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Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ph.D., Philosophy

Dissertation: "Democracy and the Problem of Fundamental Security"

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

M.A., Philosophy

Thesis: "The Inclusivist Anomaly Is Not an Anomaly:

A Reply to Buchanan and Powell"

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

Chapel Hill, NC
Expected May 2022

May 2018

Harvard University

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

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

Minor in the Comparative Study of Religion

Thesis: "Free Will and Experience"

Adviser: T.M. Scanlon

Cambridge, MA
May 2016
May 2012

Research Interests

Areas of Specialization

- PPE (philosophy, politics, and economics)
- Political philosophy
- Ethics (especially animal ethics)

Areas of Competence

- Ancient philosophy
 - History of philosophy
 - Philosophy of religion
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Honors and Awards

- 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
- Hayek Fund for Scholars (Institute for Humane Studies) March 2020
- Adam Smith Fellowship (Mercatus Center) September 2019
- Humane Studies Fellowship (Institute for Humane Studies) 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 by Harvard University) July 2012
- Phi Beta Kappa (Harvard University) May 2012

Languages

Reading Proficiency

- Greek, Latin, Hebrew, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese
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Selected Presentations

- “Existential Risk and Equal Political Liberty”
(PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA) February 2022
 - “Existential Risk and Equal Political Liberty”
(After Rawls: John Rawls’ Legacy in the 21st Century, Bucharest, Romania) November 2021
 - “Existential Risk and Equal Political Liberty”
(Rust Belt PPE Workshop, Bowling Green, OH) October 2021
 - “Existential Risk and Equal Political Liberty”
(International Symposium on Rawls, Girona, Spain) 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
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Teaching

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, NC

Instructor of Record

- 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

Service to the University

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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| ● Member, PPE Graduate Advising Committee | Chapel Hill, NC
Fall 2020-present |
| ● Affiliated graduate student, PPE Program | Fall 2019-present |
| ● Member, PPE Hiring Committee | Fall 2021 |
| ● Organizer and co-host, PPE Salon: “After Afghanistan, What Is Next for American Foreign Policy?” | October 2021 |
| ● Organizer and co-host, PPE Salon: “Bitcoin: What Does the Future Hold?” | March 2021 |
| ● Organizer and co-host, PPE Salon: “What Can We Learn from ‘GameStopGate’?” | February 2021 |
| ● Organizer and host, “Beyond Policy: Human Perspectives on the Opioid Crisis” (a PPE Program/Carolina Public Humanities collaborative workshop) | February 2020 |
| ● Member, PPE Hiring Committee | Fall 2019 |
| ● Leader, PPE Reading Group: <i>Love Your Enemies</i> | Fall 2019 |
| ● Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl | April 2019 |
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Service to the Profession

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| ● Co-organizer and referee, PPE Society Annual Meeting | February 2022 |
| ● Co-organizer and referee, PPE Society Annual Meeting | March 2020 |
| ● Chair, “Corrective Justice, Distributive Justice, and Compensation,” PPE Society Annual Meeting | March 2019 |
| ● Chair, “Proxies and Politics: Making Social Choices in the Age of Big Data,” 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 |

References

Luc Bovens

Professor, UNC Department of Philosophy

Core Faculty Member, UNC Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program

lbovens@unc.edu

Geoffrey Sayre-McCord

Morehead-Cain Alumni Distinguished Professor, UNC Department of Philosophy

Director, UNC Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program

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Gerald J. Postema

Professor Emeritus, UNC Department of Philosophy

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