

Kieran Setiya

Curriculum Vitae

Employment

- 2014- Professor, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT
- 2012-2014 Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh
- 2007-2012 Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh
- 2001-2007 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh

Education

- 1996-2001 Princeton University, Ph.D. in Philosophy, January 2002
- 1993-1996 Jesus College, Cambridge, B.A. in Philosophy, First Class Honours with Distinction

Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Action

Areas of Competence

History of Philosophy, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind

Awards and Fellowships

- 2006 Charles A. Ryskamp Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies
- 2003 Third Term Research Stipend, University of Pittsburgh
- 2002 Third Term Research Stipend, University of Pittsburgh
- 2001 Graduate School Summer Stipend, Princeton University
- 2000-2001 Mrs. Giles Whiting Honorific Fellowship in the Humanities, Princeton University
- 2000 Graduate School Summer Stipend, Princeton University
- 1999-2000 Mellon Graduate Prize Fellowship, Center for Human Values, Princeton University
- 1999 Graduate School Summer Stipend, Princeton University
- 1996-1999 Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University
- 1996 Senior Keller Scholarship, Jesus College, Cambridge

Research

Books

- 2017 *Midlife: A Philosophical Guide*, Princeton University Press
- 2016 *Practical Knowledge: Selected Essays*, Oxford University Press
- 2012 *Knowing Right From Wrong*, Oxford University Press
- 2012 *Internal Reasons: Contemporary Readings*, edited with Hille Paakkunainen, MIT Press
- 2007 *Reasons without Rationalism*, Princeton University Press

Articles

- 2018 'Must Consequentialists Kill?' *Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming
- 2018 'How Schopenhauer's Thought Can Illuminate a Midlife Crisis,' *Aeon*, January 26
- 2017 'The Problem of "Living in the Present,"' *New York Times*, September 11
- 2017 'Wrong-Making Reasons,' *Reading Parfit: On What Matters*, Simon Kirchin, ed., Routledge, 123-134
- 2016 'Akrasia and the Constitution of Agency,' *Practical Knowledge: Selected Essays*, Oxford University Press, 253-71
- 2016 'Anscombe on Practical Knowledge,' *Practical Knowledge: Selected Essays*, Oxford University Press, 158-68
- 2016 'Retrospection,' *Philosophers' Imprint* 16: 1-15
- 2015 'Selfish Reasons,' *Ergo* 2: 445-472
- 2015 'Broome on Reasons to Act,' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 91: 204-210
- 2014 'The Ethics of Existence,' *Philosophical Perspectives* 28: 291-301
- 2014 'The Midlife Crisis,' *Philosophers' Imprint* 14: 1-18
- 2014 'Love and the Value of a Life,' *Philosophical Review* 123: 251-80
- 2014 'What Anscombe Intended and Other Puzzles,' *Philosophy at 3:AM*, Richard Marshall, ed., Oxford University Press, 80-90
- 2014 'Intention, Plans, and Ethical Rationalism,' *Rational and Social Agency*, Manuel Vargas and Gideon Yaffe, eds., Oxford University Press, 56-82
- 2014 'What is a Reason to Act?' *Philosophical Studies* 167: 221-35
- 2013 'Epistemic Agency: Some Doubts,' *Philosophical Issues* 23: 179-98
- 2013 'Causality in Action,' *Analysis Reviews* 73: 501-12
- 2013 'Murdoch on the Sovereignty of Good,' *Philosophers' Imprint* 13: 1-19
- 2012 'Knowing How,' *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 112: 285-307
- 2012 'Transparency and Inference,' *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 112: 263-8

Articles (continued)

- 2012 'Internal Reasons,' *Internal Reasons: Contemporary Readings*, Kieran Setiya and Hille Paakkunainen, eds., MIT Press, 1-34
- 2011 'Does Moral Theory Corrupt Youth?' *Philosophical Topics* 38: 205-22
- 2011 'Knowledge of Intention,' *Essays on Anscombe's Intention*, Anton Ford, Jennifer Hornsby, and Frederick Stoutland, eds., Harvard University Press, 170-97
- 2011 'Reasons and Causes,' *European Journal of Philosophy* 19: 129-57
- 2010 'Sympathy for the Devil,' *Desire, Practical Reason, and the Good*, Sergio Tenenbaum, ed., Oxford University Press, 82-110
- 2009 'Practical Knowledge Revisited,' *Ethics* 120: 128-37
- 2009 'Intention,' *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*; revised 2014
- 2009 'Reasons without Rationalism: Summary' and 'Reply to Bratman and Smith,' *Analysis Reviews* 69: 509-10, 531-40
- 2008 'Believing at Will,' *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 32: 36-52
- 2008 'Practical Knowledge,' *Ethics* 118: 388-409
- 2007 'Cognitivism about Instrumental Reason,' *Ethics* 117: 649-73
- 2005 'Is Efficiency a Vice?' *American Philosophical Quarterly* 42: 333-9
- 2004 'Hume on Practical Reason,' *Philosophical Perspectives* 18: 365-89
- 2004 'Explaining Action,' *Philosophical Review* 112: 339-93
- 2004 'Against Internalism,' *Noûs* 38: 266-98
- 2004 'Transcendental Idealism in the Aesthetic,' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 68: 63-88
- 1999 'Parfit on Direct Self-Defeat,' *Philosophical Quarterly* 49: 239-42

Reviews

- 2017 Michael Ignatieff, *The Ordinary Virtues: Moral Order in a Divided World*, *Times Literary Supplement*, November 3
- 2017 Stacey May Fowles, *Baseball Life Advice*; Mark Kingwell, *Fail Better: Why Baseball Matters*; Keith Law, *Smart Baseball*, *Public Books*, October 23
- 2017 Roger Scruton, *On Human Nature*, *Times Literary Supplement*, July 28
- 2017 Peter Singer, ed., *Does Anything Really Matter? Essays on Parfit on Objectivity*; Derek Parfit, *On What Matters: Volume Three*, *Times Literary Supplement*, May 26
- 2016 Alva Noë, *Strange Tools: Art and Human Nature*, *Times Literary Supplement*, September 16
- 2012 Justin Broackes, ed., *Iris Murdoch, Philosopher*, *Philosophical Quarterly* 62: 878-81

Reviews (continued)

- 2011 Derek Parfit, *On What Matters*, *Mind* 120: 1281-8
- 2011 Mark Johnston, *Saving God and Surviving Death*, *Ethics* 121: 476-86
- 2009 Adrian Haddock and Fiona Macpherson, eds., *Disjunctivism: Perception, Action, Knowledge*, *Mind* 118: 834-40
- 2007 Sergio Tenenbaum, *Appearances of the Good: An Essay on the Nature of Practical Reason*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, May 21
- 2005 Gary Watson, *Agency and Answerability: Selected Essays*, *Mind* 114: 786-91
- 2005 Sarah Stroud and Christine Tappolet, eds., *Weakness of Will and Practical Irrationality*, *Philosophical Review* 114: 131-5
- 2002 Michael Slote, *Morals from Motives*, *Philosophical Review* 111: 616-8
- 2001 Thomas Carson, *Value and the Good Life*, *Mind* 110: 1062-5

Work in Progress

- 'Humanism'
- 'Ignorance, Beneficence, and Rights'
- 'Other People'

Invited Talks

- 2018 'Midlife: A Philosophical Guide,' 92nd Street Y, New York
- 2018 'Other People,' Institute for Philosophy and Religion, Boston University
- 2018 'Public Philosophy,' Social Implications, Department of Philosophy, Boston University
- 2018 'Humanism,' Department of Philosophy, Rice University
- 2018 'Midlife: A Philosophical Guide,' Tewksbury Public Library
- 2018 'Midlife: A Philosophical Guide,' St. Botolph Club, Boston
- 2018 'The Ethics of Climate Change,' Dunbar Lecture in Honor of Robert E. Bergmark, Millsaps College
- 2018 'Living in the Present,' Night of Philosophy and Ideas, Brooklyn Public Library
- 2017 'Other People,' Department of Philosophy, Brandeis University
- 2017 'Humanism,' Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan
- 2017 'Humanism,' Department of Philosophy, University of Vermont
- 2017 'Midlife: A Philosophical Guide,' Brookline Booksmith
- 2017 'Midlife: A Philosophical Guide,' Harvard Book Store
- 2017 'Ignorance, Beneficence, and Rights,' Department of Philosophy, Temple University

Invited Talks (continued)

- 2017 'Other People,' Other Minds/Other Wills, Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago
- 2017 'Ignorance, Beneficence, and Rights,' Keynote Address, St. Louis Area Conference on Reasons and Rationality
- 2017 'Retrospection,' Undergraduate Philosophy Club, MIT
- 2017 'Other People,' Keynote Address, Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, Department of Philosophy, Northwestern University
- 2017 'Other People,' Work in Progress Seminar, Department of Philosophy, MIT
- 2016 'Other People,' Normativity Research Group, University of Montreal
- 2016 'Other People,' Keynote Address, Shapiro Graduate Conference, Department of Philosophy, Brown University
- 2016 'Retrospection,' Keynote Address, Graduate Conference, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto
- 2016 'The Midlife Crisis,' Concourse Seminar, MIT
- 2016 'Retrospection,' Department of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University
- 2016 'Selfish Reasons,' Workshop on the Varieties of Self-Knowledge, Harvard University
- 2016 'Retrospection,' Department of Philosophy, Union College
- 2015 'The Midlife Crisis,' Burchard Seminar, MIT
- 2015 'Retrospection,' Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee
- 2015 'What is a Reason to Act?' Seminar on Practical Reasons, University of Tennessee
- 2015 'Retrospection,' Keynote Address, Creighton Club, Syracuse University
- 2015 'Retrospection,' Ethics Reading Group, Department of Philosophy, MIT
- 2015 'Retrospection,' Department of Philosophy, Yale University
- 2015 'Selfish Reasons,' Department of Philosophy, Princeton University
- 2015 'The Problem of Akrasia,' Department of Philosophy, Tufts University
- 2015 'Selfish Reasons,' Ethics Seminar, Boston University
- 2015 'The Problem of Akrasia,' Department of Philosophy, Dartmouth College
- 2015 'Selfish Reasons,' Department of Philosophy, New York University
- 2014 'Selfish Reasons,' Ethics Reading Group, Department of Philosophy, MIT
- 2014 'Knowing Right From Wrong,' Seminar on Disagreement, Columbia University
- 2014 'The Midlife Crisis,' Department of Philosophy, Mount Holyoke College
- 2014 'The Midlife Crisis,' Work in Progress Seminar, Department of Philosophy, MIT

Invited Talks (continued)

- 2014 'Does Moral Theory Corrupt Youth?' Department of Philosophy, Wake Forest University
- 2014 'Knowing Right From Wrong,' Seminar in Systematic Ethics, Princeton University
- 2014 'The Ethics of Existence,' Keynote Address, UCLA/USC Graduate Conference, University of Southern California
- 2013 'The Midlife Crisis,' Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, Murphy Institute, Tulane University
- 2013 'The Ethics of Existence,' Department of Philosophy, University of California, Davis
- 2013 'Love and the Value of a Life,' Ethics Reading Group, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Davis
- 2013 'Hieronymi on Freedom and Resentment,' Ethics Network, Princeton University
- 2013 'The Midlife Crisis,' Getting On: Moral Thought at Midlife and Beyond, University of Pittsburgh
- 2013 'Epistemic Agency: Some Doubts,' Conference on Theoretical Agency, Auburn University
- 2013 'Causality in Action,' Author Meets Critics: Eric Marcus, *Rational Causation*, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, New Orleans
- 2013 'Epistemic Agency: Some Doubts,' Workshop on Aims and Norms, University of Southampton
- 2012 'Love and the Value of a Life,' Department of Philosophy, Stanford University
- 2012 'Love and the Value of a Life,' Ethics Network, Princeton University
- 2012 'Reasons and Causes,' Workshop on Action Explanation and Causality, University of Magdeburg
- 2012 'Knowing How,' Aristotelian Society, London
- 2012 'Street on Normative Relativism,' Ethics Network, Princeton University
- 2012 'How to be an Ethical Rationalist,' Symposium on Reasons and the Will, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Seattle
- 2011 'Knowing Right From Wrong,' Workshop in Normative Philosophy, Princeton University
- 2011 'Knowing How,' Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh
- 2011 'Knowing Right From Wrong,' Seminar in Moral Philosophy, Oxford University
- 2011 'Does Moral Theory Corrupt Youth?' Law and Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2011 'How to be an Ethical Rationalist,' Department of Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley
- 2011 'Intention, Plans, and Ethical Rationalism,' Symposium on Instrumental Reason, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Minneapolis
- 2011 'Intention, Plans, and Ethical Rationalism,' Department of Philosophy, New School for Social Research

Invited Talks (continued)

- 2010 'Knowing Right From Wrong,' Department of Philosophy, Columbia University
- 2010 'Knowing Right From Wrong,' Department of Philosophy, Brown University
- 2010 'Knowledge of Intention,' Department of Philosophy, Stanford University
- 2010 'Does Moral Theory Corrupt Youth?' Workshop on Moral Disagreement, New York Institute of Philosophy
- 2010 'Does Moral Theory Corrupt Youth?' Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh
- 2010 'Does Moral Theory Corrupt Youth?' Keynote Address, Gateway Graduate Conference, Department of Philosophy, University of Missouri
- 2009 'Knowing Right From Wrong,' Department of Philosophy, University of Miami
- 2009 'Does Moral Theory Corrupt Youth?' Department of Philosophy, University of Miami
- 2009 'Humanities Explained? Questions for Amanda Anderson,' Humanities in a Time of Crisis, Inaugural Conference of the Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh
- 2009 'Broome on Instrumental Reasoning,' How to be Rational: A Conversation with John Broome, University of Delaware
- 2009 'Knowing Right From Wrong,' Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee
- 2009 'Knowing Right From Wrong,' Department of Philosophy, University of Nebraska
- 2009 'Knowledge of Intention,' Conference on Anscombe's *Intention*, University of Chicago
- 2009 'Does Moral Theory Corrupt Youth?' Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- 2009 'Reasons and Causes,' Symposium on Practical Reasoning, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago
- 2009 'Does Moral Theory Corrupt Youth?' Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University
- 2008 'Reply to Bratman and Smith,' Author Meets Critics: *Reasons without Rationalism*, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia
- 2008 'Does Moral Theory Corrupt Youth?' Department of Philosophy, University of Texas, Austin
- 2008 'Intention, Practical Rationality and Self-Governance: Response to Bratman,' Chapel Hill Colloquium in Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 2008 'Reasons without Rationalism,' Seminar in Systematic Ethics, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University
- 2008 'Does Moral Theory Corrupt Youth?' Department of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins University
- 2008 'Does Moral Theory Corrupt Youth?' Department of Philosophy, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2008 'Believing at Will,' Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota
- 2007 'Practical Knowledge,' Workshop in Moral and Political Philosophy, Harvard University

Invited Talks (continued)

- 2007 'Sympathy for the Devil,' Workshop on Practical Reason, Syracuse University
- 2007 'Sympathy for the Devil,' Workshop on Desire, Practical Reason and the Good, University of Toronto
- 2007 'Believing at Will,' Department of Philosophy, Ohio State University
- 2006 'Believing at Will,' Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan
- 2006 'Happiness,' Freshman Lecture, University of Pittsburgh
- 2006 'Practical Knowledge,' Hester Seminar on Agency and Action, Wake Forest University
- 2006 'Practical Knowledge,' Department of Philosophy, Cornell University
- 2006 'Practical Knowledge,' Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University
- 2006 'Hume on Practical Reason,' Ethics Reading Group, Department of Philosophy, Boston University
- 2006 'Cognitivism about Instrumental Reason,' Department of Philosophy, MIT
- 2006 'Cognitivism about Instrumental Reason,' Department of Philosophy, Bowling Green State University
- 2006 'Cognitivism about Instrumental Reason,' Workshop on Social Ethics and Normative Theory, Stanford University
- 2005 'Cognitivism about Instrumental Reason,' Department of Philosophy, Amherst College
- 2005 'Cognitivism about Instrumental Reason,' Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh
- 2005 'Cognitivism about Instrumental Reason: Response to Bratman,' Workshop on Practical Rationality, University of Maryland
- 2004 'Hume on Practical Reason,' Department of Philosophy, New York University
- 2004 'Hume on Practical Reason,' Department of Philosophy, McGill University
- 2004 'Explaining Action,' Seminar on Action, Department of Philosophy, McGill University
- 2003 'Is Efficiency a Vice?' Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto
- 2003 'Explaining Action,' Pro-Seminar, Department of Philosophy, Carnegie Mellon University
- 2002 'Is Efficiency a Vice?' Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh
- 2001 'Why Virtue Matters to the Study of Practical Reason,' Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh
- 2000 'Why Virtue Matters to the Study of Practical Reason,' Department of Philosophy, Cambridge University
- 1996 'Verificationism and the Missing Explanation Argument,' Moral Sciences Club, Cambridge University

Teaching and Service

Courses Taught

- Graduate Ethics of Climate Change, Moral Philosophy, Moral Psychology, Personal Identity, Love and Ethics, Reasons for Action, Moral Theory, Rationality: Practical and Theoretical, British Moralists: Hobbes to Hume, Ethical Realism, Practical Reason, Ethics
- Undergraduate Ethical Theory, History of Ethics, Philosophy of Mind, Action Theory, Ethics of Climate Change, Moral Problems and the Good Life, Introduction to Ethics

Dissertation Committees

- Director Lyndal Grant, Abby Jaques, Daniel Muñoz, Quinn White
- Member Sandy Diehl, Kevin Dorst, Kelson Law, Rose Lenehan, Milo Phillips-Brown, Ginger Schultheis, Benjamin Schulz
- Director (completed) Brendan de Kenessey (2017), Arden Ali (2016), Robert Steel (2016), Joseph Milburn (2015), Casey Doyle (2015), Matthew Knachel (2014), Kathryn Lindeman (2014), Kim Frost (2012), Hille Paakkunainen (2011), Tim Willenken (2011), Evgenia Mylonaki (2010), Karen Frost-Arnold (2008)
- Member (completed) Said Saillant (2017), Ulf Hlobil (2016), Elizabeth O'Neill (HPS, 2015), Joshua Hancox (2015), Cynthia Swinehart (2014), Brandon Hogan (2013), Jennifer Frey (2012), Stephen Makin (2012), Brett Caloia (2011), Greg Gates (2011), Greg Strom (2011), Jamsheed Siyar (2010), Joshua Stuchlik (2010), Llana Carroll (English, 2009), Evan Riley (2008), Ben Laurence (2008), Anton Ford (2008), Endre Begby (2008), Graham Hubbs (2007), David Finkelstein (2006)

Departmental Service

- 2017-2018 Chair, Committee on Department Life; Placement Committee
- 2016-2017 Acting Head, Philosophy Section, Fall 2016; Chair, Committee on Department Life
- 2015-2016 Chair, Committee on Department Life; Work in Progress Coordinator
- 2014-2015 Chair, Committee on Department Life
- 2013-2014 Director of Graduate Studies
- 2012-2013 Director of Graduate Studies
- 2011-2012 Director of Graduate Studies; Chair, Appointments Committee
- 2010-2011 Director of Graduate Studies
- 2009-2010 Director of Graduate Studies; Colloquium Committee
- 2008-2009 Director of Graduate Studies; Junior Appointments Committee
- 2007-2008 Chair, Junior Appointments Committee; Colloquium Committee

Departmental Service (continued)

- 2006-2007 Chair, Colloquium Committee; Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2005-2006 Chair, Colloquium Committee; Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Philosophy Club
- 2004-2005 Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2003-2004 Junior Appointments Committee; Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Philosophy Club
- 2002-2003 Junior Appointments Committee; Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Philosophy Club; Essay Prize Committee
- 2001-2002 Junior Appointments Committee; Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Philosophy Club
- 1999-2000 Graduate Representative, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University

University Service

- 2016- DeFlorez Fund for Humor, MIT
- 2017-2018 Burchard Faculty Fellow, MIT
- 2016-2017 Edgerton Award Committee, MIT
- 2012-2014 Faculty Advisor, Panther Autism Awareness Group, University of Pittsburgh
- 2009-2011 Advisory Committee, Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh

Professional Service

- 2018- Co-Editor, *Philosophers' Imprint*
- 2017- Editorial Board, *Ethics*
- 2014-2017 Member, APA Committee on Lectures, Publications, and Research

Reader for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge, Wiley-Blackwell, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Episteme*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ethics*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Mind*, *The Monist*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Synthese*, *Theoria*, *Thought*, *Victorian Studies*

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