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Matt King
Curriculum Vitae

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APPOINTMENTS

Professor	University of Alabama at Birmingham	2023-
Affiliate Fellow	Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project, USC	2022-2024
Associate Professor	University of Alabama at Birmingham	2019-2023
Visiting Research Professor/Faculty Fellow	Center for Ethics & Public Affairs, Murphy Institute, Tulane University	2020-2021
Assistant Professor	University of Alabama at Birmingham	2014-2019
Law and Philosophy Fellow	UCLA	2012-2014
Visiting Assistant Professor	St. Bonaventure University	2011-2012
Visiting Assistant Professor	Virginia Tech	2010-2011
Visiting Assistant Professor	Carleton College	2009
Postdoctoral Research Fellow	University of Maryland	2008-2010

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy	University of Maryland	May 2008
M.A., Philosophy	University of Maryland	May 2005
B.A., with highest distinction	University of Virginia	May 2002

PRIZES, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Student Engagement Grant	CAS Dean's Office, UAB	2022
Outstanding Professor Award	Early Medical School Acceptance Program, UAB	2018
Faculty Development Grant	Office of the Provost, UAB	2017
Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship	The Graduate School, UMD	2007
Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award	Center for Teaching Excellence, UMD	2006
Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Award	The Graduate School, UMD	2006
Emmerich-Wright Prize (best senior thesis)	Politics, University of Virginia	2002

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Action Theory; Ethics; Moral Psychology; Philosophy of Law

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Political Philosophy; Philosophy of Mind; Existentialism

BOOKS

- 1] *Simply Responsible: Basic Blame, Scant Praise, and Minimal Agency*. Oxford University Press, 2023.
- 2] *Agency in Mental Disorder: Philosophical Dimensions*. Edited volume, with Joshua May. Oxford University Press, 2022.

ARTICLES

- 3] "Attending to Blame." *PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES* 177(5): 1423-1439, 2020.
- 4] "Skepticism about the Standing to Blame." *OXFORD STUDIES IN AGENCY AND RESPONSIBILITY* 6: 265-288, 2019.
- 5] "Moral Responsibility and Mental Illness: A Call for Nuance," with Joshua May. *NEUROETHICS* 11: 11-22, 2018.
- 6] "Against Personifying the Reasonable Person." *CRIMINAL LAW & PHILOSOPHY* 11(4): 725-732, 2017.
- 7] "Manipulation Arguments and the Moral Standing to Blame." *JOURNAL OF ETHICS AND SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY* 9(1): 1-20, 2015.
- 8] "Traction without Tracing: A (Partial) Solution for Control-Based Accounts of Moral Responsibility." *EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY* 22(3): 463-482, 2014.
- 9] "Two Faces of Desert." *PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES* 169(3): 401-424, 2014.
- 10] "The Problem with Manipulation." *ETHICS* 124(1): 65-83, 2013.
- 11] "Moral Responsibility and Merit." *JOURNAL OF ETHICS AND SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY* 6(2): 1-17, 2012.
- 12] "Moral Responsibility and Consciousness," with Peter Carruthers. *JOURNAL OF MORAL PHILOSOPHY* 9: 200-228, 2012.
- 13] "The Problem with Negligence." *SOCIAL THEORY AND PRACTICE* 35(4): 577-595, 2009.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 14] "The Standing to Blame." In M. Kiener (Ed.), *THE ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF RESPONSIBILITY*. (forthcoming)
- 15] "Responsibility and Consciousness." Main author, with Peter Carruthers. In D.K. Nelkin and D. Pereboom (Eds.), *THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF MORAL RESPONSIBILITY*. Oxford University Press: 448-467, 2022.
- 16] "The Boundaries of Negligence." In G. Pavlakos and V. Rodriguez-Blanco (Eds.), *AGENCY, NEGLIGENCE, AND RESPONSIBILITY*. Cambridge University Press: 135-153, 2021.
- 17] "Tracing the Epistemic Condition." In P. Robichaud and J.W. Wieland (Eds.), *RESPONSIBILITY: THE EPISTEMIC CONDITION*. Oxford University Press: 266-280, 2017.
- 18] "Ethics and Action." In E. Craig (Ed.), *ROUTLEDGE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PHILOSOPHY*. Routledge: <https://www.rep.routledge.com/articles/ethics-and-action>, 2015.
- 19] "Praising and Blaming," with Mark van Roojen. In M. Sbisá. and K. Turner (Eds.), *PRAGMATICS OF SPEECH ACTIONS*. Mouton de Gruyter: 467-501, 2013.

REVIEWS

- 20] Neil Levy's (ed.) *Addiction and Self-Control*. *ETHICS* 125(2): 586-590, 2015.
- 21] K.E. Boxers' *Rethinking Responsibility*. *NOTRE DAME PHILOSOPHICAL REVIEWS*: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/42145-rethinking-responsibility/>, 2013.
- 22] Tamler Sommers' *Relative Justice: Cultural Diversity, Free Will, and Moral Responsibility*. *THE PHILOSOPHER'S MAGAZINE* 58(3): 121-122, 2012.
- 23] Tracy Isaac's *Moral Responsibility in Collective Contexts*. *NOTRE DAME PHILOSOPHICAL REVIEWS*: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/27607-moral-responsibility-in-collective-contexts/>, 2011.
- 24] Sergio Tenenbaum's *Appearances of the Good*. *MIND* 119(473): 249-253, 2010.
- 25] Ishtiyaque Haji's *Incompatibilism's Allure: Principal Arguments for Incompatibilism*. *NOTRE DAME PHILOSOPHICAL REVIEWS*: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/23950/?id=15546>, 2009.
- 26] Robert Audi's *Practical Reasoning and Ethical Decisions*. *ETHICS* 118: 717-721, 2008.

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

monograph on the so-called ethics of blame
manuscript on philosophical practice and interpersonal discussion
paper on 'Death with Dignity' statutes and patient autonomy
paper on the prevalence of negligence and lessons for criminal liability

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 1] TBD. University of California-Santa Barbara
- 2] TBD. University of California-Riverside, April 2024.
- 3] TBD. Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project, USC, April 2024.
- 4] Author Meets Critics Session on *Simply Responsible*. Central Division Meeting of the APA, February 2024.
Critics: TBD
- 5] TBD. Lund-Gothenburg Responsibility Project, December 2023.
- 6] "Why blame is not a sanction (and why it matters)." Simon Fraser University, March 2023.
- 7] "Basic Agency and Guiding Activities." Central Division Meeting of the APA (Society for the Philosophy of Agency), February 2023.
- 8] "The Standing to Blame." *Routledge Responsibility Handbook Workshop*, October 2022.
- 9] "How to blame without really trying." University of California, San Diego (Agency and Responsibility Group), April 2021.
- 10] "How to blame without really trying." University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Metaethics seminar), April 2021.
- 11] "How to blame without really trying." University of Michigan (Ethics Discussion Group), April 2021.
- 12] "How to blame others without really trying." University of Maryland (Work-in-Progress Series), February 2021.
- 13] "Mistakes about Moral Responsibility and Mental Illness." *Neuroethics Network*, February 2021.
- 14] "The Basic Responsibility Relation." Center for Ethics & Public Affairs, Murphy Institute, Tulane University, November 2020.
- 15] Invited lead discussant. *New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility 5*, November 2019.
- 16] "A More Nuanced Relationship between Responsibility and Mental Disorder." *Neuroethics Network*, June 2019. (poster)
- 17] "Two Models of Negligence." West Virginia University, April 2019.
- 18] Co-organizer, *Moral Responsibility & Mental Illness Workshop*, UAB, March 2018.
- 19] "Skepticism about the Standing to Blame." *New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility 4*, November 2017.
- 20] "Blaming Notwithstanding." University of Virginia, October 2017.
- 21] "Interminable Blame." *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, August 2017.
- 22] "Letting Things Slide." *Moral Failure and Pathways to Recovery*, University of South Alabama, June 2017.
- 23] Session chair. *Gary Watson Conference*, November 2016.
- 24] "Responsibility and Sanction." Author Meets Critics for Karin Boxer's *Rethinking Responsibility*. Pacific APA, April 2016.
- 25] Session chair, *New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility 3*, November 2015.
- 26] "The Puzzle of Interminable Blame." Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2015.
- 27] "Epistemic Tracing." *Responsibility – The Epistemic Dimension Workshop*. VU University Amsterdam, May 2015.
- 28] "Interminable Blame." University of Mississippi, November 2014.
- 29] "Building Character." Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2014.
- 30] "Standing and Blaming." Yale University, October 2014.
- 31] "Building Character." *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*. University of Colorado-Boulder, August 2014. (poster)
- 32] Comments on Matthew Smith's "Reliance on Evil and the Moral Character of our Actions." *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*. University of Colorado-Boulder, August 2014.

- 33] “Standing and Blaming.” *UCLA Legal Theory Workshop*, October 2013.
- 34] “Manipulating Moral Standing.” University of California-Santa Barbara, May 2013.
- 35] “Interminable Blame.” University of California-Irvine, April 2013.
- 36] “Interminable Blame.” Keynote address, *UCLA Law and Philosophy Graduate Conference*, April 2013.
- 37] “Symmetry and Responsibility.” University of California-Riverside, January 2013.
- 38] “Interminable Blame.” University of Arizona, October 2012.
- 39] “Two Faces of Desert.” University of California-Riverside, March 2012.
- 40] “Two Faces of Desert.” University of Southern California, March 2012.
- 41] “Moral Responsibility and Merit.” *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*. University of Colorado-Boulder, August 2010.
- 42] “Two Ways Excused Agents Don’t Do Wrong.” *36th Annual Conference on Value Inquiry*. Southern Illinois University, April 2010.
- 43] “The ‘I’ in ‘Me’: Consciousness and Compatibilism.” *101st Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. Savannah, GA, April 2009.
- 44] Moderator, *Conference on Responsibility, Agency, and Persons*. University of San Francisco, October 2007.
- 45] Comments on Eddy Nahmias’s “Relocating the Problem of Free Will.” *2006 Annual Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference on Action, Ethics, and Responsibility*. Washington State University-University of Idaho, April 2006.
- 46] “Global Conflict: Post-Colonial Territorial Integrity and the Post-Cold War Emphasis on Self-Determination.” *45th Annual Summer Conference*, Institute for Advanced Philosophic Research. Burlington, VT, August 2005 (co-authored with Josh Kassner).
- 47] “Justification, Excuse, and Agent-Evaluation.” *32nd Annual Conference on Value Inquiry*. Louisiana State University, April 2005.

PUBLIC TALKS/PANELS/INTERVIEWS

- 1] “Humor and the Good Life.” *University Honors Program Guest Lecture*, UAB, November 2021.
- 2] “Some Legal (and Ethical) Puzzles of Emerging Technologies.” *Osher Lifetime Learning Institute of Greater Birmingham*, August 2019.
- 3] “Pots & Kettles: The Ethics of Hypocrisy.” *Theodore Haddin Arts & Sciences Forum*, UAB, November 2018.
- 4] “Some Legal (and Ethical) Puzzles of Emerging Technologies.” *New Horizons*, September 2018.
- 5] “Ethics and Moral Reasoning.” Interview with KNVC Radio, August 2018.
- 6] Panelist for *Superheroes and Social Justice*. Office of Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion, UAB, February 2018.
- 7] Participant, *Approaches to Suffering*. UAB School of Medicine Grand Rounds, UAB, 2016.
- 8] “Is Believing in God Rational?” *Great Debates*, UAB, November 2015.
- 9] “Why ‘Socialism’ is Not a Bad Word.” *What’s the Big Idea?* UAB, September 2015.
- 10] “Ethical Problems in Law.” *Donaldson Prison Lecture Series*, February 2015.
- 11] “Leadership & Philosophy.” *Marion Philosophical Society*, Marion Military Institute, February 2015.
- 12] “Why We’re Terrible People.” *What’s the Big Idea?* UAB, September 2014.

GUEST POSTS/ONLINE ARTICLES/OTHER MEDIA

- 1] “Conviction and Cowardice.” *PEA Soup*, May 2021. <https://peasoupblog.com/2021/05/matt-king-on-conviction-and-cowardice/>
- 2] Guest Contributor, Forum on “Intentional Action Without Knowledge.” *PEA Soup*, December 2020. <https://peasoupblog.com/2020/12/forum-on-intentional-action-without-knowledge-guest-contributor-matt-king/>
- 3] “How Uncertainty Undermines the Case for ‘Death with Dignity’ Laws.” *PEA Soup*, April 2019. <https://peasoupblog.com/2019/04/how-uncertainty-undermines-the-case-for-death-with-dignity-laws-guest-post-by-matt-king-for-applied-ethics-april/>
- 4] “Right and Wrong and Our Shifting Moral Compass.” Interview at KNVC, August 2018.
- 5] “Why Get a College Education?” Letter to the Editor, *Kaleidoscope*. <https://www.uab.edu/studentmedia/?view=article&id=685:why-get-a-college-education&catid=23>.

- 6] Featured Author, *Flickers of Freedom*, September 2014.
https://philosophyonline.typepad.com/flickers_of_freedom/featured-author-king/.
- 7] "Ethicists should have been consulted for 'Prisons and the Pulpit' article." Letter to the Editor, AL.com, July 9, 2014.

COURSES DESIGNED AND TAUGHT

Theoretical and Applied Ethics

<i>Contemporary Moral Problems</i>	2008, 2009, 2010
<i>Environmental Ethics</i>	2009
<i>Ethical Theory</i>	2010, 2011, 2012
<i>Metaethics</i>	2009
<i>Bioethics</i>	2014-2022
<i>Seminar: Praising and Blaming</i>	2017

Philosophy of Action

<i>Freedom & Responsibility</i>	2007, 2009, 2014
<i>Grad Seminar: Action & Moral Responsibility</i>	2011
<i>Grad/Law Seminar: Attempts in the Law</i>	2012

Political Philosophy

<i>Social & Political Philosophy</i>	2009, 2015
<i>Philosophy of Law</i>	2007, 2011, 2013-2020, 2022
<i>Rule of Law</i>	2021-2022
<i>Honors Seminar: Politics & Law</i>	2008

Other Topics

<i>Intro to Philosophy</i>	2022
<i>Existentialism</i>	2006, 2008
<i>Philosophy & Superheroes</i>	2016, 2018, 2019
<i>Seminar: Humor & the Good Life</i>	2021
<i>Seminar: Guilt</i>	2022
<i>Critical Thinking</i>	2011, 2012

SUPERVISING

Parker Rose, Independent Study (Spring 2019)
 Lakshmi Subramani, Research Assistant, UAB (Fall 2017)
 Nicholas Leader, Independent Study, UAB (Fall 2017)
 Sarah Griffin, Independent Study, UAB (Spring 2017)
 Forrest Taylor, Independent Study, UAB (Summer 2016)
 Samantha Tudor, Independent Study, UAB (Fall 2015)
 Matthew Strawbridge, JD Independent Study, UCLA (Spring 2013)
 Blake Biggar, Senior thesis, St. Bonaventure University (Spring 2012)
 Martha Perez, Senior thesis, Carleton College (Spring 2009)

SERVICE

Director, Philosophy and Law Minor, UAB, 2017-present

Coordinator for Graduate Application Advising, Philosophy Department, UAB, Fall 2021-Summer 2023
Faculty Advisor, Philosophy Club, UAB, Fall 2019-Spring 2020; Fall 2021-Summer 2023
Member, Philosophy Curriculum Committee, UAB, Spring 2022-Spring 2023
Associate Chair, Faculty Senate, UAB, Fall 2023-present
Senator, Faculty Senate, UAB, Fall 2022-Summer 2023
 Senator-at-Large, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, UAB, Fall 2022-Summer 2023
 Faculty Senate Liaison to CAS, UAB, Fall 2021-Summer 2023
 Chair, CAS Caucus, UAB, Fall 2021-Summer 2023
 Member, Faculty Policies and Procedures Committee, Fall 2021-Summer 2023
 Member, Data Governance Committee, UAB, Fall 2021-Summer 2023
 Alternate Senator, Faculty Senate, UAB, Fall 2021-Spring 2022
Judge, High School Ethics Bowl, Alabama Regional, Spring 2022
Departmental Liaison, Provost's Signature Core Curriculum Committee, UAB, Fall 2018-Spring 2020
Chair, Philosophy Search Committee (TT), UAB, 2019-2020
Major Recruitment Officer, Department of Philosophy, UAB, Fall 2018-Fall 2019
Criminal Justice/Pre-law Search Committee Member, UAB, Summer 2019
Faculty Review Committee Chair, Department of Philosophy, UAB, 2018-2019
Philosophy Search Committee Member (VAP), Spring 2018
Member, Philosophy Internship Development Committee, UAB, Fall 2016
What's the Big Idea? Public Lecture Series Coordinator, UAB, Fall 2015-2017
Co-coach, Bioethics Bowl Team, UAB, 2015-2016 (National Champions)
Graduate Dean's Student Advisory Committee, Graduate School, UMD, Spring 2008
Ethics Search Committee, Philosophy Department, UMD, 2006-2007
Graduate Representative to the Philosophy Department, UMD, 2005-2006

REFEREEING

MIT Press; Oxford University Press

American Philosophical Quarterly; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Ergo; Erkenntnis; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice; Ethics; European Journal of Philosophy; Journal of the American Philosophical Association; Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy; Journal of Philosophy; Journal of Value Inquiry; Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal; Neuroethics; Noûs; Pacific Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophical Explorations; Philosophical Papers; Philosophical Studies; Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; Ratio; Review of Philosophy and Psychology; Social Theory and Practice; Synthese; Thought

New Orleans Workshop for Agency and Responsibility 5 (2019)

External reviewer for: SSHRC grant (2020); tenure case (2022); Lund University dissertation defense (2023)

OTHER

Associate Editor, *PEA Soup* (blog on ethics and the profession), January 2018-December 2022

Featured discussion of "Manipulation Arguments and the Moral Standing to Blame", *PEA Soup*, August 2015

Commentator (invited), discussion of Seana Shiffrin's "The Moral Neglect of Negligence," *PEA Soup*, May 2018