

Margaret Shea

Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2024 –
Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

Princeton University 2019 – 2024
Ph.D in Philosophy

Brown University 2015 – 2019
B.A. in Philosophy, Magna cum laude

University of Oxford 2017 – 2018
Undergraduate year abroad

INTERESTS

AOS: moral philosophy (metaethics, normative ethics, moral psychology)

AOC: aesthetics, social and political philosophy, philosophy of action

PUBLICATIONS

“Why Plan-Expressivists Can’t Pick Up the Moral Slack”
Oxford Studies in Metaethics 19 (2024): 129-150.

“Hypocrisy as Two-Faced”
Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics 14 (2024): 93-116:

“What Are We to Do? Making Sense of ‘Joint Ought’ Talk” (w/ Rowan Mellor)
Philosophical Studies 182 (2024): 705-724.

TALKS († = *refereed*)

- Departmental Colloquium – Title TBD** (upcoming) February 2026
University of York
- Moral Philosophy Working Group – Title TBD** (upcoming) October 2025
Yale University
- “Dilemmatic Deliberative ‘Oughts’” †** (upcoming) September 2025
Madison Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- “Deontic Status Tracing and Praiseworthy Required Acts”** January 2025
Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
Commentator: Connie Rosati
- “Blameworthy Required Acts”** November 2024
Work-in-Progress Meeting, University of Maryland, College Park
- “What Are We to Do? The Semantics and Ethics of the Joint Ought” †** August 2023
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder
Commentator: Mark van Roojen
- “What Are We to Do? The Semantics and Ethics of the Joint Ought” †** (w/ Rowan Mellor) April 2023
Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Commentator: Alisabeth Ayars
- “Hypocrisy as Two-Faced” †** January 2023
Workshop in Normative Ethics, University of Arizona
- “Why Plan Expressivists Can’t Pick Up the Moral Slack” †** September 2022
Madison Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- “The Possibility of Irreducibly Practical Reasons” †** August 2022
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder
- “Against Self-Ownership”** October 2019
Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, University of Utah

COMMENTS

- Comments on Jon Garthoff’s “The Independent Value of Conscious Individuals”** May 2024
NUSTEP (Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics), Northwestern University

GRANTS, AWARDS & HONORS

- Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University Center for Human Values** 2022 – 23

Research Assistantship Grant , <i>Princeton University</i> Research assistant to Professor Michael Smith.	2020
Merit Grant , <i>Princeton University</i> (Center for Human Values)	2019 – 2020
Phi Beta Kappa	2019
Ertegun Scholarship (declined in order to enroll at Princeton), <i>University of Oxford</i>	2019
Curt John Ducasse Premium in Metaphysics , <i>Brown University</i>	2018

TEACHING

At UNC Chapel Hill (* = graduate-level)

Upcoming

Advanced Studies in Moral Theory: Ignorance, Uncertainty, and Morality* (w/ Alex Worsnip)	Fall 2025
Introduction to Ethics	Fall 2025

Past

Contemporary Moral Philosophy*	Spring 2025
Introduction to Ethics	Spring 2025
Dissertation Research Seminar*	Fall 2024
(Honors) Introduction to Ethics	Fall 2024

At Princeton

Philosophy of Art (with Michael Smith)	Fall 2022
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GRADUATE ADVISING

PhD Dissertation Advisory Committee

Raye Ploeger	(ongoing)
Jackson Bittick	(ongoing)

PhD Dissertation Examination Committee

Aaron Thieme	March 2025
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Co-Organizer, Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop	2024 –
Panelist, Workshop on AI Generated Music, <i>UNC Institute for the Arts & Humanities</i>	April 2025
Graduate Admissions Committee, <i>UNC Philosophy</i>	2024 – 2025
Ethics Bibliography Exam Committee, <i>UNC Philosophy</i>	2024 – 2025

Selection Committee for the Maynard Adams Symposium, *UNC Carolina Public Humanities* 2024 – 2025

Director, Princeton Workshop in Normative Philosophy, *Princeton University* 2021 – 2023

Organizer, Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Conference, *Princeton University* 2021

Referee for *Ethics*, *Noûs*, *Philosophical Studies*

REFERENCES

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