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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL
Assistant Professor of Law 2026-

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY
Ph.D. in Psychology 2026

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT 2015
Juris Doctor

Yale University, New Haven, CT 2012
B.A. in Philosophy with Distinction

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

7. Incite Dissertation Fellowship, Incite Institute, Columbia University 2025
6. TESS Special Competition for Young Investigators,
Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences
(project selected for fielding) 2024
5. Benjamin Scharps Prize, Yale Law School 2015
(best paper by a third-year student)
4. Charles G. Albom Prize, Yale Law School 2015
(excellence in the area of appellate advocacy in connection with
a clinical program)
3. Margaret Gruter Prize, Yale Law School 2014
(best paper on how ethology, biology, and related behavioral sciences
may deepen our understanding of law)
2. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Yale University 2012
1. National Merit Scholar 2008

GRANT FUNDING

2. International Society for the Study of Existential Psychology, Research Grant,
"Self-Connectedness and Punishment over Time" (\$3,000).
May 2025-April 2026.
1. Oscar M. Ruebhausen Fund, Yale Law School, "Experiments in Sentencing" (\$1,000).
May 2014-May 2015.

PUBLICATIONS

8. **Mott, C.** & Solomon, L.H. (2026) Contrasting guilty minds: Exposure to contrast concepts narrows conceptions of acting knowingly and recklessly. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*.
7. **Mott, C.** (2025). The experimental jurisprudence of persistence through time. In K. Tobia (Ed.) *Cambridge Handbook of Experimental Jurisprudence*. Cambridge University Press.
6. **Mott, C.** & Solomon, L.H. (2025). Undoing harm: The communicative content of action-oriented and person-oriented punishment. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 119, 104749.

5. **Mott, C.** & Solomon, L.H. (2024). Alternative punishments: How laypeople and judges impose alternative non-carceral sanctions, *Psychology, Public Policy, & Law*, 30(3), 326–347.
4. **Mott, C.** (2018). Statutes of limitations and personal identity. In T. Lombrozo, S. Nichols, & J. Knobe (Eds.) *Oxford Studies in Experimental Philosophy, Volume 2*, 243-269. Oxford University Press.
3. Cova, F., Strickland, B., . . . , **Mott, C.** et al. (2018). Estimating the reproducibility of experimental philosophy. *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 12, 9-44.
2. Phillips, J., De Freitas, J., **Mott, C.** Gruber, J., & Knobe, J. (2016). True happiness: The role of morality in the folk concept of happiness. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 146, 165-181.
1. Wachspress, M., Agatstein, J., & **Mott, C.** (2016). In defense of "free houses". *Yale Law Journal*, 125, 1115-1129.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

4. **Mott, C.**, Dunlea, J., Shaw, A., & Solomon, L.H. (in prep.) When money does not talk: The primacy of apologies over financial restitution in perceptions of redemption.
3. **Mott, C.** & Solomon, L.H. (in prep.) Trying and risking: Punishing attempted and completed offenses.
2. **Mott, C.** & Solomon, L.H. (in prep.) Punishing probabilistic harms.
1. **Mott, C.**, Reklis, K. & Solomon, L.H. (in prep.) Aggregating risks: Imposing and punishing risks to others.

CONFERENCE TALKS

3. **Mott, C.** & Solomon, L.H., (2022, July). Mens rea in criminal cases: How contrast affects concept use. Paper presented at the Society for Philosophy and Psychology/European Society for Philosophy and Psychology Joint Meeting. Milan, Italy.
2. **Mott, C.** (2022, May). The future self, the past self, and the law. Yale Experimental Jurisprudence Workshop. New Haven, CT.
1. **Mott, C.** (2017, October). Defining mens rea concepts by contrast. Yale Experimental Jurisprudence Workshop. New Haven, CT.

CONFERENCE POSTERS

5. **Mott, C.** & Solomon, L.H. (2025, June). Punishing probabilistic harms. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Ithaca, NY.
4. **Mott, C.** & Solomon, L.H. (2025, February). Punishing probabilistic harms. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (Morality Preconference). Denver, CO.
3. **Mott, C.** & Solomon, L.H. (2024, February). Undoing harm: The communicative content of punishment. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. San Diego, CA.
2. **Mott, C.** & Solomon, L.H. (2023, June). Undoing crime: Laypeople's beliefs about restoration and punishment. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Pittsburgh, PA.
1. **Mott, C.** & Solomon, L.H. (2022, February). Contrast effects on mens rea attributions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. San Francisco, CA.

INVITED TALKS

3. “Attempted Crimes: Law and Folk Judgment,” Yale Experimental Philosophy Lab, December 2022
2. “Mens Rea Concepts and Lesser Included Offenses,” Yale Experimental Philosophy Lab, October 2020.
1. “Statutes of Limitations and Personal Identity,” Yale Experimental Philosophy Lab, April 2015.

TEACHING

Lead Teaching Fellow, Psychology Department, Columbia University	2023-2024
Teaching Fellow for Research Methods in Psychology, Columbia University.	Spring, Summer 2024 Spring, Summer 2025

SERVICE

Ad hoc reviewer for *Cognition, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Episteme, Oxford Studies in Experimental Philosophy*, Annual Meetings of the Cognitive Science Society.

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

7. Opportunity Insights, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA Pre-Doctoral Fellow	2020-2021
6. Covington & Burling, Washington, DC Associate Attorney	2017-2020
5. Neighborhood Legal Services Program, Washington, DC Attorney (on loan from Covington & Burling)	2017-2018
4. United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, Boston, MA Judicial Law Clerk	2016-2017
3. Massachusetts Appeals Court, Boston, MA Judicial Law Clerk	2015-2016
2. Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, Mortgage Foreclosure Litigation Clinic, New Haven, CT Student Director Student	2014-2015 2013
1. Yale University, New Haven, CT Research Assistant to Prof. Joshua Knobe	2012-2015