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INTERESTS

Specializations: political philosophy; PPE; normative ethics; applied ethics
Competencies: philosophy of law; decision theory; economics and ethics; environmental ethics

EDUCATION

University of Southern California
PhD in Philosophy   2020-present
Dissertation: *Representing Future People*
Committee: Jonathan Quong (chair), Jeffrey Sanford Russell, Collis Tahzib,
          Gustaf Arrhenius, Erin Miller

The Australian National University
Bachelor of Arts (Honours in Philosophy)   2019
Supervisor: Seth Lazar

The University of Melbourne
Bachelor of Arts (Majors: Philosophy; Politics & International Studies)   2012-15
Diploma of Mandarin   2012-15

RESEARCH

Published articles

1. "On Synchronic Direct Intergenerational Reciprocity: A Reply to Corvino"   2025
   Economics and Philosophy.

Papers in progress

1. One offering a new solution to Rawls's problem of the first generation. (**R&R**, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*)
2. One identifying and solving a new problem for Rawls's just savings principle. (**Under review**)
3. One claiming that providing legislative representation to future people can satisfy our duties of intergenerational procedural justice.
4. One showing that representing future people is conceptually coherent.
5. One arguing that legislative representation for future people can be democratically legitimate, despite the absence of authorization and accountability.

AWARDS

Fellowships & Scholarships

1. Mentored Teaching Fellowship, USC Center for Excellence in Teaching   2025-26
       Support for developing and teaching as primary instructor a new course
2. Teresa Wilson Endowed Fellowship, USC Dornsife   2025
       $4000 "awarded to outstanding graduate students on the basis of academic promise"
3. Flewelling Summer Fellowship, USC   2024
       $3000 departmental funding for summer research

4. USC Dornsife Graduate School Fellowship — 2020-present
   100% tuition plus stipend for graduate position at USC
5. Honours Scholarship, The Australian National University — 2019
   $5000 AUD awarded to 15 Honours students university-wide on academic merit
6. New Colombo Plan Scholarship, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade — 2014-15
   ~$25,000 AUD to study and work in China
7. Melbourne National Scholarship, University of Melbourne — 2012-15
   100% tuition plus $20,000 AUD stipend academic merit scholarship

Prizes

8. Undergraduate Thesis Commendation Prize, Forethought Foundation — 2020
   £200 for a paper relevant to global priority-setting
9. Adele Henderson Prize, University of Melbourne — 2015
   ~$100 AUD for best undergraduate social/political philosophy essay
10. Hastie Exhibition Prize, University of Melbourne — 2013
   ~$5000 AUD awarded to top two undergraduate philosophy students
11. Dean's Honours List, Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne — 2013, 2014, 2015
   Top 3% of the University of Melbourne Bachelor of Arts cohort

Competitive Travel Funding

12. PhD Academy Scholarship and Research Fund, USC Dornsife ($400) — Spring 2025
13. Professional Development Fund, USC Graduate Student Government ($500) — Spring 2025
14. PhD Academy Scholarship and Research Fund, USC Dornsife ($500) — Spring 2024
15. Professional Development Fund, USC Graduate Student Government ($500) — Fall 2023
16. PhD Academy Scholarship and Research Fund, USC Dornsife ($500) — Spring 2023
17. Professional Development Fund, USC Graduate Student Government ($500) — Spring 2023
18. Student Scholarship, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics ($115) — Spring 2023

Certificates

19. Future Faculty Teaching Institute, USC Center for Excellence in Teaching — Fall 2025
   Completion of a weekly semester-long pedagogy instruction seminar
20. Certificate in Communication, Leadership, and Management, USC Dornsife — Spring 2025
   Participation in 15+ PhD Academy professional development workshops

SUMMER SCHOOLS

1. PPE Graduate Summer Workshop, Chapman University — Summer 2025
   Intensive instruction in PPE methodology, with $500 for travel expenses
2. Visiting Research Fellow, Centre for Moral and Political Philosophy, — May-July 2023
   The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
   'The Value of Human Life' project, with flights and $3000 stipend

TALKS   (* denotes non-refereed)

Reciprocal Just Savings

1. Australasian Association of Philosophy, University of Queensland. — July 2025
2. Southwest Graduate Philosophy Conference, Arizona State University. — April 2025
3. Brown Philosophy Graduate Conference, Brown University. — April 2025
4. UIUC Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Illinois — March 2025
   Urbana-Champaign.
5. *Speculative Society, USC. — February 2025

Future People's Vulnerability and the Right to Legislative Representation

6.	Workshop on 'Vulnerability and Intergenerational Justice: Obligations of States', University of Hamburg.	May 2025

Political Inclusion: The Tiered Rights Approach

7.	Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton University.	April 2025
8.	Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Duke University.	February 2025

On Synchronic Direct Intergenerational Reciprocity

9.	*Speculative Society, USC.	April 2024

Future People, the Boundary Problem, and Intergenerational Political Equality

10.	Harvard-MIT Philosophy Graduate Conference, MIT.	April 2024
11.	Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) Conference, online.	March 2024
12.	*Speculative Society, USC.	October 2023

Future People, the Boundary Problem, and the Value of Democracy

13.	MANCEPT workshop on 'The Boundary Problem: Where Do We Stand? New Directions and Challenges', University of Manchester.	September 2023
14.	Southampton Early Career Workshop on Democratic Theory, University of Southampton.	July 2023

Exclusionary Complaints and the Procreation Asymmetry

15.	*Workshop on 'The Value of Human Life', Hebrew University of Jerusalem.	June 2023

The Obligations of Democratic Proxy Representatives for Future People

16.	UNC Charlotte Ethics & Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference, online.	April 2023
17.	Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (APPE) Conference, Portland.	March 2023

A Relational Egalitarian Case for Intergenerational Democracy

18.	Annual Graduate Research Symposium, USC.	March 2023

Justifying Democratic Representation for Future Generations

19.	Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, online.	November 2022
20.	Graduate Conference in Ethics and Public Affairs, Carleton University.	November 2022
21.	*Speculative Society, USC.	October 2022

Can Animals be Liable to Defensive Force?

22.	Austin Graduate Ethics and Normativity Talks (AGENT), UT Austin.	November 2022
23.	*Speculative Society, USC.	October 2021

COMMENTS

1.	"Some Potential Loopholes in the Impossibility Theorem for Welfarist Axiology" Walter Barta, Southwest Graduate Philosophy Conference.	April 2025
2.	"Rossian Autonomy" Jack Harris, Central APA.	February 2025
3.	"Should non-human animals be included in our democratic processes?" Daniela Sofía Guajardo Ortega. Southampton Early Career Workshop on Democratic Theory.	July 2023

TEACHING

Primary Instructor, USC

1.	'PHIL 340: Ethics'	Spring 2026
2.	'Philosophy of Economic Markets, Money & Property', USC Summer Programs	Summer 2024
	Co-taught with Antonio Maria Cleani and Yashir Sapir	
3.	'Philosophy of Economic Markets, Money & Property,' USC Summer Programs	Summer 2023
	Co-taught with David Clark and Yasha Sapir	
4.	'Ethics in the 21st Century,' USC Summer Programs	Summer 2022
	Co-taught with Charlotte Figueroa and Laura Siscoe	

Teaching Assistant, USC

1.	'PHIL 170: Introduction to PPE and Law', Jake Monaghan	Fall 2025
2.	'PHIL 430: Philosophy of Law', Scott Soames	Spring 2024
3.	'PHIL 260: Ethical Theory and Practice', Jacob Ross	Fall 2023
4.	'PHIL 174: Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice', Jonathan Quong	Spring 2022
5.	'PHIL 265: Ethics, Technology, and Value', Jacob Ross	Fall 2021

Guest Lectures, USC

1.	'Review: Model-Based Reasoning', for Jake Monaghan's Intro to PPE and Law	Fall 2025
2.	'Legitimate Injustice', for Mark Schroeder's 'Conceptual Foundations of Conflict'	Spring 2024
3.	'The Case for Moral Vegetarianism', for Jacob Ross's 'Ethical Theory & Practice'	Fall 2023

Outreach

1.	Volunteer facilitator for 'Corrupt The Youth', Los Angeles LGBT Center	Spring 2024
2.	Facilitator for 'The Good Life' ethics workshops, USC Viterbi School of Engineering	Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023

Pedagogical Training

1.	USC Center for Excellence in Teaching Future Faculty Teaching Institute	Fall 2025
2.	Los Angeles LGBT Center Volunteer Training Session	Spring 2023
3.	Graduate and Early Career Scholar Seminar on Teaching Ethics at APPE	March 2023
4.	Teaching Philosophy graduate seminar with Shieva Kleinschmidt	Fall 2021

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Graduate GPA: 4.0	(* denotes audited)

Area Exam

1.	Political philosophy: Jonathan Quong and Collis Tahzib	Fall 2022
2.	Normative ethics: Jonathan Quong, Collis Tahzib, and Jake Nebel	Spring 2023

Political philosophy

1.	*Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (welfare economics), Dmitri Gallow	Fall 2024
2.	*Philosophy of Law (legitimate injustice), Jonathan Quong	Spring 2024
3.	Social/Political Philosophy (foundations of liberalism), Collis Tahzib	Fall 2021

Normative and applied ethics

4.	*AI and Society (AI ethics), Regina Rini	Spring 2025
5.	*Ethics (formal ethics and decision theory), Jeffrey Sanford Russell	Spring 2025
6.	Contemporary Philosophical Literature on Value (survey), Ralph Wedgwood	Spring 2021
7.	Philosophy of Law (defensive force and just war theory), Jonathan Quong	Fall 2021

Meta-ethics

8.	*Mini-seminar in Meta-Ethics (normativity), Stephen Finlay	Spring 2024
9.	Recent Philosophy (moral psychology), Zoë Johnson King	Spring 2021
10.	*Ethics (error theory), Stephen Finlay	Spring 2021

Theoretical philosophy

11.	Philosophy of Science (survey), Porter Williams	Spring 2022
12.	Modal Logic (logic requirement), Gabriel Uzquiano	Fall 2020
13.	Contemporary Philosophical Literature (20th century analytic), Scott Soames	Fall 2020
14.	Epistemology (formal epistemology), Ralph Wedgwood	Fall 2020

History of philosophy

15.	History of Philosophy (Kant's Critique of Pure Reason), Edwin McCann	Spring 2021
16.	Social/Political Philosophy (history of liberalism), Sharon Lloyd	Spring 2022

SERVICE

Working groups

1.	Convenor, Ethics/Politics Graduate Workshop, USC	2024-present
2.	Senior Graduate Fellow, Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project, USC	2024-25
3.	Co-Convenor, USC 'Big Decisions' Reading Group	2022-23
4.	Graduate Fellow, Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project, USC	2021-24

Mentoring & student support

5.	Mentor, USC Philosophy Graduate Mentoring for First-Year Grad Students	2022-23
6.	Judge, Annual National Competition of the APPE Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl	2023
7.	Mentor, USC Philosophy Graduate Mentoring for Undergraduates	2022-23, 2024-25

Organizing

8.	Organizing Committee Member, USC-UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy	2022-23
9.	Co-Organizer, inaugural UPJA Virtual Conference for Undergraduate Philosophy	2020
10.	Co-Founder & co-Editor, The Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Australasia	2019-20

Graduate program

11.	Contract Campaign Coordinator, USC Graduate Student Union	2023-24
12.	Referee, USC-UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy (x11)	2021-22, 2024-25
13.	Graduate Student Representative to the Hiring Committee, USC	2021-22
14.	Treasurer, Pegasus (USC Philosophy Graduate Student Association)	2021-22