

# Marcus Arvan

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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

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

### Professional Appointments

(Aug 2015). Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure-track), University of Tampa.

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

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

### Education

*University of Arizona* – PhD in Philosophy w/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

Under contract. *Rightness as Fairness: A New Moral & Political Theory*, Palgrave-MacMillan.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. Forthcoming. “How to Rationally Approach Life’s Transformative Experiences.” *Philosophical Psychology*.
2. 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): 433-446.
3. 2014. “Justice as Fairness in a Broken World.” *Philosophy and Public Issues*, 4(2): 95-126.
4. 2014. “First Steps Toward a Nonideal Theory of Justice.” *Ethics & Global Politics*, 7(3): 95-117.
5. 2014. “Why Hobbes Cannot Limit the Leviathan: A Critical Commentary on Larry May’s *Limiting Leviathan*.” *Hobbes Studies*, 27(2): 171-177.
6. 2014. “A Better, Dual Theory of Human Rights.” *The Philosophical Forum*, 45(1): 14-47.
7. 2013. “A New Theory of Free Will.” *The Philosophical Forum*, 44(1): 1-48.
8. 2013. “Groundwork for a New Moral Epistemology.” *Klesis*, 23: 155-190.
9. 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.
10. 2013. “Bad News for Conservatives? Moral Judgments and the Dark Triad Personality Traits: A Correlational Study.” *Neuroethics*, 6(2): 307-318.
11. 2012. “Unifying the Categorical Imperative.” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 28(1): 217-225.
12. 2012. “Reconceptualizing Human Rights.” *Journal of Global Ethics*, 8(1): 91-105.
13. 2011. “People Do Not Have a Duty to Avoid Voting Badly: Reply to Brennan.” *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*: 1-5.
14. 2009. “In Defense of Discretionary Association Theories of Political Legitimacy: Reply to Buchanan.” *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*: 1-4.

### **Publications in Edited Collections**

Forthcoming. "Why Voting is Irrational for Independent Voters, and Why Elected Officials Have a Duty to Respond to Low Opinion Polls While in Office."

### **Invited Publications**

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

### **Magazine Publications**

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

### **Book Reviews**

2014. "Review of C.A.J. Coody, *Messy Morality: The Challenge of Politics*." *Mind*.

2012. "Review of Michael Freeman, *Human Rights, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*." *Teaching Philosophy*.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

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### **APA Presentations**

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 Presentation, 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

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: What Personality Research May Be Able to do for Moral and Political Philosophy", 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.

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.

### **Conference Presentations (con't)**

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." 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Edmonton, Alberta, 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.

### **Public Lectures**

"Morality and the 2014 US Supreme Court Hobby Lobby Ruling", University of Tampa, October 2014.

"Some Moral and Conceptual Confusions in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights", ACLU Forum on the ICCPR, Florida Voting Rights, and the Death Penalty, University of Tampa, September 2013.

"The Death Penalty is Not a Human Rights Violation", Human Rights Day, University of Tampa, April 2013.

"The Two Biggest Problems with Human Rights Theory and Practice, and How to Solve Them", Human Rights Day, University of Tampa, April 2012.

### **Awards and Other Distinctions**

2014. Winner, Charm Quark Award. *3 Quarks Daily* annual philosophy blogging award.

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. Conducted experimental philosophy study entitled, “Personality Traits and Moral Intuitions,” including Eastern APA Poster Presentation, 2011.

2007. Graduate Student Paper Prize. Eastern APA.

### **Achievements of Students Mentored**

2013. Undergraduate published term-paper from PHL 350: International Justice, “Defense of Rawls: Reply to Brock” in *Res Cogitans*.

2012. Undergraduate student awarded fellowship at Goldwater Institute, Arizona.

### **Conferences Organized**

2013-2014. First and Second Annual Philosophers’ Cocoon Philosophy Conferences.

2012-2014. Lead Organizer, “Annual Human Rights Day at UT”, all-day student-faculty conference on the history, philosophy, and sociology of human rights.

### **Other Professional Activities**

2008-present. Coach/Advisor, University of Tampa.

- Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Debate Team (2014 Southeast Regional Champions, 2012 & 2014 National Qualifiers).
- Bioethics Bowl Debate Team.

2013-present. Faculty Advisor, *Young Libertarians* student group, University of Tampa.

2013. Assessment Coordinator, Philosophy & Religion Dept., University of Tampa.

2012-present. Developer and moderator of “The Philosophers’ Cocoon”, a safe and supportive online web-blog for early-career philosophers – <http://philosopherscocoon.typepad.com/blog/>

Academic Standards Committee (2011-14), Academic Integrity Committee (2010-11), CAL Committee for the Assessment of Learning (2010-11) – *University of Tampa*.

*Referee*: Springer books (2014) *Synthese* (2014), *Southwest Philosophy Review* (2013), *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (2012), *Mind* (2011), *European Journal of Political Theory* (2011), *Journal of Social Philosophy* (2009), *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2008-9).

### **Media & Outreach**

Forthcoming. Featured Guest on [SpaceTimeMind](#) podcast.

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

April 2014. Work on free will featured on [Episode 2](#) of [SpaceTimeMind](#).

2012-present. Contributor at:

- [Brains blog](#).
- [Experimental Philosophy blog](#).
- [Flickers of Freedom blog](#).
- [Public Reason blog](#).

2011. Media coverage for article “Bad News for Conservatives...?”

- [FoxNews.com](http://FoxNews.com)
- One-hour interview on [The Michael Medved Show](#).

### **Courses Taught**

#### University of Tampa

*PHL 200 – Introduction to Philosophy*: every semester (Honors Section Fall 2011, 2012).

*PHL 202 – Ethics*: Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2013, Spring 2014.

*PHL 208 – Business Ethics*: Spring 2010, Fall 2011.

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

*PHL 215 – Ancient Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle*: Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2015.

*PHL 217 – Social and Political Philosophy*: Fall 2009, Summer 2010.

*PHL 311 – Philosophy of Law*: Spring 2013, Fall 2014.

*PHL 350 – Special Topics (International Justice: Fall 2012, The Morality of War: Spring 2012/2015, Theories of Justice: Fall 2010, Spring 2014, Human Rights: Spring 2010, Spring 2013).*

*PHL 450 – Independent Study (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.

### **References**

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Christopher (“Kit”) Wellman, Chair and Professor of Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis, Wilson Hall 203, St. Louis, MO 63130, 1-(314)-935-7147, [kwellman@artsci.wustl.edu](mailto:kwellman@artsci.wustl.edu).

Andrew Altman, Professor of Philosophy, Georgia State University, 34 Peachtree 1126, Atlanta GA 30302, 1-(404)-413-6130, [aaltman@gsu.edu](mailto:aaltman@gsu.edu).

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