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**Research Statement**

My areas of specialization are meta-ethics, normative ethics and business ethics; I have competences in philosophy of language, philosophy of law, and philosophy of mind. I have a vigorous research and publication program that concentrates on analyzing and evaluating Neo-Kantian constructivism and developing a deontological account for how agents ought to prioritize their obligations.

My past work has been primarily in Neo-Kantian theories of ethics. My dissertation is written on Christine Korsgaard's constructivism. A paper called "Kantian Ethics" will appear this year in a collection of essays on business and professional ethics. For the past six years I have been working on neo-Kantian theories in ethics, focusing especially on Christine Korsgaard's constructivist theory. I am currently revising a fairly long paper that analyzes several arguments for her view. I presented a version of this paper at an international conference in Athens this summer and was made an offer to be published at that time, but decided to pursue publication in a high-tier ethics journal. Other projects of mine go beyond assessing the viability of Korsgaard's particular version of constructivism. I am working on a paper that argues that any form of radical constructivism in ethics is theoretically unsupportable. My argument rests on analyses of views of the nature of justification in ethics. I would also like to write a paper engaging the work of Sharon Street of NYU, who is now arguing for a constructivist view more radical than Korsgaard's.

Finally, I am studying the how agents should weigh the various obligations they possess in order to provide an account of morality that includes principles for prioritizing various obligations over others. This is an area virtually untouched in the deontological realm of ethics. Within this research program, I have developed an in-depth survey to administer to students at Spring Hill College and Arizona State University this spring and summer that seeks correlations between agents' prioritization of obligations and their health and happiness. I hope to publish the findings in both psychology and ethics journals and move on to write one or more books in the area of prioritization, as well.

In the future, I am interested in applying a constructivist theory to theism and in examining the theoretical dependences of ethical theories on God. All of my research interests can be summarized by stating that I would like to investigate and make contributions regarding the dependence of morality on anything – God, relationships, cultures, our psychology, and so on.