

Curriculum Vitae

Jeanette Kennett

Qualifications

PhD, Monash University, 1994. Title of Thesis *Commonsense Moral Psychology*

BA (Hons) Monash University 1990

Employment

2004 - Deputy Director and Principal Research Fellow, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, The Australian National University

2000-2003 Senior Lecturer, School of Philosophy and Bioethics, Monash University

1994-2000 Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Monash University

Current Research Interests

Meta-ethics. Neuro-ethics. Moral cognition and development. Mental disorder and moral agency. Legal and moral responsibility. Ethical issues in institutional, professional, and social responses to addiction and mental illness.

Current Grants

2007-2009 ARC Discovery Project. *Neuroethics: The practical and the philosophical*. Neil Levy and Jeanette Kennett. Role: Chief Investigator. Funding \$185,000

Project summary: The benefits of the project are twofold: practically, it will enable us to better regulate, personally and socially, the new technologies that the sciences of the mind are already producing; intellectually, it will enable us to better understand human agency in the light of the new knowledge generated by the sciences of the mind, and it will help to maintain Australia's reputation as an international leader in applied ethics and in philosophy of mind and agency.

Past Grants

2004-6 ARC Discovery Project 'The Structure of Moral Reasoning: Hume, Kant and the Evidence from Psychopathology and Neuroscience.' J Kennett and P Gerrans. Role: Chief Investigator. Funding \$189,000

Project summary What can moral philosophers hope to learn from the sciences of the mind? Recent work on the disorders of autism and psychopathy, has promised to reshape a longstanding philosophical debate between Kantians and Humeans on the role of empathy (sympathy) in moral thinking. This project will draw out the implications of a range of neuroscientific findings for key questions in moral theory and also consider how the normative and conceptual claims made by such theories, about what must be true of a moral judgment, are connected to descriptive claims about the psychology of the moral agents who make them.

2004-5 ARC Discovery Project 'The Normative Value of Unified Agency' S Matthews and J Kennett. Role: Chief Investigator. Funding \$62,000

Project summary We aim to provide a philosophical account of the normative value of agency by showing (1) how those interpersonal relations which are a central source of value structures our agency, and (2) how our morally valuable engagement in social institutions enables agency. Through reflection on cases of psychopathology, we will present an analysis of the essential normativity of agency by examining what happens when agency breaks down. Our findings will have implications for standard theoretical accounts in moral psychology and for social and legal policy relating to the treatment of those with psychiatric disorders.

Publications

Books

Kennett J. 2001. *Agency and Responsibility: A Common-Sense Moral Psychology*, Oxford: Clarendon Press. * Reissued in paperback 2003

Book Chapters

**Kennett J. (2007) "Mental Disorder, Moral Agency and the Self" in Bonnie Steinbok (ed) *The Oxford Handbook of Bioethics* Oxford University Press

Kennett J and Matthews (2007) S. 'Normative Agency' in Kim Atkins and Catriona MacKenzie (eds) *Practical Identity and Narrative Agency* Routledge, New York.

Kennett J and Fine C. (2007) "Internalism and the evidence from psychopathy and acquired sociopathy" in *Moral Psychology Volume 3: The Neuroscience of Morality: Emotion, Disease, and Development* Edited by Walter Sinnott-Armstrong (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2007)

**Kennett J and Fine C (2007) 'Could there be an empirical test of internalism?' in *Moral Psychology Volume 3: The Neuroscience of Morality: Emotion, Disease, and Development* Edited by Walter Sinnott-Armstrong (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2007)

Kennett J (2007) "Reasons, Reverence and Value" in *Moral Psychology Volume 3: The Neuroscience of Morality: Emotion, Disease, and Development* Edited by Walter Sinnott-Armstrong (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2007)

Kennett J, and Matthews S. 2006 "The Moral Goal of Treatment in Cases of Dual Diagnosis" in John Kleinig and Stanley Einstein (eds.) *Intervening in Drug Use: Ethical Challenges*. Huntsville, TX: Office of International Criminal Justice (OICJ) Press

Cocking D, and Kennett J. 2003 "Friendship and Role Morality" in C.L Ten, Sor hoon Tan and Kim-chong Chong (eds) *The Moral Circle and the Self: Chinese and Western Perspectives* Chicago: Open Court

Kennett J, and Smith M. 1994. "Philosophy and Commonsense: The Case of Weakness of Will", in Michaelis Michael and John O'Leary Hawthorne (eds) *Philosophy in Mind: The Place of Philosophy in the Study of Mind* Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers 141-157.

* reprinted in Michael Smith *Ethics and the A Priori: Selected Essays on Moral Psychology and Meta-Ethics* Cambridge University Press 2004.

Journal Articles

**Kennett J. (2006). 'Do psychopaths really threaten moral rationalism?' *Philosophical Explorations* Vol. 9, 69-82

Gerrans P and Kennett J (2006) 'Is cognitive penetrability the mark of the moral?' *Philosophical Explorations* Vol. 9, 3-12

**Fine C, and Kennett J. 2004 "Mental Impairment, Moral Understanding and Mitigation: Psychopathy and the Purposes of Punishment" *The International Journal of Law and Psychiatry* 27,5.

Kennett J, and Matthews S. 2003 "The Unity and Disunity of Agency *Philosophy, Psychiatry, Psychology*

Kennett, J. and Matthews, S. 2003. "Delusion, Dissociation and Identity" *Philosophical Explorations*, VI, 31-49.

**Kennett J. 2002. "Autism, Empathy and Moral Agency", *The Philosophical Quarterly* 52, 208, 340-357.

Kennett, J. and Matthews, S. 2002. "Identity, Control and Responsibility: the Case of Dissociative Identity Disorder", *Philosophical Psychology*, 15, 509-526.

Cocking D, and Kennett J. 2000. "Friendship and Moral Danger", *Journal of Philosophy* XCVII: 278-296.

Cocking D, and Kennett J. 1998 . "Friendship and the Self", *Ethics* 108: 502-527.

Kennett J, and Smith M. 1997. "Synchronic Self-Control is Always Non-actional", *Analysis* 57: 123-131.

Kennett J, and Smith M. 1996. "Frog and Toad Lose Control", *Analysis* 56: 63-72

* reprinted in Michael Smith *Ethics and the A Priori: Selected Essays on Moral Psychology and Meta-Ethics* Cambridge University Press 2004.

Kennett J. 1993. "Mixed Motives", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 71: 256-69.

Kennett J. 1991. "Decision Theory and Weakness of Will", *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 72: 113-30.

Forthcoming

Kennett J and Matthews S. 'Normative Agency' in Kim Atkins and Catriona MacKenzie (eds) *Practical Identity and Narrative Agency* Routledge, New York.

Kennett J and Matthews S 'What's the Buzz? Undercover Marketing and the Corruption of Friendship' *Journal of Applied Philosophy*

Kennett J 'True and Proper Selves: Velleman on Love' *Ethics* 2008

In Preparation

'Friends and Lovers' (with Dirk Baltzly)

'Morality and Mental Time Travel' (with Philip Gerrans)

'Memory, Value and Agency' (with Steve Matthews)

'Would the real moral judgment please stand up' (with Cordelia Fine, invited for a special issue of *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* edited by Neil Levy)

Editorial

Editorial Board

Neuroethics. This is a new journal being published by Springer

Guest editor

2004 Co-editor with Steve Matthews of 'Culpability and Mental Impairment' a special issue of *The International Journal of Law and Psychiatry*, Vol. 27.

2006 Co-editor with Philip Gerrans of 'Empirical research and the nature of moral judgment' special issue of *Philosophical Explorations*

Other

Kennett J. 'Talking to your kids' *Meanjin on Drugs* Melbourne University Press, May 2002

*Reprinted in the *The Hep C Review*, Journal of the NSW Hepatitis C Council and in the Family Drug Support Newsletter

Book Reviews

Natural Agency: an essay on the causal theory of action. By John Bishop, Cambridge University Press, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 1991

Practical Reflection By J.David Velleman, Princeton University Press *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 1990

Responsibility and the Moral Sentiments. By R. Jay Wallace, Harvard University Press, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* June 1997

Conference Organisation

Moral Cognition. An ARC funded conference. Sydney August 2007. Speakers Simon Blackburn, James Blair, Mark Hauser, Richard Holton, Victoria McGeer, Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, Valerie Stone, Neil Levy, Cordelia Fine, Philip Gerrans, Jeanette Kennett.

Organising Committee, Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference ANU July 2006

Self to Self: Themes from the work of J David Velleman An ARC funded conference. Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, ANU April 2006 speakers: David Velleman, Tim Bayne, Jennan Ismael, Karen Jones, Jennifer Whiting, Jeanette Kennett, Catriona Mackenzie, Francois Schroeter, Laura Schroeter, John Sutton, Nick Zangwill.

GovNet Annual Conference Contemporary Issues in Governance Monash University November 2005

Moral Psychology: Perspectives from Philosophy, Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience An ARC funded conference. Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics. ANU. November 2004. speakers: James Blair, Laurence Fiddick, Valerie Stone, Jesse Prinz, Karen Jones, Cordelia Fine, Neil Levy and Richard Joyce.

Conference Organisation

The Psychology and Ethics of New Marketing, CAPPE, University of Melbourne in August 2007

The Self and Mental Illness: Ethical Issues for Practitioners Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, Canberra. October 2005

Past Fellowships and Grants

2007 Short Term Visiting Fellow; James Martin School, Oxford University

2004 Outside Fellow, Humanities Institute on The Psychology of Morality, Dartmouth College, Hanover USA

2003 Monash Small Grant: Moral Relativism and the Moral/Conventional Distinction. Funding \$7300

2001/2 Monash Research Initiatives Scheme Grant: The Psychology and Ethics of Delusion. Funding I. Gold and J Kennett Funding \$50,000

2001 Sabbatical Fellowship at the Research School of Social Sciences ANU.

2001 ARC Large Grant: Friendship, Morality and the Self D Cocking and J Kennett Funding \$20,000

2000 Research Fellowship, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, University of Melbourne.
2000 Monash Small Grant 'Mental Illness and Moral Agency'

Recent Academic Conference Presentations

2007 'Moral Judgment, Agency and Mental time Travel' Mind, Agency, and Emotion: New Perspectives on Moral Psychology University of San Francisco
2007 'Dual Processing and Meta-ethics' Meta-ethics and Moral Cognition Conference Sydney
2007 'Could there be an empirical refutation of internalism?' Experimental Philosophy meets Conceptual Analysis Conference, ANU
2007 'Will the Real Moral Judgment Please Stand Up? AAP Conference University of New England. Armidale
2006 'Morality and Mental Time Travel' AAP Conference ANU
2006 'Friends and Lovers' AAP Conference ANU
2006 'True and Proper Selves: Response to Velleman' Self to Self Conference ANU
2004 'Internalism and the Evidence from Psychopathology' Psychology of Morality Conference Dartmouth College, Hanover USA
2004 'Normative Agency' Reasons and Rationality Workshop, Philosophy Program, RSSH, ANU
2003 "How should an incapacity to make the moral/conventional distinction affect legal responsibility" 28th International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Sydney
2002 "Mental Illness, Reciprocal Relations and the Self" American Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry Meeting, Philadelphia. Invited for re-presentation at the American Philosophy Association, Eastern division meeting December 2002 (declined)
2002 "The Unity and Disunity of Agency" American Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry Meeting, Philadelphia
2002 Respondent to Michael Bratman on "Autonomy as Hierarchy", Moral Psychology Workshop. Philosophy Program RSSH ANU.
2002 "The Limits of Simulation: Morality in Autism and Psychopathy" Poster section Perspectives on Imitation Conference Royaumont Abbey, France
2001 "Identity Control and Responsibility: The Case of MPD" Time and Ethics Conference, University of Otago.
2001 "Autism, Empathy and Moral Agency" British Society of Ethical Theory Conference University of Glasgow.
2001 "Delusion, Dissociation and Identity" Australasian Association Of Philosophy Conference University of Tasmania
2000 "Friendship and Role Morality" Family, Self and Community Conference. National University of Singapore

Recent Academic Conference Presentations

2007 Keynote address 'Virtues, values and excellence at work' Community Services and Health Industry Training Awards Conference Melbourne
2007 Moderator 'Happiness and Goodness' Happiness and its Causes Conference Sydney
2006 'Do psychopaths meet the conditions of criminal responsibility?' New Zealand Society for Legal and Social Philosophy, Wellington.
2005 'The moral importance of the worker-client relationship'. Anex Harm Reduction Conference. Melbourne.
2005 'The visible self' Symposium: Towards a Psyche for Psychiatry RANZCP conference Sydney