

# Douglas Paletta

## POSITIONS

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2015-present Associate Director, Philosophy, Politics and Economics Program, University of Pennsylvania  
2013-2015 Associate Director, Marks Family Writing Center, University of Pennsylvania  
2011-2013 Senior Writing Fellow, Critical Writing Program, University of Pennsylvania  
2010-2011 Critical Writing Fellow, Critical Writing Program, University of Pennsylvania

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. 2010 University of Pennsylvania, Dept of Philosophy  
M.A. 2005 University of Pennsylvania, Dept of Philosophy  
B.A. 2004 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with *honors* and *distinction*

## PUBLICATIONS

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“The Structural Competence of Contractualism.” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 48, no. 3 (2014): 437-447.  
“Equality, Capability and Neurodiversity” in *Ethics and Neurodiversity*, eds. C.D. Herrera & Alexandra Perry. (Cambridge Scholars Publishing 2013): 39-51.  
“How to Overcome Strawson’s Point: Defending a Value-Oriented Foundation for Contractualism.” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 16, no. 1 (2013): 9-20.  
“Francis Hutcheson: Why be Moral?” *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 9, no. 2 (2011): 149-159.  
“Political Legitimacy.” and “Public Reason.” In *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*. ed. Deen Chatterjee, Springer Publishing, 2011.

## REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

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“Two Approaches to Rationality: Hobbes’ Foole vs. Hume’s Knave.” Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, 2015.  
“Structurally Accounting for the Significance of Hypothetical Choices in Social Contract Arguments.” APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2012.  
“The Moral Complexity in Addressing Second Hand Smoke.” 37<sup>th</sup> Conference on Value Inquiry, Omaha, NE, 2011.  
“Rawls’s Problem with Assumptions.” APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2010.  
“Against Darwall’s Formal Foundation for Contractualism,” APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2010.

- “Scanlon: The ‘New’ Redundancy Objection and Justifiability,” APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago IL, 2009.
- “Why Wrongness Motivates and Value does not: A Contractualist Explanation,” 26<sup>th</sup> International Social Philosophy Conference, Philadelphia, PA 2009.
- “Two Approaches to Rationality: Hobbes’ Fool and Hume’s Knave,” APA Pacific Division Meeting, International Hobbes Association Session, Vancouver, BC, 2009.
- “Evolutionary Ethics and the Is/Ought Gap,” Darwin’s Reach: Celebrating Darwin’s Legacy across the Disciplines, Hempstead, NY, 2009.
- “Locke’s Social Contract Theory and the Derivative Worry,” Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, 2008.
- “Normative Assumptions and Contractarianism,” 25<sup>th</sup> International Social Philosophy Conference, Portland, OR 2008.
- “Normative Conventionalism,” 35<sup>th</sup> Conference on Value Inquiry, Ewing, NJ, 2008.
- “Choice and Justification,” 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, 2008.
- Comments on C.D. Meyer’s “Neuro-Ethics and the Is/Ought Problem,” 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN, 2008.
- “Can Francis Hutcheson’s Moral Sense Theory Explain the Reasons an Agent Should Act Morally?” 4<sup>th</sup> International Reid Symposium, Center for the Study of Scottish Philosophy, Princeton, NJ, 2007; Spring Ethics Conference, Felician College, Lodi, NJ, 2007.
- “Clarifying the Notion of Trust,” International Society for Research on the Emotions Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2006 (poster presentation).

## TEACHING

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Group Facilitator, University of Pennsylvania  
Penn-UNICEF Social Norms Workshop (alternate) [2015]  
Penn-UNICEF Social Norms Workshop [2011]

Instructor, University of Pennsylvania, 2008 – present  
Creativity (Critical Writing) [Fall 2014, Spring 2015]  
Positive Psychology: Happiness (Critical Writing) [Spring 2013; Spring 2014]  
Peer Tutor Training [Spring 2013; Spring 2014-Spring 2015] – co-instructed  
Global Justice (Critical Writing) [Fall 2012]  
Playing Games: Game Theory (Critical Writing) [Spring 2012]  
Playing Games: Social Norms (Critical Writing) [Fall 2011]  
The Art of Persuasion (Critical Writing) [Summer 2011] – co-instructed  
Moral Dimensions of Health Care (Critical Writing) [Fall 2010; Spring 2011]

Terrorism and Rights (Critical Writing) [Fall 2009; Spring 2010; Fall 2010]  
Social Contract (Philosophy) [Summer 2009]  
Moral Issues (Philosophy) [Fall 2008]

Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania, 2005-2007

Modern Philosophy  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Social Contract  
Introduction to Ethics

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Referee, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 2015  
IRB Certified, 2014  
Organized Philadelphia Writing Program Administrator's Meeting, Fall 2014  
Editor, *3808: An Undergraduate Journal of Critical Writing*, 2013-present.  
Faculty Mentor, Critical Writing Program, 2010-2012.  
Group Leader, Critical Writing Training, 2010-2012.  
Senior Writing Tutor, 2011.  
Co-coordinator of reading group in moral and political philosophy, 2004-2010.  
Referee, *Social Philosophy Today*, 2008.  
Research Assistant for Sebastiano Maffetone, 2008.  
Graduate Representative to the faculty, 2006-2007.  
Director of Prospective Student Weekend. Dept of Philosophy, 2004-2007.

#### CRITICAL WRITING

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##### PUBLICATIONS

Valerie Ross, Patrick Wehner, Rodger LeGrand,, and Douglas Paletta "Tap Roots: Weathering the 2008 Financial Crisis at Upenn" *College Composition and Communication* (forthcoming)

##### WORKSHOPS

"Reasoning and Peer Review," designed for ANCH 026, 2015.

"Pre-health Workshop: Personal Statement Writing," for LPS post-bacs at Penn, 2015. Two of three scaffolded workshops.

"Analysis and Synthesis," WIC Library Workshop, 2012.