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## EXPERTISE

**AOS** Moral and Political Philosophy, Ethics of Technology, Bioethics

**AOC** PPE, Epistemology

## EMPLOYMENT

<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Philosophy	2024 –
<b>UC Berkeley</b> Postdoctoral Fellow, Kavli Center for Ethics, Science, and the Public	2023 – 2024

## EDUCATION

<b>Princeton University</b> , PhD in Philosophy ▪ Advisors: Johann Frick (chair), Tom Kelly, Jake Nebel, Gideon Rosen ▪ Visiting student at UC Berkeley, 2021-2023	2018 – 2023
<b>Oxford University</b> , BPhil in Philosophy ▪ Thesis advisor: Jeff McMahan	2016 – 2018
<b>Warwick University</b> , BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	2013 – 2016

## PUBLICATIONS

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

forth. **Extension and Replacement**  
*Philosophical Studies*

2025 **Meaningful Lives and Meaningful Futures**  
*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, 30 (1): 1-9.

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.

## UNDER REVIEW

- A paper on theories of human and animal well-being (R&R at *Ethics*)

## PRESENTATIONS

### “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 8<sup>th</sup> 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”

- Department Talk, University of Colorado–Boulder (April 2025)
- 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 Talk, UC Santa Cruz (February 2024)
- Department Talk, University of Southern California (February 2024)
- Kavli Center Colloquium, UC Berkeley (January 2024)
- Department Talk, King’s College London (April 2023)
- Department Talk, University of Notre Dame (February 2023)
- Central APA Annual Meeting, Denver (February 2023)
- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, CU Boulder (August 2022)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

## AWARDS

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

## SERVICE & ORGANISING

### Journal Referee

- Journal of Moral Philosophy (x5);
- Utilitas (x4);
- Philosophical Studies (x3);
- Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (x2);
- Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy (x2);
- Science & Engineering Ethics (x2);
- Erkenntnis (x2);
- Australasian Journal of Philosophy;
- Economics and Philosophy;
- Ergo;
- 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

### Johann Frick

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### Jeff McMahan

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