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Areas of Specialization

Ethics
Action Theory
Free Will and Moral Responsibility

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics
Moral Psychology

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Arizona (expected May 2023)

Dissertation *Your Self is Deeper Than You Think: A Deep Self View of Moral Responsibility*

Committee Michael McKenna (chair), Carolina Sartorio (Rutgers), Jason Turner, Mark Timmons

Abstract I defend a novel deep self view of moral responsibility in which an agent's deep self plays an essential role. I argue that an agent acts freely and is morally responsible for what she does in the accountability sense if she has a deep self for which she is responsible. To be responsible for her deep self, she must have a history where she was afforded the unimpeded opportunity to develop and exercise the ability to form her own self. Familiar deep self views in the literature say something much stronger. They contend that an agent acts freely and responsibly for what she does iff her actions or omissions issue from, and so express, her deep self. By offering a necessary condition for accountability drawing upon resources from responsibility for the deep self, my view escapes the counterexamples that familiar views face, while retains the core of deep self views. Indeed, an agent may be blameworthy for her wrongdoing without it issuing from, and so expressing, her deep self. And yet, I argue that she must have a deep self for which she is responsible to be blameworthy for her wrongdoing. This is achieved by paying closer attention to the historical dimension of the deep self than other deep self proponents have.

M.A., Philosophy, Renmin University, Beijing (2017)

B.A., Political Science and Public Administration, Southeast University, Nanjing (2013)

Work in Progress

“Bring the deep self back to the racecourse: Rethinking accountability and the deep self” (under review)

“Who you are matters to what you do: Responsibility for the deep self” (under review)

“Coming out the other side, responsible: Taking inspiration from aspiration” (under review)

“Does valuing ice cream sandwiches make one a true gourmand and connoisseur of them?” (under review)

“The life of Tony Soprano: Convicted, conflicted, compartmentalized”

“Saving the hierarchical model: Explaining the case of the unwilling addict”

“On the initial origin of responsibility for the deep self”

Teaching Experience

University of Arizona

Instructor

Personal Morality, Summer 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023
Moral Thinking, Summer 2021, Summer 2022

Teaching Assistant

Personal Morality, Fall 2021 (Carolina Sartorio)
Philosophy of Happiness, Spring 2020 (Bill Oberdick)

Research Assistant

Translation

Derk Pereboom, *Free Will, Agency, and Meaning in Life*, Yilin Press, 2022
Social Philosophy and Policy, 2020 to 2022, Center for the Philosophy of Freedom (David Schmidtz)

Graduate Coursework

Ethics and Value Theory

Metathics, Mark Timmons (Fall 2017)
Virtue and Morality, Julia Annas (Spring 2019)
Kant's Ethics, Mark Timmons (Fall 2018)
Evolution and Large-Scale Moral Change, Allen Buchanan (Spring 2019)

Metaphysics and Epistemology

Causation, Carolina Sartorio (Fall 2017)
Genealogical Arguments against Rational Belief, Stewart Cohen, Juan Comesaña (Fall 2018)
Independent Study on Metaphysics (Fall 2018)
Theory of Knowledge, Juan Comesaña (Spring 2019)
Action Theory and Free Will, Michael McKenna and Carolina Sartorio (Fall 2019)
Independent Study on Deep Self Theories of Moral Responsibility (Fall 2019)
Grounding Agency and Responsibility, Michael McKenna, Carolina Sartorio (Fall 2021) (audit)

History of Philosophy

Knowledge and Belief in Ancient Philosophy, Julia Annas (Spring 2018)
Kant's Ethics, Mark Timmons (Fall 2018)

Logic, Language and Science

Advanced Symbolic Logic, Jason Turner (Fall 2017)
Introduction to Cognitive Science, Mary Peterson (Spring 2018)
Philosophy of Language, Marga Reimer (Spring 2018)

Professional Associations

American Philosophical Association

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