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RESEARCH AREAS

- AOS** Ethics (incl. Normative Ethics, Bioethics, and Technology Ethics) and Political Philosophy
AOC Epistemology, Schopenhauer

EMPLOYMENT

- UC Berkeley** 2023 –
Postdoctoral Fellow at the Kavli Center for Science, Ethics, 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

DISSERTATION

Past and Possibility: Essays on Value, Justice, Time, and Wasted Potential

Abstract. This dissertation consists of five essays which aim to advance our understanding of two central topics in ethical theory: value and justice. One aspect of my discussion is critical. I claim that philosophers have largely overlooked the significance of certain temporal and modal features, such as the order in which things happens and what else could have happened, for theorising about these topics. Another aspect of my discussion is constructive. I defend a set of principles that account for the significance of these temporal and modal features, and explain how to incorporate them into complete theories of value and justice.

PUBLICATIONS

- 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.
▪ Winner of the annual essay prize organized by the Philosophical Quarterly
▪ Selected for the "Best of 2020: Philosophy" list by Oxford University Press

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“The Shape of History”

- 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)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Summer Institute in Technology Ethics Fellowship 2022

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.

Princeton University Graduate School Teaching Award 2021

Competitive prize awarded to a handful of graduate students across all disciplines who made “a significant and exceptional contribution to undergraduate teaching”.

Laurence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship 2021-2022

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.)

University Center for Human Values Merit Grant 2018

Fellowship top-up prize awarded to selected incoming graduate students at Princeton.

The Philosophical Quarterly Essay Prize 2018

Winner of the annual essay prize. Theme: “The Philosophy of Derek Parfit”.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ethics of Emerging Technologies Spring 2021

Designer and co-instructor (alongside Johann Frick) for a new upper-level course.

Introduction to Moral Philosophy Fall 2020

Teaching assistant for Johann Frick. Led one weekly discussion session and graded essays and exams. Produced and edited 24 pre-recorded lectures, available [here](#).

Introduction to Moral Philosophy Fall 2019

Teaching assistant for Johann Frick. Led three weekly discussions sessions and graded essays and exams.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Journal Referee

Journal of Moral Philosophy (x4); Utilitas (x3); Philosophical Studies (x2); Science & Engineering Ethics (x2); Synthese; Erkenntnis (x2); Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy; Inquiry; 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 (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.

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