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## Areas of Specialization

Normative Ethics, Applied Ethics

## Research Description

I focus on the morality of defensive violence, the morality of war, and complicity. I also work on a variety of other issues in normative ethics, including: the moral analysis of coercion, the bases of compensatory liability, the grounds for associative duties, and the morality of mediating agency. I am currently authoring a book on complicity and the morality of war.

## 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  
University of California, Los Angeles

## Publications and Pre-Prints

### Papers

1. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. “Complicity.” In Routledge Handbook on Collective Intentionality, Eds. Marija Jankovic, Kirk Ludwig. Routledge University Press, (forthcoming).
2. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. “Weighing Civilian Lives in War: Domestic Versus Foreign.” In Cambridge Handbook on Just War, Ed. Larry May. Cambridge University Press, (forthcoming).
3. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. “Proportionality, Contingent Pacifism, and Risk in War.” In The Nature of Peace and the Morality of Armed Conflict, Ed. Florian Demont. Palgrave, (forthcoming).
4. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. “Compensation and Proportionality in War.” In The Weighing of Lives in War: Combatants and Civilians in the Jus in Bello, Eds., Claire Finkelstein, Larry May, Jens David Ohlin. Oxford University Press, (forthcoming).
5. 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 (forthcoming).
6. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. "Accountability and Intervening Agency: An Asymmetry between Upstream and Downstream Actors," *Utilitas*, (forthcoming).
  7. Bazargan, Saba. "Defensive Wars and the Reprisal Dilemma", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 93(3), 2014, pp. 583-601.
  8. Bazargan, Saba. "Non-Combatant Immunity and War-Profiteering." In Oxford Handbook on the Ethics of War, Eds. Helen Frowe, Seth Lazar. Oxford University Press (forthcoming).
  9. Bazargan, Saba. "Defensive Liability Without Culpability." In The Ethics of Self-Defense, Eds. Christian Coons, Michael E. Weber. Oxford University Press, 2016.
  10. Bazargan, Saba. "Killing Minimally Responsible Threats", *Ethics*, 125(1), 2014, pp. 114-136.
  11. Bazargan, Saba. "Moral Coercion", *Philosophers' Imprint*, 14(11), 2014, pp. 1-18.
  12. Bazargan, Saba. "Morally Heterogeneous Wars", *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*, 41(4), 2013, pp. 959-975.
  13. Bazargan, Saba. "Proportionality, Territorial Occupation, and Enabled Terrorism", *Law and Philosophy*, 32(4), 2013, pp. 435-457.
  14. Bazargan, Saba. "Complicitous Liability in War", *Philosophical Studies*, 165(1), 2013, pp. 175-195.
  15. Bazargan, Saba. "Varieties of Contingent Pacifism." In How We Fight, Eds. Helen Frowe; Gerald Lang. Oxford University Press, 2014.
  16. 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 Terrorism and the Right to Resist. Christopher Finlay, in *Ethics*, 127(2), 2017, 481-6.
2. Bazargan, Saba. Review of Defensive Killing. Helen Frowe, in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 94(3), 2015, 608-11.
3. 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.
4. Bazargan, Saba. Review of Cosmopolitan War. Cecile Fabre, in *Mind*, 123(490), 2014, pp. 588-592.
5. Bazargan, Saba. Review of War and Moral Dissonance. Peter French, in *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 10(1), 2013, pp. 116-119.
6. Bazargan, Saba. Review of Morality and War. David Fisher, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, November 9, 2011.
7. 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.

#### Work in Progress

1. Bazargan-Forward, Saba. Complicity and War. Oxford University Press, (under contract).

#### Edited Work

1. 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

**Conferences, Symposia, & Workshop Presentations (last five years)**

*2017*

“Do I Really Make a Difference? Complicity and Collective Obligation”  
 Invited Symposium, APA Eastern Division, 2017  
 Baltimore, MD

*2016*

“Responsibility and Intervening Agency”  
 Gothenburg Biennial Responsibility Conference  
 Gothenburg University, Gothenburg, Sweden

“Proportionality, Contingent Pacifism, and Risk in War”  
 Seventh Annual ELAC Workshop on War  
 European University Institute, Florence, Italy

“Outsourcing Agent-Relative Reasons”  
 Bled Philosophical Conference - Ethical Issues  
 Bled, Slovenia

“Responsibility and Intervening Agency”  
 APA, Central Division  
 2016 Chicago, IL

*2015*

“Political Subjugation, Respect, and Proportionality”  
 The Future of Just War: Theoretical and Practical Challenges  
 Monterey, CA

“Political Subjugation, Respect, and Proportionality”  
 Workshop on Just War Theory (Just World Institute)  
 University of Edinburgh

“Responsibility as Outsourced Agency”  
 Collective Responsibility for the Future  
 University College, Dublin

“Responsibility as Outsourced Agency”  
 Society for Applied Philosophy,  
 University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

“Self-Defense and the Reprisal Dilemma”  
 Workshop of the Ethics of Defensive Violence  
 University of Southern California, CA

*2014*

“Individual Responsibility in Cooperative Projects”  
 Invited Colloquium  
 University of British Columbia, Canada

“Individual Responsibility in Cooperative Projects”  
 Workshop: Collectivity  
 University of Bristol, United Kingdom

“Non-Combatant Immunity and War-Profitteering”  
Ninth Annual Int’l Conference on Philosophy (ATINER)  
Athens, Greece

“Non-Combatant Immunity and War-Profitteering”  
International Society for Military Ethics  
University of Notre Dame, IN

“The Problem of Nominal Combatants”  
Workshop: Feasibility and the Ethics of War  
Australia National University, Canberra

“Proportionality and Partially Culpable Combatants”  
Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference  
Australia National University, Canberra

The Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (CERL),  
University of Pennsylvania Law School, PA

“Contingent Pacifism and Just War Theory as Ideal Theory”  
Workshop on New Directions in Pacifism  
Vanderbilt University, TN

*2013*

“Agentially Mediated Harms”  
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress Six,  
University of Boulder, CO

“The Doctrine of Double Effect and Moral Puritanism”  
Workshop on *Ends of Harm* - Society for Applied Philosophy,  
Rogoznica, Croatia

“The Liability of Minimally Responsible Threats ”  
Bowling Green Workshop in Applied Ethics and Policy,  
Bowling Green, OH

“Evaluating Wars with Just and Unjust Aims”  
APA, Pacific Division,  
San Francisco, CA

*2012*

“Proportionality, Territorial Occupation, and Enabled Terrorism”  
Society for Applied Philosophy  
University of Oxford, United Kingdom

“Complicitous Liability in War”  
International Law and Ethics Conference Series  
University of Belgrade, Serbia