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Areas of Specialization

Normative Ethics, Applied Ethics

Areas of Competence

Political Theory, Legal Theory, Philosophy of Action

Research Description

I work primarily in normative ethics, with a focus on individual accountability for cooperatively committed wrongs. I have recently published a book on that topic, entitled ‘[Authority, Cooperation, and Accountability](#)’. I also work on war ethics, as well as on a variety of other issues, including: the moral analysis of coercion, the grounds for associative duties, and the morality of benefitting from injustice. My paper ‘Moral Coercion’ was featured in the *Philosopher’s Annual Top Ten*.

Academic Positions

- 2016 – Affiliate Professor
University of San Diego School of Law
- 2015 – Associate Professor
UC San Diego, La Jolla, CA
- 2009 – 2015 Assistant Professor
UC San Diego, La Jolla, CA
- 2005 – 2009 Teaching Assistant, Graduate Student
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Education

- 2002 – 2009 PhD in Philosophy
Rutgers University
- 1996 – 2001 BA in Philosophy (departmental honors),
BA in Political Science
UC Los Angeles

Publications and Pre-Prints

Authored Books

1. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. [Authority, Cooperation, and Accountability](#). Oxford University Press, 2022.

Papers

1. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. “The Moral Relevance of Intentions in Shared Action”, In *Collective Responsibility - Perspectives on Political Philosophy from Social Ontology*, Eds. Sæde Hormio, Bill Wringe. Springer, 2023.
2. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. “Ulterior Motives and Moral Injury in War”, In *Moral Injury in the Humanities*, Eds. Andrew I. Cohen, Kathryn McClymond. Routledge, 2023.
3. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. “Grounding the Beneficiary Pays Principle”, In [Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy, Vol. 8](#), Eds. David Sobel, Steven Wall. Oxford University Press, 2021.
4. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. “Vesting Agent-Relative Permissions in a Proxy”, *Law and Philosophy*, 37(6), 2018, pp. 671-695.

5. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. "The Identity-Enactment Account of Associative Duties", *Philosophical Studies*, 176, 2018, pp. 2351-2370
6. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. "Complicity." In Routledge Handbook on Collective Intentionality, Eds. Marija Jankovic, Kirk Ludwig. Routledge University Press, 2017.
7. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. "Weighing Civilian Lives in War: Domestic Versus Foreign". In Cambridge Handbook on the Just War, Ed. Larry May. Cambridge University Press, 2018.
8. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. "Standards of Risk in War and Civil Life". In The Nature of Peace and the Morality of Armed Conflict, Ed. Florian Demont. Palgrave, 2017.
9. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. "Compensation and Proportionality in War". In Weighing Lives in War, Eds., Claire Finkelstein, Larry May, Jens David Ohlin. Oxford University Press, 2017.
10. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. "Dignity, Self-Respect, and Bloodless Invasions". In Who Should Die? The Ethics of Killing in War, Eds., Ryan Jenkins, Bradley Strawser. Oxford University Press, 2017.
11. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. "Accountability and Intervening Agency: An Asymmetry between Upstream and Downstream Actors", *Utilitas*, 29(1), 2017, pp. 110-124.
12. Bazargan, Saba. "Defensive Wars and the Reprisal Dilemma", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 93(3), 2014, pp. 583-601.
13. Bazargan, Saba. "Non-Combatant Immunity and War-Profiteering". In The Oxford Handbook of the Ethics of War, Eds. Helen Frowe, Seth Lazar. Oxford University Press, 2017.
14. Bazargan, Saba. "Defensive Liability Without Culpability". In The Ethics of Self- Defense, Eds. Christian Coons, Michael E. Weber. Oxford University Press, 2016.
15. Bazargan, Saba. "Killing Minimally Responsible Threats", *Ethics*, 125(1), 2014, pp. 114-136.
16. Bazargan, Saba. "Moral Coercion", *Philosophers' Imprint*, 14(11), 2014, pp. 1-18. [Winner in 2014 'Philosopher's Annual']
17. Bazargan, Saba. "Morally Heterogeneous Wars", *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*, 41(4), 2013, pp. 959-975.
18. Bazargan, Saba. "Proportionality, Territorial Occupation, and Enabled Terrorism", *Law and Philosophy*, 32(4), 2013, pp. 435-457.
19. Bazargan, Saba. "Complicitous Liability in War", *Philosophical Studies*, 165(1), 2013, pp. 175-195.
20. Bazargan, Saba. "Varieties of Contingent Pacifism". In How We Fight, Eds. Helen Frowe; Gerald Lang. Oxford University Press, 2014.
21. Bazargan, Saba. "The Permissibility of Aiding and Abetting Unjust Wars", *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 8(4), 2011, pp. 513-529.

Book Reviews

1. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. Review of Organizations as Wrongdoers: From Ontology to Morality. Stephanie Collins, in *Mind* (forthcoming).
2. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. Review of Spying Through a Glass Darkly: The Ethics of Espionage and Counter-Intelligence. Cécile Fabre, in *Ethics* 133(2).
3. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. Review of Military Medical Ethics in Contemporary Armed Conflict: Mobilizing Medicine in the Pursuit of Just War. Michael L. Gross, in *Bioethics*, 6(6), 2022, pp. 731-732.
4. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. Review of To Do, To Die, to Reason Why. Victor Tadros, in *Ethics*, 131(4), 2021, pp. 799-808.
5. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. Review of War by Agreement. Yitzhak Benbaji and Daniel Statman, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, June 28, 2020.
6. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. Review of Terrorism and the Right to Resist. Christopher Finlay, in *Ethics*, 127(2), 2017, 481-6.
7. Bazargan, Saba. Review of Defensive Killing. Helen Frowe, in *Australasian Journal of*

Philosophy, 94(3), 2015, 608-11.

8. Bazargan, Saba. Review of Accountability for Killing: Moral Responsibility for Collateral Damage in America's Post-9/11 Wars. Neta C. Crawford, in *Ethics and International Affairs*, 29(1), 2015, pp. 116-119.
9. Bazargan, Saba. Review of Cosmopolitan War. Cecile Fabre, in *Mind*, 123(490), 2014, pp. 588-592.
10. Bazargan, Saba. Review of War and Moral Dissonance. Peter French, in *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 10(1), 2013, pp. 116-119.
11. Bazargan, Saba. Review of Morality and War. David Fisher, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, November 9, 2011.
12. Bazargan, Saba. Review of Just and Unjust Warriors: The Moral and Legal Status of Soldiers. Eds. David Rodin and Henry Shue, in *Ethics* 119(3), 2009, pp. 602-606.

Edited Work

1. The Routledge Handbook of Collective Responsibility. Eds. Saba Bazargan-Forward; Deborah Tollefsen. Taylor & Francis, 2020.
2. Ethics of War. Eds. Saba Bazargan-Forward; Sam Rickless. Oxford University Press, 2017.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

1. Philosopher's Annual Top Ten Papers of 2014 Awardee (for "Moral Coercion")
2. Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship Awardee 2013
3. Hellman Fellowship Awardee 2012

Organizational Work

1. Director for the Summer Program for the Advancement of Women in Philosophy, 2021-2022
2. Organizer for Social Ontology, 2021, part of the biennial conference series sponsored by the International Social Ontology Society and the European Network for Social Ontology.

Conferences, Symposia, & Workshop Presentations

- 2024
- Journal of Social Ontology Symposium for special issue on 'Authority, Cooperation, and Accountability' (invited author), held via Zoom
 - Diversity Institute Alumni Session (invited commentator), APA Central, New Orleans
 - Author Meets Critics Symposium on 'Authority, Cooperation, and Accountability' (author), APA Central, New Orleans
 - Author Meets Critics Symposium on 'Authority, Cooperation, and Accountability' (author), APA Eastern, NYC
 - Workshop on Harming, Rescuing, and Rights (invited speaker), USC
- 2023
- Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project (invited speaker), USC
 - Symposium on 'Authority, Cooperation, and Accountability' (author), US Naval Academy, (via Zoom)
 - Social Ontology 2023, University of Stockholm
 - Workshop on Authority, Power, and Accountability (co-presenter, co-organizer), Stockholm, Sweden
 - Society for Applied Philosophy, University of Antwerp
 - Collective Ethics Seminar (invited speaker), University of Vienna
 - Centre for Ethics (invited speaker), University of Toronto
- 2022
- Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality, University of Vienna
 - Bled Philosophical Conference - Ethical Issues (invited speaker), Bled, Slovenia
 - Central States Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, University of Nebraska Lincoln
 - South Carolina Society for Philosophy Annual Meeting, Converse College
 - Symposium on Collective Responsibility (invited speaker), APA Pacific, Vancouver

- 2021
- Ethics of War and Peace Conference (keynote speaker), West Point Military Academy
 - The 75th Mountain Plains Conference, Utah State University
 - Small Acts, Big Harms, University of Helsinki
- 2020
- The XII Biennial Collective Intentionality Conference, Neuchâtel, Switzerland
 - Book Symposium (invited speaker), APA Central, Chicago
- 2019
- Western Michigan University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (keynote speaker)
 - New Horizons in Action and Agency (invited speaker), University of Helsinki
 - European Network for Social Ontology (ENSO IV), Tampere University
 - Ethical AI for Defence Workshop (invited speaker), Australian Defense College, Canberra
 - Society for Psychology and Philosophy (invited speaker), UC San Diego
 - 13th Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, Northwestern University
 - Humanistic Perspectives on Moral Injury (keynote speaker), Georgia State University
 - Departmental Colloquium (invited speaker), University of Memphis, Dept. of Philosophy
- 2018
- 11th International Conference on Applied Ethics, Kyoto University, Japan
 - International Social Ontology Society, Tufts University
 - Legal Theory Workshop (invited speaker), University of Virginia, Charlottesville
- 2017
- MANCEPT 14th Annual Conference (convener), University of Manchester, UK
 - Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress 10, University of Boulder
 - Workshop on ‘Law and Morality at War’ (invited speaker), Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace
 - Society for Applied Philosophy, University of Copenhagen
 - Invited Workshop on Defensive Violence, University of Warwick
 - Workshop on Revolution, Oppression, & Political Violence, YTL Law and Justice Forum, King’s College London
 - Departmental Colloquium (invited speaker), Arizona State University, Dept. of Philosophy
 - Workshop on Defensive Liability (invited speaker), University of Delaware
 - Symposium, APA Eastern (invited speaker), Baltimore, MD
- 2016
- Gothenburg Biennial Responsibility Conference, Gothenburg University
 - Seventh Annual ELAC Workshop on War, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
 - Bled Philosophical Conference - Ethical Issues (invited speaker), Bled, Slovenia
 - Colloquium, APA Central, 2016 Chicago, IL
- 2015
- The Future of Just War: Theoretical and Practical Challenges, Monterey, CA
 - Workshop on Just War Theory (Just World Institute), University of Edinburgh
 - Collective Responsibility for the Future, University College, Dublin
 - Society for Applied Philosophy, University of Edinburgh
 - Workshop of the Ethics of Defensive Violence, University of Southern California
- 2014
- Invited Colloquium, University of British Columbia
 - Workshop: Collectivity, University of Bristol
 - Ninth Annual International Conference on Philosophy (ATINER), Athens, Greece
 - International Society for Military Ethics, University of Notre Dame, IN
 - Workshop on Feasibility and the Ethics of War, ANU
 - Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, ANU
 - The Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (CERL), University of Penn. Law School
 - Workshop on New Directions in Pacifism, Vanderbilt University
- 2013
- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress 6, University of Boulder
 - Workshop on *Ends of Harm*, Society for Applied Philosophy, Rogoznica, Croatia
 - Bowling Green Workshop in Applied Ethics and Policy, Bowling Green, OH

- 2012*
- Colloquium, APA, Pacific, San Francisco
 - Society for Applied Philosophy, University of Oxford
 - International Law and Ethics Conference Series, University of Belgrade, Serbia