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## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### **Academic Employment**

2013-present Lecturer, Loyola University Chicago (Philosophy Dept.)  
2012 Visiting Instructor, Pima Community College  
2011-2012 Biological Futures Research Associate, University of Washington (Program on Values)  
2010-2011 Postdoctoral Fellow in Democracy and Diversity, Queen's University (Philosophy Dept.)  
2007-2009 Pre-Doctoral Lecturer, University of Washington (Philosophy Dept.)  
2007 Visiting Instructor, Everett Community College (Philosophy Dept.)  
2004-2007 Teaching Assistant, University of Washington (Philosophy Dept.)

### **Education**

2004-2010 University of Washington  
PhD, Philosophy, June 2010  
*Dissertation:* "Listening in Public: Duties of Civility in a Pluralistic Democracy"  
*Committee:* Michael Blake (supervisor), William Talbott, Alison Wylie, and Michael Rosenthal  
MA, Philosophy, June 2006  
2000 Sophia University (Tokyo, Japan)  
Semester Abroad, March – August 2000  
1997-2001 Grinnell College  
BA, Philosophy, honors; Phi Beta Kappa

### **Areas of Specialization**

Value Theory, Social and Political Philosophy

### **Areas of Competence**

Philosophy of Human Rights, Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Science

### **Courses Taught at Loyola University Chicago**

PHIL 398 | Capstone Seminar in Contemporary Philosophy: Ethics of Immigration  
PHIL 326 | Political Philosophy: Philosophy of Human Rights  
HONR 301A | Honors Capstone: Moral Responsibility—Respect, Tolerance, and Civility  
PHIL 287W | Environmental Ethics (taught as a writing-intensive (W) section)  
PHIL 274 | Logic (multiple sections)  
PHIL 273 | Philosophy of Science (multiple sections/semesters)  
PHIL 182 & 182W | Social and Political Philosophy (multiple sections/semesters; also taught as a writing-intensive (W) section)  
PHIL 181 | Ethics (multiple sections/semesters; also taught as a Learning Community (LC) section)  
PHIL 130 | Philosophy and Persons (multiple sections/semesters)

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## Publications

King, L., Morgan-Olsen, B., & Wong, J. (2016). Identifying Difference, Engaging Dissent: What is at Stake in Democratizing Knowledge? *Foundations of Science* 21(1): 69-88. (first published online 9/2014)

Several prominent voices have called for a democratization of science through deliberative processes that include a diverse range of perspectives and values. In this article, we bring these scholars into conversation with extant research on democratic deliberation in political theory and the social sciences. In doing so, we identify systematic barriers to the effectiveness of inclusive deliberation in both scientific and political settings.

Morgan-Olsen, B. (2013). A Duty to Listen: Epistemic Obligations and Public Deliberation. *Social Theory and Practice*, 39(2): 185-212.

The obligation that citizens must only offer “public” reasons into political discourse is traditionally taken by political liberals to fall on the citizen as *speaker*—as an individual who forwards political arguments. I argue here that those who accept this obligation for speakers must accept a corresponding civic obligation on listeners—a duty to attempt to identify public reasons within others’ presented arguments.

Morgan-Olsen, B. (2012). Habermas, Rawls, and the Public “Translation” of Religious Claims. *Science et Esprit*, 64(2): 229-244.

The act of matching nonpublic claims with equivalent public claims is significant for both Habermas’s work on the role of religion in the public sphere and for Rawls’s “duty of civility.” I investigate here what a detailed account of this “translation” of nonpublic claims might look like, especially for purposes of political inclusion.

Morgan-Olsen, B. (2010). Conceptual Exclusion and Public Reason. *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 40(2); 213-243.

I demonstrate here that a type of exclusion I call ‘conceptual exclusion’ creates the potential for public reason constraints to further exclude marginalized groups. I argue that taking conceptual exclusion seriously requires both a revision of traditional accounts of public reason and a reconceptualization of our civic obligations.

## Selected Conference Presentations

2015 “Good Science and Fruitful Dissent? Finding Reasonable Disagreement in Climate Change Debates,” MDSC2015: The Epistemic Role of Manufactured Dissent in Climate Science (ITAS, Karlsruhe, Germany) {collaboration with Loren King and James Wong}

2015 “Virtues of Science and Citizenship: Against Two Orthodoxies,” Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable 2015 (POSS/ENPOSS (European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences), Seattle, WA) {collaboration with Loren King and James Wong}

2013 “What is Distinctive about Science in Liberal Democracy?” International Conference on The Special Role of Science in Liberal Democracy (Copenhagen, DK) {collaboration with Loren King and James Wong}

2013 “Civility in Uncivil Times: On Malcom X, Martin Luther King, and Jerry Falwell,” Western Political Science Association 2013 Annual Meeting (Hollywood, CA)

2012 “Multiculturalism and (Mis)Understanding,” Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable 2012 (University of Nebraska, NE)

2012 “Identifying Difference, Engaging Dissent: What is at Stake in Democratizing Knowledge?” European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences Conference 2012 (Copenhagen, DK) {collaboration with Loren King and James Wong}

2012 “The Obligation to Interpret: A Response to the Tea Party and Occupy Movements,” Crisis of American Democracy Conference (IPFW Center for Applied Ethics, IN) {collaboration with Terence Meehan}

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## Selected Conference Presentations, continued

- 2011 “The Burdens of Interpersonal Justification,” The American Philosophical Association 2011 Eastern Division Meeting (Washington, DC)
- 2011 “Distinguishing Dissent from Difference,” Pacific Northwest Political Science Association 2011 Annual Conference (Seattle, WA)
- 2011 “A Listener’s Duty,” 2011 Political Theory Workshop (Centre de Recherche en Éthique de l’Université de Montréal, QC)
- 2011 “Habermas, Rawls, and the Public ‘Translation’ of Religious Claims,” Canadian Jacques Maritain Association Religion in Public Life Symposium (CSSH 2011, NB)
- 2009 “Epistemic Injustice and Public Reason,” Eleventh Annual Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable (Emory University, GA)

## Editorial and Review Activities

- 2015-2016 Reviewer, *To Translate or Not to Translate: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Translation Policy*
- 2015-2016 Reviewer, *Journal of Law and Religion*
- 2015-2016 Reviewer, *Social Theory and Practice*
- 2014-2015 Reviewer, *Constellations*
- 2013-2014 Reviewer, *Philosophy of Science*
- 2011-2012 Reviewer, *Hypatia*

## Student Engagement and Directed Student Learning

- 2016 (Spring) Bioethics Bowl Team Co-Coach (1<sup>st</sup> place in National Competition)
- 2016 (Spring) Directed Individual/Independent Study: Jordi Cores Lopez, “A Case for Global Justice through Zones of Refuge”
- 2015-2016 Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor: Jordi Cores Lopez, “NAFTA and the Effects on Mexican Immigration: Building a Moral Claim for Low-Skilled Laborers and Farmers”
- 2015-2016 Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor: Nathaniel Magrath, “Guest Workers and Irregular Migration in the United States”
- 2015 (Fall) Ethics Bowl Team Co-Coach (5<sup>th</sup> place in Regional Competition)
- 2014-2015 Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor: Philomena Panagoulas, *thesis not submitted*.

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## Loyola Philosophy Department Service

- 2015-2016 Committee Co-Chair, Graduate Teaching Seminar
- 2015-2016 Committee Member, Philosophy Club Committee
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- 2014-2015 Committee Member, Philosophy Club Committee

## Professional References

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