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Areas of specialization: ethics, epistemology, decision theory, political philosophy

Areas of competence: metaethics, logic, philosophy of science

Education

New York University	2019–
PhD in Philosophy	
Dissertation: <i>Morality, Incommensurability, and Risk</i>	
Committee: Samuel Scheffler (chair), Cian Dorr, Daniel Viehoff	
University of Oxford, Balliol College	2017–2019
BPhil in Philosophy	
Thesis: <i>Deontological Population Ethics</i>	
Supervisors: Ralf Bader and Roger Crisp	
Bowdoin College	2013–2017
AB in Philosophy (<i>summa cum laude</i>)	
Thesis: <i>From Equality to Democracy</i>	
Advisor: Kristi Olson	

Research

- “Opaque Options” (with Kacper Kowalczyk)
Philosophical Studies, forthcoming.
- “Prerogatives under Risk”
Under review.
- “The Externalist Regress Problem in Ethics”
In progress.
- “Person-Affecting Aggregation without Completeness”
In progress.
- “Accuracy and Predictive AI Fairness”
In progress.

Teaching

New York University

As primary (and sole) instructor:

Epistemology	Summer 2024
Metaethics	Summer 2022

As recitation instructor:

Texts & Ideas: The Meaning of Life (primary instructor: Jessica Moss)	Spring 2023
Ethics (primary instructor: Sanford Diehl)	Fall 2022
Ethics & Society (primary instructor: Sophia Dandeleit)	Spring 2022
Political Philosophy (primary instructor: Daniel Viehoff)	Fall 2021
NYU Teaching Certificate, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences	Fall 2023

Talks

(“*” indicates refereed)

“Interpersonal Aggregation without Completeness” Decision Theory Workshop. University of Fribourg.	April 2024
“The Externalist Regress Problem in Ethics” Ethics and Political Philosophy Colloquium. University of Fribourg.	February 2024
“Prerogatives under Risk” The Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association* (Postgraduate Session)	July 2023
Yale Early Career Ethics Conference*	April 2023
University of Stirling, Varieties of Risk Conference*	March 2023
University of Manchester, MANCEPT*	September 2022
“Equality, Pareto, and freedom of occupational choice” Warwick Graduate Conference in Political & Legal Theory*	February 2018
“Reductive Individualism, Combined Justification, and Complicitious Liability” University of Manchester, MANCEPT*	September 2017

Professional Service

Journal Referee <i>Philosophical Studies</i>	
New York University	
Co-organized graduate colloquia	2022–23
Co-organized climate committee	2021–23
Co-organized NYU Countering Racism in Philosophy	2020–22
Co-organized department colloquia	2020–21

Fellowships, Grants, Awards

MacCracken Fellowship, New York University	2019–2024
AI and Data Ethics Summer School, Northeastern University	2023
International Strategy Forum, Schmidt Futures	2022
Forethought Fellowship, Forethought Foundation	2021, 2022
Early Career Conference Program, Global Priorities Institute	2021
Clarendon Fellowship, Oxford University (declined)	2019
Phillip W. Cummings Prize in Philosophy, Bowdoin College	2017
Alan M. Christenfeld Fellowship in the Humanities, Bowdoin College	2016
Phi Beta Kappa, Bowdoin College	2016