# P. QUINN WHITE

Curriculum Vitae

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# Areas of Specialization

Ethics • Applied Ethics • Metaethics

### Areas of Competence

Metaphysics · Political Philosophy · Bioethics · Ethics of Technology · History of Ethics

## EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Harvard University,	2022 -
Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska–Lincoln	2020 – 2022
Postdoctoral Associate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2019 – 2020
Instructor, Yale Young Global Scholars	2013 – 2019

# **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2014 – 2019
Dissertation: Love First	
Committee: Kieran Setiva (Chair) Caspar Hara Tamar Schapiro	

Committee: Kieran Setiya (Chair), Caspar Hare, Tamar Schapiro

B.A. in Philosophy, Yale College 2010 - 2014Magna Cum Laude, With Distinction in Philosophy

# **PUBLICATIONS**

"The Importance of Being Constant," in Loyalty, ed. T. Jollimore, Oxford University Press, invited.

"Honesty and Discretion," Philosophy and Public Affairs 50 (2022): 6-49. (https://doi.org/ 10.1111/papa.12203).

# Presentations and Commentaries

"Undemandable Obligations and Paying it Forward"

· Interpersonal Relations Conference, University of Birmingham, 2022

"Forgiveness: Personal and Political"

- · Invited Talk, Harvard, 2022
- · Graduate-Faculty Colloquium, UNL, 2021
- · Invited Talk, Yale, 2021

### "Honesty and Discretion"

- · Philosophy Club, UNL, 2022
- · Invited Talk, Oberlin College, 2020
- Trust and Truth: AHRC International Interdisciplinary Conference, Cambridge, 2019
- · Work In Progress Seminar, MIT, 2018

#### "Ethics in the Shadow of Love"

- · Northeastern Normativity Workshop, 2020
- · Invited Talk, New York University, 2020
- · Invited Talk, UNC Wilmington, 2020
- · Invited Talk, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2020
- · Central APA, 2020
- · Work In Progress Seminar, MIT, 2019
- · Northern New England Philosophical Association, University of Vermont, 2018

#### Commentaries

- Rahul Kumar, "Contractualism and the Moral Relationship," Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP), 2022
- Peter Zuk, "Reconciling Experiential Theories of Pleasure," Central States Philosophical Association, 2022
- · Tom Dougherty, "Communicating Consent", MITing of the Minds, 2015

### AWARDS

- MIT Presidential Fellowship, 2014 2015.
- · Phi Beta Kappa, 2014.
- George. A. Schrader, Jr. Prize, 2014 (for highest achievement in the humanities, Branford College, Yale)
- E. Francis Riggs Prize, 2011 (for highest achievement in the Directed Studies Program, Yale)

# TEACHING

#### Instructor

- · Why Be Moral? (graduate/undergraduate seminar), UNL Spring 2022
- Ethics of the Emerging Media Arts, UNL Spring 2022
- · Personal Identity, Persistence, and Time, UNL Fall 2021
- · Philosophy and Current Issues, UNL Fall 2021, S '21, F '20, F '21

- · Love (graduate seminar), UNL Fall 2020
- · Ethics of Technology, MIT Fall 2019
- · Bioethics, MIT Fall 2019
- · Thinking, Being, Doing, Ethics in Your Life, MIT Spring 2020
- Bioethics: Enhancement, Treatment and the Self, Yale Young Global Scholars (YYGS), Summer 2019, '17
- · The Ethics of Consent: Medicine, Research, and Sexuality, YYGS, Summer 2019
- Legitimacy and Authority: The Political Philosophy of Thomas Hobbes, YYGS, Summer 2022, 2018, '17, '16 and '15
- Is There a Place for Ethics in War?, YYGS, Summer 2018, '16
- Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism: Kant and Schmitt on the International Order, YYGS, Summer 2018,
- · Killing, Saving, and Letting Die: The Ethics of Self Driving Cars, YYGS, Summer 2018
- · Racism, Sexism, Race and Gender, YYGS, Summer 2017
- · Climate Ethics, YYGS, Summer 2017
- Moral and Cultural Relativism, YYGS, Summer 2018, '17, '16
- · Affluence, Aid, and Our Obligations to Others, YYGS, Summer 2017, '16 & '15
- Big Data, Surveillance, and the Philosophical and Legal Dimensions of Privacy ('17)
- · Philosophy of Race, YYGS Summer 2016 & 2015
- · Liberalism, Libertarianism: Rawls and Nozick on Justice, YYGS, Summer 2016 & '15
- Population Ethics, YYGS, Summer 2015
- · Philosophical Foundations of Conservatism, YYGS, Summer 2015
- · Philosophy of Race, YYGS, Summer 2015
- · Population Ethics, YYGS, Summer 2015
- · Jus ad Bellum, YYGS, Summer 2014
- · Jus in Bello, YYGS, Summer 2014
- · Debates about Harm, YYGS, Summer 2014, '13

### OTHER TEACHING

- · Honesty and Discretion, YYGS, Summer 2022
- · Three Views on Forgiveness, Drisha Institute, Fall 2021
- · What is racism?, YYGS, Summer 2020, '21

#### Teaching Assistant

- · Classics of Western Philosophy (Haslanger), MIT, Fall 2017
- · Bioethics (Prescott-Couch), MIT, Spring 2017
- · Moral Problems and the Good Life (Setiya), MIT, Fall 2016
- · Problems of Philosophy (Hare), MIT, Fall 2015

### PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

- · Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, MIT, Spring 2018
- Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning Seminar Design Workshop, Yale, Spring 2019, '18, '17, '16 & '15

### SERVICE

- · Faculty Lead, Embedded Ethics Program, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- · Graduate Advisor, Spring 2021
- Refereed (often multiple times) for: The Australasian Journal of Philosophy; The Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Ergo; Ethics, Policy, and Environment; Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophy and Phenomenological Review; Utilitas
- Editorial work for Routledge Handbook of Social & Political Philosophy of Language (edited by Khoo and Sterken, under contract with Routledge)
- · Co-organizer of the MIT Ethics Reading Group, Fall 2015 Spring 2017
- · Co-organizer of the MITing of the Minds Conference, Spring 2015.

### Advising

· Committee Member, Trevor Adams, expected date of completion May 2023.

# Graduate Coursework

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#### ETHICS AND METAETHICS

- \*Reasons for Action (Setiva, MIT), Fall 2018
- \*Realm of Rights (Thompson, MIT), Spring 2018
- \*Noncognitivism (Fitelson, Spencer; MIT), Fall 2016.
- Topics in Moral Philosophy (Hare, MIT), Spring 2016
- · Normative and Meta-Normative Questions (Parfit and Berker, Harvard), Spring 2015
- · Moral Psychology (Setiya, MIT), Spring 2015
- · Ought and 'Ought' (Spencer and Khoo, MIT), Fall 2014
- Metaethics (Berker, Harvard), Fall 2014
- · Political Theory: Berlin, Oakeshott, & Strauss (Smith, Yale), Fall 2013
- · Recent Ethical Theory: Derek Parfit's On What Matters (Darwall & Kagan, Yale), Fall 2012

#### METAPHYSICS AND EPISTEMOLOGY

- \*Problems in Metaphysics: Color and its Place in Nature (Spencer, Byrne and Pautz, MIT),
  Fall 2017
- · Independent Study on Explanation, Fundamentality and Time (Skow, MIT), Spring 2016
- Proseminar II (Haslanger, Rayo, MIT), Spring 2015.

- · Proseminar I (Spencer, Yablo, MIT), Fall 2014.
- · Formal Tools for Philosophers (Skow, MIT), Fall 2014.
- · Mathematical Logic (Shin, Yale), Fall 2013
- · Persistence, Action and Relations (Della Rocca, Yale), Fall 2013
- Personal Identity (Winkler, Yale), Spring 2013

#### HISTORY

- · Kant's Ethical Theory (Korsgaard, Harvard), Spring 2016
- The British Moralists (Schapiro, MIT), Fall 2016
- · Hume (Winkler, Yale), Fall 2013
- · Aristotle's Ethics (Kronman, Yale) Fall 2012
- · Kant's Ethical Theory (Elizondo, Yale), Spring 2012
- · Political Philosophy of Thomas Hobbes (Smith, Yale), Fall 2012
- · Modern Political Philosophy (Garsten & Smith, Yale), Spring 2012
- · Ancient Political Philosophy (Garsten & Smith, Yale), Fall 2011

# REFERENCES

Kieran Setiya (Dissertation Supervisor)

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