

# J. Joseph Porter

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## Employment

### DePauw University

*Greencastle, IN*

*Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics*

Nancy Schaenan Endowed Visiting Scholar of Ethics and  
Assistant Director of Academic Services

August 2022-present

*Department of Philosophy*

Visiting Assistant Professor

August 2022-present

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## Education

### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*Chapel Hill, NC*

Ph.D., Philosophy

May 2022

Dissertation: "Democracy and the Problem of Fundamental Security"

Committee: Luc Bovens (chair), Gerald J. Postema, Tom Dougherty

M.A., Philosophy

May 2018

Thesis: "The Inclusivist Anomaly Is Not an Anomaly:

A Reply to Buchanan and Powell"

Committee: Gerald J. Postema (chair), Luc Bovens, Geoffrey Sayre-McCord

### Harvard University

*Cambridge, MA*

M.T.S., New Testament and Early Christianity

May 2016

A.B., Philosophy (High Honors), *magna cum laude*

May 2012

Minor in the Comparative Study of Religion

Thesis: "Free Will and Experience"

Adviser: T.M. Scanlon

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## Languages

### Reading Proficiency

- Ancient: Greek, Latin, Hebrew
  - Modern: German, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese
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## Research Interests

### Areas of Specialization

- PPE (philosophy, politics, and economics)
- Social and political philosophy
- Ethics (especially bioethics and animal ethics)

### Areas of Competence

- Ancient philosophy
- History of philosophy
- Philosophy of religion

## Selected Honors and Awards

- Summer Graduate Research Fellowship (Institute for Humane Studies) May 2022
  - Humane Studies Fellowship (Institute for Humane Studies) January 2022
  - Adam Smith Fellowship (Mercatus Center) August 2021
  - Don Lavoie Fellowship (Mercatus Center) January 2021
  - Humane Studies Fellowship (Institute for Humane Studies) June 2020
  - Departmental Teaching Representative for the Robertson Fellowship Honors Colloquium (UNC-Chapel Hill) January 2020
  - Adam Smith Fellowship (Mercatus Center) September 2019
  - Adams Fellowship (UNC-Chapel Hill) September 2018
  - Initiative for Minority Excellence Scholarship (UNC-Chapel Hill) March 2016
  - Prize for Work in Moral and Political Philosophy (awarded for my undergraduate thesis; Harvard) July 2012
  - Phi Beta Kappa (Harvard) May 2012
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## Selected Works in Progress

- “Existential Risk and Equal Political Liberty” (with Adam Gibbons; under review)
  - “Health and the Ethics of Eating Meat”
  - “The Market Capitalization Sleight of Hand” (with David Solomon)
  - “Rawls’ Arguments for Equal Political Liberty”
  - “The Irresponsible Coercion Argument Against Democracy”
  - “The Loss of Recognition Respect Argument Against Democracy”
  - “Power Laundering”
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## Selected Peer-reviewed Presentations

- “The Loss of Recognition Respect Argument Against Democracy” (APA Central Division Meeting, Denver, CO) February 2023
- “Power Laundering” (Georgia Philosophical Society Online Workshop) December 2022
- “Power Laundering” (PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA) November 2022
- “Two Arguments Against Democracy from Political Irresponsibility” (BGSU Workshop in Applied Ethics and Public Policy, Bowling Green, OH) April 2022
- “Two Arguments Against Democracy from Political Irresponsibility” (Joint Annual Meeting of the NCPS and SCSP, Spartanburg, SC) March 2022
- “Two Arguments Against Democracy from Political Irresponsibility” (PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA) February 2022
- “Existential Risk and Equal Political Liberty” (Rust Belt PPE Workshop) October 2021
- “Existential Risk and Equal Political Liberty” (International Symposium on Rawls) October 2021
- “Health and the Ethics of Eating Meat” (SCSP Annual Meeting) April 2021
- “Meat Me Halfway? Ethics and the Health of Animal-based Diets” (PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA) March 2020
- “Explaining Normative Drift” (PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA) March 2019

## Teaching

### DePauw University

Greencastle, IN

#### *Instructor of Record*

- PHIL 234. Bioethics Spring 2023
- EXPA. Ethics in Action Spring 2023
- PHIL 101A. Introduction to Philosophy Fall 2022
- EXPA. Ethics in Action Fall 2022

### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, NC

#### *Instructor of Record*

- PHIL 170. Social Ethics and Political Thought Spring 2022
- PHIL 165. Bioethics Summer 2021
- GRAD 721. Research Ethics Spring 2020
- PHIL 384. Gateway to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Fall 2019
- PHIL 110. Introduction to Philosophy Through Great Works Summer 2019
- PHIL 165. Bioethics Spring 2019
- PHIL 155. Introduction to Mathematical Logic Summer 2018

#### *Teaching Assistant*

- PHIL 163H. Practical Ethics (departmental representative for the Robertson Fellowship's honors colloquium) Spring 2020
- PHIL 155. Introduction to Mathematical Logic Fall 2018
- PHIL 105. Critical Thinking Spring 2018
- PHIL 160. Introduction to Ethics Fall 2017

### University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA

#### *Teaching Assistant*

- PPE 101. Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation Summer 2020

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## Service to the University

### DePauw University

Greencastle, IN

- Co-discussant, "The Ethics of Eating Meat" October 2022
- Referee, Prindle Institute ethics reading courses Fall 2022-present
- Member, Prindle Institute Faculty Advisory Committee Fall 2022-present
- Faculty adviser, Ultimate Frisbee Club Fall 2022-present

### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, NC

- Member, PPE Hiring Committee 2021-2022
- Volunteer, Philosophy by Mail with NC Prisons Outreach Program 2021-2022
- Member, PPE Graduate Advising Committee 2020-2022
- Affiliated graduate student, PPE Program 2019-2022
- Organizer and co-host, "Afghanistan and American Foreign Policy: What Does the Future Hold?" (PPE Salon) October 2021
- Organizer and co-host, "Bitcoin: What Does the Future Hold?" (PPE Salon) March 2021
- Organizer and co-host, "What Can We Learn from 'GameStopGate'?" (PPE Salon) February 2021
- Member, PPE Hiring Committee 2019-2020
- Organizer and host, "Beyond Policy: Human Perspectives on the Opioid Crisis" (day-long interdisciplinary workshop) February 2020
- Leader, PPE Reading Group: *Love Your Enemies* Fall 2019
- Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl April 2019

## Service to the Profession

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| • Co-organizer and referee, Midwest Ethics Symposium           | April 2023    |
| • Co-organizer and chair, PPE Society Annual Meeting           | November 2022 |
| • Co-organizer and chair, PPE Society Annual Meeting           | February 2022 |
| • Co-organizer, referee, and chair, PPE Society Annual Meeting | March 2020    |
| • Chair, PPE Society Annual Meeting                            | March 2019    |
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## Graduate Coursework

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| • Research Seminar in Value Theory, Simon Blackburn and Sarah Stroud     | Spring 2019 |
| • Modern Political Philosophy, Gerald Postema                            | Spring 2019 |
| • Advanced Studies in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Luc Bovens    | Fall 2018   |
| • Empiricism, Alan Nelson  | Fall 2018   |
| • Advanced Studies in Value Theory, Mariska Leunissen and Rebecca Walker | Spring 2018 |
| • Metaphysics, Peter van Inwagen (Duke University)                       | Spring 2018 |
| • Plato, CDC Reeve   | Fall 2017   |
| • Rationalism, Alan Nelson   | Fall 2017   |
| • Research Seminar in Political Philosophy, Gerald Postema               | Fall 2017   |
| • Advanced Studies in Philosophy of Logic, Gillian Russell               | Spring 2017 |
| • Aristotle, Mariska Leunissen and CDC Reeve                             | Spring 2017 |
| • Proto-Seminar in Philosophy, Alan Nelson and John Roberts              | Spring 2017 |
| • The Beginnings of Analytic Philosophy, Gillian Russell                 | Spring 2017 |
| • Metaphysics, Thomas Hofweber   | Fall 2016   |
| • Research Seminar in Moral Theory, Douglas MacLean and Susan Wolf       | Fall 2016   |
| • Philosophy of Mind, Carla Merino-Rajme                                 | Fall 2016   |
| • Symbolic Logic, Thomas Hofweber  | Fall 2016   |
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## References

### Luc Bovens

Professor, UNC Department of Philosophy  
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### Jeffrey Dunn

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### Gerald J. Postema

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