

December 2013. 'A Critique of Larry May's *Limiting Leviathan: Hobbes on Law and International Affairs*.' Invited member of author-meets-critics session, International Hobbes Association, Eastern APA, Baltimore, MD.

December 2012. 'Nonideal Justice and a Decent Health Care Minimum.' Invited panelist, APA Committee on Philosophy and Medicine, Eastern APA.

December 2011. 'Personality Traits and Moral Intuitions.' Poster, Eastern APA.

December 2007. 'Does a Cosmopolitan Interpretation of Rawls' Conception of Justice as Fairness Imply Different Methods, and Requirements of Justice, than Commonly Thought?', Symposium Presentation, Eastern APA, Baltimore MD.

### **Conference Presentations**

August 2019. 'The Normative Stance.' Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO.

March 2019. 'Active Compromise as a Modern Ethical Ideal.' Modern Ethical Ideals Conference, Queens University Belfast, Northern Ireland.

July 2018. 'The Dark Side of Morality: Group-Polarization and Moral Belief Formation.' Poster, Society for Philosophy & Psychology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI.

July 2018. 'Morality as an Evolutionary Exaptation.' *Evolutionary Ethics: The Nuts and Bolts Approach* conference, Oxford Brookes University, UK.

May 2018. 'Outline of a Unified Neurofunctional Theory of Moral and Prudential Norms', *Moral Psychology: From Neurons to Norms*, The American University of Beirut, Lebanon.

September 2017. 'Nonideal Justice as Nonideal Fairness.' *MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory*, University of Manchester, UK.

September 2017. 'Liberal Neutrality and Rectificatory Justice.' *MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory*, University of Manchester, UK.

### **Conference Presentations (cont.)**

September 2017. 'The Dark Side of Morality: Group Polarization and Moral Belief Formation.' *Minds Online* (online conference) <http://mindsonline.philosophyofbrains.com/>.

March 2017. 'Fair Negotiation and Economics.' *Meeting of the Politics, Philosophy, & Economics Society*, New Orleans, LA.

November 2016. 'Fair Negotiation and Economic Policy.' *86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association*, Washington DC.

October 2014. 'A Refutation of Counterfactual Theories of Causation.' *Central States Philosophical Association*, Evanston IL.

September 2014. 'Shocking News for Social Liberals and Economic Conservatives? Moral Judgments and the Comprehensive Misconduct Inventory.' *Buffalo Annual Experimental Philosophy Conference*, Buffalo NY.

April 2014. 'Human Rights as Conceptually Confused: A Better Way Forward', *International Conference on the Grounding of Human Rights*, Indiana/Purdue University, Ft. Wayne, IN.

October 2013. 'A Simple, Intuitive Argument for Obeying the Categorical Imperative', *Reason, Reasons, and Reasoning Conference*, University of Michigan-Flint.

September 2013. 'A Simple, Intuitive Argument for Obeying the Categorical Imperative', *Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium*.

September 2012. 'Nonideal Justice as Nonideal Fairness', *9<sup>th</sup> Annual MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory*, Manchester UK.

August 2012. 'Groundwork for a New Moral Epistemology', *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*.

November 2011. 'Groundwork for a New Moral Epistemology: What Personality Research May Be Able to do for Moral and Political Philosophy.' *Conference on the Normative Implications of Moral Psychology*, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

November 2011. 'Unifying the Categorical Imperative.' *Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Association*, Austin TX.

October 2011. 'Unifying the Categorical Imperative.' *Mountain Plains Philosophy Conference*, Denver CO.

September 2011. 'A Simple Proof of Mind-Body Dualism.' *Annual Meeting of the Central States Philosophical Association*, St. Louis MO.

September 2011. 'Unifying the Categorical Imperative.' *Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium*, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington PA.

April 2011. 'Unifying the Categorical Imperative.' *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwest Ethics Society*, Missouri State University MO.

### **Conference Presentations (cont.)**

March 2011. 'A Simple Proof of Mind-Body Dualism.' *103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, New Orleans LA.

February 2011. 'Reconceptualizing Human Rights.' *Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society*, Appalachian State University, Boone NC.

November 2010. 'Outline of a Nonideal Theory of Justice.' *42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association*, Boston MA.

November 2010. 'Reconceptualizing Human Rights.' *57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida Philosophical Association*, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

October 2010. 'Reconceptualizing Human Rights.' *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dutch Conference on Practical Philosophy*, Gröningen, The Netherlands.

August 2010. 'Rethinking Rawlsian Nonideal Theory: Constructing a Nonideal Theoretic Original Position.' *Poster Presentation, Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference*, Boulder CO.

December 2009. 'Do People Have a Higher-Order Human Right to Decide the Costs They Face for Their Own Human Rights?', *4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Development Ethics Association*, Valencia, Spain.

June 2009. 'Something Mental is Just in the Head, and What the Mental out of it is Like,' *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Indiana University.

April 2009. 'Something Mental Is Just in the Head, and What the Mental out of it is Like,' *Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Savannah, Georgia.

October 2008. 'A Simple Account of the Permissibility of Following Orders in an Unjust War.' *Meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association*, Edmonton, Canada.

April 2008. 'From Justice as Fairness to a Kind of Human Rights Minimalism', *The Thirty-Fifth Annual Conference on Value Inquiry*, College of New Jersey.

October 2007. 'Justice as Fairness and Human Rights', *The Fifty-Ninth Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR.

September 2007. 'Justice as Fairness and Human Rights', *Mountain Plains Philosophy Conference*, the University of Denver, Denver CO.

October 2003. "An Infallibilist Solution to Skepticism." *Skepticism in Contemporary Epistemology Symposium*, University of Sherbrooke, Canada.

### **Awards and Other Distinctions**

2017. *Excellence in Teaching Award*, College of Arts & Letters, University of Tampa.

2015. Co-winner, Joseph Ellin Memorial Prize for Best Paper, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Lighthearted Philosophers' Association.

2014. Charm Quark Award (third place). *3 Quarks Daily* annual philosophy blogging award.

## **Awards and Other Distinctions (cont.)**

2012. Selected participant, NEH Summer Seminar, 'Liberty, Equality, and Justice: Philosophical Problems in Domestic and Global Contexts', June 4-29, Washington University, St. Louis MO, Organized by Christopher 'Kit' Wellman and Andrew Altman.

2010. Selected participant, Yale Experiment Month Initiative - sponsored by the APA, coordinated by Yale Cognitive Science.

2007. Graduate Student Paper Prize. Eastern APA.

## **Service**

### *University of Tampa - University Service*

- Faculty Senate
  - Representative, College of Arts and Letters (2016-18).
  - Chair, Ad-Hoc Workgroup on Free Speech and Academic Freedom (2017-18).
- Committee Service
  - Dana Professorship Committee (2019).
  - Academic Appeals Committee (2017-18).
  - Admissions Committee (2015-16).
  - Academic Standards Committee (2011-14)
  - Academic Integrity Committee (2010-11).

### *University of Tampa - College of Arts & Letters*

- Faculty Mentor (2017-18, 2018-19).
- College Tenure & Promotion Committee (2018-present).
- Presentation of CAL Activities to University of Tampa Board of Trustees (Fall 2016).
- Committee for the Assessment of Learning (2010-11).

### *University of Tampa - Department of Philosophy & Religion*

- Department Chair (June 2018-present).
- Search Committee (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018) - search committee chair (2018).
- Assessment Coordinator, Department of Philosophy & Religion (2011-13, 2015-2018).

### *Student Engagement*

- Faculty Fellow, *Sigma Phi Epsilon* Fraternity (2018-).
- Coach/Advisor
  - *Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Debate Team*: 2014 Southeast Regional Champions; 2012, 2014, 2015, and 2017 National Qualifiers.
  - *Bioethics Bowl Debate Team*: 2017 Southeast Regional Champions.
- Faculty Advisor, *Young Libertarians* (2013-15), Catholic Students Organization (2019-).

### *Service to Community & Profession*

- August 2015-Dec. 2018. Education Director, United Nations Association of Tampa Bay.
- 2012-present. Developer, blogger, and moderator at *The Philosophers' Cocoon*, a safe and supportive online forum for early-career philosophers (2.5 million site visitors).
- 2015-present. Co-founder (w/Helen De Cruz) of *Cocoon Job Market Mentoring Program*.

## Conferences Organized

2012-2018. Co-organizer, 'Annual Human Rights Day at UT', all-day interdisciplinary conference on human rights, open to the public. Featured speakers and events have included.

2013-2017. Annual Philosophers' Cocoon Philosophy Conferences.

## Media & Outreach

April 2018. *Westworld & Philosophy* chapter [featured on beyondwestworld.com](#).

August 2014. [Featured author at Flickers of Freedom](#) blog.

April 2014. Research featured on [Episode 2](#) of SpaceTimeMind podcast.

2011. Media coverage for article 'Bad News for Conservatives...?': [FoxNews.com](#) & One-hour interview on [The Michael Medved Show](#).

## Peer Referee

Books: *Routledge, Springer*.

Journals:

- *American Philosophical Quarterly*.
- *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
- *Dialectica*.
- *Episteme*.
- *Erkenntnis*.
- *Ethical Perspectives*.
- *Ethics*.
- *European Journal of Political Theory*.
- *Journal of Moral Philosophy*.
- *Journal of Philosophical Research*.
- *Journal of Politics*.
- *Journal of Social Philosophy*.
- *Journal of Value Inquiry*.
- *Mind*.
- *Philosophical Papers*.
- *Philosophical Psychology*.
- *Philosophical Studies*.
- *Philosophia*.
- *Political Studies*.
- *Politics*.
- *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*.
- *Ratio*.
- *Res Philosophica*.
- *Res Publica*.
- *Science and Engineering Ethics*.
- *Social Philosophy Today*.
- *Social Theory and Practice*.
- *Southwest Philosophy Review*.
- *Synthese*.

Conferences:

- American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division.
- Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.
- Canadian Philosophical Society.
- Society for Philosophy & Psychology.

## Courses Taught

### University of Tampa

*BAC 490 - Applied Learning Experience*: Fall 2019.

*GTW 100-101/FYS 101-102 (Gateways/First Year Seminar)*: 2009-2013, 2015-16.

*PHL 200 - Introduction to Philosophy*: most semesters (Honors Section Fall 2011, 2012, 2016).

*PHL 202 - Ethics*: Fall 2009, 2010, 2016, 2017, 2019; Spring 2010, 2013, 2014.

*PHL 208 - Business Ethics*: Spring 2010, Fall 2011, Summer 2016.

*PHL 209 - Biomedical Ethics*: Fall/Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Sum2016.

*PHL 215 - Ancient Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle*: Fall 2011, '12, '13; Spring 2015, '16, '17, '18, '19.

*PHL 217 - Social and Political Philosophy*: Fall 2009, Summer 2010, Fall 2015, Spring 2017.

*PHL 218 - Minds, Brains, and Metaphysics*: Spring 2018.

*PHL 220 - Problems in Philosophy: Philosophy & Pop Culture*: Fall 2018.

*PHL 311 - Philosophy of Law*: Spring 2013, '17, '18, Fall 2014, '15, '19.

*PHL 312 - Philosophy of Human Rights*: Spring 2017, Spring 2019.

*PHL 313 - Justice*: Fall 2016.

*PHL 314 - International Justice*: Spring 2016, Fall 2018.

*PHL 315 - The Morality of War*: Fall 2017.

*PHL 35X - Special Topics (International Justice*: Fall 2012, Spring 2016; *The Morality of War*: Spring 2012/2015, *Theories of Justice*: Fall 2010, Spring 2014, Fall 2016; *Human Rights*: Spring 2010, Spring 2013; *Philosophies of Race and Gender*: Spring 2016).

*PHL 450 - Independent Study (The Simulation Hypothesis*: Fall 2019, *Moral Motivation*: Fall 2016, *Political Legitimacy and Intervention*: Fall 2015; *The Nature of Consciousness*: Spring 2012; *The Nature of Moral Normativity*: Fall 2011; *The Morality of Cosmetic Surgery*: Fall 2011; *Ayn Rand's Objectivist Ethics*: Fall 2010; *Justice and Free Markets*: Fall 2009).

*PHL 499 - Honors Thesis*: Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2012.

### University of British Columbia

*PHIL 330 - Social and Political Philosophy*: Fall/Spring/Summer 2009.

*PHIL 230 - Introduction to Moral Theory*: Fall 2008, Spring 2009.

### University of Arizona

*PHIL 110 - Logic and Critical Thinking*: Summer 2002.

*TRAD 104 - Justice and Virtue*: Summer 2007, Fall 2007.

*TRAD 104 - Science and Inquiry*: Summer 2003.

*PHIL 233 - Philosophy of Religion*: Summer 2003.

*PHIL 322 - Business Ethics*: Summer 2002, Summer 2005, Winter 2005, 2006.

*PHIL 323 - Environmental Ethics*: Summer 2004.

## Professional References

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