NIKKI FORTIER

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, Syracuse University (June, 2023)

Dissertation: "Bringing Hedonism Back: Toward a Felt-Quality View of Well-Being"

> *In this set of papers, I make a case for the view that a person's well-being is determined by pleasures and pains characterized by felt qualities.*

Committee: Ben Bradley (co-advisor), David Sobel (co-advisor), Chris Heathwood, Hille Paakkunainen

M.A. Philosophy, University of Manitoba (June, 2014)

Concentrations: Normative Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy

B.A. (honors) Philosophy, University of Manitoba (June, 2012)

Minor: Women and Gender Studies

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Value Theory, Normative Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCY

Metaethics, Philosophy of Feminism, Social & Political Philosophy, Medical Ethics

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PUBLICATIONS

- "Felt-Quality Hedonism, Alienation, and the Spirit of Resonance" in *Utilitas* (forthcoming).
- "The Trouble With Genuine-Attraction Desires" in *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming).

- "Epistemic Reasons, Transparency, and Evolutionary Debunking" co-authored with Nicole Dular in *Philosophia* 49 (2021), 1455-1473.
- "COVID-19, Gender Inequality, and the Responsibility of the State" in *International Journal of Well-Being* 10 (2020), 77-93.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- "The Endorsed-Feeling View of Pleasure and Pain"
- "How the Attention-Demandingness of Pain Favors Felt-Quality Accounts"

COURSES TAUGHT AS AUTONOMOUS INSTRUCTOR

- Moral Psychology, Cornell University (Spring 2025)
- Philosophy of Feminism, Syracuse University (Fall 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025; Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)
- Medical Ethics, Syracuse University (Summer 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024; Fall 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025; Spring 2025)
  *I developed an online version of this course for the College of Professional Studies, which was launched in Fall 2023.
- Theories of Knowledge & Reality, Syracuse University (Spring 2020, Fall 2025)
- Stem Cells & Society, Syracuse University (Spring 2021, 2024 - co-taught with Scott Erdman, Department of Biology)
- Introduction to Philosophy, Ithaca College (Fall 2023)
- Social & Political Philosophy, Syracuse University (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2023)
- Logic, Syracuse University (Fall 2019)
- Contemporary Ethics, Syracuse University (Spring 2019)
- Human Nature, Syracuse University (Fall 2018)
- Critical Thinking, Syracuse University (Spring 2017, Summer 2018)
- Ethics and Contemporary Issues, Syracuse University (Summer 2016)
- Environmental Ethics, University of Manitoba (Summer 2015)

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- **Philosophy of Feminism (Fall 2016)**

Professor: Kara Richardson

- **Theories of Knowledge and Reality (Spring 2016)**

  Professor: Kevan Edwards

- **Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy (Fall 2015)**

  Professor: David Sobel

- **Contemporary Ethics (Spring 2015)**

  Professor: Lawrence Thomas

- **Introduction to Morality (Fall 2014)**

  Professor: Andre Gallois

- **RA, University of Manitoba (Fall 2013)**

  Research Assistant for Esa Díaz León on a SSHRC-funded project on race and gender

- **TA, University of Manitoba (Summer 2012-Summer 2013)**

  Courses: Ethics and the Environment, Clinical Ethics (Dept. of Medicine), Critical Thinking, Introduction to Philosophy

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AWARDS AND HONORS

- Syracuse University Department of Philosophy Summer Scholarship (2014)
- University of Manitoba Department of Philosophy Scholarship (2013)
- Hartman Award, University of Manitoba (2013)

PRESENTATIONS

- **"How the Attention-Demandingness of Pain Favors Felt-Quality Accounts"**

  University of Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, Summer 2025

  Syracuse University SPAWN Conference, Summer 2025

- **"The Trouble with Genuine-Attraction Desires"**

  Syracuse University: ABD Workshop, Spring 2022

- **"Failing to Resonate with Subjective Accounts of Well-Being**

University of Kansas Workshop on Well-Being, Summer 2018

- **"Crop-Tops are Objectively Not-Cute: A response to Haslanger's argument for social milieu relativism"**

  Syracuse University: Graduate Student Working Papers, Fall 2015

- **"Akrasia is Necessary for Blameworthiness"**

  Minorities in Philosophy, Syracuse University: Women's Working Papers, Spring 2015

- **"A Defense of a Broad Conception of Negative Liberty"**

  University of Manitoba Student Conference, Spring 2014

- **Comments on "Normative Perfectionism for Dependent Social Rational Animals" by Brad Cokelet**

  University of Kansas, Workshop on Well-Being, Summer 2019

- **Comments on "Unwelcome Trust" by Justin Bzovy**

  Western Canadian Philosophical Conference, October 19, 2013

SERVICE

Professional

- *Ad hoc* reviewer for the *Utilitas*
- Coordinator between *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* and *Pea Soup*, 2017-2019
- Chair, *Central APA*, 2022
- Chair, *Workshop in Normative Ethics*, University of Arizona, 2018

Departmental

- Lecturer, Syracuse University's Philosophy for Children Program with Southside Academy Charter School, 2014-2015, 2017-2018, 2021-2022
- Visual designer for conference promotional materials, Syracuse University, SPAWN Conference, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2023
- Co-organizer, Syracuse University, Women's Group 2016-2017
- Reception Coordinator, Syracuse University, 2015-2016, 2017-2018, 2018-2019
- Co-organizer, Syracuse University, Graduate Conference, 2014-2015

- Reviewer, Syracuse University, Graduate Conference, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2022