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Academic Employment

2025	University of San Diego Department of Philosophy Assistant Professor
2024	Duke University Center for the History of Political Economy Visiting Scholar
2022 – 2024	Chapman University Smith Institute for Political Economy and Philosophy Postdoctoral Research Associate

Education

2022	Ph.D., Philosophy, Duke University
2019	M.A., Economics, Duke University
2014	M.A., Philosophy, University College London
2013	B.Sc. Philosophy of Science, London School of Economics

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Science and Economics, Business Ethics, and Philosophy Politics and Economics

Areas of Competency

Political and Social Philosophy, Applied Ethics, and Philosophy of Biology

Academic Articles

Finestone, K. (2025) "Why are Microfoundations Irrelevant? An Argument for Reorienting the Debate" *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*. Forthcoming.

Finestone, K. (2022) "Darwinian Rational Expectations". *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 1-11. doi:10.1080/1350178X.2022.2035796

Finestone, K., & Kingston, E. (2021). "Crisis Prices: The Ethics of Market Controls during a Global Pandemic". *Business Ethics Quarterly*, 1-29. doi:10.1017/beq.2021.15

Revise and Resubmit

Finestone, K. "The Ethics of Mergers and Acquisitions: Competition, Compliance, and Inquiry:". [Draft Available upon Request]

Works In Progress

Finestone, K. "Models Can Decompose That Way: An Alteration Account of Idealized Models". [Draft Available upon Request]

Finestone, K. "Inflation, Interests, and the Public Good". [Draft Available upon Request]

Finestone, K. "Knightian Rational Expectations? Robert Lucas's Place at Chicago." [Draft Available upon Request]

Finestone, K. & Jauernig, J. "Fairness and Folk Beliefs: Investigating the Temporal Dimension of Crisis Prices."

Ron, A. & Finestone, K. "Democratic Reason in Public Finance."

Finestone, K. "Workplace Democracy and the Civil Servant Problem"

Fellowships and Grants

2025-2026	Harpst Fellowship on Migration (\$1,000)
2021	Duke Competitive Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,500)
2020	Duke Competitive Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,500)
2018-2019	Duke Support for Interdisciplinary Graduate Networks (D-SIGN): Social Science Methods Network (\$6,000)
2018	Duke Competitive Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,500)

Peer Reviewed Talks

- November 2025 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA) "Workplace Democracy and the Civil Servant Problem"
- November 2025 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA) "What is PPE? An Integrated Approach with Uncertain Boundaries"
- November 2025 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA) "Fairness and Folk Beliefs: Investigating the Temporal Dimension of Crisis Prices." – With Johanna Jauernig.
- October 2025 Markets and Society (Falls Church, VA) "Workplace Democracy and the Civil Servant Problem."
- June 2025 History of Economics Society Conference (University of Richmond) "How Robert Lucas saw Frank Knight: Business Cycles and Rational Expectations."
- May 2025 Scientific Understanding and Representation Workshop (University of Miami) "Models Can Decompose that Way: Towards the Alteration Strategy."
- April 2025 American Philosophical Association Pacific Conference (San Franscisco) "What is PPE? An Integrated Approach with Uncertain Boundaries." – PPE Society Affiliated Session
- March 2025 Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable (Emory University). "Why are Microfoundations Irrelevant?"
- October 2024 Zicklin Center Workshops in Normative Business Ethics Schedule (University of Pennsylvania). Between Competition and Compliance: The Ethics of Mergers and Acquisitions."
- August 2024 Society for Business Ethics (Chicago). "Between Competition and Compliance: The Ethics of Mergers and Acquisitions."
- April 2024 BGSU Applied Ethics and Public Policy Workshop (Bowling Green State University). "Inflation, Interests, and the Public Good."
- March 2024 Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable (University of Texas at Dallas). "Inflation, Interests, and the Public Good."
- March 2024 Economic Methodology: Models, Measurement, and Interventions (Stanford University). "Inflation, Interests, and the Public Good."
- November 2023 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting (New Orleans). "The Ethics of Mergers and Acquisitions."
- November 2023 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting (New Orleans). "Eliminativism and the End of Economics."
- May 2023 International Network for Economic Methodology (Ca'Foscari University of Venice). "Economic Measurement within the Administrative State: An Accessibility and Accountability Account."

September 2021	International Network for Economic Methodology (Arizona State University). "The Propensity Interpretation of Rational Expectations."
September 2019	Soul of Economics Conference (University of Zurich). "Situated Expertise and Democratic Governance."
August 2019	International Network for Economic Methodology (University of Helsinki). "The Incompatibility of Rational Expectations and Knightian Uncertainty: A Limit of Economic Knowledge."
August 2017	International Network for Economic Methodology (San Sebastian). "Mind the Inference Gap: The Necessity of a Dynamic Solution."

Peer Reviewed Panels

July 2025	PPE Society London Conference: "New Frontiers in PPE Pedagogy" with Vaughn Bryan Baltzly and Johanna Jauernig.
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Invited Talks

October 2023	Purdue University Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series: "Model's Can Decompose That Way: An Alteration Account of Idealized Models."
October 2023	Georgetown University McDonough School of Business Speaker Series. "The Ethics of Mergers and Acquisitions: It's Not Business as Usual."
May 2019	The Consortium for the History and Philosophy of Biology (Université de Paris). "Replaying the Ticker Tape: Contingency and the Efficient Market Hypothesis."

Invited Comments

May 2017	The Consortium for the History and Philosophy of Biology (Université de Montreal). Comments on Marga Vicedo's "The 'Disadapted' Animal: Niko Tinbergen on Human Nature."
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Workshops

August 2023	AI and the Future of Work (Institute for Humane Studies)
July 2021	Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Graduate Summer Workshop (Chapman University)

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Fall 2025	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Gateway Introduction to Philosophy Philosophy of the Natural Sciences
Spring 2025	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Gateway
Fall 2023	Political and Legal Philosophy
Spring 2023	Business Ethics
Summer 2021	Introduction to Logic
Fall 2020	Introduction to Logic Problems in Philosophy of Science
Summer 2020	Introduction to Logic
Spring 2020	Introduction to Logic
Fall 2019	Introduction to Philosophy
Summer 2019	Business Ethics
Spring 2018	Introduction to Logic
Fall 2018	Introduction to Philosophy

Other Experience

June 2025	PPEL Summer School Instructor (University of San Diego)
February 2025	PPE Colloquium Moderator (University of San Diego)
Spring 2022	Thomson Writing Studio Consultant (Duke University)
Fall 2021	Thomson Writing Studio Consultant (Duke University)

Departmental and Professional Services

2025-2026	Department Representative – Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
2024-Present	Guest Associate Editor – Journal of Economic Methodology
2023-Present	Reviewer – Economics and Philosophy; Philosophy of Science
2020-2022	President – Duke Philosophy Graduate Student Association
2018-2019	Department Representative – Duke Philosophy Graduate Student Association
2018-2019	President – Social Science Methods Network Research Group

Professional Affiliations

- American Philosophical Association – Member
- International Network for Economic Methodology – Member
- The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society – Member
- Society for Business Ethics – Member