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EXPERTISE

AOS Moral and Political Philosophy, Ethics of Technology, Bioethics

AOC PPE, Epistemology

EMPLOYMENT

Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2024 –

Postdoctoral Associate

Department of Linguistics and Philosophy

UC Berkeley 2023 – 2024

Postdoctoral Fellow

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. **The Shape of History**
Journal of Moral Philosophy

forth. **Meaningful Lives and Meaningful Futures**
Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy

forth. **Extension and Replacement**
Philosophical Studies

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 TALKS

“Work and the Good of Detachment”

- Political Philosophy in a Changing World of Work, Barcelona (April 2025)
- Works in Progress, MIT (December 2024)
- PPE Society 8th Annual Meeting, New Orleans (November 2024)
- 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”

- Philosophical Bioethics Workshop, NYU (April 2025)
- Kavli Center Colloquium, UC Berkeley (November 2023)
- Moral Theory and the Challenge of Future People Workshop, McGill University, (October 2023)

“The Shape of History”

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bioethics , Co-instructor (with R. Scheffler), MIT Introductory undergraduate course at MIT, co-taught with a historian of science.	F 2024
Deepfakes: Ethics, Epistemology, and Politics , Instructor, MIT Advanced undergraduate course for scholars in the Social and Ethical Responsibilities of Computing programme.	F 2024 & S 2025
Moral and Political Philosophy of AI , Co-instructor (with A. Mannino), UC Berkeley Graduate seminar	S 2024
Ethics of Emerging Technologies , Co-instructor (with Johann Frick), Princeton Advanced undergraduate course at Princeton University	S 2021
Introduction to Moral Philosophy , Teaching Assistant, Princeton Introductory undergraduate course	F 2020
Introduction to Moral Philosophy , Teaching Assistant, Princeton Introductory undergraduate course	F 2019

AWARDS

Princeton Graduate School Teaching Award Competitive prize awarded to a handful of graduate students across all disciplines who made “a significant and exceptional contribution to undergraduate teaching”.	2021
Laurence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship 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)	2021
The Philosophical Quarterly Essay Prize Winner of the annual essay prize. Theme: “The Philosophy of Derek Parfit”.	2018

SERVICE & ORGANISING

Journal Referee

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

Ethics Network (convener)

Semi-monthly online working group that included graduate students, postdocs, and junior faculty from UC Berkeley, LMU Munich, NYU, Oxford, Princeton, Rutgers, Stanford, UCL, and UNC Chapel Hill. (2020-2022)

Conference organising (various roles)

- Technology Ethics Exchange, MIT (February 2025)
- COMPASS Workshop, Princeton (August 2022)
- Workshop on Population and Procreation Ethics, Princeton (May 2019)
- Graduate Philosophy Conference, Oxford (November 2017)

REFERENCES

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