

# Margaret Shea

## Curriculum Vitae

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### CONTACT

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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

**“Blameworthy Required Acts”**  
*Ethics* 136/2 (2026): 354-383.

**“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. 93-116.

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

**UNDER REVIEW****“Are Plural ‘Oughts’ Practically Significant?”**

committed to *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* (pending peer review) [old title “Dilemmatic Deliberative ‘Oughts’”]

**TALKS** († = *selected by anonymous peer-review*)**Title TBD**

Metaethics Workshop, University of Nebraska Lincoln

(upcoming) April 2027

**Title TBD**

Conference in honor of Michael Smith, Princeton University

(upcoming) November 2026

**“Moral Responsibility for Moral Requirements”**

†Forms of Exculpation Workshop, Humboldt University

March 2026

Departmental Colloquium, Cardiff University

March 2026

Departmental Talk, CAMP Center, University of Leeds

February 2026

Departmental Colloquium, University of York

February 2026

**“Dilemmatic Deliberative ‘Oughts’”**

† Madison Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison

September 2025

Moral Philosophy Working Group, Yale University

October 2025

**“Deontic Status Tracing and Praiseworthy Required Acts”**

Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association

January 2025

Commentator: Connie Rosati

**“Blameworthy Required Acts”**

Work-in-Progress Meeting, University of Maryland, College Park

November 2024

**“What Are We to Do? The Semantics and Ethics of the Joint Ought”** (w/ Rowan Mellor)

†Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder

August 2023

Commentator: Mark van Roojen

†Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill

April 2023

Commentator: Alisabeth Ayars

**“Hypocrisy as Two-Faced”**

†Workshop in Normative Ethics, University of Arizona

January 2023

**“Why Plan Expressivists Can’t Pick Up the Moral Slack”**

†Madison Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison

September 2022

**“The Possibility of Irreducibly Practical Reasons”**

†Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder

August 2022

**INVITED COMMENTARY**

<b>Commentator on Elizabeth Harman's <i>When to Be a Hero</i></b> Workshop on Harman's book manuscript, Princeton University	March 2026
<b>Commentator on Kenneth Walden's "Normative Creation"</b> Workshop on Metaethics and Philosophy of Action, Dartmouth College	August 2025
<b>Commentator on Jon Garthoff's "The Independent Value of Conscious Individuals"</b> NUSTEP (Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics), Northwestern University	May 2024

**GRANTS, AWARDS & HONORS**

<b>R.J. Reynolds Junior Faculty Development Award, <i>UNC Chapel Hill</i></b>	2026-2027
<b>Graduate Prize Fellowship, <i>Princeton University Center for Human Values</i></b>	2022 – 23
<b>Research Assistantship Grant, <i>Princeton University</i></b> Research assistant to Professor Michael Smith.	2020
<b>Merit Grant, <i>Princeton University</i> (Center for Human Values)</b>	2019 – 2020
<b>Phi Beta Kappa</b>	2019
<b>Ertegun Scholarship</b> (declined in order to enroll at Princeton), <i>University of Oxford</i>	2019
<b>Curt John Ducasse Premium in Metaphysics, <i>Brown University</i></b>	2018

**TEACHING**At UNC Chapel Hill (\* = graduate-level)

*Proto-Seminar in Philosophy (w/ Jim Pryor)	(upcoming) Fall 2026
Introduction to Ethics	(upcoming) Fall 2026
*Ignorance, Uncertainty, and Morality* (w/ Alex Worsnip)	Fall 2025
Introduction to Ethics	Fall 2025
*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 (w/ Michael Smith)	Fall 2022
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**GRADUATE ADVISING***PhD Dissertation Advisory Committee*

Raye Ploeger	(ongoing)
Jackson Bittick	(ongoing)

*PhD Dissertation Examination Committee*

Nolan Whitaker  
 Gabriella Hulsey  
 Aaron Thieme

(upcoming) April 2026  
 (upcoming) April 2026  
 March 2025

*Senior Thesis Advisor*

Marli English

(upcoming) 2026-2027

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES**

Co-Organizer, Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop	2024 –
Selection Committee for the Maynard Adams Symposium, <i>UNC Carolina Public Humanities</i>	2024 –
Panelist, Workshop on AI Generated Music, <i>UNC Institute for the Arts &amp; Humanities</i>	April 2025
Graduate Admissions Committee, <i>UNC Philosophy</i>	2024 – 2025
Ethics Bibliography Exam Committee, <i>UNC Philosophy</i>	2024 – 2025
Director, Princeton Workshop in Normative Philosophy, <i>Princeton University</i>	2021 – 2023
Organizer, Princeton-Humboldt Graduate Conference, <i>Princeton University</i>	2021
Referee for <i>Ethics, Noûs, Philosophical Studies</i>	

**REFERENCES****Michael Smith**

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