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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: *Morality, Incommensurability, and Risk*
    Committee: Samuel Scheffler (chair), Cian Dorr, Daniel Viehoff

University of Oxford, Balliol College 2017–2019
    BPhil in Philosophy (with distinction)
    Thesis: *Deontological Population Ethics*
    Supervisors: Ralf Bader and Roger Crisp

Bowdoin College 2013–2017
    BA in Philosophy (*summa cum laude*)
    Thesis: *From Equality to Democracy*
    Advisor: Kristi Olson

Research

"Opaque Options" (with Kacper Kowalczyk)
    Philosophical Studies 181 (2024): 1837–1849. DOI: 10.1007/s11098-024-02134-6

"Prerogatives under Risk"
    Under review.

"Ethics without Epistemic Internalism"
    Under review.

"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 Dandelet)   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
    Philosophical Studies, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

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