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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, University of Toronto Department of Philosophy and Department of Statistical Sciences (co appointed)	2021-
Assistant Professor, INSEAD Department of Decision Sciences (France and Singapore)	2019-2021
Postdoctoral Scholar, California Institute of Technology	2017-2019

Education

PhD in Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor <i>Dissertation Title:</i> Foundations of Epistemic Risk <i>Committee:</i> James Joyce (Chair), Peter Railton, Brian Weatherson, Rich Gonzalez (Statistics/ Psychology)	2013-2017
MS in Statistics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	2015-2017
JD, <i>cum laude</i> , Harvard Law School	2007-2010
BA, <i>summa cum laude</i> , York University	2003-2007

Areas of Specialization and Competence

AOS: Philosophy of Science & Epistemology, Bayesian Statistics, Ethics & Data Science

AOC: Decision & Game Theory, Philosophy of Law, History of Analytic Philosophy

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. The Case Against Explainable Medical Machine Learning, **Science** Exp 2021
with I. Glenn Cohen, Theodoros Evgeniou, and Sara Gerke
2. Direct Advertising of Medical Machine Learning, **Nature Machine Intelligence** 2021
with I. Glenn Cohen, Theodoros Evgeniou, and Sara Gerke

3. Normativity, Epistemic Rationality and Noisy Statistical Evidence, **British Journal for the Philosophy of Science** 2021
with Anil Gaba, Ilia Tsetlin, and Robert L. Winkler
4. Approximate Coherentism and Luck, **Philosophy of Science** 2021
5. A System View for Medical Machine Learning Policy, **Nature Digital Medicine** 2020
with I. Glenn Cohen, Theodoros Evgeniou, and Sara Gerke
6. Moral Obligation & Epistemic Risk, **Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics** 2020
with Zoë Johnson-King
7. Algorithms on Regulatory Lockdown, **Science** 2019
with I. Glenn Cohen, Theodoros Evgeniou, and Sara Gerke
8. A Theory of Epistemic Risk, **Philosophy of Science** 2019

Other Writing.....

9. Explaining Medical AI is Easier Said than Done, **STAT News** 2021
with Sara Gerke
10. When Machine Learning Goes off the Rails, **Harvard Business Review** 2020
with I. Glenn Cohen, Theodoros Evgeniou, and Sara Gerke
11. Can AI Decide Who Gets an Organ Transplant?, **Harvard Business Review** 2020
with I. Glenn Cohen, Theodoros Evgeniou, Sara Gerke, and Nikos Trichakis
12. Onboarding AI, **Harvard Business Review** 2020
with Daniel Chen, Theodoros Evgeniou, and Anne-Laure Fayard

In Progress.....

13. Moral Encroachment under Moral Uncertainty (submitted)
with Zoë Johnson King
14. Resolute and Correlated Bayesians (submitted)
with Anil Gaba, Ilia Tsetlin, and Robert L. Winkler
15. Algorithmic Fairness and Resentment (submitted)
with Zoë Johnson King
16. Bayesian Bandits and New Hypotheses (in progress)
with Ilia Tsetlin

Presentations

“The Case Against Explainable Medical Machine Learning”

Canadian Statistical Society, Annual Meeting (June 2021)

University of Toronto, Schwartz Reisman Institute (September 2021)

“Resolute and Correlated Bayesians”

California Institute of Technology (June 2021)

The University of Bristol (May 2021)

“Noisy Stereotypes”

UC Irvine, Formal Epistemology Workshop (April 2020)

University of Toronto (February 2020)

University of Washington (February 2020)

University of Stirling and Edinburgh, Varieties of Risk Project (November 2021)

“Algorithmic Discrimination and Epistemic Risk”

London School of Economics (February 2019)

INSEAD (February 2019)

California Institute of Technology (January 2019)

King’s College London (July 2021)

“Moral Obligation and Epistemic Risk”

Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics (January 2019)

“A Challenge for Approximate Coherentism”

University of Colorado, Boulder, 34th Conf. on Chance and Probability (October 2018)

“Testing for Discrimination and the Risk of Error”

The Australian National University (July 2018)

“Dynamic Epistemic Risk”

University of California, Irvine (February 2018)

California Institute of Technology (January 2018)

“Generalized Entropy and Epistemic Risk”

University of Michigan, Philosophy of Science Colloquium (February 2018)

London School of Economics, Philosophy of Probability Conference (June 2017)

University of Chicago, Graduate Conference (April 2016)

“Frequency Encoding Credences”

London School of Economics, Decisions, Games and Logic Workshop (June 2015)

“Degrees of Belief, Moral Judgment, and Legal Responsibility”

Harvard Legal Philosophy Colloquium (November 2014)

Fellowships & Awards (Selected)

Reconceiving Procedural Fairness, Insight Dlpt Grant (Collaborator, \$64,584) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	2021-2025
Fair Machine Learning, Research Grant (\$7,500) The Desmarais Fund for Research in AI	2020
Doctoral Fellowship (\$60,000) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	2015-2018
Rackham Dissertation Fellowship (\$10,200) University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	2017
Rackham Research Grant (\$3,000) University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	2017
Mellon Recruitment Fellowship (\$4,000) University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	April 2013
Rhodes Scholarship Finalist Ontario	December 2009
Public Interest Law Fellowship (\$5,000) Harvard Law School	2008

Teaching

Bayesian Statistics (BA) <i>University of Toronto</i>	Spring 2021
Philosophy of Science (PhD) <i>University of Toronto</i>	Spring 2021
Statistics, Ethics and Law (new course) (MSc) <i>University of Toronto</i>	Fall 2021
Ethical Issues in Big Data (new course) (BA) <i>University of Toronto</i>	Fall 2021
Bayesian Statistics (PhD) <i>INSEAD</i>	Fall 2020, Fall 2019
Management Decision Making (MBA) <i>INSEAD</i>	Spring 2021, Spring 2020
Data Analysis (Masters in Management) <i>INSEAD</i>	Fall 2020
Quantitative Methods (MBA) <i>INSEAD</i>	Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Fall 2020
Statistics, Ethics and Law (new course) <i>Caltech</i>	Spring 2018
Probability, Evidence and Belief <i>Caltech</i>	Spring 2018, Fall 2018
Knowledge and Reality <i>Caltech</i>	Fall 2017, Spring 2019

Nature of Science University of Michigan	Fall 2016
Knowledge and Reality University of Michigan	Summer 2016

Legal Experience

Stikeman Elliott, LLP <i>Litigation Attorney</i>	Toronto 2012–2013
Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP <i>Litigation Attorney</i>	Los Angeles 2010–2012
Kirkland & Ellis, LLP <i>Summer Associate (offer extended)</i>	New York Summer 2009
Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology & Bioethics <i>Research Assistant</i>	Cambridge, MA 2009–2010

Professional Service

Reviewer for the following publications:

Philosophy of Science, Mind, BJPS, Theory & Decision, PPR, Ergo, Synthese, PPQ, APQ

ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (ACM FAccT) <i>Program Committee</i>	June 2022
AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics and Society <i>Program Committee</i>	May 2021
10th Workshop in Decisions, Games and Logic <i>Organizer (Co-), \$10,000+ grant funding</i>	June 2019
Philosopher's Annual <i>Editor (Volumes 35 and 36)</i>	2017, 2016
Foundations of Belief and Decision Making Workshop <i>Coordinator (and Co-founder), \$11,000+ grant funding</i>	2015-2017
9th Workshop in Decisions, Games and Logic <i>Organizer (Co-), \$4,000 grant funding</i>	July 2015
Law & Philosophy Working Group <i>Coordinator (Co-), \$12,000 grant funding</i>	2013-2015
Harvard Journal of Law and Technology <i>Editor</i>	2007-2009

Computer Skills

R, Python, SAS, JAGS, Stan

Memberships & Affiliations

State Bar of California, Provincial Bar of Ontario

References

Research.....

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