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## RESEARCH AREAS

**AOS** Value Theory, Ethics of AI and Technology, Bioethics, Social and Political Philosophy

**AOC** Epistemology, Schopenhauer

## EMPLOYMENT

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** 2024 –  
NC Ethics of Technology Postdoctoral Associate

**UC Berkeley** 2023 – 2024  
Postdoctoral Fellow at the Kavli Center for Ethics, Science, and the Public

## EDUCATION

**Princeton University**, PhD in Philosophy 2018 – 2023  
▪ Advisors: Johann Frick (chair), Tom Kelly, Jake Nebel, Gideon Rosen  
▪ Visiting student at UC Berkeley, 2021-2023

**Oxford University**, BPhil in Philosophy 2016 – 2018  
▪ Thesis advisor: Jeff McMahan

**Warwick University**, BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics 2013 – 2016

## PUBLICATIONS

forth. **Junk, Numerosity, and the Demands of Epistemic Consequentialism**  
*Erkenntnis*

2023 **Wasted Potential: The Value of a Life and the Significance of What Could Have Been**  
*Philosophy & Public Affairs*, 51 (1): 6-32.

2023 **Healthspan Extension, Completeness of Life, and Justice**  
*Bioethics*, 37: 239-245.

2021 **What Should We Agree on About the Repugnant Conclusion?**  
*Utilitas*, 33 (4): 379-383. With John Broome and 27 co-authors.

2021 **Schopenhauer on Suicide and Negation of the Will**  
*British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 29 (3): 494-516.

2020 **Friedman on Suspended Judgment**  
*Synthese*, 197 (11): 5009-5026.

2020 **On Parfit's Wide Dual Person-Affecting Principle**  
*Philosophical Quarterly*, 70 (278): 114-139.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

### “Work and the Good of Detachment”

- Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, Oxford University (June 2024)
- Kavli Center Colloquium, UC Berkeley (May 2024)
- Philosophy Forum, UC Berkeley (March 2024)

### “Extension and Replacement”

- Kavli Center Colloquium, UC Berkeley (November 2023)
- Moral Theory and the Challenge of Future People Workshop, McGill University, (October 2023)

### “The Shape of History”

- Departmental Colloquium, UC Santa Cruz (February 2024)
- Departmental Colloquium, University of Southern California (February 2024)
- Kavli Center Colloquium, UC Berkeley (January 2024)
- Departmental Colloquium, King’s College London (April 2023)
- Departmental Colloquium, University of Notre Dame (February 2023)
- Central APA, Denver (February 2023)
- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU Boulder (August 2022)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>Bioethics</b> (with Robin W. Scheffler) Lower-level undergraduate course at MIT	Fall 2024
<b>Deepfakes: Ethics, Epistemology, and Politics</b> Weekly small-group research seminar for undergraduate and graduate students selected for the Social and Ethical Responsibilities of Computing Scholarship at MIT.	Fall 2024
<b>The Moral and Political Philosophy of AI</b> , Co-instructor (with Adriano Mannino) Graduate seminar at UC Berkeley	Spring 2024
<b>Ethics of Emerging Technologies</b> , Co-instructor (with Johann Frick) Upper-level undergraduate course at Princeton University	Spring 2021
<b>Introduction to Moral Philosophy</b> , Teaching Assistant Lower-level undergraduate course at Princeton University	Fall 2020
<b>Introduction to Moral Philosophy</b> , Teaching Assistant Lower-level undergraduate course at Princeton University	Fall 2019

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

<b>Summer Institute in Technology Ethics Fellowship</b> Fellowship to attend a two-week, intensive, interdisciplinary workshop for 25 PhD students and early career researchers working in technology ethics. Organised by Shannon Vallor and John Sullins, and hosted by Santa Clara University.	2022
<b>Princeton University Graduate School Teaching Award</b> Competitive prize awarded to a handful of graduate students across all disciplines who made “a significant and exceptional contribution to undergraduate teaching”.	2021
<b>Laurence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship</b> Competitive fellowship awarded annually to 10 graduate students at Princeton University “with distinguished academic records in any discipline whose dissertation research centrally involves the critical study of human values”. (Declined to take up a visiting student researcher position at UC Berkeley.)	2021-2022
<b>The Philosophical Quarterly Essay Prize</b> Winner of the annual essay prize. Theme: “The Philosophy of Derek Parfit”.	2018

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### **Journal Referee**

Journal of Moral Philosophy (x4); Utilitas (x3); Philosophical Studies (x2); Science & Engineering Ethics (x2); Erkenntnis (x2); Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy (x2); Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Economics and Philosophy; Synthese; Inquiry; Pacific Philosophical Quarterly; Journal of Applied Philosophy; Journal of Value Inquiry; Acta Analytica.

### **Ethics Network** (organiser)

2020 – 2022

Fortnightly online meetings of a group that included graduate students, postdocs, and junior faculty from UC Berkeley, LMU Munich, NYU, Oxford, Princeton, Rutgers, Stanford, UCL, and UNC Chapel Hill.

### **Princeton COMPASS workshop for undergraduates from underrepresented backgrounds** (application reviewer)

Aug 2022

### **Princeton Workshop on Population and Procreation Ethics** (co-organiser)

May 2019

Speakers: Ralf Bader, David Boonin, Johann Frick, Hilary Greaves, Liz Harman, Jeff McMahan, Melinda Roberts, Tina Rulli, Samuel Scheffler, and Larry Temkin.

## REFERENCES

### **Johann Frick**

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### **Jeff McMahan**

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