



The W. Maurice Young Centre for Applied Ethics is pleased to present:
Dr. Matthew Bedke, Guest Speaker



Matthew Bedke, Ph.D., is a recent graduate of the University of Arizona, and currently an assistant professor at the University of British Columbia Philosophy Department. His work focuses on the nature of normative reasons and related areas in ethics and epistemology.

What to do when you don't know what to do.

Suppose you have good information that drug A will cure a patient, and drug B will kill her. There seems to be a sense of 'ought' that is relativized to the information had by a subject, such that "You ought to give your patient drug A" is true. But if in fact drug A will kill you patient and drug B will cure her, there seems to be another sense of 'ought' that is relativized to the facts of the matter, such that "You ought to give your patient drug B" seems true. In this talk I want to discuss so-called subjective and objective senses of 'ought', whether and how they might be related, and some new semantic frameworks that promise to capture all we wish to say with a univocal sense of 'ought'.

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