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## APPOINTMENTS

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2018-Present    Postdoctoral Fellow, McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society, Stanford University

## EDUCATION

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2018            Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Virginia  
Dissertation: A Contractualist Theory of Nonideal Justice  
Advisor: A. John Simmons

2017            Visiting Research Fellow, Brown University

2011            B.Phil. in Philosophy, University of Oxford  
Thesis: Regulative and Constitutive Principles in Kant's Epistemology

2009            B.A., Trinity College Dublin  
First Class Honors, Gold Medal

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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AOS            Political Philosophy, Ethical Theory, Applied Ethics

AOC            Philosophy of Law, Aesthetics, Ancient Philosophy, Kant

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-reviewed Articles

- (1)            "An Ideology Critique of Nonideal Methodology," *The European Journal of Political Theory*, forthcoming.
- (2)            "Plato's Theory of Punishment and Penal Code in the *Laws*," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 97, 1 (2019): 1-14.
- (3)            "The Aesthetic Value of Local Food," *The Monist*, Vol. 101, 3 (2018): 324-339.

### Chapters

- (1)            "The Value of Ideal Theory," in *John Rawls: Debating the Major Questions*, ed. Jon Mandle and Sarah Roberts-Cady, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

## Books

- (1) Co-Editor of John D. Arras's *Methods in Bioethics: The Way We Reason Now*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017).

## Book Reviews

- (1) "Virtue and Law in Plato and Beyond by Julia Annas," *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 27, 3, (2018): 648-650.

## Public Engagement

- (1) "Justice and Contingent Faculty," *Justice Everywhere: a Blog about Justice in Public Affairs*, (2019).

## Under Review (titles redacted for blind review)

- (1) On nonideal justice and affirmative action
- (2) On justice and scarcity (with Ross Mittiga)
- (3) On ontological objections to the Future-Like-Ours argument (with Nicholas Rimell)

## In Preparation

- (1) "Ideal Theory, Epistemic Access, and the Values of Justice."
- (2) "The Phenomenology of Actual Injustice & Philosophical Abstractions."
- (3) "The Peculiar Virtue/Vice of Being Apolitical."
- (4) "Access to Free Healthcare and Free Healthy Food."

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Select Peer-refereed Presentations

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| 2019 | "Nonideal Justice, Fairness, and Affirmative Action"—Western Political Science Association, San Diego (paper).<br>"Nonideal Justice, Fairness, and Affirmative Action"—The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans (paper).   |
| 2018 | "An Ideological Critique of Nonideal Methodology"—Western Political Science Association, San Francisco (paper).<br>"An Ideological Critique of Nonideal Methodology"—The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans (paper).<br>(with Nicholas Rimell) "A Dilemma for the Future-Like-Ours Argument Against Abortion"—American Philosophical Association Central Division, Chicago (poster). |
| 2017 | "The Aesthetic Value of Local Food"—Annual Meeting of the American Society for Aesthetics, New Orleans (paper).  |

- “Ideal Theory, Epistemic Access, and the Values of Justice”—MANCEPT Workshop in Political Theory: Assessing the Relevance of Ideal theory, Manchester (paper).  
 (with Ross Mittiga) “Material Scarcity and Justice”—Western Political Science Association, Vancouver (paper).  
 “The Aesthetic Value of Eating Local Food”—American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Baltimore (colloquium).  
 2016 “Plato’s Theory of Punishment in *The Laws*”—American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, San Francisco (colloquium).

### Select Invited Presentations

- 2019 “Traditional Foods and Local Landscapes”—Conference on Philosophy and/of Culinary Traditions, Swiss National Science Foundation, University of Fribourg, Switzerland (paper).  
 “The Most Peculiar Virtue/Vice of Being Apolitical”—Portland State University (colloquium).  
 2018 “Nonideal Justice, Fairness and Affirmative Action.”—Workshop in Political Theory, Stanford University (paper).  
 2017 “Why Should Bioethicists be Self-Conscious about Methodology?”—Symposium on John Arras’s *Methods in Bioethics: The Way We Reason Now*, University of Virginia (paper).  
 2014 (with Andrew Morgan) “Philosophy, Threat and Climate Change”—Mellon Interdisciplinary Workshop, Dublin (workshop).

### Select Comments

- 2018 On Katrina Forrester’s, “In the Shadow of Justice,” Workshop in Political Theory, Stanford University.  
 2016 On Tom Beauchamp’s, “The Future of Bioethics: Methods, Principles, Practices,”—Conference on The Public Life of Ethics, University of Virginia.  
 2015 On Colleen Murphy’s, “The Conceptual Foundations of Transitional Justice”—P.P.L. Conference, University of Virginia.

### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2018 Edgar F. Shannon award for the most outstanding graduating student in the University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.  
 2017 University of Virginia Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship.  
 University of Virginia Travel Stipend (also awarded 2016, and 2014).  
 2016 University of Virginia Society of Fellows Reuben Clark Dissertation Fellowship.  
 University of Virginia Society of Fellows Summer Research Grant.  
 2015 Elected Junior Fellow of the University of Virginia Society of Fellows.  
 2013 University of Virginia GSAS Summer Language Fellowship (Ancient Greek).  
 2009 Gold Medal, for outstanding undergraduate results, Trinity College Dublin.

Luce Memorial Prize, for the highest marks on the final philosophy examination, Trinity College Dublin.  
 2007 Elected Scholar of Trinity College Dublin.

## ACADEMIC AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

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2019 Referee for Philosophical Studies, Political Science & Politics.  
 Workshop organizer, “Food and Justice,” Stanford University.  
 Panel organizer, “Rawls, Racial Injustice, and Integration,” the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans.  
 2018 Panel organizer, “Ideal theory and Ideology,” the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans.  
 2017 Symposium organizer, John Arras’s *Methods in Bioethics: The Way We Reason Now*, the University of Virginia.  
 2016 Reading group organizer, Tommie Shelby’s *We Who are Dark: The Philosophical Foundations of Black Solidarity*.  
 2015 Reading group organizer, Derek Parfit’s *On What Matters*.  
 2014 Research assistant to John Arras.  
 2013 Founder and organizer of the UVA Ethics Discussion Group.  
 2010 Referee for Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference.  
 2008 Chair University of Dublin Metaphysical Society.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Primary Instructor at Stanford University

2019 “Introduction to Environmental Ethics.”

### Primary Instructor at the University of Virginia

2016 “Ethics and Technology.”  
 2015 “Punishment.”  
 “Philosophy of Food.”

## REFERENCES

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